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LSF Will Pre-Pride AND Post-Pride Parties!!!

PRE-Pride "Potluck & Video Madness" Party

Once again, Julian has graciously agreed to host a Pre-Pride "Potluck & Video Madness" Party at his Georgetown home on the weekend of DC Pride Day. This'll give us all a chance to party and prepare for the rigors of the LSF table on Pride Day. In addition, because Pride Day takes place on our usual meeting day, we'll hold our June LSF meeting just prior to the Video Party. So, on Saturday, June 10th, plan on getting together with all the rest of us who've been infected with the "video madness bug" over the years!

Here are the details on how to join in the fun:

When?

Saturday, June 10th (2:00 PM - LSF meeting; 4:00 PM to ? - potluck/video party, with the videos probably beginning about 5:00 PM).

What to Bring?

Bring along your favorite genre videos (science fiction, fantasy, horror).

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POST-Pride BYOG ("Grill-ables/Gaming") Extravaganza

What better way to finish off the DC Pride season than playing games with a bunch of like-minded les/bi/gay friends and stuffing yourself on delicious goodies? That seems to suit the gang at Lambda Sci-Fi just fine; and, fortunately, Nan and Kay have volunteered to let us invade their wonderful Rockville home and use it as the venue for this gastro-gaming bash! If you'd like to join in the fun *with* us, here are the details:

When?

Saturday, June 17th, 2:00 PM to ?

Where?

Nan and Kay's home in Rockville, MD. About 4 blocks from the Rockville Metro Station (Red Line). Call (301) 762-7704 for specific directions, or email:

alison.plays@zzapp.org

What to Bring?

Bring along your favorite board, card, dice, or other games

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Report & Proposal from the Organization Discussion Group

reported by Rob

First, a reminder: the Organization Discussion Group will NOT be meeting in June. Our next meeting will be held on July 9th (the date of the July LSF meeting), beginning at 11AM, at Rob and Peter's home (1425 "S" St., NW). And now on to business:

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Next LSF Meeting: June 10th

There are three important things to remember about the upcoming June 10th meeting:

(1) It will be held on Saturday, June 10th (at 2 PM), at Julian's home in Georgetown, in conjunction with the "Pre-Pride Video/Potluck Party" (see article for details).

(2) We will be voting on the Organization Discussion Group proposal (re: projects and committees), which was presented at the May meeting (see article for details).

(3) We will be taking a non-binding "straw poll" on the proposal developed by LSF's Network Re-Org Committee (see **special insert for details on this proposal**).

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LAMBDA SCI-FI AT DC PRIDE



Don't forget - Lambda Sci-Fi will once again host a table at the DC Pride Day festival. Carl, Rob, and Tim have agreed to set up the table; and they're looking forward to everyone dropping by sometime during the day to help out. Come join the fun!!

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Attendees will vote on which videos will be shown at the party. (There'll be different "tracks" of programming in different parts of the house.)

The party will, of course, include a potluck meal, so bring along something scrumptious to eat. Julian has decided to make Hawaiian-type main dishes, so you can try to "keep to the theme," if you want. We're not pre-assigning categories of what food to bring, so everyone should just bring something from one (or more) of the following "basic food groups": appetizers (veggies, chips, etc.); a main course (enough to serve at least 4-5 people); dessert (of course!); non-alcoholic drinks (both diet and regular).

How to Get There?

The party will be held at Julian's home in Georgetown (site of numerous LSF "Video Madness" parties in the past). It's located at 1928 37th St., NW, several blocks west of Wisconsin Ave.

By Metrorail/Metrobus: Take the Red line to Dupont Circle. Exit at "Q" St. exit. Board the D2 bus at the bus stop at Connecticut and "Q" (right by the "Q" St. exit). You can also board the D2 bus at the first bus shelter on "P" St. west of Dupont Circle (in front of the old public restrooms - now a police substation) or the second bus shelter on "P" St. (across the street from Oasis Deli and Pan Asian Restaurant). The bus will drop you off on 37th Street, across from Julian's house. For the bus schedule, call Metro information at (202) 637-7000, or visit their website (www.wmata.com). You'll need Adobe Acrobat Reader (a free download) to look at the bus schedules.

Driving, from the North: Going south on Wisconsin (from the direction of National Cathedral), you'll pass Mass. Ave. Just after Calvert St., 37th St. splits off to the right from Wisconsin (as Wisconsin swerves to the left). In about a half mile, 37th St. passes through Whitehaven Park and intersects White Haven Parkway. Julian's place is just beyond White

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sions on voting procedures in April and presented it's proposal for a vote at the May meeting (for details, see May minutes).

In May, the group focused on how LSF should plan events and programs. After much discussion, we came up with the following proposal, which was presented at the May LSF meeting and will be voted on at LSF's June meeting.

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Projects and Committees

Committees or Projects that the club chooses to pursue to accomplish club business via vote, function under the following rules.

[Ed. note: *As previously defined in the voting and membership sections, "club business" includes decisions regarding funds, structure, business or Network matters. The word "committee" in the following rules refers to committees of any size, to project teams, et cetera.*]

- The goals and authority of the committee are defined by the club as part of the approval vote for a committee to be formed.
- The committee chair is decided upon by the club at time of approval - but

Haven Parkway, on your right.

Driving, from the South:

Going north on Wisconsin (from the direction of "M" St.), you'll need to take a left on some street to get to 37th St. If you turn left on Reservoir Rd. or on "R" St., you'll need to turn right on 37th St., and Julian's place will be a ways on your left. If you go further up Wisconsin to White Haven Parkway (near the "social Safeway"), you'll turn left on White Haven Pkwy. and then left again on 37th St. Julian's home will be on your right.

Where to Park: Your best bet for parking is either along White Haven Parkway or along "T" St.

See you there!

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may be changed by the committee or the club at a later date.

- The committee chair must be a current member of LSF.
- Funds may only be approved by the club, either at initial committee approval or upon future requests.
- If an advance of funds is required, it can be approved as part of the initial proposal or at a later date by club vote.
- Any person receiving an advance of funds must be a current LSF member.
- Any advance must be covered by receipts turned in to the Treasurer; or the person who received the advance must pay back the difference to the club.
- Receipts are required for all funds paid out by the club.
- The committee can spend approved funds without additional club approval.
- The committee must make a report to the club at meetings when called upon.
- Progress reports shall be included in the meeting minutes.
- It is recommended that initial proposals, budgets, and progress reports be made available in writing (preferably in electronic form) to the person handling the minutes.

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Remember, this proposal will be voted upon at the June LSF meeting, so please come and cast your vote (or send an absentee ballot) if you wish to make your voice heard!

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"Every new search is a voyage to the Indies, a quest for buried treasure, a journey to the end of the rainbow; and whether or not at the end there shall be turned up a pot of gold or merely a delightful volume, there are always wonders along the way."

-- Vincent Starrett --
Penny Wise and Book Foolish

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(science fiction, fantasy, horror-related preferred but not required). Attendees will choose what to play; and different games will take place in different areas of the house.

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See you there!

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"Hey?! What happened to the LSF Book Discussion Group?"



Whoops! We fooled you! (And it wasn't even April 1st!) Actually, "stuff" happened; and the May meeting of the book discussion group got postponed until June. So, if you were feverishly racing to finish Sherri Tepper's *Grass* by May 25th, then *slow down and enjoy it!* You've got another month before it'll be discussed!

Here's the Discussion Group's revised schedule for the next couple of months:

--- **Thurs., June 22** - *Grass*, by Sherri Tepper; and "Time Gypsy", by Ellen Klages (in the anthology *Bending the Landscape: Science Fiction*); facilitator: Scott R.

--- **Thurs., July 25** - *Trader*, by Charles deLint; facilitator: Helgi

In case you've forgotten, here's what the LSF Book Discussion Group is all about. We're interested in lively discussions of F&SF books, with an emphasis on elements of interest to the les/bi/gay/transgendered community. Each month, for over a year now, we've been conducting fascinating round-table discussions of works by significant F&SF authors. Attendees also decide on the books and discussion facilitators for upcoming sessions.

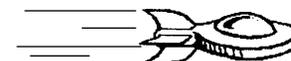
The LSF Book Discussion Group usually meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 22nd, at Peter & Rob's house, 1425 "S" St., NW. (For directions or more details, call 202-483-6369.)

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Minutes of the May LSF Meeting

by Rob



No frills this time... Started with business meeting, as per usual. We voted to donate \$100 in the memory of recently-deceased club founder Marcelle Cook-Daniels to COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere). The Organization Discussion Group presented a new proposal regarding the formation of projects/committees in LSF (for details, see separate article). This new proposal will be voted on at the June 10th LSF meeting. The club also voted on the Group's April proposal regarding voting procedures. The proposal passed 12-2-0.

The new LSF procedures for voting are as follows:

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Propositions must be announced at the meeting prior to the vote and announced through all official communication methods in the intervening period. Propositions must be voted on without alteration.

For a vote to be valid, a minimum of 10 members or 25% of the membership, whichever is fewer, must cast votes on the issue. A simple majority of the votes

cast must be cast by members in attendance at the meeting where the vote is taken. Absentee ballots may be cast by giving a vote on paper (including e-mail which can be printed) to the person running the meeting prior to when the vote is taken. Absentee ballots must include the member's full name, information identifying the issue, and the member's vote. A good faith effort will be made to gather absentee ballots.

A proposal passes if a simple majority votes "yes".

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Reports were made on recent and upcoming Pride and related events: Youth Pride was wet and not very successful; the Millenium March seemed very successful (many names were gathered and information distributed); LSF will be represented at Black Pride; and as we'll have our usual table at DC Pride (June 11th). In addition, we will

be having a combined monthly meeting/ Video Party at Julian's on Saturday, June 10th (meeting at 2PM, Video Party at 4 PM - for details & directions, see separate article). AND we will also be having a BYOG (Bring Your Own Grillables) Gaming Extravaganza at Nan & Kay's home in Rockville on Saturday, June 17th (2 PM - for details and/or directions, see separate article).

The Gaylaxicon Committee reported that plans are progressing. However an impending move by one of the Committee members has opened up a need for volunteers to work on program book ad sales and sponsorships. Please contact Jack Frost at 703-567-8530 or at jackfrost@his.com for more info or to volunteer.

A Network Re-Org discussion meeting is scheduled for May 29th at Nan & Kay's. Kay also made a report on various Network issues (see separate article).

An initial report was made on potential sponsorship by LSF of a film at this Fall's "Reel Affirmations" GLBT Film Festival; and the club decided that more information was needed before we

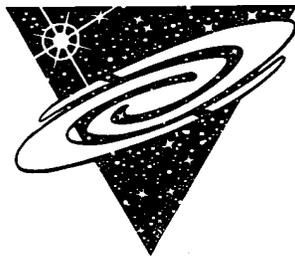
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Gaylactic Network Representative's "Corner" from Kay

I've asked our newsletter editor to provide some space for the Network Rep's report. It's my job to be the conduit through which LSF info flows to the Network and Network info flows to LSF.

I want to formalize the transmission of info between LSF and the Network somewhat, because I've heard it asked (and have even asked myself) what does the Network do for the clubs and what do the clubs do for the Network? In my job as your Network Rep, I'd like to bring the Network closer to club members. Also, the Network Board has been discussing the future of the Network. I feel you should know just what is going on.



I plan to use this area to summarize what happens in the GNAPA (the official communication vehicle of the Network) and to give you heads-up on voting issues, thereby fulfilling LSF's requirement for voting items to be published via all official LSF channels. Voting issues will be brought up for discussion at LSF meetings, then posted in the Newsletter and voted on at the following meeting.

In this article, I'll start with the May 2000 GNAPA. Out of 9 full and/or

provisional Affiliates, only three have currently paid their dues and can vote on Network issues. LSF is currently in good standing. Out of the 9 Affiliates, 6 Affiliates did not submit club reports in this GNAPA. Some have been silent since before Christmas.

Voting Issues: LSF voted on two Gaylactic Network Reform Proposals at our April Meeting. The Network results were:

* Proposal I – submitted by Rob Gates - unanimously failed with 3 “no” votes.

* Proposal II – submitted by GLG – 1 “yes”, 1 “qualified yes”, 1 “no”. Since this was a proposed change in Network structure, which would alter the Charter, it required $\frac{3}{4}$ “yes” vote to pass. In our current situation, to pass it would require all voting Affiliates to vote in favor. This proposal also failed.

(LSF has formed a Network Re-Organization committee to propose changes for the Network. I chair the group, and anyone is welcome to participate. The committee met May 29th and laid a strong foundation for moving forward with what we feel is a solid, positive Network re-org plan. You will be hearing more about that shortly. We “chunked” Network issues into small, manageable areas, worked through our ideas, and will be presenting them to LSF as a whole. I think it was a very productive afternoon.)

The following issues were also voted on in the May GNAPA. (LSF abstained, because I was not clear whether they were voting issues and I had not brought them to LSF's attention. Despite my failure, I feel that the vote turned out the way LSF would have wanted anyway. I've asked for assistance in the GNAPA structure to ensure that I know what's up for a vote and can present it to the club; and I've taken other measures, such as this Rep's corner, to ensure LSF takes an active role in Network Issues.)

* Network Website – The Gaylaxicon Publicist described three levels of website structure, along with pricing for each level. LSF abstained and the remaining clubs voted “yes” to the “Toyota version” (a middle price range).

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could decide. Everyone was reminded that the LSF Book Discussion Group is skipping the month of May and will resume in June. Finally, a list of potential future social events was bandied about and people were encouraged to think of other ideas.

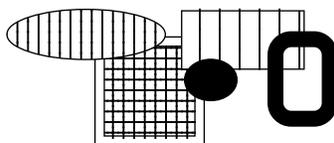
With business out of the way, we moved on to the social portion of the meeting. Numerous people commented on current and upcoming films: *Frequency* (thumbs up), *Battlefield Earth* (makes *Lost in Space* look good), *Gladiator* (sometimes goofy, reasonably accurate, visually stunning, thumbs up), *Dinosaur* (looks good but wish they didn't talk). In DVD news, the *Galaxy Quest* DVD gets a big thumbs up, as does the *Walking with Dinosaurs* DVD. Two princess's are also about to hit DVD - *Princess Mononoke* and *The Princess Bride*. Numerous anime mags and some Bible action figures were passed around (sadly lacking a kung fu grip). In TV news, it appears that Willow and Tara are now officially girlfriends on *Buffy*; and a petition to save *Roughnecks* (the *Starship Troopers* CG animation series) is underway. In

movie news, the role of Anakin Skywalker has been cast for the next *Star Wars* flic: Hayden Christiansen (currently seen on the WB series *Higher Ground*) - while Sam Raimi is still months from casting Spiderman. Sadly (or not), two sequels have been deep-sixed: *Ghostbusters* and *Roger Rabbit*.

Carl filled us in on an interesting article from *Parabola* magazine regarding the nature of evil in *Phantom Menace*. Rob passed around the recently-announced Hugo finalists list. Michael suggested a possible future outing to a Ghost Tour of Ellicott City. Stephen invited anyone who wishes to join him in seeing “Eric Idle Exploits Monty Python” at the Warner Theatre on Thursday, June 15th. (Tickets are \$40-\$55.)

Finally, RIP to Steve Reeves and Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

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Network Rep's "Corner"

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I feel that LSF would have gone that way; and I personally would have voted that way, since this is basically the current set-up for the LSF website. What this gets the Network is the following:

1. The domain name www.gaylacticnetwork.org. This will cost \$70 for this year and \$70 for next year (and \$35 every year after that).

2. Hosting the domain names with Superb Internet, Inc. (<http://www.superb.net>). It will cost \$20 to set up and \$108 for the entire year for this single web site.

* Network to donate \$50 for Gay Fandom Party at DragonCon – LSF abstained, 2 clubs voted “yes” – request passed. Nan & I will attend DragonCon, and, if conditions are favorable, we will try to host a Gay Fandom Party. This \$50 will be used to defray costs of food items for the party.

* Ad Share in Worldcon Progress Report with Gaylaxicon 2000 - \$40 or ½ page of a full-page ad. LSF abstained, 2 clubs voted “yes” – request passed. Nan & I will be designing a full-page ad and sending it to Worldcon by the May 30th deadline. It will advertise Gaylaxicon 2000 and the Network. After clarification, we submitted a full-page ad for Gaylaxicon and a ½-page ad for the Network to appear in the last progress report for this Worldcon. This does not change the monetary value of \$40 voted by the Network; it actually highlights the Network in its own separate ad.

* Funding for PR Campaign – LSF abstained, 2 clubs voted “yes” – request passed. This was a concept allowing the Network Publicist and others to move forward with designing a PR plan and requesting a PR budget for the next year. Nan is the Network Publicist and currently has designed a new Network Brochure.

Treasury – The Network has approx. \$3000 (\$2000 earmarked for Gaylaxicon seed money). Current expenses: \$198 approved for web site, \$50 for Dragoncon party, \$40 for ad in

Worldcon Progress Report. Gaylaxicon 1999 netted \$1,431.97.

FYI: The Network has a Worldcon 2000 and a Worldcon 2001 liaison. If you'd like to assist either one, please let me know and I'll get you contact information so you can talk with them. Our Worldcon 2000 liaison is asking for help with Worldcon 2000.

Issues to be voted on: These issues were presented to LSF at our May meeting, so the club can vote in June, for entry in July GNAPA.

* Change the Network Purpose/Mission Statement in the Charter:

The Board proposed the following modifications to the wording of the Gaylactic Network Charter. The change adds item 5 below and clarifies items 1-4 (the parenthetical stuff). (In the May LSF meeting we slightly altered spelling and grammar from the original proposal – our altered text is as follows.)

1. to promote science-fiction, fantasy, horror and other related genres (hereafter SF/F/H) in all forms, with particular attention to materials of interest to gay male, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (hereafter GLBT) persons;

2. to provide forums for GLBT persons and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H in all forms;

3. to promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H in all forms and within fandom in general;

4. to promote SF/F/H in all forms within the GLBT communities; and

5. to promote a sense of community among GLBT persons who are interested in SF/F/H in all forms.

* Change Charter references re: newsletters to more general language that could include a website:

Great Lakes Gaylaxians proposed the following modifications to the wording of the reference to publishing a Network newsletter. This change makes the informational distribution options for the Network more varied by changing the reference to something more open-ended. (In the May LSF meeting, we altered the original proposal – the altered text is listed here.) Current Charter wording: “5. publish



ing a newsletter” – proposed wording: “5. producing and distributing information”.

* Alter the language re: ability of Officers to create committees (removing the requirement for Board approval)

The Great Lakes Gaylaxians proposed to strike the words “with Board approval” from the following: “Any Officer shall have the power to create a committee or otherwise delegate responsibility as necessary to fulfill the duties of the Office with Board approval except that the money-handling duties of the Treasurer shall not be delegable.”

The following 2 issues are NOT being voted on at the June LSF meeting.

* Proposal to move GNAPA to a monthly schedule

I proposed to the Board that we move the GNAPA to a monthly schedule. If, between the time the GNAPA comes out and the next club meeting, a rep fails to note a voting issue, that Affiliate either misses out on the vote or sets the vote back 4 months. A monthly GNAPA will bring about faster votes and also perhaps shorten each issue (less to wade through). (This issue was discussed at LSF's May 29th Network re-org meeting.)

* Provisional Affiliates – currently there are two (GSFS, as of Sept '99; GGG as of Oct '99).

The Board will be considering the status of these two Affiliates and the use of Provisional Status in general.



"Alas, where is human nature so weak as in a bookstore!"

-- Henry Ward Beecher --
(1813 - 1887)

**** INFORMATION ABOUT LAMBDA SCI-FI: DC AREA GAYLAXIANS ****

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians (LSF) is an organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered (GLBT) people, and their friends who are interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres in all forms (SF/F/H). LSF's primary goals are to have fun, to provide a community, and to:

- promote SF/F/H, with particular attention to materials of interest to GLBT people and their friends;
- provide forums for GLBT people and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H;
- promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H and within fandom; and
- promote SF/F/H within the GLBT community.

Annual membership fees are \$20, for which you will receive this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are *usually* held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. **The next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting, however, will be held on Saturday, June 10th, in conjunction with the "Pre-Pride Video/Potluck Party," at at Julian's Georgetown home: 1928 37th St., NW -- 2:00 - 4:00 PM.** (For details on the party, see the article beginning on page 1 of this newsletter.) Hope to see you there!

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians is an affiliate of **the Gaylactic Network**, an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science-fiction and fantasy.



Con Calendar

by Carl, Peter, Rob, Mike, and Helgi



July 7-9, 2000 **SHORE LEAVE 22**. Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Guests: Claudia ("Cmdr. Ivanova") Christian; Denise ("Lt. Yar") Crosby, Mark ("Major West," TV's *Lost in Space*); and many more. Membership: (at the door only) "higher than \$45".

July 28-30, 2000 **CLASSIC FILMFEST 2000**. Hyatt Crystal City (Arlington, VA). "We're still Monster Rally -- just better!!!" Guests: Samuel Arkoff, Roger Corman, Janet Leigh, and many more. VIP Membership: \$60. Make checks payable to "Midnight Marquee Press" and send to: Midnight Marquee Press, 9721 Britinay Ln., Baltimore, MD 21234.

For information: www.Midmar.com or call (410) 665-1198

June 30 - July 2, 2000 **ANTHROCON 2000**. Hilton Valley Forge Hotel (251 DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA). The East Coast's largest Anthropomorphics Convention. For hotel reservations: 610-337-1200, or 800-TRY-VFPA. Membership: \$35 until 6/15/00. Make checks payable to "Anthrocon, Inc." and send to: Anthrocon, Inc., PO Box 270, Devault, PA 19432-0270.

Aug. 31 - Sept. 4, 2000 **CHICON 2000 (the 58th World Science Fiction Convention)**. Hyatt Regency & environs (Chicago). GoH: Ben Bova; Artist GoH: Bob Eggleton; Editor GoH: Jim Baen. Membership (as of 10/1/99): \$150 until 7/15/2000; \$195 after that. Make checks payable to "Chicon 2000" and send to: Chicon 2000, PO Box 642057, Chicago, IL 60664.

E-mail: chi2000@chicon.org Web site: www.chicon.org

Oct. 6-9, 2000 **GAYLAXICON 2000**. Arlington Hilton & Towers (Arlington, VA). GoH: Fiona Patton; Artist GoH: Nan Fredman. Membership: \$45 until 9/8/2000; \$55 at the door. Hotel rate: \$99/night (sgl/dbl), +\$20 for each add'l guest. Make checks payable to "Gaylaxicon 2000" and send to: Gaylaxicon 2000, PO Box 1862, Annandale, VA 22003-9862. Web: <http://www.lambdasf.org/g2k>

