

Happy Turkey Month to all.....**....TIS THE SEASON ARE YOU READY?**

Happy Turkey month to all, and welcome to the start of the holiday season - whether you are ready or not, it's just around the corner. I have been getting the events ready for the Club's 29th Anniversary Party this coming DEC 4th. This combined with our yearly toy drive put on by Kitty Litter

and her gang of merry, well who knows what they call themselves. I would like to suggest to anyone who has started thinking about this years Christmas list that you might wish to consider something you have never done before. I did this a few years back and I got so much joy out of the giving process

that I would like to make the same suggestion to all of you. Instead of buying all my nieces and nephews and family something, I took the entire sum and applied it towards something that was needed much more than what I could purchase and gift-wrap for my family.

I do not have any one place or thing in mind that you might think about your holiday money going to, my only request is that you might think about something you have never done in the past. By giving to people who are much less fortunate than some of the rest of us you get so much more back by just knowing you made a huge difference in some families life.

Now on to some of the hot topics

Now on to some of the hot topics going around our community that some of you might be interested in. The special election that our governor has chosen to put before us at a HUGE cost is something we should all be paying attention to. I hope that all of you, no matter where you stand on each issue, takes the time to go and vote. When you see on TV what some folks go through just to vote and what it means to them, I only wish some of us here had the same desire for their voice to be heard. The ballot may not have anything on a personal level that you care about, but remember you are a part of this

process and should take the time to cast that all important vote. I have had a few people come to me and ask to hang posters in the bar for one political party or issue put before us. I have always allowed anyone who would like to come to the bar and set up a table with their information and pamphlets to be handed out. But I have never in 29 years of owning the club approved of anyone posting a flyer on any of the walls. I know this may be hard for some folks to get in their head, but we are NOT all on the same page when it comes to politics. I remember my first nasty encounter with this very topic when Ronald Reagan was running

Gay Marriage

against Jimmy Carter. I took a lot of heat for not putting up Carter signs. The thing I think we have to keep in mind is that because we all may be gay or lesbian that does not mean we all came from the same walk of life, or have the same wants for our country. At the time Carter was in a deep hole with the hostages and the price of fuel – he was not very popular with business owners if they had a lease that was tied to inflation, as my club was at the time. You also have to know AIDS was not on the horizon yet and my rent was going up at a rate of 22% a year. For a small business this was a very hard goal to keep up with. So back then for a gay person to say they were for Reagan was not out of the ordinary. It was not until the end of his term did we see how misguided he was with the entire AIDS crisis and it was Rock Hudson that even brought this epidemic to his attention.

Now we jump forward to today - I cannot tell you how many gay and lesbian folks I know that were supporting the reelection of Bush in this last election. It is never easy to have to walk a very thin line when you feel so strongly about something or someone but yet have to keep the process alive for everyone to have their own point of view heard. I have had many a conversation with guys from



the Log Cabin club of gay men that are not in the same view as I may be about this war or any other of the things he has done, but the one thing I do respect them for is that they would like to come to there gay bar and not have to see posters pushing an agenda they do not support. I received a few phone calls from just such a group this past month because someone had put up posters in our club about our governor and his agenda. They were correct in the fact that they did not think it was fair to have just one side being expressed and not the other. Such posters are against club policy. As in the past the walls are for the drag queens, country events and anything that the whole community can agree on and is approved by the club manager. If you would like to have a table set up please contact Dean, the manager and he will give you the procedure to have your time and place in the club.

The one issue that is so hot in our community is the gay marriage bill that our

governor vetoed this past month. I for one have never been for this path that has been taken to gain our civil rights to be equal in the eyes of the law. I think that by saying we want to get to the altar the same as Mary and Jack I think we should have stuck with the method they were using on the East coast. Just get the laws changed to make us all equal and leave their churches alone. I for one do not need a man or woman in a collar blessing my reunion with someone as much as I want the same tax laws and visiting rights and inheritance rights that they have. What we as a community did was to light a candle under the far right fanatics about GOD and one man and one woman

that we left the most important part of our agenda off the list. Laws NOT GOD or church will make us equal. They can have all the marriage rights they want in my book, just do not tell me I have to pay more taxes because I live with another man and do not have what they consider a FAMILY UNIT.

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I know this is not how everyone feels nor should you, but it does give you an example of how many views even in our own community as to how we should move forward. I just ask that each of you in your passion for wanting the best for us remember that we did not all get here on the same wave or time frame. What you may know today may not have been so just 20 years ago in the same bar we enjoy now. The only thing that will make change is when the 50% of us that do not vote or get involved gets off there ass and gets in the stream of life.

That is all for now. Have a safe and happy November and I look forward to seeing you all on December 4th for our toy drive and 29th year anniversary.

*Jon & Champ
November 2005*

COMING EVENTS ~ DECEMBER

Brian Rooney Toy Drive ~ December 4th

Club 1220's 29th Anniversary ~ December 4th

Club 1220's 30th New Year's Eve Party ~ December 31st

