

GLBTF NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL TRANSGENDERED ROUND TABLE
OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the Editor:

This newsletter is a bit delayed in getting to you because your peers, the Round Table members have been hard at work preparing for our 30th Anniversary during the ALA Annual 2000 Conference this coming June. This issue will bring you up to date on all their work. Enclosed you will also find updates from the co-chairs and committees. In this issue you will find information concerning the following items and much more!

30th Anniversary Gala:

Please join us for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Round Table Thirtieth Anniversary Gala on Monday, July 10, 6:00-10:00 PM at the Hotel Intercontinental in Chicago. The gala includes sit down dinner and presentation of the GLBTRT Book Awards for the year 2000. Our keynote speakers will be 13 year old activist Sol Kelley-Jones and author Nancy Garden. Tickets need to be purchased with your ALA Conference Registration - so don't delay! This event takes the place of the annual Monday morning Book Award Brunch. The brunch will return next year.

Ad Book:

To raise money for the Round Table and for the Book Awards, we put together an Ad Book for the 30th Anniversary Gala. Please purchase an ad yourself, with friends. Encourage your institution or neighborhood business support us too! See the the newsletter insert for details.

Preconference:

On Friday July 7, 2000 from 8:30 to 5:00 there will be preconference program entitled "Gay Teens in the 21st Century: Access to the Future" This program is being cosponsored by the roundtable. The cost is \$60.00. Registration for this program can be done at the same time a person registers for the conference and the gala. Register online after February 1, 2000 at www.ala.org/olos_teens_preconference.html. Deadline for registration in June 2, 2000. This conference was organized by ALA Past President, Ann Simmons.

The GLBTRT is a cosponsor. This preconference will compliment our program on services to youth. See details regard this program in the Program Planning Committee update enclosed.

Book Award Winners:

The 2000 winners were Po Man's Child by Marci Blackman (Manic D Press) for literature and My Lesbian Husband: Landscapes of a Marriage by Barrie Jean Borich (Graywolf Press) for non-fiction.

Book Reviews:

Reviews will continue with the next issue of the newsletter.

Finances and our Challenge Grant ("It takes money, Honey!):

Cochair Roland Hansen and Norman Eriksen have slaved over our budget and finances. (And I do mean slaved!) See their updates and open your check book as we establish ourselves.

Of note, at midwinter conference in San Antonio a member of the round table issued a challenge. This person will match dollar for dollar up to \$2000 any donations made by roundtable members to the GLBTRT. This grant will end when we meet the goal or by December 1, 2000. Donations from organizations or businesses do not count as part of this challenge grant.

Checks can be sent to ALA, made out to the GLBTRT. NOTE IN LARGE LETTERS THAT THIS IS A DONATION TO THE RT! The address is noted inside.

See the articles in this issue for further details. The Social and Read Aloud are planned for Sunday. Specifics will be in the next issue. In the meantime, get your tickets for the Gala, buy an ad, and email our Committee and Cochairs back to tell them that you appreciate all of their ongoing hard work!

-M. Callaghan "Cal" Zunt
Newsletter Editor

FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Roland Hansen, Male Co-Chair

"Moving right along" seems to be the phrase most appropriate to the last few months. We are steadily getting it together with ALA and OLOS - fitting all the pieces together as we become a Round Table.

As you may have guessed, the budget is the tallest hurdle, but we are dealing with it and learning as we go along. Our Treasurer, Norman Eriksen, is doing an excellent job intracking the budget and working with ALA staff to develop the budget amounts - both proposed (the fantasy) and actual (the reality).

The situation is still critical. We proposed a budget based on 100 members. So far we have exceeded that; membership stands at 127. That's the good news. However, we need more members. This is really preaching to the converted, I know, since most of you reading this are members. If each person reading this could get one (or more) of your colleagues to join, we might be able to reach 200. We should be able to reach 500. That's only one percent of 50,000 members.

We will most likely realize a growth in membership right after Annual, so the picture may change before the end of the fiscal year. But in the meantime, prove Anita Bryant right: get out there and recruit! GLB-TRT Members that is.

Planning for the 30th Anniversary Gala is progressing as well. We will celebrate on Monday night, July 10, 2000 at the Hotel InterContinental from 6pm to 10pm. Our keynote speakers are Nancy Garden and SolKelly-Jones. More information is available at our website or the article in this issue.

You can get a ticket for the dinner by using the registration forms found in American Libraries and online at www.ala.org. The ticket price is \$60 per person. There may be some tickets available on Saturday before, but we are encouraging advanced sales only. So don't delay, get your tickets today.

On a related note, included in this issue is a copy of the advertising contract for the Program booklet for the Anniversary. We need everyone's help in getting ads. We are hoping that most of the revenue for the adbook will go right into the budget and start the funding for the Book Awards.

Remember, too, the upcoming meetings are Midwinter in Washington DC and Annual 2001 in Atlanta. Also, anyone with contacts at publishers, or other vendors, please help us get an ad with them. We are putting in place some volunteers here in Chicago, who will help with the printing costs.

And speaking of the Book Awards, it is now absolutely crucial to get some funding in place for the Book Awards. Anyone with any ideas, leads, contacts, etc. please contact me or Norman or Shari, or bring these ideas to Annual, or post them to the list. We need a sponsor, or an endowment, or any other form of creative funding. One final note, the Round Table has a listserv, and it is open to all. We invite all our members to subscribe and participate in the discussions and developments of the Round Table. Check the ALA website for subscribing. We need your participation on all levels. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact me. There are many different types of activities you can participate in. Talk to you next month and see you in Chicago!

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Shari Clifton, Female Co-Chair

My thanks to Roland for providing such a comprehensive update of activities related to the 30th anniversary gala and the move to Round Table status. As Roland has commented the budget is by far our biggest challenge right now. Wondering how you can support GLBTRT financially? Treasurer, Norman Eriksen, has prepared an excellent summary of the ways you can provide financial help to the GLBTRT, everything from becoming a member, to making a donation, to placing an ad in the anniversary booklet. See his entry later on in this newsletter.

Plans for the Preconference, "Gay Teens in the 21st Century: Access for the Future," are moving right along and the event promises to be an exciting and informative day. GLBTRT is cosponsoring this event and several members have been active members of the planning team. If you cannot attend, or even if you can, please get the word out to others in your library, state or region who might be interested; at \$60 this preconference is an absolute bargain!

Keep up with preconference developments by visiting the web site at: http://ala8.ala.org/olos_gay_teens_preconference.html. The site is under development, with content and design changes being made frequently in response to feedback from the planning committee, so visit often. The deadline for preconference registration is June 7, 2000. Questions, comments? I look forward to hearing from you!

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Program Planning

Gala:

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Our keynote speakers are activist Sol Kelley-Jones and author Nancy Garden. Sol Kelley-Jones is a 13-year-old civil rights activist. Sol has been a strong and articulate spokesperson for LGBT family civil rights. In the fall of 1999 Sol helped to introduce domestic partnership legislation for the State of Wisconsin. Sol was the youngest person to receive the Civil Libertarian Award from the Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union, was named Wisconsin's National Organization of Women's first ever Young Feminist of the Year, and received the 1998 Youth Pathfinder of the Year Award from Gay and Lesbian Educational Network (GLSEN). Nancy Garden has published over 25 books, including *Annie On My Mind*, *Prisoner of Vampires*, *Dove and Sword*, and *Good Moon Rising*.

Don't miss these exciting speakers! You can register for the gala on your annual conference registration form. The cost is \$60 for ALA members; \$75 for non-members. Tickets will be an additional \$10 on-site. Tickets will be sold on-site at the GLBTRT booth at the convention center on Saturday, July 8, 2000 only. Unfortunately, no credit cards are accepted on-site. We look forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary with you!

Program:

Please mark your calendar for our 2000 program in Chicago on Monday, July 10, 2000 from 9:30-11:30am. The title of the program is "Is There Anything in the Library for Me?: The Challenges of Serving the GLBT Young Adult Community."

A distinguished panel of authors, librarians and educators will discuss the state of young adult GLBT literature, questions surrounding Internet access and filtering, and the future of providing service to this community.

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Program Planning (con't)

The panelists are: Lynn Evarts, Librarian, Sauk Prairie High School (DeForest, Wisconsin) Nancy Garden, author of *Annie On My Mind*, M.E. Kerr, author of *Deliver Us From Evie*, Christine Jenkins, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Karen G. Schneider, Assistant Director for Technology, Shenendehowa PublicLibrary (Clifton Park, N.Y.). Ann Symons, ALA Past President, 1998-1999 will moderate. See you in Chicago!

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Election Committee Seeks Candidates

Since we are now a Round Table, ALA will handle the voting and election process for our officer positions. This committee's primary responsibilities will be to nominate names for RT positions and assist RT-friendly people in their candidacies for ALA Council.

We are now seeking people interested in running for female co-chair and treasurer. Anyone interested in being considered should contact the committee by June 15th. We decided not to formally endorse GLBT'ers running for Council. Instead, we will work to help GLBT-friendly people run for Council.

One way we will do this is by submitting to the ALA Nominating Committee the names of GLBT'ers interested in being on the ballot for Council. An endorsement from the ALA Nominating Committee would greatly help a person's candidacy. Anyone who is interested in our help in running for Council should contact this Elections Committee by June 1st at the address below.

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Book Award Committee

The 2000 winners were *Po Man's Child* by Marci Blackman (Manic D Press) for literature and *My Lesbian Husband: Landscapes of a Marriage* by Barrie Jean Borich (Graywolf Press) for non-fiction. Due to space constraints for this newsletter, a list of the other finalists can be found on our website. We hope that you will join us at the Gala to congratulate these wonderful writers.

We are accepting nominations for the year 2001 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Book Award, sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table of the American Library Association.

The GLBT Book Award is presented to English-language works published in the year prior to the announcement date. A total of 42 books have been honored for "exceptional merit relating to the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered experience."

The committee of librarians that surveys publications and determines the awards is made up of equal numbers of men and women from various types of libraries across the United States. The committee reviews the nominees and selects five finalists each in the categories of non-fiction and literature (novel, short story, poetry and drama). Two award books—one in each category—are then chosen from among these finalists.

Nominations for the Book Award may be made by any individual not affiliated with the publisher or the author of the book being nominated. Authors may not nominate their own works. A short statement (30 to 50 words) describing why the book is being nominated should accompany the nomination, which must be submitted to Committee chairs by November 30, 2000. Nominations will be accepted by U.S. mail (postmarked by the deadline), electronic mail, or fax. Nominations may be sent to:

David Garnes, Chair, Book Award Committee
FAX 860-486-6100
e-mail dgarnes@lib.uconn.edu

or to:

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Book Reviews

Reviews are a regular feature of the GLBTF Newsletter.

Reviews will return in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you would like to be a reviewer or receive reviewing guidelines, please contact:

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TREASURER'S UPDATE

Hi everybody, I have now found out the process to donate money to our roundtable. Checks should be made out to the ALA and the accompanying letter should state that the funds should be designated for the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Roundtable. Make sure you request a receipt for tax purposes.

The checks and correspondence should be sent to the following address: GLBTRT ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services 50 East Huron Street Chicago IL, 60611 Attn: Tanga Morris. Tanga will handle to forwarding to our account for deposit. As your money manager my recommendation is anybody how can afford to donate to the roundtable please do so since we are in dire need of funds (I sound like you local public radio station). If there are any problems with this process, please let me know.

Including supporting the Gala, Newsletter, and other activities, there are several ways you can help support the Round Table:

Membership:

1. For new members. Fill out the ALA membership application and select GLBTRT in the section on roundtable membership.

2. Current members option one. You can add a roundtable membership before your ALA membership is due for renewal. Just send a check made out to ALA GLBTRT and mail to ALA membership services with a letter asking to have this added to your current membership.
3. Current members option two. Wait until your ALA membership comes up for renewal and then add GLBTRT to your roundtable membership selections.
4. Membership dues are \$12.00. All checks should be mailed to the following address: ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago IL 60611, Attn: membership services.

Encourage your fellow GLBT- friendly peers to become a member!

Newsletter subscriptions:

GLBTRT members will automatically receive the newsletter as part of your membership. For non-members subscriptions can be arranged by sending a check made out to ALA/GLBTRT for \$10.00 with a letter indicating your mailing address and a request for addition to the subscription list to the above address attention: OLOS/GLBTRT.

Cash donations:

The roundtable accepts cash donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. All donations will be acknowledged with a letter from ALA that can be used for tax purposes. A letter should accompany the check stating that this is a donation to the roundtable. Checks should be made out to ALA/GLBTRT and sent to the above OLOS address to the attention of Tanga Morris.

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Send a check or money order and this form to American Library Association, GLBTRT, Office of Library Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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