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OPEN PROGRAM MEETING

*Welcome to the largest
Open Program Meeting
of its kind in
Oregon and SW Washington*

OPEN PROGRAM MEETING - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 1994

Tonight: We have two guest speakers scheduled this evening.

Our first speaker is a representative from SOC-PAC who will tell us how the upcoming Ballot Measure 13 will affect ALL orientations and how we can help.

Our second guest speaker is a Portland attorney who will discuss the legal aspects of the scene and will be open to your 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). AFTER 6:00 PM, parking is allowed at the office building (with the underground covered parking) across the street from the Buffalo Gap.

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.

LAST MEETING NOTES 🎵

Gary from The Crimson Phoenix explored the topic of exotic herbs and pheromone based products that are touted to increase sexual desires to a "full house" at the GAP. In case you were wondering, the Vancouver couple that helped with the pheromone demonstration, they barely make it home in time...!!!

Lots of door prizes were given out, including the hard to find and very valuable "birches" by Kirsten.

Several members got PERKED and "poked" by signing up and attending Ahna Edward's piercing workshop last Thursday.

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

"Newbies" (first time visitors) 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".



Have A
haunting
Halloween

"FOUNDERS FORUM" & SOAP BOX SUDS

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

"☺" PERKS for RCDC Members Only is now "on-line" (right now). We have the new code # (and you don't) so be nice (and be a RCDC Member) and we'll give the new code # to ya..... Join, renew, and get PERKED!!!

"☺" The RCDC four digit 2601 code number has ended and has been replaced by a new message center and meeting announcement.

"☺" In case you have been in a cave or something; KC in Seattle has canceled all Manor parties in 1994 due to a family illness.

"☺" The RCDC newsletter has gone "retail" and is now available at The Crimson Phoenix at 1876 SW 5th Avenue in downtown Portland (near PSU) and Christie's Toy Box, 8201 SE Powell Blvd. International locations by 1995.....

"☺" MILESTONE (or can you believe it) RCDC is 18 months old this month.

"☺" NEW; CD-ROM disks at Spartacus Leathers. Pheromone based massage oils at The Crimson Phoenix.

"☺" TAMMY CAMPBELL has organized a city wide Halloween Dungeon Party in Portland for Saturday November 5th. You must be a member of a recognized club (like RCDC) and singles and couples are welcome. A fantastic party location has been secured and space is limited to 180 fun folks. Those who register and pre-pay \$10.00 each will be admitted first. Those registered and paying \$15.00 each at the door the night of the event will be admitted on space availability. To attend your name MUST be on the party roster or you will not get in!!!. Help is needed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday after the event. You may register direct with Tammy or with RCDC.

"☺" VOTE NO ON 13 & 19.

Play nice,

"☺"

The "C" word and the "B" word

by Tamar Kay

"C" is for "Community," a word that many of us believe can, and should, mean more than our shared interests and occasional gatherings.

I would like to believe community means respect for each other, for the courage it takes to be who we are, and to live the way we are called to live. Respect for those who do not share our kinks.

Respect, even, for those we don't like.

"B" is for "battle."

There are times to question another's actions, times to object to what someone has said or done. There are times to take friends aside and tell them that what they said maybe didn't come out the way they meant it to. There are times to talk about what someone has done -- as factually as possible -- in order to try to save someone else from getting hurt.

There are even times to complain about individuals and groups, to say how much better things would have gone if only we had been in charge.

And then there are times when discretion is the better part of valor. Times to turn from harsh words to respectful silence.

This community is like an extended family, and as much as we might wish, not everyone in the family acts the way we want them to. At the family reunion little Bobby draws on the walls, grandma thinks it's cute, and Aunt Sally screams at them both. We don't always get along and it's likely we *won't*. But we can try.

At this family reunion, would you stand in front of the family and yell out that grandma is a stupid old woman, or that Bobby is a worthless child?

Is the issue, whatever it is, worth that much pain? Is it worth starting a battle?

Maybe, and maybe not. A battle can last a long time. Ask yourself if it might not be easier to solve the problem yourself, one-on-one, instead of drawing lines and involving others. Ask yourself if a community this small can afford to splinter into bitter, resentful camps. Ask yourself if you could do it another way.

When you stand on stage, you represent our community. In those moments think carefully about what you say and do because your actions speak for all of us. Whether you're leading a march, teaching a class, giving a demonstration, or simply being yourself in a public place, you represent us. If you treat the community with honor and respect, it will treat you similarly.

We all make mistakes. I have some advice for you if you do: say so and let it go. If someone else does, say so -- as kindly as you can -- and let it go. Let's all work toward living more in the present than in the past.

Maybe you think this article doesn't apply to you, and maybe you're right. But things sometimes sneak up on us when we least expect them.

I ask a few moments of your time. I ask you to think about what I've said here, about how you can put more of yourself into the "C" word and less into the "B" word.

This is our community. It is what we make of it. Respect begets respect.

**NO CENSORSHIP****NO on 19****P.O. Box 40407****Portland OR 97240****VOTE "NO"! ON PROPOSITIONS 13 & 19**

Proposition 13 will limit the rights of Gay and Lesbian persons in our communities. This is bigotry in the highest! Proposition 19 uses a "smokescreen" tactic citing child pornography, which we have strong laws against already, as the issue to facilitate censorship in the state of Oregon. If passed, this law will close down bookstores such as The Crimson Phoenix, will eliminate a large selection of books in other bookstores such as Powell's and in all the libraries in the state including schools. It will be devastating to our freedom of expression in Oregon, shutting down places like Fantasy Adult Video, even removing a large selection of videos from places such as Blockbuster or Hollywood video. **Don't let this happen to you. Stand up for your constitutional right to free speech and free press.**

VOTE NO ON 19! VOTE NO ON 13! Protect the civil rights of our citizens!

FYI'S

For current events, happenings,
and other information,
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650-7052 + Code

CRIMSON PHOENIX; Workshops and seminars held at the store each month. Call 228-0129.

NEW - Bi-sexual support/social group has formed and meets at the store the first and third Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 pm.

RCDC newsletter is now available at the store.

NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE (NWSA), Box 4928, Portland, Oregon 97208. Riese/(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). The purpose of SOC PAC is to counter groups such as the OCA.

VOTE NO ON 13 !!!

**"IF WE HAVE TO
EXPLAIN RCDC,
YOU WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND
ANYWAY"**

CHRISTIE'S TOY BOX, 8201 SE Powell Blvd., Portland 771-9979. The store is brand new and located at 82nd and Powell next to 7-11. You will find videos, toys, lingerie, T-shirts, cards, leather, and various fun adult gifts. They are in the process of expanding the "exotic" section so let them know what you want. Very nice people, be sure to give them a warm welcome to the community. RCDC newsletter is now available at the store. 10% discount to RCDC members.

SERVICES

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

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.

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!!!

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"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. Get this wonderful book at THE CRIMSON PHOENIX.

Why do we feature this book each month? Because it exemplifies in part what the Rose City Discussion Club is all about, acceptance of all orientations that are safe, sane, consensual, and fun.

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

All Manor play parties for 1994 have been canceled due to family illness.

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). NOTE: RCDC needs an E-Mail Internet correspondent with Eulenspiegel. Contact Leonard at ixion@dorsai.dorsai.org.

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

SAFE * SANE * CONSENSUAL

ETC.

LADY GREEN'S NEWSLETTER, 3739 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.

VILLEINAGE, POB 74-1193, Houston, Texas 77074, (713) 778-1416. INTERNET: fingers@Phoenix.Phoenix.net. A magazine for members of "power exchange" organizations and those attracted to them. Send SASE for information.

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 you're looking for something special, perhaps we can help. Call or SASE.

RCDC MEMBERSHIP

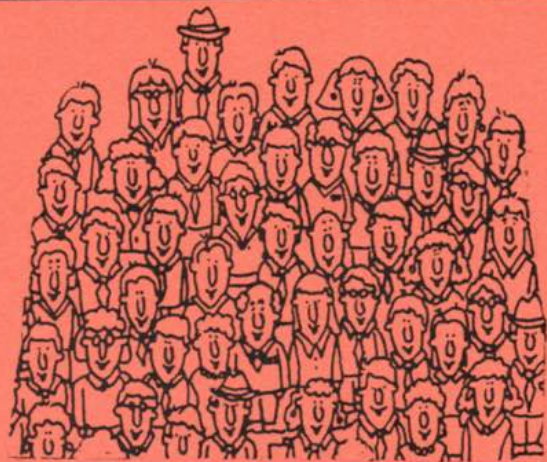
RCDC MEMBERSHIP - "JUST JOIN"

AFTER attending two (2) open program meetings, you may apply for membership. Yearly membership dues for singles is \$25.00 and couples are \$35.00. Membership privileges include membership card, reduced/special admission to meetings, PERKS Inside Hotline and member only events, free personal ad with picture or drawing, free newsletter if you miss a meeting (send SASE to RCDC), and 10% discounts at Spartacus, Crimson Phoenix, Christie's Toy Box, plus other discounts. For some of you the 10% savings could save you the membership cost many times over!! 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.

RCDC Club policies, rules, & regulations;

"We make'um up as we go along"



*Rose City Discussion Club held
it's first open program meeting
in April 1993.*

PERKS

PERKS is now "on-line" and is limited to RCDC Members only;

MEMBERS ONLY HOTLINE; The key to PERKS is the special members only phone hotline announcement (like the RCDC Inside Hotline) that announces members only socials, advanced workshops, events, **PLUS** the inside scoop on other local events and happenings. You need to be a member and have the new code number to get PERKED!!.

MEMBERS ONLY SOCIALS; The Members Only Hotline will feature social outings each month (somewhat normal to wacky) such as Mission Theater movie night, Powells and Pizza, Spartacus Shopping, Saturday Market, wine tastings!!!, and other fun indoor/outdoor social things you like to do. Members may also bring a guest.

NEW PRIVATE ADVANCED WORKSHOPS; The Members Only Hotline will also announce special workshops limited to RCDC members and approved guests, that will cater to the more advanced interests. These advanced workshops will feature topics and demonstrations that require a special and private location.

RCDC

Membership

PERKS

PAST RCDC MEETINGS

- 3/93 Planning meeting
- 4/93 First open program meeting
- 5/93 Oops, looking for new meeting space
- 6/93 Larry/Spartacus Leathers
- 7/93 Ahna Edwards from Attitudes/piercing
- 8/93 Show n Tell
- 9/93 Scott from Seattle/whipping demo
- 10/93 Small group open discussion
- 11/93 Conrad/Canning
- 12/93 Xmas "Candy Cane Social"
- 1/94 Patti/whip maker
- 2/94 Fantasy Readings
- 3/94 Conrad/Birching
- 4/94 RCDC First Birthday Party
- 5/94 "Suds n Social"
- 6/94 Coming Out Forum
- 6/94 Anna Marti/Tantra
- 7/94 Tammy Campbell/SM102 & 1/2
- 8/94 Gary/Exotic herbs and pheromones

RCDC PERSONALS

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EROTIC WRITERS

and wantabees. New RCDC Writers Forum has started. Experienced writers or enthusiastic novices welcome. Excerpts of short stories, poems, novels, whatever, may even appear in the RCDC newsletter!!!

See Tom (aka "MUD") at the meetings, or "just call" for more details.

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DISCREET

44 year old top eclectic DOM male in search of self aware submissive female for safe, sane, and consensual spanking, whipping, light bondage, and other tastes. Let's get acquainted and be friends first. Write to: C.A., POB Box 397, Hillsboro, OR 97123. M#794072 (7/95)

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SEEKING BOTTOMS

1 young male top and 2 female switches seeking male and female submissives (under 30 years old) for play partners to grow and explore with us. We have been into the scene about a year and participate in regular group events. Write; L.L., POB 8964, Portland, OR 97207. M#894073 (8/95)

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"G" SPOTS

Ultra discreet responsible gentleman is seeking friendship, solo endeavors, or consensual contact regarding posterior implement play, derriere delights, playact themes, and safe activities exploring each others "G" spots. CRA, POB 946, Tualatin, OR 97267 M#893016 (7/95)

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MR. ADAPTABLE

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. M#0893032 (8/95)

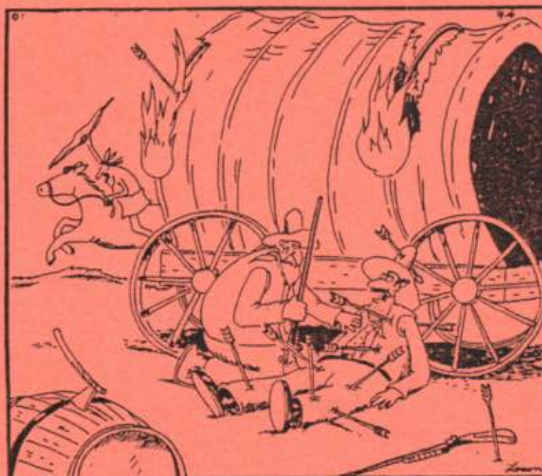


PERSONAL ADS ♥:

♥ RCDC Members can place a FREE one year personal ad in the RCDC Personals. Feel free to update your ad every few months.

♥ 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.

■ "If they were violating any other rules, like sitting on a subway bench topless, smoking a cigarette, then we would take action." New York police spokesman **AL O'LEARY**, on a recent ruling that women may ride the city's subways bare-chested as long as they don't create a "disruptive or dangerous" situation



"Yeah, Clem, I hurt. But y'know its a good kind of hurt."

Deep-freeze your bra and be lively

If the Wonderbra left you lukewarm, consider the new "cold bra" manufactured by Symphony Bien Etre in France:

The bra is to be put into the freezer for a half-hour before wearing, thereby causing women to "feel lively when wearing it," Symphony's Philippe Decamp told Esquire magazine. The company plans to import this \$45 gadget to the United States by the end of the year.

This cowboy better learn rules and get hat and socks out of bed

A troubled reader asked a Mademoiselle magazine advice columnist: "My boyfriend refuses to take off his socks and hat when we make love, and won't explain why. What can I do?"

Jim Dixon, who specializes in advice about the mysteries of men, recommended a polite comment on the delicate order of, "I'd be just as turned on by you without your hat and socks on — possibly more." If that fails, and you find the accessories really bothersome, give the gent the heave-ho, said Dixon. "There are other weirdos in the sea."



ROSE CITY DISCUSSION CLUB

The Rose City Discussion Club is based in Portland and welcomes all couples and single adults of ANY alternative orientation that is *safe, sane, consensual, and FUN*. Our mission is to offer an informal neutral forum and a supportive environment to diverse alternative interests. RCDC stresses education, support, 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 open program monthly meetings that are open to ALL couples and singles. Monthly attendance averages 30 to 60 people of all levels, interests, and backgrounds. Members, non-members, visitors, first timers, beginners, and "newbies" are all welcomed and encouraged to attend the monthly open program 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.

Though a major and common "thread" of club members is the D/S scene, RCDC encourages ALL other fetishes that are safe, sane, consensual, and FUN. 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. Most likely, people with your same pursuits attend meetings, though are not as "visible" as other interests. IF you do not see or hear your orientation you need to become active and involved; Become a member, submit information for the newsletter, run a personal ad, help with a workshop, share information at meetings, express your interest during introductions at meetings, and make sure your interest and orientation is also 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 other local clubs and 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.

RCDC is sort of the "Welcome Wagon" to the "scene".



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The RCDC newsletter is free at the meetings. It is also available at select retail outlets, and via the mail direct from RCDC. Listen to the RCDC phone announcement for details.

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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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 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.....



RCDC INFO/MESSAGE CENTER

☎ (503) 650-7052 (24 hour voice mail)

Press 1 for general club information or to leave a message.

Press 2 for open program meeting information.

NOTE: The 2601 code has expired.

PERKS (Members only)

☎ (503) 650-7052 + New Code #

Use your new security code to check the "Members Only Inside HotLine" (weekly) to listen for meeting dates, member only socials and advanced workshops, and special updated news of interest.