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> LEFT: Karina Walters, Veronica Flores, Nguru Karugu, and Joo-Hyun Kang take a break during the March 15 ALP board/staff retreat.

> BELOW: Nguru Karugu of ALP marches with the ALP/NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project contingent at the Racial Justice Day march April 7, 1997.

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be Audre Lorde Project would like to invite lesbian, gay, bisexual, two-spirit and transgender people of color, with skills in design, to submit a possible logo for the center — to be unveiled at The Audre Lorde Project's fall 1997 One Year Anniversary event. The logo should be your translation of the mission, vision and guiding principles of The Audre Lorde Project (please refer to page 2 of this newsletter).

The logo should be able to conform simply to use for letterhead and banner reproduction.

Following one of the basic principles of The Audre Lorde Project — to remain an organization open to and accountable to the community — we hope you will take this opportunity to broaden our community base.

For further info, please contact Samantha Martinez at x112.

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AUDRE LORDE

 be Black, feminist, lesbian, poet, mother, warrior, Audre Lorde (1934-1992) was a native of New York, daughter of immigrants, and author of numerous volumes of poetry and works of prose. An internationally recognized activist and artist, Lorde was the recipient of many honors and awards. Both her activism and her published work speak to the importance of struggle for liberation among oppressed peoples and of organizing in coalition across differences of race, gender, sexual orientation, class, age and ability.

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ABOUT THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT

HISTERY

The Audre Lorde Project (ALP) is a newly-created Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, and Transgender People of Color Communities. Initiated as an organizing effort by a coalition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, and Transgender (LGBTST) People of Color, The Audre Lorde Project was first brought together by Advocates for Gay Men of Color (a multi-racial network of gay men of color HIV policy advocates) in 1994. The vision for ALP grew out of the expressed need for innovative and unified community strategies to address the multiple issues impacting LGBTST People of Color communities. ALP secured and moved into its Fort Greene home, in the parish house of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, during the summer of 1996.

MISSION

ALP seeks to promote and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, and political health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, and Transgender People of Color in the New York City

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The principles guiding the work and development of The Audre Lorde Project as a progressive organization seeking social justice are as follows:

Recognizing the full diversity of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, and Transgender People of Color, and our collective histories of struggle against discrimination and other forms of oppression, the Audre Lorde Project has been established to serve as a home base that LGBTST peoples of African/Black/Caribbean, Arab, Asian, & Pacific Islander, Latina/o, and Native/Indigenous descent can use to organize, support, and advocate for our diverse communities.

As such, ALP seeks to work with LGBTST people of color organizations, and communities across differences of race/ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, and life experiences (e.g. class, immigration status, HIV serostatus, health status, etc.) in order to develop and implement culturally specific and effective programs and services reflecting the needs of our communities.

Understanding that services and organizing efforts are most successful when they involve the communities served, ALP is committed to creating and supporting decisionmaking/organizational structures that are representative of our communities.

Believing that competent skills and expertise in LGBTST people of color communities exist and are often underutilized, ALP seeks to support and promote the work of existing and emerging LGBTST people of color organizations, as well as the efforts of LGBTST people of color cultural workers and activists.

Finally, as an organization seeking social and economic justice for all peoples, ALP is committed to promoting multi-racial coalition-building, advocacy and community organizing activities among LGBTST people of color, and with allies in struggles for equality and liberation.

SPOTLIGHT ON INCUBATOR PROJECTS THE GRIOT CIRCLE (GAY REUNION IN OUR TIME)

color communities, The Audre Lorde Project values the unique and important contributions made by the over 30 (mostly volunteer-run) LGBTST People of Color organizations throughout the NYC area. ALP's Facilities Program is an effort to build capacity and support organizational development of LGBTST People of Color non-profit community organizations through provision of affordable meeting space, access to office infrastructure, training, and other forms of technical assistance.

Support of "Incubator Projects" is one critical aspect of the Facilities program. New and People-of-color (re)emerging **LGBTST** organizations/formations, with minimal or no budgets are eligible to apply for a range of ALP infrastructure/ capacity-building services, as well as limited technical assistance for a period

s a Center for LGBTST people of of time. Through support of incubator projects, we hope to help build capacity of our various communities to address the multiple issues that

THE GRIOT CIRCLE

person-of-color. You have lived and worked a lifetime under a canopy of secrets which isolates you from your birth family, co-workers, spiritual ministers and social service providers. your sense of aloneness has increased as your support group decreased leaving you without a peer group to share the toll of your invisibility, your fear of exposure, and experiences of homophobia, racism, and marginalization. Or, you have been out and "in the life" for as long as you can remember. Your work, activism,

make current struggles for "lesbian and gay liberation" possible. Whatever path you've taken, if you're over fifty (or approaching), you are a member of a dramatically fast growing community in New York City. The GRIOT Circle: a gathering of Elders, is an inter-generational and culturally diverse community-based social service organization responsive to the realities of life for older lesbian, gay, bisexual, two-spirit and trangender persons of color. It is one of the first incubator projects of The Audre Lorde Project. It exists and is growing.

A multi-racial planning committee of seven LGBTST elders began organizing in 1996 to create a social and culturally comfortable space which would be housed in a You are an Elder fifty years of age or over and a geographical location that was central to your life. Their organizing was prompted by the realization that in this city where social service centers number in the hundreds, and where only two exist for elders who are LGBTST, there was for people of color, not one center. The activists who have You depend on your invisibility for survival, but organized The Griot Circle range from fifty to seventy years of age, its existence is therefore central to their social and cultural survival (and critical to the healthy sustainability of all of our communities in the coming years). The planning committee members include: a founder of a gay social club which has been in existence for more than forty years, twolong term members of lesbian softball leagues, two active labor organizers, and two who are involved in social support, and life experiences have helped to networking. They relied on their experience in grassroots organizing and personal resources to spread the word, and had an attendance of thirty - forty elders at its first two meetings.

> The GRIOT Circle answers your need to find a safe space which provides social and emotional support services and which affirms age, gender, racial, spiritual, and ethnic origins, areas of social service which are not completely addressed by mainstream social service organizations. Its planned outreach methods include networking for referrals through SAGE/Queens, The PRIDE Senior Network, Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD), ADODI (a national gay men's organization), and Unity Fellowship Church, NY. The GRIOT Circle is in the process of establishing contact with Asian/Pacific Islander, Latina/Latino, Native American, and other people of color LGBTST groups, and social service organizations that serve the elder community to advise them of its availability, and its programs.

> The GRIOT Circle plans to offer the following types of programming: education/recreation; telephone reassurance; therapeutic intervention; case-management assistance; referral services, friendly visits, newsletter, and outreach. Its policies are inclusive, however the GRIOT Circle's paramount goal is to provide space unique in its provision of socially, culturally, and ethnically comfortable programs for elder (fifty years and over) LGBTST People of Color and their peers. The collaborative efforts of the activists who have started The Griot Circle ensures that the lives of elder LGBTST people of color will be supported in a responsive organization, and will be shared with all LGBTST people of color communities. The GRIOT Circle holds events on the second Saturday of every month, and additional meetings during the week. If you can see yourself as a griot, a storyteller, a celebrator, a historian of a culture forced by society to be invisible, then you need to be involved with The GRIOT Circle.



fter a postponement from the original date of March 31, due to inclement weather, approximately 500 young people, parents, activists and concerned community members came together on

of victims of police violence led the march. The Audre Lorde Project's participation in the rally marked the beginning of our work on issues of police brutality and violence.

LESBIAN·GAY·BISEXUAL·TWO SPIRIT·TRANGENDER

ADODI/NEW YORK

Black gay men's spiritual, emotional and social support group. 543 W43rd St., Ste 8045, NYC 10036, 212.927.7136.

AFRICAN ANCESTRAL LESBIANS UNITED FOR SOCIETAL CHANGE (AALUSC) Committed to the spiritual, educational, cultural, economic and social empowerment of African Ancestral Lesbians and all Wimmin of Color. Meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.620.7310; fax: 212.924.2657.

ALIANZA LATINA

Gay collective with chapters in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan. 718.993.0254.

ASIAN LESBIANS OF THE EAST COAST (ALOEC)

Safe space to develop our Asian lesbian identity and define our needs as a group. P.O. Box 850, NY, NY 10002.

ASIAN WOMEN HEALING OURSELVES (AWHO) Coalition of API women dedicated to addressing the health concerns of API lesbians and bisexual women in the NYC area. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, x22; fax: 718.596.1328.

AUDRE LORDE PROJECT. CENTER FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TWO SPIRIT AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE OF COLORE

85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342; fax: 718.596.1328.

AYA INSTITUTE

Group of multispirited peoples of African descent dedicated to education and spiritual mental health of our community. Meets Saturdays, 8-11pm at The Audre Lorde Project. c/o ALP, 85 So.Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, x23; fax: 718.596.1328.

BISEXUAL, LESBIAN AND GAY HAITIANS (BLAGH)

c/o ALP, 85 So.Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, x26; fax: 718.596.1328.

BLACK LEATHER IN COLOR MAGAZINE
Quarterly magazine for the leather, S.M., radical
sex and fetish People of Color and friends
community. \$20 yearly subscription. B.L.I.C.,
874 Broadway, Ste. 808, NY, NY 10003. Tel:
212.222.9794, fax: 212.777.5349.

BROTHERS IN LEATHER

Support group formed to reach African American, Asian American, Caribbean, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander and South Asian gay men into leather. Currently in process of reorganizing. If interested, call 212.726.3955.

CARIBBEAN IDENTIFIED LESBIAN & GAY

c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.

COLEGA)

Support group created for the well being of Colombian lesbians and gays in the New York area. 81.12 Roosevelt Ave., #702, Jackson Heights, NY, 11372; 718.670.7399.

COLORWATCH

Community and media monitor of the Lesbian & Gay People of Color Steering Committee; monitoring people of color representation in the media and within gay, lesbian and AIDS organizations. 210 Riverside Dr., 11H, New York, NY 10025. tel:212.222.9794

COLOURS MAGAZINE

Informational resource for lesbians of color providing a strong network that is geared for "ber" by "ber". 96 Lefferts Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11238; tel/fax: 718.783.6642 (local); tel/fax: 800.792.0193 (long distance).

FUERZA LATINA

Support group for gay men and lesbians of Dominican descent. c/o Richard Cammerera, 26 East 109th Street, Suite 4.A, NYC; tel: 718.940.0640; 212.517.8329; or 212.410.6199.

GAY AFRICAN AMERICANS OF WESTCHESTER

Dedicated to developing and nurturing positive self.image and providing support and referral services. 914.376.0727.

GAY ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MEN ## NEW Y#RK (GAPIMNY)

Supportive social, political and educational space for API gay and bisexual men. Meets every Friday at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. P.O. Box 1608, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113.1608; tel: 212.802.RICE; fax: 212.663.3609; email: <gapimny@leftnet.net>; website: <http://www.leftnet.net/~gapimny>.

GAY ASIAN MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP (GAMCOG)

Meets twice monthly at APICHA, 275 Seventh Avenue, 12th fl, Manhattan. Dinner is provided at the meetings. Call for times 212.932.8184; Fax:212.620.7323. Wheelchair.accessible.

GAY AND LESBIAN ARAB S#CIETY (GLAS) Support group and networking for gay men and lesbians of Arab descent. Meets 2nd Thursdays (Arabs only) & 4th Thursdays (Party for Arabs & friends) 8:15 pm at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. c/o Columbia University, PO Box 250787, NY, NY

10025; tel: 718.596.9302; email: <glasusa@aol.com>; website: <http://www.leb.net/glas>.

GAY AND LESBIAN ASSOCIATION OF CUBAN EXILES (GLACE)

Established to network and impact on issues concerning the Cuban lesbian and gay community in both the US and Cuba. P.O. Box 232, NY, NY 10108. 718.507.4138, or 718.267.0702.

GAY MEN &F AFRICAN DESCENT (GMAD) African, African American and Caribbean gay men dedicated to development of and addressing needs of their community. Meets Fridays, 8pm, at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. Yo!GMAD (young men's group) meets Saturday afternoons, 4:30pm, at GMAD office. 133 West 4th St., NY, NY 10012.1010; tel: 212.420.0773; fax: 212.982.1182; email: <gmad@aol.com>.

GRIOT CIRCLE

GAY REUNION IN OUR TIME?
Gathering of Elders, an intergenerational and culturally diverse community based social service organization responsive to the realities and lives of older lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, two spirit and transgender persons of color. C/O ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.596.0342, xt 20; fax: 718.596.1328.

Hemevisienes

First TV program in history about Latino gay men, created to present different aspects of Latino gay life through television. Airs 11:30 p.m. Tuesdays on Manhattan cable channel 17. Producciones Homovision, 24 W. 25th Street, 12th floor, NYC 10010.2704; tel: 212.534.3431; fax: 212.807.1044.

Immigrants Fighting AIDS/Immigrants with HIV Preject (IFA)

Program of advocacy and education for gay
and looking immigrants with HIV/AIDS 275

and lesbian immigrants with HIV/AIDS. 275 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.741.8181.

International Lesbian and Gay People of Color Human Rights Task Force International network of lesbian and gay activists of color to exchange info and support each others' work. 212.254.5506.

JACKS OF COLOR

Founded in 1990 as a safe sex club for men of color. Sponsors monthly parties for men of color and occasionally "their friends". JOC, c/o 210 Riverside Drive, Suite 11-H,NY, NY 10025; tel: 212.827.5302.

KILAWIN KOLEKTIBO

Support group for Filipina lesbians. c/o A. Ubaldo, 43-07 39th Pl., 5A, Sunnyside, NY 11104; tel: 718.706.7220

PEOPLE OF COLOR ORGANIZATIONS

LAS BUENAS AMIGAS/ LESBIANAS LATINAS EN NUEVA YORK Group of US-born Latinas, immigrants from Latin America, working women, mothers, students, professionals, artists, and activists. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NY, NY 10011.

tel: 201.868.7816, 718.426.8036, 212.757.3077.

LATING GAY MEN OF NEW YORK/HOMBRES LATINGS GAY DE NUEVA YORK
All-Latino, all-gay-male support group. 853
Broadway, 5th fl.; NY, NY 10003; tel:
212.614.2941; fax: 212.529.8917.

LATINGS AND LATINAS DE
AMBIENTE/NEW YORK (LLANY)
Latino/a co.gender organization. c/o The
Center, 208 W. 13th St., NY, NY 10011; tel:
212.614.2945; fax: 212.529.8917; website:
http://www.arcoirisny@aol.com.

LAVENDER LIGHT: THE BLACK AND PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS LESBIAN AND GAY GOSPEL CHOIR 70-A Greenwich Street, Ste 315, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.714.7072.

LESBIAN AND GAY PEOPLE OF COLORS
STEERING COMMITTEE (LGPOCSC)
New York City-based coalition of over 30 lesbian and gay People of Color and anti-racist, progressive organizations. c/o 210 Riverside
Drive, Suite 11-H, NY, NY 10025; tel:
212.222.9794.

MANO A MANO

Network of Latina/o lesbian and gay activists and organizations.c/o A. Duque at Latino Commission on AIDS, 80 Fifth Ave., Ste. 1501, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.675.3288; fax: 212.675.3466.

⊕THER C⊕UNTRIES: BLACK GAY EXPRESSI⊕NS Committed to providing continuous opportunities for our precious culture to develop and be shared. c/o ALP, 85 So.Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, xt25; fax: 718.596.1328.

PEOPLE OF COLOR IN CRISIS (POCC) Brooklyn-based HIV/AIDS organization serving African American and Caribbean gay and bisexual men. 462 Bergen St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.230.0770; fax: 718.230.7582.

PEOPLE OF COLOR QUEERS OF MULTI-RACIAL AND ETHNIC DESCENT (POCOMIRED) P.O. Box 7045, NY, NY 10116-7045; tel: 212-969.8724 or 718.857.4723.

THE PUERT® RICAN INITIATIVE T® DEVEL®P EMP®WERMENT (PRIDE)

Dedicated to educational, health, cultural and political empowerment of lgbt people of Puerto Rican descent. C/o The Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.337.0743, 877.3811; fax: 212.529.8917.

QUEER RAZA

Support group for gay men and lesbians of Mexican descent c/o Pablo Martinez, 41-16 47th Ave., Sunnyside, NY 11104-3039; tel: 718.472.2602.

SISTAHS IN SEARCH OF TRUTH, ALLIANCE, HARMONY (SISTAH — FORMERLY KNOWN AS BISEXUAL WOMEN'N OF COLOUR)
Supportive organization dedicated to addressing needs of bisexual and lesbian of colour community. PO Box 020136, Brooklyn, NY 11202; tel: 212.479.7886, pager: 917.925.6713; email:

kiwoc@aol.com>.

South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA)

Meeting ground for gays and lesbians of South Asian descent, including peoples with ancestry from the Indian subcontinent — India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Burma. PO Box 50, Cooper Station, NY, NY 10276-0050; tel: 212.358.5132.

Unity Fellowship Church of Christ/NY Multiracial, all-ecumenical lesbian and gay church Meets every Sunday at 230 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205; tel: 718.636.5645.

VENEZUELAN GAY AND LESBIAN ASSOCIATION (VGLA)

Social support group for gay and lesbian immigrants and natives of Venezuela. c/o Jesus Aguais, 610 E. 9th Street, Ste 17, NY, NY 10009; tel/fax: 212.353.1274; e-mail: <jagua@aol.com>.

WAZOBIA WATU

Educational, advocacy and social membership organization for women who love women and men who love men from continental Africa. PO Box 8264, NY, NY 10116-8264.

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American Indian Community House HIV/AIDS Project. 404 Lafayette St., 2nd fl, NY, NY 10003; tel: 212.598.0100; fax: 212.598.4909.

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER C#ALITI#N #N HIV/AIDS (APICHA)
275 Seventh Ave., 12th fl., NY, NY 10001; tel:
212.620.7287; fax: 212. 620.7323. (Office is accessible).

Brønx Lavender Cømmunity Center IGBTST Community Center of the Bronx. Poe Building, 2432 Grand Concourse, Ste. 504, Bronx, NY 10458; tel: 718.379.1093; fax: 718.671.0089; email:<agoldcrow@aol.com>.

BRONX LESBIANS UNITED IN SISTERHOOD (BLUES)

Multicultural, multiracial organization serving the needs of the Bronx lesbian community. P.O. Box 1738; Bronx, New York 10451; 212.330.9196.

EQUAL ACCESS COUNCIL

Provides mental health services, domestic violence services, and Afro-Cuban drumming-ashealing workshops to men, women and children in the Harlem area. P.O. Box 521, Triborough Station, NY, NY, 10035; 212.831.6350.

GAY MEN &F THE BR&NX (GM&B) Safe space for gay men who live in the Bronx, sponsors monthly rap sessions. P.O. Box 511, Bronx, NY 10451; English/Spanish hotline: 718.378.3497.

MEN OF ALL COLORS TOGETHER/NEW YORK

Multiracial group of gay men committed to addressing and combating racism and discrimination in the lesbian and gay community, and providing supportive environment for less oppressive multiracial relating among gay men. P.O. Box 907, Ansonia Station, NY, NY 10023; for info call 212.330.7678.

MEN OF COLOR AIDS PREVENTION UNIT Program of advocacy and education addressing HIV/AIDS concerns of gay and bisexual men of color, operating under the aegis of the NYC Dept. Of Health. 125 Worth St., Box 67, Rm 1100, NY, NY 10013; tel: 212.788.4403; fax: 788.9661.

THE MINDRITY TASK FORCE ON AIDS

Provides organized, community-based response to the impact of HIV/AIDS epidemic on communities of color. 475 Riverside Drive, Ste 1374, NY, NY 10115; tel: 212.870.2691; fax: 870.2607.

OUT FM/NEW YORK

Multiracial lesbian and gay news and features radio program appearing on WBAI 99.5 FM every Sunday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. c/o WBAI-FM, 505 Eighth Avenue, 19th fl, NY, NY 10018; tel: 212.279.0707; email: <outfm@juno.com>; website: kithithin; website: kithithin; website: kithin; website: kithin;

PROGRESSIVE QUEERS

Wamen, of Color Group of Brooklyn Wamen's Martial Arts

Women of color support group. 421 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215; tel: 718.788.1775.

P R I D E

MEETINGS & EVENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 1

Jackson Heights, Queens: Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade and Festival steps off @ 12:30pm from 89th St. and proceeds down 37th Ave. Festival on 37th Road between 77th St & 73rd St. Festival/rally will include performance by Lavender Light Gospel Choir. For info, call QLGPC:718.460.4064 or 718.997.6778.

JUNE 5- JUNE 15

Manhattan: 9th Annual NY Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, hosted by the Joseph Papp Public Theater. Schedule info: <www.newfestival.com>.

SATURDAY JUNE 7

9:30am-6pm, Hostos Community College, 500 Grand Concourse, Bronx: Bronx Lesbian & Gay Health Care Jam, a day of health services & free workshops for the Bronx community, presented by The Bronx Lesbian & Gay Health Care Consortium. For info: 718-390-7459 (English) or 718.390.7241 (Spanish).

Manhattan:

AVP's Stop the Hate march For more info, call AVP: 212.807.6761.

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David Maurasse of CRE leading The Audre

Lorde Project board retreat in March.

SUNDAY JUNE 9

Noon—till, Manhattan: Puerto Rican Pride Parade. March with the Lesbian and Gay contingent. All are welcome!

FRIDAY JUNE 13- SUNDAY JUNE 15

Brooklyn & Manhattan: 3rd Annual "United Voices/United Visions" People of Color Pride Weekend, to include speakers, roundtable discussions, and more! For info on events or to get involved, call: 212.222.9794.

SATURDAY JUNE 14

BROOKLYN! 9:30 - 11:30am @ The Audre Lorde Project: People of Color Pride Weekend Breakfast. All are welcome to come join us for breakfast (suggested contribution is \$5.00 but no one will be turned away) & then join the —>>>First Annual Brooklyn Pride Parade & festival, with parade to begin @ noon through Park Slope, and continuing with a multicultural festival in Prospect Park until 7pm. Toget involved, call Brooklyn Pride: 718.670.3337.

Shades Poets' Cafe @ Brooklyn Museum, featuring Cheryl Boyce Taylor, Shani Mootoo, Gerry Gomez Pearlberg, Dorothy Randall Gray. For free passes and info, call Shades: 718.622.2910.

SUNDAY JUNE 15

1:30-6pm, Manbattan: Inside Out: Pride in Spirit! Spirit Crossroads presents this Pride month afternoon — an affirmation of queer identity & spirituality!, with special appearance by singersongwriter Grant King. \$20 admission @door, \$15 pre-registration by June 1. For info, contact Eva Yaa Asantewaa, Founding Director, Spirit Crossroads, PO Box 1133, Peter Stuyvesant Station, New York, NY 10009, tel: 212-505-0426, email: <EvaRainbow@compuserve.com>; www:http://ourworld.compuserve.com/bomepag es/EvaRainbow.

JUNE 16-21

Boulder, Colorado. First Annual Wenakuo Traditional Spiritual Retreat for the Two-Spirited, sponsored by Only One, Inc., Queer Oyate, and Colorado American Indian AIDS Task Force. \$10.00 registration fee collected at arrival. To register, or for info, contact: David Young, WTSR, PO Box 7523, Boulder, CO 80306-7523; tel: 3130.939.9021; fax: 303-938-0299, email: putadavic@aol.com>.

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B # A R D:

fter working with The Audre Lorde Project since its birth as "just an idea" in 1994, **John Manzon-Santos**

left our Board and New York City earlier this year. Having served as the founding Executive Director of the Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA) in NY since 1992, John is now heading Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center: Community HIV/AIDS Services, a San Francisco-based non-profit recently formed from the merger of Asian AIDS Project and Living Well Project. Some words from John: "I'm grateful to have the opportunity to be living closer to my family-of-origin, pursuing my study of American Sign Language, and exploring the SF Bay Area as an adult. During these past 5 months, I've been in learning and adjustment mode, struggling with missing NYC and (in my humble, un-biased opinion) the most effective co-gender, multi-

racial, cross-issue organizing around." For more information about Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center, or to say bi and wish John luck, feel free to contact him at 415.575.3939 x339, or by e-mail at <Le2torri@aol.com>.

F. Thomas Edwards, formerly

Communications Coordinator of the American Indian Community House, also left NYC for the Bay area earlier this year. He was hired by the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center ("NNAAPC" is pronounced, 'napp-see') to coordinate their Media Services program, which is funded through the CDC. Words from Thomas: "Its been fun & very busy."

Both Thomas & John promise to stay in touch.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE FOLLOWING FABULOUS THREE JOINED OUR BOARD IN MARCH:

NEWS FROM THE

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Carmen Chávez, formerly Director of the National Technical Assistance Department at LLEGO (the National Latina/o Lesbian & Gay Organization) is a longtime activist involved in struggles of Latino communities, gays & lesbians, HIV prevention/education & other social change movements.

Chandan Reddy, a long-time volunteer with The Audre Lorde Project, is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Columbia University in the City of New York. He is an active member of SALGA (South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association). Before joining the Board, he worked on issues of immigration, HIV and sexuality in people of color communities.

Karina Walters, member of the Choktaw Nation, is currently an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Columbia University. She has consulted with American Indian agencies regarding program evaluations, needs assessments, and integrating research into practice. As a Mayoral Appointee to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, Karina developed social policy for the Indian community in Los Angeles, served on the Washington D.C. Urban Indian Policy Committee, the Los Angeles County Indian Child Welfare Board and Children's Planning Council, and chaired the Commission's American Indian Mental Health Subcommittee and the American Indian Mental Health Task Force. Her clinical social work has specialized in feminist and cross-cultural therapy and work with adult survivors of abuse, anxiety disorders, gay and lesbian issues, and other identity issues among oppressed nationalities.

STAFF:

n a part-time basis, Anthony
Brown and Ricky Love joined
us this spring (and will be with us
through June) as Youth Peer Educators. Their

responsibilities include outreach, education and support of LGBTST young people of color around HIV-related concerns. Anthony Brown is a member of House of Latex and Ricky Love is a high school student, activist and supporter of other young people.

Joo-Hyun Kang, formerly Project Administrator, was promoted to the position of Executive Director in March. Joo-Hyun was bired as the first paid staffer with The Audre Lorde Project in early 1996.

Samantha Martinez, *joined the full-time* staff in late April as our new "Volunteer & Facilties Coordinator". She is a writer, photographer and a former board member of the Puerto Rican Initiative to Develop Empowerment (PRIDE).

V & LUNTEERS:

ermaine Key, an outreach & youth peer educator volunteer, passed his GED's in April with flying colors! He hopes to pursue higher education at one of the colleges/universities in NYC.

Vera Miao (a graduate of Barnard as of May), member of ALP's Program Committee and Working Groups on Valuing Families/Building Community Documentation project, Women's Organizing, and Police Brutality/Violence, has been hired by the Community Resource Exchange as a Program Assistant. We're still gonna hold onto her as a volunteer, though!

June Yoshii, a volunteer since last summer, will be joining former ALP Board members John & Thomas as part of the mass migration to the Bay area. June will be attending UC Berkeley this fall to pursue her Ph.D. in English.

10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL TWO SPIRIT GATHERING

August 27-31, 1997: 10th Annual International Two Spirit Gathering in Onamia, Minnesota. For more information, or to register, call the Minnesota American Indian AIDS Task Force: 612-870-1723.

PRIDE MEETINGS & EVENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 21

Fashion Institute of Technology, Manhattan: Pa'fuera, Pa'lante Conference (Coming Out & Moving Forward), first-ever gathering of Northeast region Latina/o lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender communties. To support this bistoric effort, please send a check made out to: PRAC, Inc. (w/Pa'fuera Pa'lante on the memo line), and send to: Pa'fuera, Pa'lante Conference, c/o The Centro, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, NY, NY 10021. For more information: call 212.614.2949.

5-8pm, @ The Audre Lorde Project, Brooklyn: Other Countries' Summer Solstice reading. For more info, call 718.596.0342, xt25.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

1-6pm, Brooklyn: 2nd annual Shades' Pride Festival (Bergen Street, between Flatbush & 5th Aves), an outdoor celebration of health and pride organized by women and youth of Brooklyn AIDS Task Force's Shades of Lavender. Includes women's self defense & karate demos, music by Rhythms of Aqua, free health screenings, crafts, face painting, xena(?), food, local vendors, and more! Rain Date is Friday evening, June 27, 6-10pm. For more info, call 718.622.2910.

SUNDAY JUNE 22-SATURDAY JUNE 28

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SATURDAY JUNE 28

Manhattan: The Dyke March to start Bryant Park, 42nd and 6th Avenue, Manhattan.

10pm - 4am, 215 W. 28th Street, Manhattan: SALGA & ALP present: "COLOR

ME QUEER", a fundraiser benefitting the South Asian Lesbian & Gay Association and The Audre Lorde Project. Featuring: Bhangra house mix by DJ Rekha, Hostess Nina Chiffon and her colorful carnival of divas and crossdressers. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Partially wheel-chair accessible. For info or advance tickets, call SALGA at: 212-358-5132 or The Audre Lorde Project at: 718-596-0342, xt12.

SUNDAY JUNE 29

Manhattan: 28th Annual NYC Lesbian & Gay Pride March and "PrideFest". Come march with The Audre Lorde Project, for info, call 718.596.0342, x12

P. O. TOGETHER

"POR LA VIDA" Presented by the Latino Commission on AIDS and Immigrants Fighting AIDS (IFA), is an HIV/AIDS Secondary Prevention and Treatment Training Program targeting Latino gay men who are HIV positive and Spanish language dominant. Por La Vida trainings will be conducted in Spanish and will provide information on the development, treatment and prevention of opportunistic infections, antiretroviral treatment, prootease inhibitors, clinical trials and accessing medical care and other resources. If you are interested in scheduling a training session, or know individuals who would benefit from this program, call Rita M. Cordova, Por La Vida Director at the Latino Commission on AIDS: 212-675-3288, xt 214 or Sam Larson/Olver Marquez at IFA: 212-714-8181

MSM/WSW OF COLOR OUTREACH WORKING GROUP

This coalition of over 18 programs/organizations, that are funded to provide targeted HIV outreach to Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Women who have Sex with Women (WSW), and self-identified Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit and Transgender People of Color in New York City, met for the first time in December 1996. The idea originated from conversations between three programs/organizations: The Audre Lorde Project, Verite and People of COLOR in Crisis (POCC). HIV-related program staff at these agencies felt that existing HIV-related outreach efforts to MSM/WSW of Color throughout New York city were insufficient, low priority in most agencies, and in need of tremendous support. Agencies contacted to join the process were enthusiastic about the idea and joined the Working Group. Important work has been generated by this coalition, including a preliminary assessment of the present state of HIV-related outreach strategies targeting MSM/WSW of Color in New York City.

The Working Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month . Although The Audre Lorde Project coordinates the Working Group, meetings are rotated at each of the member group sites. Programs/organizations involved in the Working Group to date include: AIDS Center for Queens County (ACQC), Alianza Dominicana, American Indian Community House/HIV Project (AICH), Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA), Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD), Haitian Community Health Information and Referral Center, Harlem United, Hispanic AIDS Forum/Entre Hombres, Hope Program of the Center for Children & Families, House of Latex (GMHC), Men of Color AIDS Program of the New York City Department of Health (MOCA), Minority Task Force on AIDS (MTFA), People of Color in Crisis (POCC), Shades of Lavender, Steinway Child & Family Services Center, Sub-Sahara AIDS Rescue, Verite, and Young Adults Against Drugs and Alcohol (YAADA).

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17th at the Stein way Child & Family Services Center in Queens New York. For more information, please call Nguru at 718-596-0342 xt11.

SPECIAL 6-MONTH OFFER FOR LGBTST PEOPLE OF COLOR OFFER AUGUST 1, 1997)

for LGBTST People of Color organizations/
formations are invited to become members of
ALP's Facilities Program. Organizational
membership includes: monthly organizational
meeting space; space for a event (up to 60 people);
mailing address; voicemail service; access to fax
machine for incoming and outgoing faxes; desk
space (on scheduled basis); limited storage space;
listing in ALP newsletter and resource materials;
inclusion of I page in I ALP mass mailing. All this
for ONLY \$250 for six months. Please contact
Samantha, The Volunteer & Facilities Coordinator,
at extension 12 for further information.

<Rates are subject to change at any time>.

THE STATE OF HIV/AIDS IN THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TWO SPIRIT AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Four community-wide forums assessing "The State of HIV/AIDS in LGBTST Communities of Color", have been hosted at the Audre Lorde Project since February, 1997. Over 20 LGBTST people of color activists, health providers and community members have presented at the various panels/ moderated discussions assessing the state of the pandemic within our various communities. While there are distinct concerns among the various communities that have been presented to date, a thread of common sites of struggle have also emerged, including: the continued lack of culturally and linguistically specific strategies targeting LGBTST People of Color communities in New York City; lack of coordination among AIDS Service Organizations and other community-based organizations (including religious institutions); ongoing denial of the realities and challenges faced by lesbians, bisexual women and people of transgender experience who are living with, or affected by HIV/AIDS; and the need to integrate any meaningful HIV-related strategies with other community-building efforts. Forums presented to date have examined the state of HIV/AIDS in LGBTST communities of African descent, Latina/o descent, Women's (Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) communities, and Asian & Pacific Islander communities. Over 30 organizations have joined us by co-sponsoring individual events.

The Forum series continues in June with a look at "The State of HIV/AIDS" in LGBST Youth/Young Adult communities, a July forum focusing on Indigenous/Native American communities, and an August forum examining responses in Immigrant communities. For information call, Nguru Karugu at 718-596-0342, xt11.

SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN'S CREATIVE COLLECTIVE marks their six-month anniversary with a special evening of performances and work sharing. The meeting will be open to all women of color, with the hope of having powerful voices in poetry, photography and vocal stylings by various sisters. The purpose of the evening will be to place South Asian Women in the specific historic context of being part of a lineage of South Asian Women who have created for centuries, and the geographic context of the diaspora where they exist as part of a tradition of women of color who have been cultural workers through their chosen forms of expression. Deadline topropose artists is July 1st. For more information, contact Jaishri at 718-699-0896. August (Exact

"ORGULLO LATINO FOR PWAS"

Date TBA)

Newly-created newsletter for Latino/as who are infected with, or affected by, HIV/AIDS. To volunteer, or for more information, call Tony Hernandez, at the Latino Commission on AIDS: 212-675-3288, xt 211.

SOUTH ASIAN LESBIAN AND GAY ASSOCIATION

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THEIR THIRD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING SALGA AND THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT (ALP)

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10pm-4am

215 W 28th ST

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BY DJ REKHA

HOSTESS

NINA CHIFFON

AND HER COLORFUL CARNIVAL

OF DIVAS AND CROSS-DRESSERS

COLOR ME QUEER IS CO-SPONSORED BY: The Audre Lorde Project/ Center for Lesbian, Gav. Bisexual, Two-Spirit & Transgender People of Color Communities V COLEGA/ Colombian Lesbian & Gay Assoc. ▼ GAPIMNY/ Gav Asian & Pacific Islander Men of NY ▼ GLAS/ Gay & Lesbian Arab Society ▼ HX Magazine, NY ▼ HX for Her ▼ Kilawin Kolektibo ▼ SISTAH/ Sistahs in Search of Truth Alliance & Harmony (formerly known as Bisexual Womyn of Colour)

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Yes, I do believe in a "now that can breed futures." I want to invest in building The Audre Lorde Project

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Meetings & Events

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Please see reverse for notes on accessibility. For additional info, please call meeting organizer.

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Descriptions of June 1997 Calendar Meetings & Events

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Sunday June 1, 12noon-4pm, Jackson Heights, Oueens. Queens Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade and Festival steps off @ 12:30pm from 89th St. and proceeds down 37th Ave. Festival on 37th Road between 77th St & 73rd St. Festival/rally will include performance by Lavender Light Gospel Choir. For info, call QLGPC:718-460-4064 or 718-997-6778.

Tuesdays June 3, 10, 17, 24: Young Men's Support Group for gay, bisexual, two-spirit, transgender and questioning young men of color. This is a weekly support group that will run through the end of June. Call Anthony at xt13 or Nguru at xt11 for information. Wheelchair accessible, with assistance. Accessible lavatory.

Thursday June 5, 7-9pm: Gay Men Of Color Monthly Discussion Group. Call Nguru @xt11 for info. Wheelchair accesible, with assistance. Accessible lavatory.

Fridays June 6, 13, 20, 27, 7-9pm: Openly Free Friday Forum/Let's Talk About..." is a drop-in series of group sessions facilitated by and for LGBTST/questioning youth and young adults of color. Call Ricky, xt14 for info. Not wheelchair accessible.

Saturday June 7, 9:30am-6pm, Hostos Community College, 500 Grand Concourse, Bronx: Bronx Lesbian & Gay Health Care Jam, a day of health services & free workshops for the Bronx community, presented by The Bronx Lesbian & Gay Health Care Consortium. For info, or child care reservations: 718-390-7459 (English) or 718-390-7241 (Spanish).

12:30-3:30pm, @ALP: "Water from the Well", healing vocal workshop for Lesbian/bisexual women of color singers, poets, actresses and others claiming the power of their voice. \$10-25 sliding scale, no one turned away.

Saturdays June 7, 14, 21, 28, 8-11pm: Aya Institute weekly session. The Aya Institute is a group of "Multispirited" peoples of African descent dedicated to the education and spiritual and mental health of their community. Leave a message at 718-596-0342, xt23 for info. (Not wheelchair accessible.)

Sunday June 8, noon-till, <u>Manhattan</u>: Puerto Rican Pride Parade. March with the Lesbian and Gay contingent. All are welcome!

Friday June 13- Sunday June 15, Brooklyn & Manhattan: 3rd Annual "United Voices/United Visions" People of Color Pride Weekend, to include speakers, roundtable discussions, and more!. Starts Friday at 8pm, with opening at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center in Manhattan. For info on events or to get involved, call: 212-222-9794.

Saturday June 14, 9:30 - 11:30am: People of Color Pride Weekend Breakfast @ALP. All are welcome to come join us for breakfast Suggested contribution is \$5.00 but no one will be turned away. Wheelchair accessible, with assistance. Accessible lavatory.

Saturday June 14, continued: First Annual Brooklyn Pride Parade & festival, with parade to begin @ noon through Park Slope, and continuing with a multicultural festival in Prospect Park until 7pm.

Come march w/ALP, meet at 5th Ave & 3rd St (12noon). To get involved with the parade & festival, call Brooklyn Pride: 718-670-3337.

Monday June 16, 6:30pm: Monthly ALP Board meeting.

Tuesday June 17, 2:30pm, Steinway Child & Family Services
Center, 4-21 27th Ave., Astoria, Queens: MSM/WSW of Color
Outreach Working Group monthly meeting. Call Nguru at xtl1 for info.

Thursday June 19, 6:30pm: Community Forum, on State of HIV/AID in LGBTST Youth of Color Communities. Call Nguru, xt11 for info.

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