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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 AUGUST 23, 1994

Tonight: Our honored guest speaker is Gary from the Crimson Phoenix. This evening Gary will explore the topic of exotic herbs and pheromone based products that are touted to increase sexual desires. Do they really work? Are they safe? How and when to use? Are they legal? Where and how to buy? Gary has over a dozen years experience and this should be a most stimulating discussion and demonstration.



Edwin's new Eau de Henshey Bar cologne was having a dramatic effect on his love life.

☺ 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). Parking is allowed at the office building (with the underground covered parking) across the street from the GAP, only AFTER 6:00 PM.

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.

Give a BIG tip to your waitress, they work hard putting up with us!!

LAST MEETING NOTES ♪

Over 40 people attended the "SM102 and a 1/2" (the sequel) featuring our special guest speaker Tammy Campbell. Thanks Tammy!!!

The summer heat (and bright full moon?) stimulated several people to wear fun and wacky T-shirts at the meeting. Patti's was the one of the best of the worst.

RCDC awarded "Butt-ons" to Gary (Crimson Phoenix), Patti (upitty something), Tamar (writer), and Tammy (guest speaker). "No good deed goes unpunished".

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".

"FOUNDERS FORUM" & SOAP BOX SUDS

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

"R" WE are excited ☺ to announce PERKS for RCDC members only. The key to PERKS is the special members only phone hotline that will announce members only socials, advanced workshops, events, and other special news of interest. RCDC members will have "priority" reservations at open workshops that have limited seating.

PERKS BONUS: Learn the RCDC members secret handshake. ☺ ☺

PERKS should be "on-line" in late September. Details in newsletter under "Membership". Join, renew, and get PERKED!!!

"R" The current RCDC Inside Hotline will be ending in late September (the four digit 2601 code number will no longer work) and will be replaced by a new message center and general club information announcement.

"R" Starting next meeting "newbies" will need to attend two open program meetings before applying for RCDC membership. So join tonight and avoid the extra steps and cost.

"R" RCDC needs an E-Mail Internet correspondent with Eulenspiegel. Contact Leonard at ixion@dorsai.dorsai.org.

"R" RCDC sent a letter to the RCDC member known to all as "Summer" AND a contribution for her defense fund. Summer wrote back - see her letter on the next page. ☺ ☺ ☺

"R" Scene, CONRAD's : at KC.

"R" Please give a warm welcome to CHRISTIE'S TOY BOX, 8201 SE Powell Blvd., Portland 771-9976. It's brand new and located at 82nd and Powell next to 7-11. 10% discount to RCDC members.

Play nice,

"R"

Safe, Sane, and Consensual

by Tamar Kay

You will often hear it said that the first and most important rule in B&D-S/M is that all things we do with each other must be safe, sane, and consensual. What does this mean? Ask any set of experienced players and you'll get a different set of answers. Here's mine.

Safe

"Safe" means that we take care of each other as best we can, that no matter how we want our scenes, however gentle or rough, we do them in ways that do not injure our partners. "Safe" means that we take the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases seriously and use our best efforts to minimize those dangers.

What can you do? Educate yourself. Learn as much as you can so that you can do safe scenes. That means read books, take classes, and ask others about specific techniques that interest you. Want to learn to use a cane? Ask an expert. Want to swing a flogger? Practice first on a pillow.

Whether you're driving a car or tying somebody up, safety should always come first. It's especially important to not let your desire rule your good sense, so think about the specifics of your scenes *outside* of the scene. "Don't think with your groin."

Sane

Power exchange is about trust -- trust that the person who has the power in a scene will use it responsibly. If you are the Top then it is up to you to use the power your Bottom has granted you in a respectful and sane way. Your Bottom has given you a gift of trust, and you are honor-bound to repay it with good judgment.

If as the Top you are so involved in your scene that you can't make good judgments, then you are not in control of yourself, and you have no business being in control of someone else. Sanity is about control, and self-control comes first.

Consensual

Everything that happens in a scene between people must be acceptable to all concerned. If you aren't sure that your partner has consented -- has said 'yes' -- then you need to talk until you *are* sure.

The best way to get to 'yes' is to make sure that 'no' is an equally acceptable answer. This holds true in every situation, whether asking someone for a phone number or negotiating a scene. The less pressure you apply, the more likely that a 'yes' will come and will be a sincere answer.

It's dangerous to play with someone who has said 'yes' for the wrong reasons. You can quickly end up in a situation that is neither safe, sane, nor consensual. To protect against this, refrain from pressuring anyone, and if you feel you are being pressured, set limits and stand by them. You should always feel free to say 'no.'

Consensual means that you are sceneing because you want to, with someone who wants to, that everyone involved is willing to go ahead with the scene. If you are in the least bit unsure, stop and talk.

The time to clarify consent is *before* a scene, not after.

Unsafe Players

There are no entrance exams to pass to get into the community and personal judgments vary. Anyone who has been around for more than a little while has likely heard about someone who is reputed to be unsafe, emotionally unstable, or who doesn't respect limits. You should take these warnings seriously, but remember that such judgments are necessarily subjective. Get second and third opinions if you can.

And if you find yourself in the position of wanting to warn others about a player you feel is unsafe, be as objective as you can, and give facts whenever possible.

Let's take care of each other.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM SUMMER...

8-12-94

Dear RCDC Friends:

What you have done means so much to me. It's horrible here, but knowing people outside care keeps me going. Thank you everyone who contributed to my defense fund.

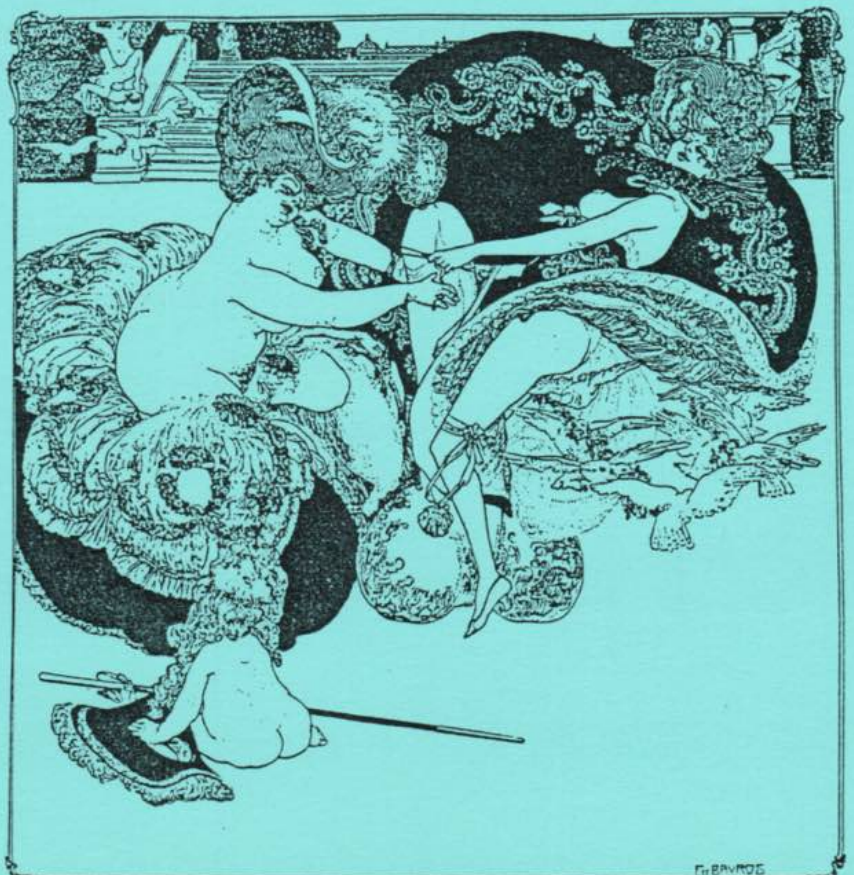
I miss you all and the RCDC monthly meetings. I will do the S/M Improv program as soon as I get out.

I could never adequately tell you how grateful I am to you all.

Love,

Summer

P.S. Thanks to Kirsten for your uplifting letter. Yes, Susans friendship is certainly a treasure as yours and everyone at RCDC.



FYI'S

Call RCDC for current events, happenings, and other information. 650-7052

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

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.

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)

"IF YOUR NOT ON THE EDGE - YOUR TAKING UP TOO MUCH SPACE"

CHRISTIE'S TOY BOX, 8201 SE Powell Blvd., Portland 771-9976. 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 leather section so let them know what you would like to see. Very nice people, be sure to give them a warm welcome to the community. 10% discount to RCDC members.

BOOB TUBE

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Back to Basics Sex Guide

Learn 23 tips to enliven and maintain an exciting sex life in a long-term relationship, brought to you by a member of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States and a counselor with the American Association of Sex Educators and Counselors. *The Crimson Phoenix*, 1876 SW 5th Ave. Laurie Gilmer, instructor. 7:30 pm Wednesday, Aug. 31. \$5 donation for the Our House HIV program. 228-0129.

Anna Marti, CHT.

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The Crimson Phoenix, 1876 SW 5th Ave. Ann Marti, instructor. 7 pm Friday, Aug. 26. \$5 donation for the Our House HIV program. 228-0129.

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.

September 15 & 16, Thursday through Friday - Beat the back to school blues.

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.

"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. This wonderful book and others are available at the CRIMSON PHOENIX.

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.

ELSEWHERE:

THEEULENSPIEGEL 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. CDG holds "talk only" and events.

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.

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"

HOT AUGUST SPECIAL; Yearly membership dues for singles is \$25.00 and couples \$35.00. You can join tonight and your membership privileges start immediately. Renewals are \$25.00.

(Starting September 1, 1994) 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 for RCDC Members starts in late September;

MEMBERS ONLY HOTLINE; The key to PERKS is the special members only phone hotline announcement (like the RCDC Inside Hotline) that will announce members only socials, advanced workshops, events, **PLUS** the inside scoop on other local events and happenings. There will be a new special code number given to members only. Members will also have "priority" reservations at open workshops that have limited seating.

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, and other fun indoor/outdoor social things you like to do. Members may also bring a guest.

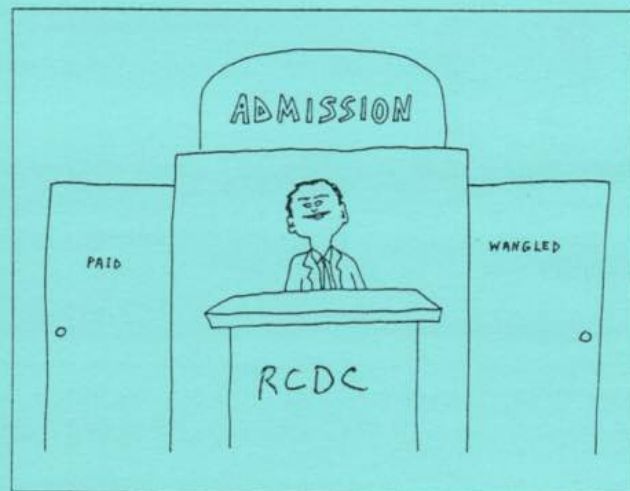
NEW ADVANCED WORKSHOPS; The Members Only Hotline will also announce special workshops limited to RCDC members and approved guests, that will cater to the more advanced interests. "Priority" seating to RCDC members. These advanced workshops will feature topics and demonstrations that require more private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

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Membership



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RCDC PERSONALS

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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

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EROTIC WRITERS

and wantabees. New RCDC Writers Forum starting soon. 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 for more details.

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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

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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. M#0993048

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MR. ADAPTABLE

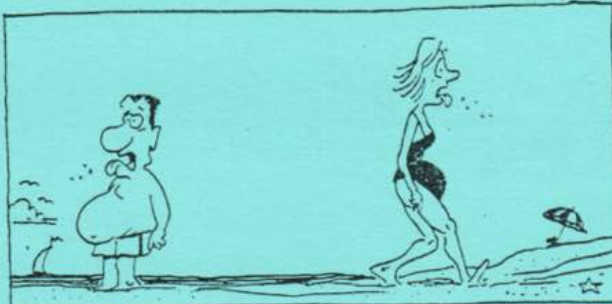
50 year old male into discipline, give or receive. Seeks nice lady, TV, or ? with similar interests. Always safe, discreet, and considerate. Adaptable to unusual needs. J.S., Box 444, 4326 SE Woodstock, Portland, OR 97206. M#0893032

PERSONAL ADS ♥:

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

♥ 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.

BOUND & GAGGED



Slave to an irate wife

In November, a judge in Georgetown, Guyana, found Ronald Jonas guilty of punching his wife after she found him in bed with another woman and sentenced him to be "at her beck and call" for two weeks. "He is your slave," the judge said. "Anything you want him to do he has to do."

Perils of art in Beijing

In June, Beijing police raided a performance art show that consisted of the artist Ma Liuming, naked, cooking potatoes in a pot along with a watch and an earring, and then burying the potatoes. Liuming and 10 audience members were detained by the authorities.

Bra artist in his cups

"Conceptual artist" Ronnie Nicolino continued this spring to collect brassieres in a whistle-stop tour of Western states, toward a goal of stringing 10,000 bras across the Grand Canyon to symbolize, he said, "the chasm between human nature and America's obsession" with breasts." He now has more than 2,000, but his prospects of getting permission to rig the Grand Canyon are dim.



Teo Jonelli's

Betty in Bondage

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ROSE CITY DISCUSSION CLUB

The Rose City Discussion Club welcomes all couples and single adults of ANY alternative orientation that is *safe, sane, consensual, and FUN*. 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 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.

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, 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 (your most welcome to express your preferences too).

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.

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



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.....

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 INFO/MESSAGE CENTER

☎ (503) 650-7052

General club information is announced on this 24 hour voice mail number. Follow instructions to leave a message.

PERKS (late September)

☎ (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.