



August

Jon's View

Club 1220 Newsletter

August is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

AIDS bike ride, AIDS walk to Breast Cancer Awareness.

For those of you who are still in town or have not taken off for the hottest month of the year yet I would like to extend a happy summer and a safe trip for all of those who will be on the road this month.

The first thing I would like to say is a huge THANK YOU to everyone who made the AIDS WALK such a success for our first time as a Club 1220 Team. The staggering amount raised was \$4,600.00 dollars! Unfortunately, I was not one of the lucky ones that got the chance to see the newest drag queens in Contra Costa County, but you may go to the pictures here on our site and see them. I warn you that you may need to take a second look to see who they are but my hat goes

off to the both of them for going to that length to raise money for a former CO worker and to those who today still live with this disease. That is such a huge effort not only on those who stood out and did the front work, but also to those who just showed up and walked. I know myself; having done the Walk and the AIDS bike ride to LA that there is such a feeling of self worth in giving back. Now for those of you, who for whatever reason or another could not help out with the walk due to work or family obligations I would like to invite you to contact either the Rainbow Community Center or Diablo Valley Aids Center and see what their next event is and join in. We will be doing some breast cancer fundraising for our lesbian community soon and would love to see some new faces putting this event on. I know our beloved Vinci is doing his Luau this month and Club 1220 will be giving a one week stay at one of Maui's prestigious beach front condo's – check out www.mauirent.net. All of the money raised through the raffle will be going towards research and finding a cure for breast cancer, which is affecting our lesbian sisters at an alarming rate. If you



question on how to get involved, please contact Cynthia at Club 1220 and she will direct you to how you can become an important part of this fundraiser.



Special Thanks to our Club 1220 Aids Walk Team

- Dean
- Jeff
- Joe
- Mike
- Dj Mikey
- Cynthia
- Stephen
- Eric
- Chris
- Lisa
- Lori

Be a part of Breast Cancer Awareness

To be a part of Breast Cancer Awareness team Contact Cynthia @ Club 1220

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Food provided by Vince

Yes, our beloved and ever so sexy Vince will be pulling together his culinary creations to make this an unforgettable and mouth-watering event.

I hope all of you are watching and paying very close attention to our Supreme Court nominees and the whole governmental process so you can have some idea on how our system works. I have had many people contact me and ask what would happen to our community if the court were to take a SHARP right turn. Back when, I tried to make people aware of how very important this last presidential race was for this very reason. I understand that voting for a President has many things that you have to take into account, but one of the most over looked in my opinion is the choice that a President makes to a lifetime judicial appointment. This highest court has the opportunity to set this nation on a course that has not been so far to the right in many, many years. I think that our current President has every right to pick whom he chooses as long as they can pass the same process as the others who have served on the high court. I know if John Kerry had won the nomination and this was to be his choice, I am sure there are those on the right that would strongly object his choices, but that is how our countries constitution works. I also strongly believe that unless there is something that John Roberts has done that would exclude him from serving on the bench he should be appointed. Now I do not agree with 99.9% of his thoughts on the constitution or his faith. On both of those issues we could not be further apart, but where we would make a huge mistake is to try and stop the party who won office from caring on with what they campaigned on. I would not be very happy if John Kerry did not go through with what he said he would do if he had the chance to make an appointment to the high court and so it should be the same for President Bush. I know this is not an easy pill for many of us to swallow



but that is how this country does operate and seeing how the court did not pick him for his second term and he did seem to win on his own merits then we are stuck with the road he will be taking us down for the next 3 years. I only pray every night for the good health of some of the people we have on the bench now or I think it could take up to 20 years to reverse what this President could do to any GLBT person in our community. To some in our community this is not a big issue right now because it does not affect their daily life. But when someday you decide that you would like to adopt a child and give them the same chance in

life you had, I would think you would want the same rights as anyone else in this country - to go down and adopt one. Today this is not possible in all 50 states, so please think of what a high court could have to say in just this one topic regarding our community - never mind marriage rights or the right to inherit your partners belongings on the same equal level as a married couple would. So, all I am asking of our community is that if you have not before paid attention to how they nominate a supreme court justice, NOW would be a good time to TIVO it or tape it, and please take the time to see who will be having such a huge say in YOUR future.

Thank you, and as always be safe in all areas of your life and please do not drink and drive this summer as the heat goes up and the days are long. The cost of being arrested for drinking and driving now is starting at \$15,000.00 in fines court costs, driving school and now 10 years of insurance costs that are through the roof. So please think VERY, VERY long and hard before you start that car and head just a "few" miles down the road. A taxi would be about two nights out on the town to most of us. We love having you all happy and safe so you can come back and enjoy the Club

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