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From the President's Desk:



Ces Williams

I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season, and that the New Year brings you champagne wishes and caviar dreams.

We just finished the new website for WILI and it looks fabulous, we placed a blog on it and if you want to blog or have something that you want to talk about that is the place to do it. Once you sign up than I will send you a temporary password and you can make your own password once you login.

We are also on Twitter and Facebook just look at the website and click the app buttons at the top of the page and that will take you to both sites. In case you don't know the link it is www.wil-international.org

Elections have come and gone and VP is Elizabeth, Secretary is Janet, Membership Chair is Lisa M, and Policy and Procedure Chair is Tye you can contact them through the website. Commercial Chair is Ms V (AKA) Vivian.

The event is coming along nicely, and there should be announcements shortly. We have a new Co-chair along with Kissiah and me and that is Lillith Grey, she brings a lot of enthusiasm and skills to the event, Kissiah and I promised not to break her the first year since she will be taking over for me

next year. With a lot of help I got the event off the ground and after this year I am placing it in very capable hands.

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The Dallas Eagle

by Ces Williams

Confessions are good for the soul, so here I sit writing about my very favorite Leather Bar.

Mark Frazier has made the Dallas Eagle a comfortable home for both Leather Men and Leather Women, there has never been a time when I have walked into the Eagle and not been accepted for who and what I am. I cannot say that about every Leather Bar in the country for I have not been in many of them in the last 10 years or so.

When I approached Mark about making the Dallas Eagle Women In Leather International home bar he automatically said yes, no hesitation, just a plain and simple yes. The Eagle has become very important to Women's International Leather Fest, we hold the men's event there, and the weekend of our event you can find us at the bar giving it our support.

This summer I had the honor of judging the Ms Texas Leather Contest, Saturday night after the contest I was outside on the Eagle patio, just sitting back and watching those around me, it was a great mix of Leather Men and Leather Women joined together in camaraderie. It was August in Texas and unless you have never been to Texas in August, you cannot understand how hot it is, (I think the Devil makes his home in Texas in the summer) but there we were in our Leathers sweating to death, but wanting to be around like minded individuals.

For those that are younger and do not understand why I feel about the Eagle the way I do, it is quite simple, back when I started out Leather Bars and gay bars were not overly welcoming to women, often times it was a hostile environment. Here in Houston I can still find that same prejudice toward women, I will never forget a time in Denver when I was in a gay bar and one of the patrons walked up to me and said get the fuck out women have no place in our bars. Yes, we still have men that feel this way and yes more than likely a few of them go to the Dallas Eagle, but least they forget women are as vital to Leather as any man walking.

Thank you to Mark Frazier and the staff at the Dallas Eagle for making it warm and welcoming to the Leather Tribe no matter what your gender is.

Women In Leather International Presents the:

2012

Women's International Leatherfest

For Women By Women - Living Our Leather



Celebrating Sexuality

Men are Welcome
@ The Sterling Hotel
June 1st - 3rd, 2012
Dallas, Texas USA

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www.wil-international.org

For Event Info: www.WomensInternationalLeatherfest.net

The Lioness

by Lady Elsa

Do I scare you?
It's true, I am hungry
And that lions are carnivores, fond of the hunt.
But I will stalk you slowly
I will stroke gently, smoothing silky fur
Tongue gentle as with a newborn cub.
No claws will tear you, no teeth devour
Until your heart pounds reckless
And breathless and gasping
You cry out for blood.

LOVE

by Master Ces

Love is a force to be reckoned with,
we can neither run from, nor hide
from it. Love will find you when you
least expect it.

Love is not conditional, it is not the
beginning nor the end all of our
existence. You either love someone
or not.

Love has the power to make the
strongest person weak, and the
weakest person strong. Love
can neither be hurried, nor can
it be ignored.

We as human beings put so much
emphasis on the act of love. we
forget that true love is a gift,
Love given freely, is the greatest
gift one person can give another.

Yet also as human beings, our
greatest failure, is forgetting
that true love is a process,
not an event .

Complicating, yes,
Simple never !

Love Will Guide Us

By Kaisa

Quietly, I move around
Can't sleep yet
The day was so wonderful,
I am lax to give it up

Doing things together
Calm and peaceful
Now, I watch you sleeping
I know my job is to watch over you

Promises made
Love spilled freely
Souls united
One step behind

Lovingly, I see the night
And know that you are there
I reach out
I touch your face

I know that love is real
I know that love will live
In you and in me
For now, for forever and a day

I love you lil girl
I have for a long time
Now, the tree is ripe with fruit
Come and be shaded and eat

Know that the guard keeps her watch
Sweet dreams and sleep,
Rest, for tomorrow
We do it all again, together...

Love will guide us

Imagine

Imagine for a moment, all of us made of something better. Step out of the safe concept of your own construction and imagine your body not full of flesh, but light.

Imagine your light pouring out of your eyes and mouth and literally spraying out and around you, bouncing off those close to you and the surrounding environment.

Imagine this light creating a feeling of warmth, peace and joy. It doesn't hurt to look at, even though it is very bright, and it makes your body much lighter to "wear" than when it is full of tissue, organs and bones. When your light pours from you and "splashes" another person, they are suffused with the very same warmth, peace and joy you feel as it is flowing out of you.

Suppose this causes their light to flow out from them in response!

Envision the two of you bathing each other in light.

Envision yourself releasing your light every time you make eye contact with someone; every time you speak a kind word; every time you speak a word of truth.

Think of the effect you have on people by showering them with your light.

Imagine passing through your whole day this way and think of the wide path of light you create everywhere you go.

Suppose it is only this attitude that allows you to share your light with others.

Consider the possibility there may be times your light will not flow. What if, when you avoid eye contact, or you are speaking an un-truth, your light remains inside your body, hidden from the person with whom you are interacting. What if everyone functioned in this manner?

Suppose it was **that easy** to know someone was lying to you.

Suppose it was **that easy** to know a person's true feelings.

Imagine how you might feel knowing that you have created joy in another person's day because you shared your light with them and increase that feeling by the number of people you meet each day. How would that change your life and your behavior? If you could connect with all those people you see every day and know both you and they are better off for it, would that change your approach to your life?

Imagine everyone can tell whether you are being truthful and honest or evasive and lying.

Imagine their reaction to you when your face remains dark and unanimated, your light nowhere to be seen. Do you think that would change you in any way? Would you be more mindful of how you present yourself to the world?

Imagine politics if we were full of light....

Imagine everyone choosing **not** to be left alone and in the dark.

Imagine everyone choosing to share their light, to shine in honesty and truth and without fear?

Imagine all people choosing **Life!** It is so clear to me that this is what people truly desire. It is beginning to show in our music, our films, our literature. People want things to change. It is time for us all to **decide** to choose Life. It is what we all want.

Imagine everyone willing to step forward and live it.

Imagine the vision from outer space if **all of us** were shining **at the same time**.

Imagine.

Kaisa Lynn Rigdon

May 13, 1999

Note From Newsletter Editor: Happy New Year, thank you to everyone for your kind comments regarding our first issue. If you have anything you'd like to share with everyone please send it along and I'll set it aside for an upcoming issue. I look forward to your cheers and jeers regarding what's in the newsletter. After all, this is put together for you and what you think about it matters. Please send what your goodies, thoughts, comments, etc to me at Sir.CeeC@gmail.com – See you in April ☺ CandiAnne



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International Ms Leather

March 29 - April 1, 2012

San Francisco, CA

Recipes

Quickies With Hard Sauce – from By Hook or By Cook The Official Nevada Brothel Cookbook

Quickies. That’s right. Faster than a positive reaction in a petri dish at the Free Clinic after a bad night of unsafe sex with some not-too-distant relative. We’re talking quicker than a New York minute here...not quite superman, but faster than a speeding bullet. You know the allusions: Hair Trigger, getting the lead out a little too soon, the train pulling out of the station earlier than scheduled, “real time,” immediate and oops!

Not exactly, “Was it as good for you as it was for me babe?”

Quickies. We’re talking five minute or less to prepare. Carrot sticks, celery sticks, radishes, scallions, mushrooms, zucchini wedges, olives and apple slices. Fresh, fun stuff that’s immediately edible.

Now once you’ve hacked and sliced these little pieces of health foods into serving sized morsels you’ll want to place them on a serving platter and then ask your partner if he/she would like to help you prepare the ‘*Hard Sauce*.’ If that question doesn’t begin to raise a smile, you could be doing carrot sticks alone this night with a different recipe for hard sauce? Your basic hard sauce is real easy to prepare and it complements any of the appetizers mentioned above.

Ingredients

½ pound of sweet butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup rum or brandy
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cooking instructions:

Cream the butter and sugar well. Then add your rum or brandy to it, just a few drops at a time, and beat until it’s fluffy. Finally beat in the vanilla and chill until you’re ready to serve.

You might be drinking some of the alcohol on the side at this point during preparation, with a buzz of expectation, so dress for it. Body language is important here. Be innocent yet extremely provocative because it will soon be time to play.

Tastes Like Balls – from By Hook or By Cook The Official Nevada Brothel Cookbook

“Balls,” said the Queen. “If I had them I’d be king!” - The Queen of Hearts from Alice In Wonderland

Tasty Lacy from P.J.’s Lucky Strike in Elko came up with this recipe for balls. She’s a petite brunette with hazel eyes, long, long legs, and a helluva dancer. She also knows a few things about balls. This first recipe is for Swedish meatballs.

Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons minced onions
¾ cup fresh bread crumbs
¾ cup half and half
½ pound ground round steak
1/3 pound ground veal
1/3 pound ground pork
1 egg
Salt & pepper to taste
½ cup flour
¾ cup cream

Cooking instructions:

Melt your butter in a large frying pan and sauté your onions in it. In a large mixing bowl mix your bread crumbs in the half & half, then add the ground meat, egg, onions, salt and pepper, mixing it well, before shaping the ball into bite size nuggets about one inch in diameter, then coat them with the flour. Reserve 1 tablespoon of flour for the gravy.

Next you want to melt some more butter in your frying pan and brown the meatballs over medium heat until they’re cooked. Finally, remove them from the pan when cooked, and prepare your gravy by adding the tablespoon of flour to the juices in the pan, along with the ¾ cup of cream, whisking until it’s a smooth consistency, simmering for about five minutes. Pour the gravy over the balls, and serve hot when ready.

Here are events happening January - April
get out and meet more kinky people



January

Event	Location	Dates	Website
Fetish Fair Fleamarket	Atlanta, GA	awaiting new contract	http://www.fetishfairfleamarket.com/?page_id=132
Leather & Bear Wknd	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	Jan 29-Feb 5, 2012	http://beefdip.com
Mid-Atlantic Leather Wknd	Washington, DC	January 13-16, 2012	http://www.leatherweekend.com
Southwest Leather Conference	Phoenix, AZ	January 20-22, 2012	http://www.southwestleather.org

February

Event	Location	Dates	Website
Heart of America Leatherboy Contest & Weekend	Kansas City, MO	February 10-12, 2012	http://www.kcboysofleather.org/HOA.html
Leather & Bear Wknd	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	Jan 29-Feb 5, 2012	http://beefdip.com
Mid-Atlantic Leather Wknd	Washington, DC	January 13-16, 2012	http://www.leatherweekend.com
Winter Fire	Washington, DC	February 17-20, 2012	http://www.darkodyyssey.com/landingPage.html
Lupercalia MMXI	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	February 17-19, 2012	http://www.lupercalia-edmonton.com
Snowbound Leather Weekend	Provincetown, MA	February 24-26, 2012	http://www.matesleatherweekend.com
WCR Winter Warm Up	Palm Springs, CA	February 24-26, 2012	http://www.westcoastrubber.com
Master Taino's Training Academy - slave Training XLV male slaves	Washington, DC	February 16-19, 2012	http://www.mtta-programs.org
Let Us Entertain You (LUEY) 38	Houston, TX	February 23-26, 2012	http://www.lueyweekend.com
Winter Wickedness	Columbus, OH	February 3-4, 2012	http://www.adventuresinsexuality.org/AISMAIN_portal_page.html
Southwest Leather Conference	Phoenix, AZ	January 20-22, 2012	http://www.southwestleather.org
Butchmann's Experience - On The Road - Pansexual	Los Angeles, CA	February 24-26, 2012	http://butchmanns-experience.org

March

Event	Location	Dates	Website
South Plains Leather Fest / Intl Master/slave Wknd	Dallas, TX	March 9-11, 2012	http://www.southplainsleatherfest.com
NY Rubber Ball/Miss Rubber World	New York City, NY	March 24, 2012	http://www.nyrubberball.com/
Master Taino's Training Academy - Master Training XVIII	Washington, DC	March 22-25, 2012	http://www.mtta-programs.org
Kinkfest	Portland, OR	March 23-25, 2012	http://www.kinkfest.org
Texas Latex Party	Houston, TX	March 1-4, 2012	http://www.texaslatexparty.com
Butchmann's Experience - Pansexual	Tucson, AZ	March 16-18, 2012	http://butchmanns-experience.org
International Ms. Leather	San Francisco, CA	March 29 - April 1, 2012	http://www.imsl.org/
Poly Big Fun	Bastrop, TX	March 29-April 1, 2012	http://www.polybigfun.org

April

Event	Location	Dates	Website
Leather Leadership Conference	Nashville, TN	April 13-15, 2012	http://www.leatherleadership.org/
Beyond Leather	Fort Lauderdale, FL	April 26-29, 2012	http://beyondleather.net/
Smokeout	Las Vegas, NV	April 5-8, 2012	http://www.bearguide.net/disprof.php?name=SMOKEOUT2012
The Charm City Fetish Fair	Baltimore, MD	April 13-14, 2012	http://www.charmcityfetishfair.com
CLAW (Cleveland Leather Annual Wknd)	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	April 5-8, 2012	http://www.rubbout.com
Rubbout	Cleveland, OH	April 26-29, 2012	http://clawinfo.org/home/index.php
Fetish Evolution Weekend	Essen, Germany	April 6-9, 2012	http://www.fetishevolution.com
Wasteland	Amsterdam-Zaandam, Netherlands	April 21, 2012	http://www.wasteland.nl

There are more events that just haven't updated their websites – for a complete listing please see my website at <http://www.msbeyondleather2011.com/events.htm>