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OPEN PROGRAM MEETING

*Welcome to the largest
Open Program Meeting
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OPEN PROGRAM MEETING - THURSDAY JULY 21, 1994

Tonight: Our honored and very special guest speaker is Tammy Campbell featuring "SM102 and a 1/2" (the sequel). Tammy is well versed in the scene and you are encouraged to ask lots of questions.

⌚ Meeting room opens at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm sharp and lasts until about 8:30 pm (afterwards all members and visitors are invited stay for the after meeting social).

Please note: Admission is the same price if you arrive during or after the meeting or anytime during the social (so show up early!!!).

Grab a drink before the meeting starts and enjoy during the meeting (no exit for refills during the meeting). There will be NO beverage or food service in the room during the meeting. After the meeting, there will be bar and food service so please stay and enjoy the social in the meeting room.

Be sure to tip your waitress, they work hard putting up with us!!

LAST MEETING NOTES ♪

About 40 people attended the Introduction to Tantra by Anne Marti CHT. certified hypotherapist specializing in empowering individuals and couples around sexual integration. "Our bodies and sensual nature can be integral to personal and spiritual liberation. We all learn how expanded states of eroticism can produce altered states of consciousness."

RCDC is too cheap to give medals, so we awarded "Butt-ons" to Barry, Charlie, and Kirsten, "No good deed goes unpunished".

The June meeting even had a visitor from FLORIDA!!! And to top it off, a few people (and that couple with the eye patch and peg leg - R R R R R and Ahoy to ya) sailed south across the river all the way from VANCOUVER.

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

"Newbies" we're glad your here so please "check us out". Feel free to mingle and get to know some of the RCDC "regulars". IF you have ANY questions, please ask. "Different is good".

"FOUNDERS FORUM" & SOAP BOX SUDS

(babblings, notes, rumors, & views from R)

RCDC monthly meetings; Your not one in a 1,000,000,000 (million), rather 1 (one) of 10's (tens) of 1,000's (thousands). Just think that for every person you see here tonight, there are many thousands who wish they could be here. I just hope they all don't show up at once, we don't have enough chairs.....

CONRAD UPDATE: RCDC sent the signed "Get Well" card from our last meeting, the "button", and a nice check in the amount of \$150.00 !! RCDC members and visitors chipped in about \$75.00 and RCDC matched it. If you still wish to make a personal or group donation, we will make sure Conrad gets every nickel of it.

PLEASE ♪; admission to meetings is the same price if you arrive during the meeting, after the meeting is over, or during the social.

FINAL CALL; last of the RCDC message center service for personal ads. To run a RCDC personal ad in the next newsletter (new or existing ads) you need to obtain a voice mail number, post office box, or other method of contact. **HOT & NEW;** Personal ads may now include a real photo or fantasy art drawing. See ad examples in Personals.

Be sure to check the Inside Hotline for news, updates, and whats up.

Have you expired ? Be sure to renew your RCDC membership!!! Renew at the meetings or just mail it in.

Play nice,

"R"

Coming Out and Getting In

by Tamar Kay

For some it's no big deal to attend that first group meeting of "alternative" or "kinky" people. For others it's more than a bit terrifying. If it's a hard step, it's also a brave one. Standing up for yourself in a world that often doesn't understand or approve isn't easy. But if you're here at RCDC, you should be proud of that step.

So now you're probably wondering: what next?

Maybe you'd like to make some friends, get some hands-on education, or maybe even find a partner. Maybe you've heard rumors about other get-togethers. Private ones. Maybe you get the feeling that you're sort of on the outside looking in. How do you get in? What's the password?

Groups that support alternative and BDSM interests vary a lot. Some, like RCDC, very enthusiastically welcome newcomers. Others are harder to locate. Some groups are formal, some not. While most people in the BDSM community are warm and friendly, they are also understandably cautious about newcomers. People in the community may be hesitant to open up and trust you until they know you better.

And that's a good thing, really, though it might not seem that way to you when you're new. It's that very caution that protects you as you become a more trusted member of the community.

So how do you start the process of becoming better known and more trusted?

Here are some recommendations.

- Always be courteous. It doesn't matter what your kink or orientation is, you should always be polite and thoughtful. Don't pressure, don't push, and be responsible for your words and actions.

- Keep the identities of those you meet at meetings confidential. This means that you should be circumspect about saying where you know them from, and even careful about using their name since many people use alternate names. Not everyone is out to the world to the same degree. Some people have jobs and families to protect, while others are happy to have their photos in the paper along with a description of their kink. If you don't know, don't risk it.
- Get involved. Show up at events every chance you get. Volunteer to help out whenever you can. We're always short-handed, and volunteering is a good way to learn how things work and get to know people.
- Learn the community culture. This includes various sets of traditions and expectations that are somewhat unique to the BDSM community. There are a number of ways to get this information. Take classes, attend educational seminars, go to as many meetings as you can. Read books. Ask for references and you'll get them.
- Be patient. Don't expect people to give you what you want. Instead, try to find out what you can offer others, what you can offer your group and the community. Remember that good trust can take time to earn.

And when you have questions, ask. Ask more than once, get different opinions, and think about them. Remember that everyone had a day when they were the newcomer. Everyone had to once walk through a door for the first time.

And everyone should be proud.

Welcome to the community.

WOMEN

are sexually aroused after drinking alcohol (even though vaginal responsiveness is reduced) while, in general, both physical capability and horniness dwindle when men imbibe. Researchers now think they know why.

Alcohol boosts testosterone levels in women, but not in men—and scientists have long suspected that the sex hormone, present in both genders, is linked to sexual arousal.

Randy researchers from both Finland and Japan, as reported in *Nature*, first gave women (presumably clinical subjects and not dates) small amounts of alcohol, which jacked up testosterone levels and, in a later session, a placebo, which did not. The hormonal hop was highest in women taking oral contraceptives and women who were ovulating.

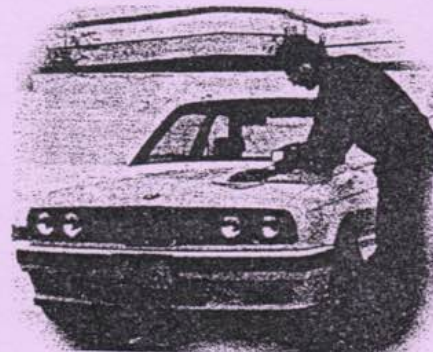
These findings, the journal reports, "may provide a physiological explanation for...discrepancies in sexual excitement reported by men and women after drinking."

GUYS

don't need booze to get turned on. Many need only their cars to electrify their loins.

A recent survey by the Nashville research firm 20/20 found that 38 percent of the men questioned said, "Yes, it's true, **I love my car more than women.**" Even worse, 15 percent of the men surveyed actually named their sheet-metal mistresses. The most popular terms of endearment: Betsy, My Baby and Angel. Anyone for Hurl?

So, don't freak if he gets home late sporting a goofy grin and reeking of leather and Armor All. The other woman may just be his Saab Turbo.



FYI'S

Call the **FREE RCDC Inside Hotline** for current events, happenings, and other information.

650-7052 + Code #

CRIMSON PHOENIX; Workshops and seminars held at the store each month. Check the Inside Hotline for details.

NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE (NWGA), Box 4928, Portland, Oregon 97208. Riesa/(503) 646-2802; Business sized SASE for information. Monthly meetings, various educational programs and activities for crossdressing and transsexual communities worldwide.

SOC-PAC, P.O. Box 40625, Portland, Oregon 97240 (503) 222-6151. SOC-PAC (Save our communities-political action committee)

DIFFERENT LOVING, "An exploration of the world of sexual dominance and submission" Random House Books 1993, authors Gloria & William Brame, hardcover \$25.00, 525+ pages, available at local bookstores in self-help/sexuality section. Interviews of people into various scenes and explores ABC's of D/S, spankings, bondage, piercing, fetishism, water sports, etc.

If you want an excellent book that covers "lots of scenes", this is the one. Available at the **CRIMSON PHOENIX**.

BOOB TUBE

Real Personal, Cable TV CNBC, weeknights at 8:00 pm. Different hot topics and issues, informative, and worth checking out. You won't believe what Bob and guests talk about!!!

DRAG EVANGELIST, Sister Paula, Local Portland cable channels 11 & 21. Stonehedge Productions at (503) 777-0095 for days and times.

NIGHT SCENE, It's Gay T.V. for everyone. Cable channels 11, 2, 33, 9, 49. Call 244-NITE for times.

What if the chains get wrapped around the axel?

The mothers who escort their ice-skating daughters, Kerrigans-in-the-making, to Manhattan's Sky Rink by dawn's early light were shocked, says the New York Observer, by the sight of an athlete practicing for the Gay Games. His costume? A G-string and chains.

According to the Observer, the incident led to the institution of a new dress code at the rink: Henceforth, skaters will be required to have their legs and chests covered.

Maybe he should call it the Erotica Symphony

Italian physics student Lino Missio, 26, announced in Rome in May that he had just patented a condom that will play Beethoven if it breaks during use. The condom is coated with a substance that changes electrical conductivity upon rupture, setting off a microchip that produces the sound. Missio said he might include, instead of music, a verbal warning to the participants to stop what they're doing immediately.



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SEATTLE STUFF:

KINKY COUPLES (KC); 645 Southcenter, #366, Seattle, WA, 98188 (Business sized SASE for INFO). Couples (two or more of any gender) play house.

August 10, 11, & 12; Wednesday through Friday - Camp Kinky.

C-SPACE; Box 28021, Seattle, Wa 98118 (Business sized SASE, \$1.00, for INFO). Seattle area D/S, fetish club meets with workshops, guest speakers, etc.

ELSEWHERE:

THE EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY; P.O. Box 2783, NY NY 10163-2783, (212) 388-7022. Oldest S/M Club in USA. Quarterly newsletter \$5.00. (Look for RCDC in the club listings).

CHICAGOLAND DISCUSSION GROUP (CDG); 3023 N. Clark #806, Chicago, IL 60657-5205, phone (312) 281-1097. Newsletter \$5.00, and age/consent declaration. CDG holds "talk only" and events.

ETC.

LADY GREEN'S NEWSLETTER; 3939 Balboa Avenue #195, San Francisco, CA 94121. Send Business sized SASE for information regarding newsletter, books, events, etc.

PADDLES; Clare Gordon, P.O. Box 524, Milsons Point, N.S.W., Australia 2061. An Australian publication for the scene. See how they do it DOWN UNDER. \$10.00 an issue.

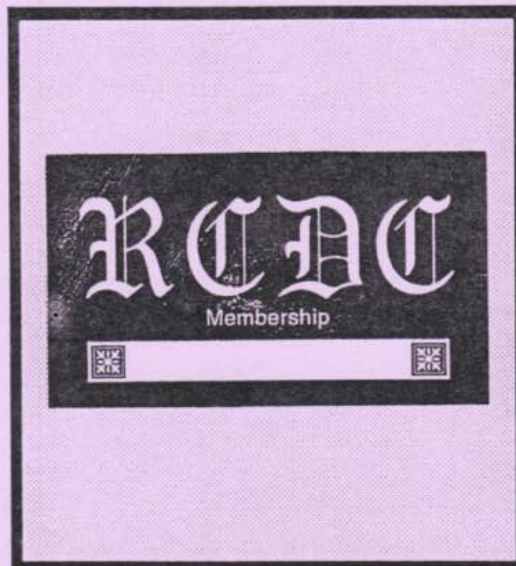
NU-WEST/LEDA, P.O. Box 35, San Marcos, CA 92079. Traditional spanking, flagellation and historical whippings, OTN, VHS, Ledagram, Ma'am, booklets, etc. Send \$10.00 for catalogs and information. Some of the Nu-West magazines and other material are now available at SPARTACUS in Portland.

VOICE MAIL PHONE #:

If you need a discreet voice mail phone number for about \$10.00 a month, try Advanced Voice Mail at (503) 650-1270. They can set you up over the phone with your own phone number in less than an hour.

RCDC RESOURCES:

We have too many to list, so if your looking for something special, perhaps we can help. Call or SASE.



SERVICES

ATTITUDES, 1017 SW Morrison Street, Studio 312, in downtown Portland, call 224-0050. Professional fashion and fantasy body piercing.

BODY MOVES STUDIO, Anna Marti, CHT., 918 SW Yamhill, downtown Portland, 499-7800. Certified hypotherapist specializing in empowering individuals and couples around sexual integration. Hypnotherapy, Tantra, intimacy coaching, workshops.

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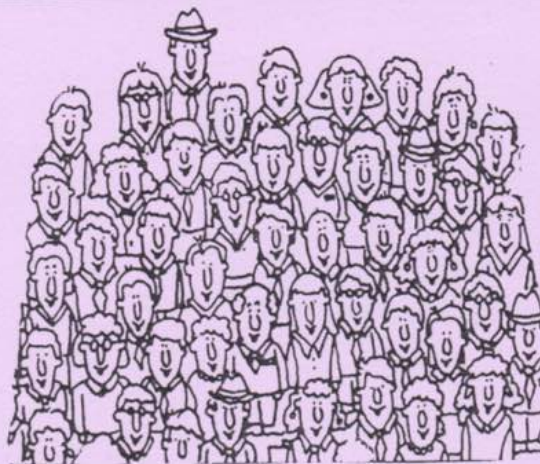
RCDC MEMBERSHIP

RCDC MEMBERSHIP - "JUST JOIN"

The first year memberships dues for singles or couples is only \$40.00 (\$25.00 second year renewal). Membership privileges include membership card, reduced/special admission to meetings, free personal ad with picture or drawing, free newsletter if you miss a meeting (send SASE to RCDC), invitations to member only socials and events, and 10% discounts at Spartacus and Crimson Phoenix, plus other discounts. For some of you the 10% savings could save you the membership cost many times over!!.

Depending on your reasons for joining, RCDC membership is a great deal. Free one year personal ad, supportive guidance, social events with like minded adults, RCDC newsletter, discounts, *inside* information of local happenings, and workshops and educational resources. Besides, RCDC is a great place to make lasting friendships and where you can feel free to express what makes you unique.

RCDC is run by friendly volunteers and is non profit. Admission and membership fees cover meeting room rental, RCDC newsletter, postage, phone, flyers, advertisements, etc. We need and appreciate your support.



Rose City Discussion Club held its first open program meeting in April 1993.

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IN HELL

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GREENING



Down, Girl!

MAYBE WHEN THE S & M COM-edy "Exit to Eden" hits screens in October, Dana Delany won't have to keep going out of her way to shed the good-girl image fostered by her role as nurse Colleen McMurphy on "China Beach." Until then, you can probably look forward to reading more stuff like this:

- "For years my friends have been asking 'When are you going to do a movie that shows your sexuality?'" (Premiere, July)
- Delany expounds at length on her breasts, proudly discloses that she wears only G-string underwear and notes: "I used to be stimulated by sex. Now I'm stimulated by ideas. Or some good ideas about sex." (Playboy, July)
- "Sex scenes are one thing I have no problem with." (Harper's Bazaar, 1992)
- "On the set, I'm queen of the dirty jokes." (Los Angeles, 1990)
- Delany shops for gloves for her beau with a "China Beach" assistant director. What size? Dana clamps the AD's hand over her breast. "Definitely a large." (GQ, 1990)



RCDC Yearly Memberships Renewals

If your membership number is between 0793 - 0893 (example 0793018, 0893025), your up for membership renewal now. The cost is \$25.00 for another fun filled year. You can renew in person at the meetings or "just mail it".

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ OVERNITE EXPRESS

Hey an honest ad. I am a 45 year old, straight white male. Experienced in the D & S and B & D scene. Looking for female submissive or one interested in learning. Lets start with writing letters, and talking, and see where it leads. Write to: Tom, P.O. Box 292, Brush Prairie, Washington, 98606. C#0993048

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50 year old male into discipline, give or receive. Seeks nice lady, TV, or ? with similar interests. Always safe, discreet, and considerate. Adaptable to unusual needs. J.S., Box 444, 4326 SE Woodstock, Portland, OR 97206. C#0893032 (MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES AUGUST)

CHANGE....

PERSONALS; Starting with the next newsletter, RCDC will no longer be providing the message center for personal ads. Ads using this service will be "held" until a viable contact method has been established with RCDC.

To run a personal ad you must have your own voice mail/beeper/cell phone or post office box number, and sent in to RCDC by August 15th.

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ OPEN MINDED

SWM, 53, 180#, very open minded. Seek WF or couple for sensual fun. Safe sex, massage, GS, Bi OK. Would like to be introduced to finer B/D and role playing. Have previous swing experience.

Final month to leave message for "John" at the RCDC message center at 650-7052. C#1093054

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ CAMERA READY

Photographer available to record your female bondage scenes. Privacy and discretion assured. Professional results, artistic, tasteful images, and flexible. Non profit.

Final month to leave message for the "Photographer" at the RCDC message center at 650-7052. C#0394065

NEW FOR RCDC PERSONALS

You may now include a photo, fantasy drawing, or ? in your personal ad. Good for existing or new ads. See examples below:



Novice Dominant Goddess seeks docile playmates to test new ideas.

Leave a message for your new Mistress at my voice mail number XXX-XXXX. C#0894XXX

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Rich, handsome, male top, seeks female bottom. Send letter of qualifications to: OTN, P.O. Box xxxx, Portland, Oregon 97xxx. C#0894XXX

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SF, seeks a gentleman to adore my feet and other role play fun.

Beep "Footsie" at XXX-XXXX. C#0894XXX

"RENEW OR BE BLUE"

THE FOLLOWING ADS EXPIRE THIS MONTH

WILL DO WINDOWS

W/M professional, seeks part-time role as house slave. Prefer couple or select singles who enjoy administering discipline in the form of complete subservience and obedience. Heavy labor as well as light housework provided. I can also get into a top role with the right man or woman. I am 48, 6'0", 178, muscular body.

Final month to leave message for "Weatherman" at the RCDC message center at 650-7052. C#0793033 (MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES IN JULY)

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WHEN EXPERIENCE COUNTS

SWM top, 20 years experience in bondage, suspension, fantasy fulfillment. Looking for SWF bottom or couple (male can be dominant, submissive, or voyeur), for occasional meetings.

Final month to leave message for Dave at 650-7003. C#0793030 (MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES IN JULY)

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PERSONAL ADS ♥:

♥ RCDC Members can place a FREE one year personal ad in our RCDC Personals.

♥ Personal ads; up to 50 words and you may include a photo, fantasy drawing, or ?. You must have a P.O. Box or voice mail phone number for contact. No home or office phone/addresses will be printed. No ads may request money or gifts for play, etc. All personal ads will be subject to editing and verification.

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♥ RCDC MESSAGE CENTER (Final month for this service): To reply to ads that give the RCDC phone number, call RCDC at 650-7052, then press 1 for the message center, then 1 again to leave a message. Be sure to indicate which ad your responding to and how you can be reached.

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BOX 1370
CLACKAMAS, OR 97015
650-7052

ROSE CITY DISCUSSION CLUB

The Rose City Discussion Club welcomes all couples and single adults of ANY alternative orientation that is *safe, sane, and consensual*. RCDC offers an informal neutral forum and a supportive environment to diverse alternative interests. RCDC stresses education, resource, social, and networking in a friendly and accepting atmosphere.

RCDC is the largest club of its type in Oregon and SW Washington that offers discreet monthly meetings that are open to ALL couples and singles. Monthly attendance averages from 30 to 60 people of all levels, interests, and backgrounds. Members, non-members, visitors, beginners, and "newbies" are all welcomed and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings.

As a resource center our members share practical information, ideas, support, health and safety, via monthly meetings and gatherings. Our membership promotes the encouragement of people in their acceptance of themselves as normal, productive individuals that also have unique preferences.

Meetings are for various sexuality interests and includes pursuits other than the D/S, B/D, scenes, etc. Though a major and common "thread" of club members is the D/S scene, RCDC welcomes ALL other fetishes that are safe, sane, and consensual. The main orientations and interests you hear at the meetings and read in the newsletter are by people who are active in the club and want to be represented.

Our membership is diverse; some people seek support through acceptance and understanding, others find education and "how to" workshops, and others desire to network with like-minded adults. RCDC is not a party or swing club, nor do we offer dating or professional services, or theater for voyeurs. Proper appearance is requested to attend open program meetings.

IF you have unique interests RCDC is the right club !!!!!



WHAT TO EXPECT:

To those that have obtained a copy of this newsletter and have not yet attended a RCDC monthly meeting;

Monthly meeting are held in a comfortable setting and are normally attended by normal singles and couples of all levels, interests, and backgrounds (just like you). Meetings are open to first-timers, visitors, and non-members. You are not required to join the club to attend.

Meetings are full of uplifting support and social activities with like minded adults. RCDC stresses education, workshops, guest speakers, lively discussions, and great FUN. We understand any apprehension that you might feel and our goal is to make you feel comfortable and part of the club at your first meeting.

RCDC is not a "closed or limited membership club". Singles are encouraged to attend and join.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.....

SASE

Requests for general information by mail MUST include a SASE. You will also need to send a signed age statement (over 21 years of age).

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is free at meetings. To obtain our latest newsletter, mail \$2.00 and a self-addressed large business sized envelope size #10 or larger (large SASE).

Newsletter submissions accepted, anonymous or otherwise. WP51/60 formats appreciated.

THE RCDC NEWSLETTER

"We may not do it as well as others, but we do it more often"

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THE ROSE CITY DISCUSSION CLUB

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RCDC VOICE MAIL

☎ (503) 650-7052

This is a 24 hour voice mail phone number only and messages are checked daily.

Feel free to leave a message regarding upcoming events, questions, comments, guest speaker ideas, etc.

INSIDE HOTLINE

☎ (503) 650-7052 + Code #

Use your security code to check the "Inside HotLine" (weekly) to listen for meeting dates, socials, and updated news of interest.