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MAY, 1998

EPAH cordially invites you to the

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 19 DINNER

Houston City Club #9 Greenway Plaza
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Recipient for May's Dinner Meeting Raffle is Gay and Lesbian Switchboard

When calling the reservation number please select Option 1 to make your reservation. Clearly state and spell your name and the names of your guests. The deadline for May's dinner meeting is 9 AM Monday, May 18. Reservations made after that time are subject to a \$10 late fee. If you need a special entree (i.e. Vegetarian), please indicate so when making your reservation. Credit cards and checks are accepted for the amount of your meal(s) only.

AIDS Walk / EPAH's Pride

Join EPAH members as they show their support by walking in the Annual *AIDS Walk*. Your pledge sheet is enclosed in this EPAHgramme mailing. EPAH members will meet at 7:45 AM in Sam Houston Park (next to downtown Houston). The walk commences at 8:30 AM. Call Jack Jackson at 713-522-6263 for further details.

EPAH's Pride Team has scheduled an organizational meeting for Sunday, May 31 at the home of Chris Lewis at 2317 Steele Street. Please attend if you would like to assist with EPAH's participation in Pride Parade '98.

Upcoming Events!

EPAH MIXER

Friday, MAY 22
Santa Fe Bar & Patio
5:30 to 8:00.

Mission Statement: The Executive and Professional Association of Houston is established to provide a non-political forum for discussion of business and community affairs, to encourage and foster social and business relationships among the membership, and to support such educational and/or charitable causes as may be approved by the membership.

Minutes of the May EPAH Board of Trustees Meeting May 5, 1998

The May Board meeting was held at the offices of The Assistance Fund of Houston on May 5, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mike Ryan, President. Members in attendance were Mike Ryan, Linda Landry, Chris Ehlinger, Scott Garrison, John Coulter, Hal Coley, Dan DiDonato, Denise O Doherty, Dalton DeHart, Jack Jackson, Chris Lewis, Jeffery Kuchar, Jeff Pickett, Dennis Schwarz, Donna Grammer, and Carlos Reyes.

Reyes moved with a second by DeHart that the Secretary's minutes as printed in the EPAHgramme be accepted. The motion passed. Scott Garrison, Treasurer, gave the financial report (see details attached). It was mentioned that any advertising not done on an annual basis be billed when the ad is placed. The current status of renewals was discussed as well as that all expenses incurred to date have been paid. Schwarz and O'Doherty moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented subject to the reconciliation of the job/project report by the next board meeting. Motion passed.

Committee reports were given. Dalton DeHart, chair of Directory, mentioned that 175 photos have been scanned into the data base, but the remaining member photos are creating a problem to be put into a suitable form for processing. Directory advertising is currently around \$2,000.00. Dalton reported that vendors for the publication of the Directory are difficult to find due to the various media forms being used to provide the input. A discussion arose about the lengthy delays in publishing the directory. Further discussion arose about the proper media to use and production standards to utilize. A subcommittee was assembled with Schwarz, Pickett, and DiDonato to assist DeHart in moving the directory project forward. Programs were announced by Carlos Reyes; he announced the next dinner meeting was at the Houston City Club in Greenway Plaza and the attire will be business casual. A motion by Grammer/Schwarz to have business casual attire for the dinner meetings thru August was defeated. Membership report was submitted by President Ryan for Chair Rob Schmerler, without discussion. Professional Development had no report. Community Affairs report was given by Jack Jackson, who mentioned that EPAH is considering hosting the Military Party in November on a Sunday afternoon as a fundraiser. Social report was given by John Coulter, who announced the next happy hour will be May 22 at Santa Fe Club. The Pride Party will be on June 21 (Sunday). With the Parade on June 27. No Activities report given.

Old Business:

Dennis Schwarz presented a review of the Treasurer's functions. Landry, Schwarz, Grammer, and Garrison compiled the report at the request of the Board at a special meeting. The review was discussed at length about the segregation of duties, the timeliness of deposits and disbursements, and current status of various bank accounts (checking, CDs, etc.). It was determined that Schwarz will provide oversight to review the monthly bank accounts. A Board Member will be responsible for collecting funds at each dinner meeting and provide the Treasurer with an accounting at the end of the dinner meeting. Garrison will provide detail on the credit card processing at the next board meeting for future discussion. Chris Lewis presented the AFH Walk details. Schwarz/Pickett moved/seconded to allow Lewis to have T-shirts printed with the EPAH logo for the upcoming walk and the pride parade. Motion passed. Funds for the T-shirts will be provided by the Community Affairs budget.

New Business:

Expenditures above the Budget amount for the 20th anniversary party and specifically the cost of the program booklet was discussed at length. **The Board acknowledged that the Competitive Bid rules and other required spending approvals were not followed on the program portion of the 20th Anniversary Party project.** The policy of competitive bidding was reviewed by President Ryan for Board Members, Officers, and Committee Chairs. President Ryan reminded everyone that any expenditure exceeding \$500.00 is to have a competitive bid and any expenditure exceeding \$1,000.00 needs prior board approval. It is the responsibility of the committee and chairperson to document such requirements as necessary. Pickett/Schwarz moved/seconded that the invoice of \$5,989.47 from the House of Coleman for publication of the 20th Anniversary Party Program be paid and approved. Motion passed.

Mike Ryan will write a letter to those members who did not attend the 20th Anniversary Party and provide them with a copy of the Program.

Discussion arose about the use of the funds from the CDs to pay the excess cost over budget of the Anniversary party and how to handle the current fiscal year projected budget shortfall. Schwarz/Pickett moved and seconded to establish a ad-hoc committee to re-evaluate the budget and make specific recommendations to re-establish adequate reserves. Motion passed. The budget oversight committee will consist of Mike Ryan, Dennis Schwarz, Jeff Pickett, Carlos Reyes, John Coulter, Linda Landry, Scott Garrison, Donna Grammer.

Jeff Pickett moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded/ passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Directory Committee Report

Chair: Dalton DeHart

The directory committee will be taking photos to be scanned into the computer for the new directory at the next dinner meeting on May 19, 1998. Please plan to attend. If you already have a photo that you would like to use in the next directory please bring it to the meeting or send it to Dalton DeHart at 2829 Timmons Suite #201, Houston, Texas 77027.

The directory committee is now working to complete the new 1997-98 directory. If you have not placed an ad in the directory before, the directory committee encourages you to do so immediately; if you now have an ad, the directory committee encourages you to renew it. Information was recently sent to you so that you may indicate your desire to purchase an ad as well as make corrections to the current directory. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. If you do not receive the information, please call Dalton DeHart at 713.622.2202 or Marion Coleman at 713.523.2521. In addition, if you have any address or telephone corrections, please call Dalton at 713.622.2202.

Social Committee Report

Chair: John Coulter, Meeting: May 12

In my report last month, I neglected to thank Gary Van Ootegham who helped on the program for the 20th Anniversary Party. Thank you for your hard work, Gary, and please accept my apology for the oversight. Thanks go as well to Stephen DuBay and his guest and to Bob Hergenroeder and Jack Jackson who helped out as greeters at our April mixer at Santa Fe Bar and Patio.

Our annual Pride Party is coming up on Sunday, June 21 from 4-7 PM. The location will be decided on soon and invitations will be mailed out in late May/early June. Mark your calendar now to save the date!

Our Friday mixer for May is coming up on Friday, May 22 at the Santa Fe Bar & Patio (next to Jr's) from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. We'll have a light buffet and a cash bar. Guests are always welcome at these events, which have really proven to be popular. Plan on stopping by this month if you haven't been to one yet! Our thanks to Randy Jobe at Santa Fe for hosting our group last month.

The Social Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM Call John Coulter at 281-575-7716 for meeting information.

Activities Committee Report

Chair: Hal Coley

Randy Scott's "Drifters" Weekend, May 14-17 still has one or two openings for Athletes. Call him if interested! Presidential runner Jeff Pickett has suggested that activities plan a bicycling event this year and your tireless co-committee chairs are working on the details. Many EPAH members remember fondly the previous EPAH Bicycle Afternoon of about 8 years ago. If interested, please call Hal Coley!

Community Affairs Report

Chair: Darrell Gorski Next Meeting: May 21

The Community Affairs committee will meet at Darrell Gorski's home (3103 Kettering Drive) at 7 PM Thursday, May 21 (the Thursday after the dinner meeting). Everyone is invited to participate and help provide input and ideas for EPAH's fundraising efforts for 1998!

Membership Committee Report

Chair: Rob Schmerler Next Meeting: June 4

May 19 is *Invite a Guest night!* The Membership Committee is making a special effort to invite guests to the May 19th dinner meeting, featuring the Muscle Mechanics training team. This should be a very entertaining program, and a great opportunity to showcase EPAH to our friends. Please bring your own guests, as well!

Four new members and one returning member were approved at the May 7 meeting of the Membership Committee.

Paul Mayes is a Product Marketing Associate at BMC Software. Originally he is from Port Neches, TX. He graduated from Rice University in May of 1997 with an MBA in Marketing. Paul lives at 1601 South Shepherd #29, Houston 77019. His primary sponsor is Tom Mays.

Phil Heifrich is a Sales Representative for Three Star Supply and he has a Bachelor of Science from the University of the State of New York. He was in the military and he is still in the Army Reserves. His home address is 8108 Niles Street Houston, 77017. Joe Culotta and Ken Malone are sponsoring him.

Glenn Dickson is vice-president, Corporate Services for PM Realty Group. He has a degree in Economics and an MBA from Oregon State University. Glenn lives at 2348 Wroxtton Road in Houston 77005. His primary sponsor is Ken Council.

Mike Beckman is a Senior Staff Development Geologist with Chevron. He has a Master of Science in Geology from the University of Arkansas and his primary sponsor is Ed Bradshaw. Mike lives at 9231 Friendship in Houston 77080.

Gary Evans is welcomed back as a returning member. Gary is a Hematology-Oncology Pharmacist at Texas Children's Hospital. He has a degree in Pharmacology from the Univ. of Nebraska. His primary sponsor is Bob Weinberger. Gary lives at 416 Emerson in Houston 77006.

We are actively recruiting new members. If you have a friend who is interested in membership please call Rob Schmerler at 713-661-7700 for an application form. The next meeting of the Membership Committee is Thursday, June 4, 7:00 PM at Hal Coley, 4527 W. Alabama.

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William Clark
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Robert Granat
Robert Jackson

Larry Lingle
Rod O'Hara
Dennis Schwarz
Glenn Smith
david Stewart
Steve Thistle
Gary Van Ooteghem
Darryl Wexler

Happy Birthday!

May

Randy Scott	5/05
E.J. Farhood	5/08
Arthur Fleming	5/14
Annis Parker	5/17
John Wilmore	5/18
Dennis Schwarz	5/20
James Ezrow	5/21
Robert Hugos	5/23
Edwin Cordray	5/26
Gerald Moreland	5/27
Richard Evans	5/31
Javier Zapata	5/31

June

Ralph Herring	6/01
Don Hearin	6/02
Gregory Smith	6/03
Jesse Castillo	6/04
Stephen DuBay	6/10
Ken Malone	6/10
Howard Marmell	6/14
William Green	6/15
Scott Holman, III	6/20
John Champeau	6/26
Tom Staley	6/27
Marion Coleman	6/29
Larry Carlton	6/30

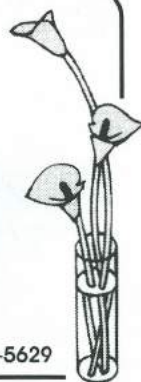
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LEGAL BRIEFS

By Jeff Pickett, Attorney at Law

The information presented in this article is not intended as legal advice, but to provide general understanding of legal principles. Readers with a legal problem, including those issues addressed here, should consult an attorney for advice on their particular circumstances.

COMMON ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS USED BY GAY AND LESBIAN

COUPLES: The Case of Susan and Jackie (conclusion).

What Happened to Jackie and Susan and Why?

Picking up from last month's column, recall that Jackie and Susan had been a couple and lived together for about six years. Susan owned her own business and Jackie worked by her side to make the business successful. Susan acquired a progressively-degenerative terminal illness and Susan's father obtained a guardianship over Susan. He then moved Susan out of her home, took over her business, firing all gay and lesbian employees, including her partner-in-life, Jackie, and evicted Jackie from their home. Then Susan's father prevented Jackie from seeing Susan, placed Susan in a nursing home and on life-support systems whereupon Susan subsequently died and Jackie was not permitted to attend the funeral. Susan's body was not cremated and her ashes were not scattered over Susan and Jackie's rose garden as Susan desired. How could this have happened? Could it have been prevented?

A will is not sufficient to confer general legal authority in your partner during your lifetime. Although Susan was wise to have her will drafted to leave her estate to Jackie when she died, unfortunately the will was unable to confer proper legal authority to Jackie to carry out all of Susan's desires regarding her business and personal transactions in her remaining life.

Health Care powers. Without a properly executed Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care giving Jackie authority to make health care decisions for Susan, Jackie had no legal authority to obtain information about Susan's health condition nor to make any decisions regarding obtaining or refusing medical treatment or general health care services for her. Without a properly executed "Directive to Physicians"

(commonly referred to as a "Living Will"), Susan's wishes that her life not be prolonged by artificial means was not communicated to her health care providers and they were not informed that Jackie was to be kept informed of her medical conditions and be granted the same privileges as family members regarding visitation and information.

General Powers of Attorney for Business Transactions. Because Susan had not executed a "Statutory Durable Power of Attorney" granting power of attorney to Jackie, Jackie had no legal ability or authority to make business decisions on behalf of Susan. In the eyes of the law, Jackie was legally only Susan's employee and roommate. Further, because Jackie was not an owner of the residence and there was no domestic partnership or cohabitation agreement between Susan and Jackie, Jackie had no legal interest in the home and

probably had a mere tenant's interest in being able to live there.

Declaration of Guardianthe "Trump Card". Even if Susan had executed both a "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care" and a "Statutory Durable Power of Attorney", both of these documents would have been terminated by operation of law when Susan's father obtained a

guardianship of Susan's person and estate.

Without a specific Court order entered when a guardianship is created, powers of attorney terminate upon the appointment

of a guardian. Also, Texas law

basically provides that without a

"Declaration of Guardian"

being executed which

specifically declares the

desires of a person as to

whom should and should

not be appointed as their

guardian, the Court will

give preference to family

members in deciding to

appoint guardians. It may be extremely difficult to convince

a probate judge that a homosexual "friend" should be given

greater priority to be appointed as guardian than a parent. In

Susan and Jackie's case, imagine putting forth in open court a

comparison of the education, occupation, business

experience, and "character references" between Jackie

(Susan's lesbian employee lover---can't you hear it?) and

Susan's father (River Oaks, Christian Coalition, international

banker). How do you think an elected judge might rule? Had

Susan properly executed a "Declaration of Guardian" not

only could she have clearly expressed her intent that Jackie

be guardian of her person and estate, but also she could have

named alternatives to Jackie other than family members.

Even more significantly, Susan could have expressed her

desire and intent that she did NOT want either of her

parents to be appointed as her guardian. Although a

"Declaration of Guardian" is not absolutely binding on

the Court (for obvious reasons: e.g., the naming of a

person who is incompetent, a convicted felon, dead, or

a minor), the Court holds a Declaration in extremely

high regard and very infrequently refuses to honor

them when properly drafted and executed.

Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of

Remains. Even if Susan properly executed all of

the powers of attorney and a "Declaration of

Guardian" that Susan could have (and should

have) executed giving powers and preferences to

Jackie, if Susan did not, in writing and during her

lifetime, specifically appoint someone to have

the power to make arrangements for and

dispose of her remains, Texas law provides

that Jackie had no authority to do so. Susan's

family members had the statutory right and legal

authority to control the funeral and burial. Susan could have and

should have executed a document called "Appointment of Agent to

Control Disposition of Remains" appointing Jackie as Agent. Jackie

would then have had the superior right and authority to make

arrangements for a funeral, cremation, and disposition of Susan's

ashes.

SUMMARY. If you desire that your partner be able to legally act on

your behalf and to make decisions about your life and your death in

preference over family members, executing a Will benefitting your

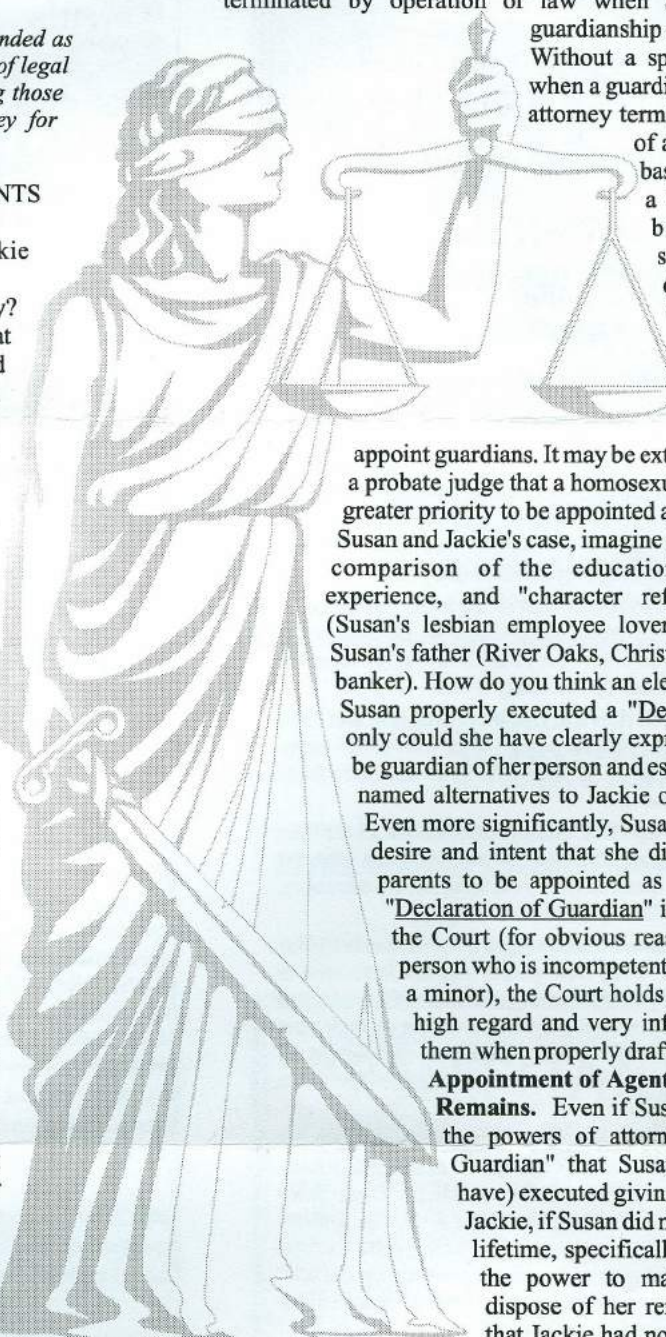
partner is NOT enough. Consult your attorney about your possible

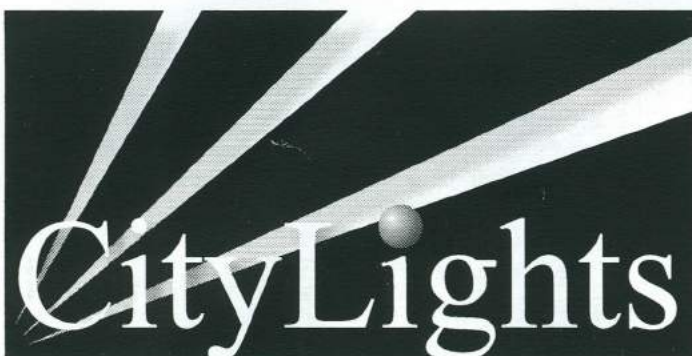
needs for additional documents including powers of attorney,

Directive to Physicians, Declaration of Guardian, and Appointment

of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains.

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CityLights

Society News about EPAH and Houston

By Stephen DuBay

For those of us who think of April as nothing more than the month for paying Uncle Sam, it really did turn out to be a fabulous month for parties and get-togethers.

Bunnies on the Bayou held on April 12 is still in my book as one of the most outrageous, enjoyable fundraisers in Houston. Mix beautiful bodies, gorgeous weather, fabulous disco music, with obnoxious Easter bonnets and Drag queens, bake them in the southern sun for a few hours and you get one hell of a party, raising over \$30,000 this year.

On April 14 the Social Committee met at the beautiful home of **Steve Sommers** to plan all kinds of exciting things for the rest of the year. All I can divulge for you now is... get your "Pride" attire together and make sure your bicycle is tuned up and ready to roll!

To the surprise of **David Matkovich**, **Denise O'Doherty** and I had a surprise dinner party at my home on April 16 for one of his *many* birthdays. Here's wondering David... if you ever found out what a great musician your date "Jackson" was...?

Gallery de la Garage on April 18 was a great success. The works of the three artists exhibiting that night complemented each other to create a very artistic evening. Seen in the crowd were EPAH members: **Chris Lewis**, **Rob Schmerler**, **Barry Bertin** and moi.

The EPAH Social Committee mixer on April 24 at the Sante Fe Bar was very successful. We met many new guests who are interested in joining EPAH and they just happen to be *young and cute*... Overheard at the mixer is that the **Sean Yarborough's** are still working on their new home in the "Upper Kirby" part of town, deadline [for completion is] sometime this summer. The buffet at the mixer was fabulous thanks to Cafe' Noche, the spinach quesadilla's were wonderful.

"*The Healthy Image*" Open House on April 30 hosted by the Today's Health Center and **Preferred Graphics** located at 5225 Katy Freeway was well attended by EPAH members **Jack Jackson**, **Mike Ryan**, **Donna Grammer**, **Rob Schmerler**, **John Coulter**, **Dalton DeHart**, **John Kellett**, **Gary Webb**, **Coy Tow**, **John Frels**, **Darrell Gorski** and **Don Gordon**. The group feasted on catering by "Mack" and it was the first time I saw Dalton DeHart hide from a camera. How does it feel to be on the other side of the lens?

Obviously we are all trying to get in shape for the summer, EPAH members have been seen all over town trying to be get buff before all the pool parties. Seen at the West U. Bally's are **Patrick Newport**, **Scott Sawyer**, **Ben Whittle**, **Steve Chrisenberry** and **Michael Springer**. Some of us are even using personal trainers to look our best, such as **Rob Schmerler**, **Steve Sommers**, **Stewart Zuckerbrod**, **Jim Ireland** and **Howard Marmell**. If this keeps up, maybe we'll be seeing them in upcoming issues of *International Male* or *Undergear*...

A quick vacation note. Gays and Lesbians are having troubles in the Bahamas. Nassau, in particular, is boycotting Lesbian/Gay cruise ships when they arrive there.

Keep your calendar's open for the **Green/White Advisors** open house on Thursday, May 14, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. For Information call 713-869-1144 ext. 10.

You might want to add to your daytimer the following events coming up in May and June that you might not want to miss:

May 16: Museum of Fine Arts Houston, is having a exhibition preview party for members, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM of *A Photographic Journey*, Three Houston Neighborhoods.

May 17: Houston AIDS Walk, 713-629-WALK. EPAH is putting together a group, under the leadership of **Chris Lewis** and **Darrell Gorski** (Community Affairs Committee). This is always a fabulous event.

June 7: Grand Opening Celebration of the Hollyfield Conference Center at 2700 Albany 713-523-6900.

June 7: Omega House, which has been so good to many of our friends, is having *An Evening of Art Songs and Arias* at 7:30 p.m. Experience magical ensemble and solo performances by young and vibrant artists from around the world. In the intimate setting of The Menil Collection. You will be captivated by the beauty and artistry of eight of the international opera world's most exciting young stars. For more information and advance ticket sales, please call Omega House at 713-523-7110.

Pride Week Special Theatrical Performances at local theaters are **Tim Miller's** *Shirts and Skin* at Theater Lab from June 17-21. (adult audiences, contains nudity). For tickets call 713-868-7516, and don't ask for any back stage passes you guys...

Freshman Year Sucks at Stages on June 19, 8:00 PM call 713-52-STAGE for tickets.

The next big party is the *Construction Party 98 Building Pride* on Saturday June 20, 10:00 PM to 3:00 am. Located in Houston's Warehouse district with advanced tickets going for \$25.00 or \$30.00 at the door. For more information 713-706-2508.

Friday, June 26 will be the annual *Pumped Up on Art* fund raiser at the 711 William Street Gallery. For more information, call 713-529-6979.

Plans are already under way for the *Military Ball* for November with our own Community Affairs Committee pitching in.

As a new feature to my column each month, I would like to bring to your attention a certain person who has gone out of his/her way to volunteer their time and efforts, without expecting notoriety.

This month it's our own **Jack Jackson**. I can't imagine going to a fundraiser or event without seeing Jack. In fact, I see him so often at events, that I forget to put him in my column, and yet he's always there, whether being a leprechaun at *Bringing in the Green*, or volunteering to sell raffle tickets at the EPAH dinner meeting. No wonder he got the *Mayor's Award* for being one of the top volunteers in Houston. Love you Jack!

Yes, New York was marvelous as usual, *RENT* on Broadway was fabulous and if you get a chance to dine at Balthazar, don't forget to order the steak frites. God knows where next month may take us.

Until Then, Stephen.

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Minutes of the April Dinner Meeting April 21, 1998

The April dinner meeting was called to order by Mike Ryan at 8:00 PM. A motion to approve the minutes as written in the EPAHgramme was made by Joseph Culotta and seconded by Jack Jackson. The motion passed unanimously. There was no Treasurer report given, as Scott Garrison was not present.

Committee reports were presented by various chairs, beginning with Carlos Reyes giving the Program Committee report Rob Schmerler presented four members to be voted on at the May meeting of the Membership Committee: Phillip Helfrich, Paul Mays, Glenn Dickson, and Mike Beckman. That meeting will be held at the home of Ken Malone and Joseph Culotta. John Coulter presented the Social Committee report, and Larry Osterhoudt presented the Activities report. Jack Jackson presented the Community Affairs report, and conducted the raffle, benefitting the Lesbian Health Initiative. LHI was presented \$85.00, accepted by Denise O'Doherty. Jack then presented Ken Malone, representing The Assistance Fund, a check in the amount of \$2,165.00 completing the proceeds from the Mardi Gras fundraiser in Galveston. Jack Jackson then introduced the evening's speaker, Harold Wolpert, Chair of AIDS Foundation, Houston. He spoke on the upcoming AIDS Walk scheduled for May 18. Chris Lewis/Jack Jackson will coordinate the EPAH walk team.

As there were no announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Malone, Acting Secretary

Treasurer's Report

1997 Revenues (unaudited):..... \$26,637.51
1997 Expenses (unaudited):..... \$25,777.64

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May/June Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 17 AFH WALK Sam Houston Park 8:30 AM	18	19 EPAH Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM Houston City Club Greenway	20	21 Community Affair Committee 7PM (see report)	22 Mixer Santa Fe Bar & Patio 5:30-8:00PM	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**Upcoming
Events!**

Next Social Mixer
Coming Up in August!
(See Page 3 for details)

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Minutes of the July EPAH Board of Trustees Meeting July 7, 1998

The July Board meeting was held at the offices of The Assistance Fund of Houston on July 7, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 7:29pm by Mike Ryan, President. Members in attendance were Mike Ryan, Chris Ehlinger, Scott Garrison, John Coulter, Dan DiDonato, Denise O'Doherty, Kevin Davidson, Jack Jackson, Jeffery Kuchar, Donna Grammer, Carlos Reyes and Paula Haymond.

Kuchar moved with a second by Reyes that the Secretary's minutes as printed in the EPAHgramme be accepted. The motion passed. Scott Garrison, Treasurer, gave details on the financial report (see details attached). Discussion arose about the expensive nature of using credit card processing. Grammer moved with a second by Haymond that EPAH terminate the acceptance of credit cards as of September 1, 1998. Motion passed. The current status of renewals and new memberships was discussed. The treasurers review committee will continue to evaluate ways to improve the operations of the treasury and make recommendations on duties as needed.

Committee reports were given. Social: John Coulter mentioned that 86 members and 74 guests attended the Pride Party. Thanks goes out to Darrell Gorski for hosting the event and Tim Martinez for making the invitations. Programs was announced by Carlos Reyes, whereby he announced the next dinner meeting will be at the Junior League of Houston with casual attire. No Membership report. Jack Jackson gave details on the Military Ball to be held at Rich's on Sunday, November 8, 1998 at 4:00 PM. Tickets will be \$10. Discussion arose about having each member sell at least 4 tickets to the event. This will be a charitable fundraiser for the community, with the beneficiary to be named at a later date. No Professional Development or Activities committee report given. Elections Report was given by Kevin Davidson. The August meeting will be for members only, as this is the night of elections. All nominations need to be forwarded to Kevin Davidson.

The Pride Parade participation was a huge success with 32 participants. Thanks goes out to all those who participated and helped out.

Chris Ehlinger announced that H.A.T.C.H. invited the Board and officers to attend an open house and reception on Thursday, July 9, 1998 at the Lovett Inn. H.A.T.C.H. will give a presentation on services provided to the community youth and answer questions.

Updated Member Rosters are available upon request from the Secretary.

Grammer/Kuchar moved to adjourn. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ehlinger
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

CD Balances (Total/2)	\$12,815.50
Banking Balances	<u>\$6,769.82</u>
Total Working Capital:	\$19,585.32



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Elections Committee Report

Chair: Kevin Davidson, Next Meeting: July 31

Election of EPAH Officers and Board of Trustees will be held August 18, 1998. The deadline for submitting self-nominations, in writing, to be included on the Absentee Ballot is Friday, July 31, 1998. The Election Committee members are Kevin Davidson (Chair), Bridget Chambers, Don Hauboldt, Charlie Haynes, Jack Jackson, Larry Newton, Dennis Schwarz, Gene Levy, Bill Stemme, Steve Sommers, and Scott Garrison. Self-nominations submitted to the Elections Committee as of July 7, 1998 are **President:** Jeff Pickett; **Vice-President:** None; **Treasurer:** None; **Secretary:** Dan DiDonato; **Board of Trustees:** John Coulter, Dalton DeHart, Art Fleming, Robert Hergenroeder, Richard Hill, Robert Hugos, and Linda Landry.

Members must be in "good standing" according to the by-laws to be eligible to vote both by absentee ballot and at the night of the Election. Notifications will be made of those Members Not in Good Standing.

Please mark your calendars for the meeting on August 18, 1998. Contact Chair Kevin Davidson at 713-661-2195 for more information.

Social Committee Report

Chair: John Coulter, Meeting: August 11

Our Pride Party on June 21 at the home of Darrell Gorski really turned out to be one HOT party and was attended by 164 members and guests. A good time was truly had by all those who attended, and we missed seeing you and your guest if you weren't there. Special thanks to Darrell for welcoming all of us into his "pridefully" decorated home (I'm sure some of the neighbors are still wondering what those two 25 foot-high Pride colored banners were all about!). Thank You, Darrell! Special thanks also go to Tim Martinez who designed and made the party invitations and to Don Langston and Jamie Moleskky who helped prepare the invitations for mailing. Thanks go as well to Ben Whittle and Mark Cullen who helped with the colorful decorations and also to Mike Adams Hal Coley, Chester Dickerson, Glenn Dickson, Dan DiDonato, Donna Grammer, Jack Jackson, Linda Landry, Dave Matkovich, Jeff Pickett, and Dennis Schwarz who helped out with the logistics of the party. Last, but certainly not least, thanks also to Neil Sackheim of Carter & Cooley Company for providing the buffet. Your efforts helped to ensure another successful event!

Also, our mixer in June was attended by 60 people. Thanks go to Glenn Dickson, Stephen DuBay, Donna Grammer, Jack Jackson, Dave Matkovich, and Betty Tonnessen who worked as greeters for this event and also to Randy Jobe of Santa Fe Bar & Patio for hosting us, not only in June, but for the past several months! We all certainly appreciate his hospitality. Please Note: Our mixer is "on vacation" for July. **NO MIXER for this month.** It will resume possibly in August... watch the EPAHgramme for details.

The Social Committee is still seeking volunteers to host our **Bike Ride/Brunch**, a party that rolls to 4-5 homes in Montrose and ends up with a brunch. in late September/early October. Interested in volunteering your home?? Give John Coulter a call at 281-575-7716 if you are interested or need more information.

The Social Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Call John Coulter at 281-575-7716 for meeting locations or more information.

Activities Committee Report

Chair: Hal Coley/Larry Osterhoudt

In the planning stage: **Pansy Trail Weekend**, an exotic garden tour of EPAH member homes with Open Bar and a visit to Ima Hogg's fabulous Bayou Bend Plantation. Watch for upcoming announcements!

Membership Committee Report

Chair: Rob Schmerler Next Meeting: August 6

The membership committee met on July 9 at the home of Jim Bartley and Glenn Laible. Two new members and two returning member were given unanimous approval.

Chuck Robinson is a commercial insurance agent and a graduate of West Liberty State College in West Virginia, with a BS in Marketing. He lives at 5229 Woodlawn Place in Bellaire 77401 and his home phone is 713-667-9325. His primary sponsor is Rob Schmerler.

Timothy Rotvig is a manager of finance for GTE Wireless. He has a BS in Accountancy from Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts. Tim lives at 1732 Norfolk Street in Houston 77098 and his home phone is 713-526-1481. His primary sponsor is Mike Copenhaver.

Cindy Cuellar is returning EPAH member, and the owner of a ACC Productions, a full service video production company. Cindy produced the wonderful videos we saw at EPAH's twentieth anniversary party. Cindy has a BS in Radio/TV/Film from the University of Texas and she lives at 14906 Kenlea in Houston 77060. Her home phone is 281-448-0127 and her primary sponsor is Rob Schmerler.

Shawn Smith is also a returning member. Shawn has a BA from Texas A&M University and he owns Molly Maid in the FM 1960 area. Shawn lives at 1015 E. 7th Street in Houston 77009 and his home phone is 713-426-1395. His primary sponsor is Rob Schmerler.

The next meeting of the membership committee will be Thursday August 6. For information please contact Rob Schmerler at 713-661-7700.

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Jerry Blum	John Melton
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Brent Clarkson	Mike Shiflet
Norri Collier	Madeline Sitzes
Beth Eldridge	Michael Springer
Kathy Hubbard	Darby Suiter
Jack Jackson	Gil Warrick
Joe Levitan	Randy Whitmore

Happy Birthday!

JULY

David Greiss	7/03
Donald Thomasson	7/04
Tom Lewis	7/05
Michael Ryan	7/08
Clif Rice	7/09
Gary McCoy	7/10
Rod Hamlin	7/10
Brent Clarkson	7/12
Dalton DeHart	7/13
Dick Dace	7/14
Glenn Laible	7/14
Daniel Meador	7/15
David Haber	7/15
Stephen Tarry	7/21
Mark Wagner	7/23
Larry Broughton	7/24
Darrell Gorski	7/25
Ken Council	7/25
Marlene Adams	7/28

AUGUST

Larry Newton	8/01
Kevin Davidson	8/02
Darryl Wexler	8/03
Katherine Hubbard	8/04
Toby Freeman	8/05
David Moskowitz	8/05
Stephen Sommers	8/07
Scot Hedrick	8/08
Neil Sackheim	8/09
Jeffrey Kuchar	8/09
Jack Nemecek	8/10
Ronald Jenson	8/11
Jim Nichols	8/11
Jerry Blum	8/12
Don Hermanson	8/13
Jeff Pickett	8/13
Madeline Sitzes	8/13
Barry Bertin	8/15
Linda Hudson	8/16
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Donna Grammer	8/20
Del Fullen	8/23
Greg Glass	8/26
Ben Whittle	8/27
Larry Lingle	8/28

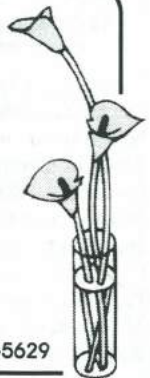
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Financial Planning Isn't Just For The Wealthy

BY WILLIAM L. GREEN, CFP

We've all heard the clichés: *The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.* Or: *It takes money to make money.* As a Certified Financial Planner (CFP), I've seen the poor get richer and I've seen small amounts of money grow into very nice portfolios. Almost everyone — regardless of age and income level — can benefit from good financial planning. Unfortunately, a lot of people mistakenly believe that they don't have the money for planning their financial future. It's important to emphasize that financial planning is not just for the wealthy. People of different income levels and financial portfolios usually have very different financial goals. Whatever your financial concerns, a certified professional can often provide the advice and services you need to reach your goals. Learning good financial habits early in life is certainly a good way to start, but it's important at any stage in your career to plan carefully.

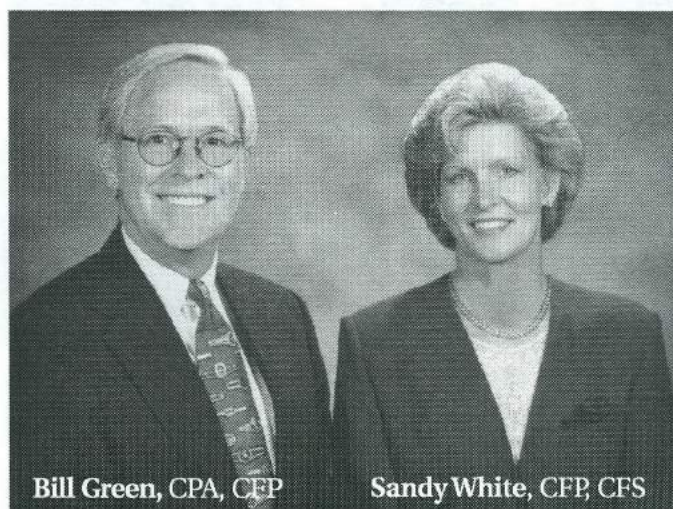
Let's begin with a simple example of what can happen with a small amount of money. Assume that you are 35 years old, earn a gross income of \$3,000 per month and you will work for 30 more years before you retire at age 65. Assuming you never get another raise, you will make \$1,080,000 between now and retirement. Through regular investing you could have \$1,080,000 in an investment account when you reach retirement. In other words, you would have every dollar you earn over the next 30 years saved! This is possible by saving only 10%, or \$300, of your income each month and allowing an average rate of return of 12% per year on your investment. This should be an achievable financial goal, if you take the steps needed and make the proper investments. (There is, of course, no guarantee that the 12% will be achieved, but over 30 years you can be relatively assured your retirement account will be far more substantial than if you don't save the 10%.)

Can you accomplish financial planning on your own or do you need a Certified Financial Planner? Can you really afford professional help? To evaluate this, you must first understand two things: (1) What does a financial planner do? (2) How do they charge?

In very basic terms, a good financial planner helps you focus on some financial goals, accumulates information about your current financial situation and makes recommendations on how to help you move toward achieving your financial goals. These goals might relate to retirement, sending children to college, enjoying a wonderful vacation or getting out of debt. The financial planner is an independent observer and advisor in his recommendations. By looking at your current investments, including company retirement plans and IRA's the CFP can help coordinate the overall picture, thus moving you closer to your financial goals.

Another area the CFP looks at is your insurance coverage. Most of us can not achieve our financial goals if we become sick or disabled. Disability income insurance can help in this situation. Or, what if the primary breadwinner dies prematurely? What happens to the education plans for your children or the retirement plans for your significant other? Without the proper amounts and kinds of life insurance, the financial goals might just disappear. What if in your golden years, you are enjoying a financially secure time and either you or your significant other must enter a nursing home? Without long-term healthcare insurance, a situation such as this could destroy your retirement plan. There are other insurance considerations, all of which should be covered by your financial planner. The wealthy might not have as many of these concerns because of their wealth, but planning for these scenarios is extremely important for most of us and should definitely be reviewed in a financial planning setting.

Financial goals are appropriate at every level of the wealth indicator. And, in fact, financial planning might even be more appropri-



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ate for those with less wealth than those with greater wealth. Wealthy individuals might need to focus on asset management and estate planning and less on retirement planning or education funding.

As to the cost of all this financial planning, you can pay for the advice in two basic ways, or a combination of the two. Most CFP's are moving away from pure commission to fees or fees with some commission. There might be a small charge for the financial plan preparation but in questioning other CFP's, I've found that many do the plan as part of a larger financial planning engagement and will not charge separately for it. Whether you pay with commissions (average 4% to 5% of what you invest) or with fees (average 1% of assets being managed) make sure you understand in advance how the planner earns his money.

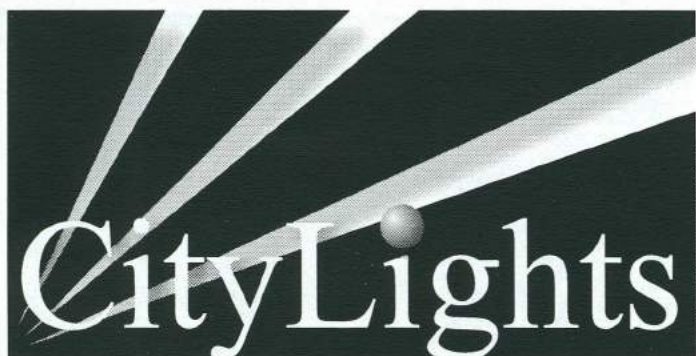
In another example, imagine you have just changed jobs and need to roll over your \$50,000 company retirement plan to a Rollover IRA. How do you do it and how should it be invested? Again the CFP can review your current financial situation and goals to help you make the appropriate investments. He or she would probably use no-load mutual funds and charge you a fee for managing your portfolio (about \$500 per year).

Your CFP should also insist that you meet at least once a year to review your accounts and update your financial plan. It's important to do this to be certain that all your planning is leading you toward your goals. Ask yourself what changes occurred in your life during the past year that might impact your plan? These should be reviewed so that your investments can be adjusted accordingly.

Most CFP's do not charge for the initial meeting. It's at this meeting that the financial planner can determine how he might best be of service to you. It's also at this meeting that you determine how he charges and what his approach to helping you will be. It's a very important meeting and one that you should take advantage of by asking any questions you have about investments and insurance. Don't be afraid to ask questions, no matter how probing you think they are. A good CFP will consider your financial education part of his or her job. If this person is going to help you achieve your lifetime financial goals, you need to be fairly comfortable with each other. If you don't have that comfort level, try another professional planner. No decision or commitment has to be made at the initial meeting.

Working with a professional should do two very important things for you: 1) Give you peace of mind and 2) Help you decide how to grow your money and avoid costly mistakes. Whether you're wealthy or not, it makes good sense to make financial planning a priority.

Bill Green is a certified financial planner and a partner in the Houston-based financial planning firm, Green/White Advisors.



CityLights

Society News about EPAH and Houston

By Stephen DuBay

Hey Gang! I do believe that the phrase "Pride Week" no longer applies... it is now "**Pride Month**"!

There were more functions, fundraisers, and festivities in the month of June, that we could literally say "June is bustin' out all over!"

It began back on June 5 with a cocktail party at Ken Council and Steve Evans to celebrate the opening of The Silver Screen/Color me Lavender at the Museum of Fine Arts as part of the Gay & Lesbian Film Festival. Many other EPAH members were also at the screening... **Brandon Wolfe, Randy Stranger, and John Kellett** (John just happened to be a sponsor again this year of the Festival). Many EPAH members also enjoyed *I think I Do* which was offered at Greenway's Landmark Theaters. In attendance were **Randy Whitmore, Dalton DeHart, Kenny Council, Stewart Zuckerbrod, John Keilett, David Matkovlch** with a pre-screening reception at Stages. This year we proudly had productions all over town, including the Rice Media Center and Diverse Works. The two plays I saw for pride month were *Tim Millers Shirts and Skin* at Theater Lab, and *Fit to be Tied* at Stages. Both were great! Many EPAH members were seen in those crowds including avid theater goers **Stewart Zuckerbrod and David Matkovlch**.

June 6 was a benefit social entitled *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* at the home of Gary Evans and Jim Humble. What a "Southern" evening! They managed to order moderate temperatures that complimented their atmosphere, making me feel like I was back in Savannah enjoying the sights from the book by John Berendt. They even had Spanish moss in the trees... great job, guys! EPAH members in attendance were: **Bill Stemme, Jeffrey Kuchar, Steve Evans, Ron Dalton Sean Yarborough, Marion Coleman and Jack Jackson**.

Then came June 10, and besides Ken Malone and I sharing the same birthday we both had friends who decided to plan surprise parties for us on the same night with the same caterer! Needless to say **Carlos Reyes** had to split up his staff to accommodate both parties!

June 16 was EPAH's monthly dinner meeting at the Junior League with Speaker Rob Bundy, Artistic Director of Stages. It was an inspiring evening with Rob pointing out what great performing arts we have in Houston and how proud we should be. He's so cute... That Friday was the monthly mixer at J.R.'s, with a nice turn out and good food.

Social committee is looking into a variety of locations for these mixers, so stay tuned...

On Sunday June 21, EPAH had its Pride Party at **Darrell Gorski's** home with decorations that could be seen from Westheimer and wonderful food from **Neil Sackheim**. No wonder there was such a fabulous turn out.

Ben Whittle and his lover Alan had a great Pride Party on June 28 at their home in the heights with EPAH members **John Coulter, Jack Jackson, Mike Ryan, Dick Dace, Barry Bertin, Tim Martinez, Donna Grammer, Robert Hugos, Kenny Council, Steve Evans, Mike Adams and Gary Evans** in attendance. We had such a good time... I haven't laughed that hard in a while. It was a great mix of people.

June 27 was the actual Pride Day Parade with lots of members at a pre-party at Shannon Scoville's. Seen there were **David Matkovlch, Carlos Reyes, Donna Grammer, Mark Cox and Don Thomasson**. Seen in the parade were **Marion Coleman, Gary Brewton, Stewart Zuckerbrod and Annise Parker**. And don't forget our fabulous **EPAH Team Float** who looked so professional with their routine! Congratulations to everyone who organized, planned, and walked for EPAH. You guys were super! I'm sure you made your Mamas proud...

The Fourth of July certainly was no slouch to parties, with a great one at Don Lehde's bayhouse where EPAH members **Bob Weinberger, John Matlage, Glenn Smith, Sean Yarborough, Carlos Reyes, Steve Evans, David Matkovlch, Bill Stemme, Darrell Gorski** and I enjoyed great summer cuisine by don Carlos Catering, out by Don's pool.

Another party that day was at **Randy Stangers** house co-hosted by **Ed Bradshaw**. Seen in that crowd were **Mike Beckman, Rob Granat, Kenny Macpherson, John Ginter** and the inimitable **Jack Jackson** who of course wow'ed the crowd with a beach towel head dress fashion show.

Upcoming events are Krewe of Olympus Bastille Day on July 18 at 7 PM at the Houston Gay and Lesbian Community Center at Hawthorne and Stanford. Requested donation of \$10.

August 9 brings two hysterical lesbian comedians to the Laff Stop on West Grey: **Vickie Shaw and Roxanne Ward**... don't miss it.

New restaurants visited were **Cabo's**, located downtown, which was wonderfully urban; **Tila's**, which was great the first time, not so good the second time; and **Amazon 2050 A.D.** which in my opinion was not great at all. And if you ever want to eat on a Sunday Evening... one of the few places open, and GREAT is **Boulevard Bistrot**. We went there after a matinee at Stages Theater and the food was wonderful!

On a very serious note... the Government is at it again. Congress is revisiting a bill to overturn Clinton's May 28 executive order banning anti-gay discrimination against civilian employees of the Federal government. It is scheduled for floor debate on July 13... please contact your representative of Congress.

Now is the time you've been waiting for, the EPAH member of the month is (the envelope, please)... **Denise O'Doherty**. This gorgeous young woman is so busy she must never be home! Besides being on the Board of Trustees for EPAH, she is also on Social Committee and Membership Committee. She is a member of L.i.B. (Lesbians in Business) and on the Board of the Kellett Foundation. *Does she ever rest?*

So until next time keep those E-mails, invitations and phone calls coming. They are greatly appreciated... **Stephen**

HEDDA Remembered

On June 28, the executors of Glen Razak and Steve Umoff's estate had a sale at 5721 Innsbruck, Bellaire (just west of Newcastle on Bissonnet) Furnishings, memorabilia, crystal, jewelry, etc. Not too many EPAH members knew about it due to a mailing list limitation. A Garage Sale is going to be held on July 24-25 from 8:00 AM - Noon in the garage only. **However**, if you identify yourself as an EPAH member Richard or Tempa Wier will give you access to the house and thus see all items and you may find something you would like as a keepsake.



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6:00 PM Social ■ 7:00 Dinner

Menu

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(See Page 3 for details)

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Minutes of the August EPAH Board of Trustees Meeting August 4, 1998

Attendees: President, Mike Ryan; Treasurer, Scott Garrison Acting Secretary, Dan DiDonato; Board: Jeff Pickett, Jeffrey Kuchar, Dalton DeHart, Denise O'Doherty, Donna Grammer, Paula Haymond, Carlos Reyes; Chairs: Kevin Davidson (Elections), John Coulter (Social).

Carlos Reyes motioned to accept the minutes as printed in the EPAHgramme, Second by Denise O'Doherty. Motion passed.

Dalton DeHart reported that space has been found for storing various EPAH items. **Dalton DeHart motioned that EPAH lease a 100 square foot space (called the "sunroom") at the Lesbian & Gay Community Center for \$150.00 monthly rental fee for a period of six months. Seconded by Denise O'Doherty.** Discussion ensued. After a lengthy discussion, Carlos Reyes motioned to table Dalton DeHart's motion until next board meeting (September 1) Seconded by Jeffrey Kuchar. Motion passed.

Scott Garrison gave the Treasurer's report. See attached report. Scott mentioned that as of September 1, EPAH will no longer accept credit cards. This is based on a review by the treasurer that the costs of using the credit cards was too high and the extra expense was not needed.

Committee Reports were given as follows: **Election.** Kevin Davidson reported that the Absentee ballots were sent out on July 31. See Election Committee report. **Program Committee.** Carlos Reyes gave the Program Committee report. He stated that EPAH will continue to meet at the Junior League through November of this year. **Community Affairs Committee.** Dan DiDonato reported that plans for EPAH's Military Ball is progressing. The fundraiser is scheduled for November 8 at Rich's.. Beneficiaries will be interviewed at a special committee meeting on August 13 at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center at 6:00 PM. **Social Committee.** John Coulter gave the Social report. See page 3. **Directory Committee:** Jeff Pickett reported that the Directory Committee has developed a detailed *Request for Proposal* that will be sent to various vendors around town within the next few weeks.

President Mike Ryan thanked everyone for his or her dedication and service throughout the year. President Ryan requested that the current Officers/Board Members work with the newly elected Officers/Board Members to ease the transition process.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:07 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

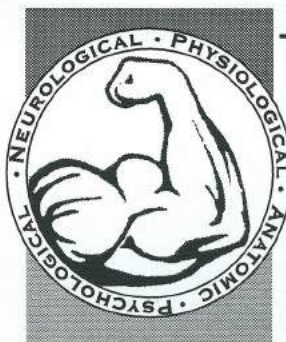
Dan DiDonato,

Acting Secretary

Treasurer's Report

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Elections Committee Report

Chair: Kevin Davidson

Election of EPAH Officers and Board of Trustees will be held August 18, 1998. The deadline for submitting self-nominations, in writing, to be included on the Absentee Ballot is Friday, July 31, 1998. The Election Committee members are Kevin Davidson (Chair), Bridget Chambers, Don Hauboldt, Charlie Haynes, Jack Jackson, Larry Newton, Dennis Schwarz, Gene Levy, Bill Stemme, Steve Sommers, and Scott Garrison. Self-nominations submitted to the Elections Committee as of August 11, 1998 are **President:** Jeff Pickett; **Vice-President:** Scott Garrison, Julie LaRue; **Treasurer:** Randy Scott; **Secretary:** Dan DiDonato; **Board of Trustees:** John Coulter, Dalton DeHart, Art Fleming, Robert Hergenroeder, Richard Hill, Robert Hugos, and Linda Landry.

Members must be in "good standing" according to the by-laws to be eligible to vote both by absentee ballot and at the night of the Election. Notifications will be made of those Members Not in Good Standing.

Please mark your calendars for the meeting on August 18, 1998. Contact Chair Kevin Davidson at 713-661-2195 for more information.

Social Committee Report

Chair: John Coulter, Meeting: September 8

Our monthly Friday mixer returns from vacation this month, and will be hosted by EPAH member Dennis Entler at his 611 Club, 611 Hyde Park (713) 526-7070. The date of the mixer is Friday August 21 at 5:30 to 8:00 PM. We'll enjoy a buffet and a cash bar and guest are welcome! Mark your calendars now so you won't miss it! This will be a great opportunity for you to meet and greet our new EPAH board members, officers and committee chairs. See you then!

Sunday, October 4 has been selected by the Social Committee as the date of our Bike Ride Party called "*Crusin' the Continents*." A passport will be included with your invitation and you will have it stamped at each stop, decorated as a different country, along the route that the party will take as it winds its way through Montrose. The rain date will be the next Sunday, October 11. The Social Committee is still seeking volunteers to host this event. Interested in volunteering your home? Give John Coulter a call at (281) 575-7716 if you are interested or if you need additional information.

The Social Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Call John Coulter at (281) 575-7716 for meeting locations or more information.

Activities Committee Report

Chair: Hal Coley/Larry Osterhoudt

Cards Anyone??? Bridge, Poker and Canasta groups meet every month January through October. The meeting dates are on the EPAHgramme calendar.

You will be welcomed and trained (if you need some training). Canasta is less complex than the other two and is great enjoyment for the novice. All members host these meetings in their homes with food and usually open bar. *Give it a try!*

Need help forming an activity or group function? Call Hal Coley at 713-850-1130.

Membership Committee Report

Chair: Rob Schmerler Next Meeting: August 6

The membership committee is very happy to welcome EPAH's newest member, **Arnold Sachs**. Arnold has attended many EPAH events through the years and his primary sponsor Bob Weinberger finally convinced him to join. In his spare time Arnold is very involved with the Houston chapter of the Names Project, the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Many of us think it would be great if EPAH could produce a Quilt panel in memory of our lost friends. Arnold is going to help us learn more about it. You can call him at 713-772-2255.

We also welcomed-back returning member **John M. Gonzalez**. John's primary sponsor was Linda Landry and he works for Benefit Consultants/Actuaries. John lives at 716 Euclid Street Houston, 77009 and his home phone is 713-868-3514.

We need new applications turned-in as soon as possible. If you have a friend who is considering membership, please call Rob Schmerler at 713-661-7700. We would like to know who is pending, so we can help them complete the application process.

It's a two-step process. When a new application is received, the membership committee invites the primary sponsor to discuss it, but the new candidate does not attend the first meeting. At the second meeting, both the candidate and their primary sponsor appear and the process is completed.

We are actively recruiting and we need your help. Please take your guests to the happy hours and other mixers, get those signatures, and get the paperwork turned-in! The next meeting of the Membership Committee will be Thursday September 3. Call Rob Schmerler for more information at 713-661-7700.

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September Renewals

Milton Birdwell
Jesse Castillo
John Frels
Walt Gardner
Clifford Keeling

Kenneth MacPherson
Gene Metzger
John Stockman
James Tholen

Happy Birthday!

August

Larry Newton	8/01
Kevin Davidson	8/02
Darryl Wexler	8/03
Katherine Hubbard	8/04
Toby Freeman	8/05
David Moskowitz	8/05
Stephen Sommers	8/07
Scot Hedrick	8/08
Neil Sackheim	8/09
Jeffrey Kuchar	8/09
Jack Nemecek	8/10
Ronald Jensen	8/11
Jim Nichols	8/11
Jerry Blum	8/12
Don Hermanson	8/13
Jeff Pickett	8/13
Madeline Sitzes	8/13
Barry Bertin	8/15
Linda Hudson	8/16
Beth Eldridge	8/20
Donna Grammer	8/20
Del Fullen	8/23
Greg Glass	8/26
Ben Whittle	8/27
Larry Lingle	8/28

September

Didier Plot	09/02
Gary Webb	09/03
Edward Draper	09/04
William Clark	09/04
James Baker	09/08
Tim Martinez	09/10
David Dexel	09/10
Ben Wheatley	09/10
Tony Carroll	09/11
Clif Vanover	09/12
Eric Liston	09/18
Burton Burrus, Jr.	09/18
Nasser Al-Tell	09/20
Robert Carp	09/21
Shawn Smith	09/25
John Dunn	09/26
Lawrence Osterhoudt	09/27
Robert Granat	09/27
Milton Birdwell	09/27
Paula Haymond	09/29
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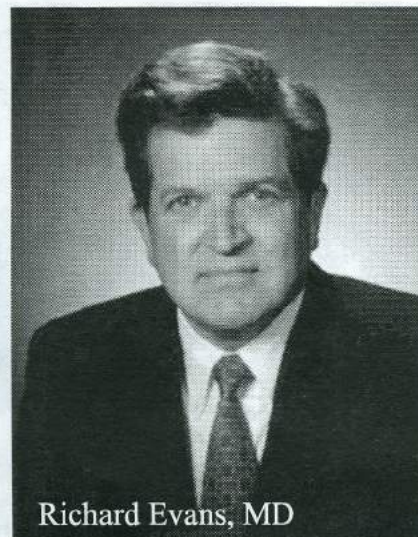
The Cancer Breakthrough You've Never Heard Of

BY RICHARD EVANS, MD

We are all touched at some time or another by the most dreaded of all diseases - cancer. At some time we will all seek advice for a friend, a loved one, or our self. Perhaps the breakthroughs so hyped by the media will spare some of us from this unpleasant task. But, even with the perfection of biological and pharmaceutical therapy, one principle of treatment will remain for many years to come. The vast majority of patients who are cured of cancer are cured by surgery and surgery alone. And it is here - the treatment of early, curable cancer - that the most startling progress has been made. Progress that is almost unknown outside the medical profession.

Several weeks ago I attended an evening conference on prostate cancer sponsored by a local hospital. Experts from New York and Seattle were flown in to discuss the latest advances in radiation therapy. A local urologist talked about radical prostatectomy (RP). For 30 minute he gave a sales pitch for RP. He dismissed watchful waiting and conservative treatment with lopsided data and made no attempt to make a balanced presentation. As I saw primary care physicians eagerly soaking up advice from this Texas Medical Center authority I was smoldering.

When the time came for question I approached the audience microphone, holding a single piece of paper. I began, "Over three years ago I wrote this letter-to-the-editor which was published in the Journal of Urology in August, 1995. I said that every surgeon who operates on patients with cancer should be familiar with the most thoroughly studied of all cancers - cancer of the breast." The surgeon nodded. I continued, "Since my letter was written in response to an article you wrote and since you did not reply to my letter, I'd like to ask you here to respond to the question I raised in my letter. I am sure you are familiar with the breast cancer lumpectomy trial. Few are aware that one third the of patients were treated by lumpectomy alone - with



Richard Evans, MD

no radiation. In that group 40% of patients developed recurrent cancer in the treated breast. Dr. ----, would you please tell this audience what happened to those patients."

After repeating the question with more detail, the urologist asked me to answer my own question. He apparently did not know the answer. I replied that following treatment of the recurrent cancer, these patient lived just as long as patients treated with radiation or those treated with total mastectomy. The surprising observation has been duplicated in more than 10 additional studies; yet, it remains unknown even to most doctors. Why?

For the past 100 years surgeons and other cancer specialists like radiation therapists have believed that they needed to eradicate every last cancer cell in order to achieve local control and cure,. We now know that is wrong. All available scientific information suggests that most, if not all, tumors can be treated just as successfully using less mutilative surgery. In the past three years many patients have been read my book ***Making the Right Choice: Treatment Options in Cancer Surgery***. A pregnant woman with cancer of the cervix faced an hysterectomy, loss of her child and permanent sterilization. A woman faced a permanent colostomy due to cancer of the rectum. A man risked permanent impotence from radical surgery for his prostate cancer. Many patients have been spared the complications of radical surgery by following the simple principles I had described. More information can be found on my web site located at: <http://www.texascancercenter.com>

CityLights

Society News about EPAH and Houston

By Stephen DuBay

I'll tell you what, July couldn't get any hotter, unless of course Antonio Banderas walked in the room...there's something about a masked man... anyway back to business.

We all had a great time on July 10 at the Krewe of Olympus Party, which was given at the home of Gary McCoy. Lot's of EPAH members were present including: **Ben Whittle, Jack Jackson, Jeffrey Kuchar, Bill Stemme, Darrell Gorski, David Matkovich, Ken Council, Steve Evans and Brandon Wolf.** I even got a photo op. with special guest **State Representative Debra Danburg.** It was entitled a Royal Affair, probably because there were some queens there... and a few kings.

The next party entitled **Bastille Day** was on July 18, and even though I was out of town, my spies weren't... Seen in that crowd were **Mike Adams, John Matlage, Bob Weinberger, David Matkovich, Paul Luccia, David Moskowitz, Rob Schmerler, Brian Stephens, Steve Evans, David Stewart and Brandon Wolf.** So remember my spies are everywhere...

The Denim Party at BRB on July 26 was very hot... with more bodies crammed into one space than a certain member's bedroom... And as the afternoon heated up so did the bodies, so that by the time we left, half the guest's had taken their shirts off, looking like Pacific Street on a Saturday Night. Seen in that crowd were **Sean Yarborough, Glenn Smith, Randy Stanger, Jack Jackson and David Matkovich.**

We also had some great meals in July, some at new restaurants, some revisited. A group of us went back to P.F. Changs on July 28 before going to a Comets game, the food was still wonderful, and so were the Comets - you go girls...

On July 23 we went to the new Pignetti's (414 West Gray) and we got to meet Richard Pignetti (owner and chef). We were seated next to the **Richard Hill's** who had just returned from Cuba (guys didn't you know Castro hates gay? Glad you're home safe). And we all agreed the food was delicious.

August 1 we had a nice dinner with the **Denise O'Doherty's**, and **David Matkovich** at *The Daily Review*, afterward we were forced to go to the Barn, and Boccado's, actually we had to drag Denise...she needed to get out.

And would you believe, here we are at *The Last Concert Cafe*, and who's at the next table in this wonderful downtown dive but financial wizard **Bill Green**, he must also love their "Authentic" Mexican food.

Besides all the food, and festivities, we also had some great performances in town. On July 12 a group of us went to Stages Theater to see *Freshman Year Sucks* which was written and performed by Rob Nash. He did a great job performing more than 20 characters, and it brought back memories of school days... and yes, I have a long memory. And I even got to see Robert Goulet in Camelot, and to be honest, his voice is still pretty good. Performances coming up, that might be worth checking out are: *Chicago* at Jones Hall, *Vivian Leigh, The Last Press Conference* at Theater Lab, *Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* at the Masquerade Theater. And for our female members, besides being entertained by the Comets (which I try to go to every game), there are also two Lesbian Comediennes, **Vickie Shaw and Roxanna Ward**, at the Laff Stop on

August 9 (I can't wait, they are supposed to be hysterical.)

The new movie *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss* which we all saw at Greenway 3 on August 5 is cute. Seen in that crowd were **Jack Jackson, John Coulter, Ed Bradshaw, Randy Stanger, Steve Evans, Ken Council, Robert Hugo, Mark Cullen, and Dick Dace.**

And Speaking of Hollywood, our own **Denise O'Doherty** was invited to be a guest speaker at the annual S.P.I.C.E.

conference in Atlanta. S.P.I.C.E. is a conference held for the wives of crossdressers, and their husbands, and Denise talked on intimacy and communication skills in marriages using IMAGO and other techniques. She was among other International Speakers and authors - you go Denise!

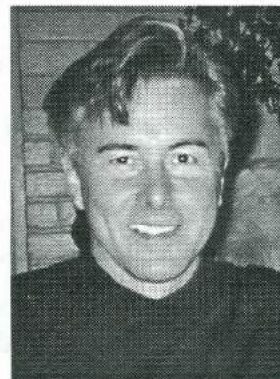
EPAH obviously never stays home. In July we had **Donna Grammer, Jamie Moleski and John Coulter** in California, **Richard Hill** in Cuba, **Ken Malone and Joseph Culotta** in Paris, **Dan DiDonato and Cliff Keeling** in Las Vegas.

And get ready for all the Labor Day parties, the two biggies are **RIP'D 98** (Austin, for tickets call 512-478-1791 or 888-557-17912) and **Southern Decadence** in New Orleans (call Oz 504-593-9491 or Bourbon Pub 504-529-2107 for information).

And last, but certainly not least, is the person I've chosen to be Member of the Month. ...And this month it's our illustrious leader **Mike Ryan**. Mike will be stepping off that pedestal soon to relinquish that crown to some "lucky" winner. Thank you, Mike, for lots of hard work through a very rough, challenging, and exciting time in EPAH's history - luv ya guy!

To prove to you guys, that we keep the EPAHgramme as current as possible, we wanted to slip these items in, barely under the wire.

The musical *Chicago* at Jones Hall was very good. The first half better



than the second. The movies *Saving Private Ryan* and *There's Something about Mary* are both worth seeing for completely different reasons. And **Vickie Shaw and Roxanna Ward** at the Laff Stop last Sunday were hysterical. Seen in that crowd were **Dan DiDonato, Carlos Reyes, Donna Grammer and Joy Clayton.** Tonight we should see a lot of familiar faces at the advance screening of *The Governess* starring Minnie Driver.

And so, girls and boys, as you can see, everyone lived happily ever after in the Kingdom of EPAH. Stephen

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Minutes of the EPAH July Dinner Meeting July 21, 1998

The July Dinner meeting was held at the Junior League of Houston on July 21, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm by Mike Ryan, President. Kevin Davidson moved with a second by Robert Hugo to accept the Secretary's minutes submitted by Chris Ehlinger as printed in the EPAHgramme. Motion passed.

Scott Garrison, Treasurer, gave the financial report. There is approximately \$21,000 in total in the bank accounts. Credit cards will no longer be accepted by EPAH for any reason after August 1998. Marion Coleman moved with a second by Bob Weinberger that allow EPAH to conduct business with don Carlos Catering, which is owned by one of the board members. Motion passed.

Committee reports followed. Rob Schmerler announced the new members and those whose applications have been submitted. John Coulter gave the Social report and thanked all those who helped out for the Pride Party. The next mixer will be on August 21st at the 611 Club. The fall social will be a bike ride/party on Oct. 4th. Jack Jackson gave the Community Affairs report and conducted the raffle which benefited the Pet Patrol. The raffle raised \$113 for the Pet Patrol. Larry Ousterhault gave the Activities report. Kevin Davidson, elections chairman, mentioned the upcoming elections in August and that meeting is for members only. Kevin also announced all the candidates running for the various offices and board positions.

Mike Ryan introduced Mike Fleming, associate editor of the Houston Voice. Mike Fleming gave a brief presentation on the Houston Voice and what he sees how it will benefit the community.

Announcements were given by Stewart Zuckerbrod wherein he mentioned the opening of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center and the joint meeting with the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce whereby Lee Brown will address community topics.

Tom Staley moved to adjourn with a second by Tom Fricke. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ehlinger, Secretary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 EPAHcureans 5:00 PM Larry Osterhoudt 606 Marshall #15	17	18 ELECTION Night Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM Junior League Members Only!	19	20 Community Affairs 7:00 PM Darrell Gorski	21 MIXER! MIXER! 611 Club 5:30 - 8:00 PM	22
23	24	25	26	27 Canasta 7:00 PM John Champeau 8787 Briar Acres #1123	28	29
30	31	SEPT 1 Board of Trustees Meeting 1116 Jackson 7:00 PM	2 Bridge Group Darby Suiter 713-961-3321	3 Membership Committee Rob Schmerler for Details	4	5
6	7	8 Social Committee 6:30 PM (See Report) Newsletter 6:30 PM 713-862-3312	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM Junior League Remember: No Credit Cards	16 Bridge Group Darby Suiter 713-961-3321	17	18	19

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New Slate of Officers & Board of Trustees!

A new slate of Officers and five new Board Members were voted into office at last month's Annual/Election meeting. Front row (from left to right), are Secretary Dan DiDonato, Board Members Dennis Schwarz and Jeffrey Kuchar, President Jeff Pickett, Board Members Donna Grammer, Linda Landry, and Mike Ryan. Back row (from left to right), are Board Members Dalton DeHart, Robert Hugos, Carlos Reyes, and John Coulter, Treasurer Randy Scott and Vice President Julie LaRue. Newly elected President Jeff Pickett extends many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this



past year a success and looks forward to many great events to make this next year exciting for the membership! See President's Report of the board minutes on page 2 for more details. If you are interested in getting involved in EPAH committees, please contact Jeff at 713-228-2224.

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Monthly Dinner Meeting Tuesday, September 15

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(See Page 2 for details & reservations)

Social Mixer Friday, September 18

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Minutes of the Board of Trustee Meeting September 1, 1998, 1116 Jackson

Attendees. President: Jeff Pickett, Treasurer, Randy Scott, Secretary, Dan DiDonato John Coulter, Dalton DeHart, Donna Grammer, Jeffrey Kuchar, Linda Landry, Carlos Reyes, Mike Ryan.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Pickett at 7:05 PM. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes. Jeffrey Kuchar moved to allow the participation of non-trustee EPAH Members as permitted by Bylaw Art. 4, Sect. 8. Seconded by Linda Landry. Motion passed unanimously.

Carlos Reyes moved and Mike Ryan seconded the approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held immediately following the Annual Meeting (Dinner/Elections) held on August 18, 1998. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report. President Jeff Pickett announced that one of the primary goals of his administration is to increase member participation and satisfaction with their membership in EPAH. He announced that as a part of the plan to achieve this goal, he intends to strengthen communications between committee chairs, officers, and board members and increase communications between board members and the general membership. Also he proposed, with approval of the board, the designation of a "constituency" of EPAH members for each of the board members. The EPAH roster was then equally divided among each of the board members and each list was designated as the board members' personal constituency. The board members were then encouraged to initiate and maintain personal contact with each member of their constituency to seek opinions, make announcements, encourage attendance at functions, and to receive direct communications from their "constituents". The President then announced his intentions, working with the Secretary, other Officers, the Committee Chairs, and Board Members, to design a relational database containing membership data and to implement electronic data processing techniques that can be used by all of the EPAH leadership in performing their work for EPAH.

Treasurer's Report. Randy Scott gave the Treasurer's Report.

New Business. Dalton DeHart moved to approve the Membership Committee Appointments made by the President pursuant to Bylaws Art. VII, Sect. 2(a). Motion seconded by Linda Landry. Motion Passed. Mike Ryan moved that the newly appointed Committee Chairs, contingent upon their compliance with all other Bylaws provisions and EPAH policies, be permitted to enter into contracts on behalf of EPAH pursuant to EPAH Bylaws Art. VIII, Sect. 2. Jeff Kuchar seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jeffrey Kuchar moved to approve on a "term basis" contracts for goods and services over the amount of \$1,000.00 that may be entered into by New Committee Chairs, contingent upon compliance with all other Bylaws provisions and EPAH policies, pursuant to EPAH Policy adopted 8/1/95. Seconded by Carlos Reyes, Motion passed unanimously. Jeffrey Kuchar moved to approve, contingent upon compliance with all other Bylaws provisions and EPAH policies, contract(s) that may be entered into with Secretary Dan DiDonato as provided by EPAH Bylaws Art. VIII, Sect. 4. Seconded by Carlos Reyes. Discussion ensued. Motion passed: Y: 6; N: 1 Jeffrey Kuchar moved to approve, contingent upon compliance with all other Bylaws provisions and EPAH policies, contract(s) that may be entered into with Board Member Carlos Reyes as provided by EPAH Bylaws Art. VIII, Sect. 4. Seconded by Dalton DeHart. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Ryan moved that EPAH purchase a ¼ page advertisement in the Miss Camp America Program. Linda Landry seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion failed: Y: 3; N: 3; Abstain: 1 Carlos Reyes moved that EPAH purchase a ½ page advertisement in the Black Tie Dinner Program for \$200.00. Seconded by Linda Landry. Motion passed. Y: 5; Abstain: 2 Board Member Carlos Reyes announced that acting as former Program Chair, he authorized the AIDS ACTION group to hold their upcoming fundraiser at the Junior League using EPAH's contract with the Junior League. Carlos Reyes and the Board of Trustees acknowledged that proper procedure was not followed for this arrangement, but ratified the action by passing unanimously a motion by Mike Ryan and seconded by Linda Landry.

Adjournment. Dalton DeHart moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carlos Reyes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan DiDonato, Secretary

EPAH cordially invites you to the September Dinner Meeting

Tuesday Evening September 15

The Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks
(One Block North of the hotel formerly known as The Ritz-Carlton)

6:00 PM Social • 7:00 Dinner

Menu

*Mixed Greens & Avocado with Champagne Vinegarette
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Community Affairs Committee

Chair: Gary VanOoteghem Next Meeting Sept. 17

The next fund raiser of Community Affairs Committee (CAC) is the *Military Ball* scheduled for Sunday, November 8, at Rich's, between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM. This will be our first year hosting this event. In years past, the *Military Ball* was sponsored by Four Seasons. Darrell Gorski, last year's chair of CAC, will chair the event this year. Next month, look for a letter from this committee which will explain more details about the event and how you can help.

The 1999 fund raisers have not been scheduled yet, but should be prior to year-end. There may be two to four events scheduled for next year, depending on how many new committee volunteers we get in the next couple of months and how much human resources we have available to do our work.

CAC will be looking into doing one fund raiser solely for the benefit of EPAH. Our goal there would be to replenish EPAH's treasury back up to one year's operating expenses; i.e., raise ten to twelve thousand dollars in new funds. We are currently looking at doing a joint function with another EPAH committee to achieve this. More on that later as it evolves.

We will be looking into doing a fund raiser with another organization, too. Perhaps a joint function with the Chamber for the benefit of one of our other gay charities. We have already set up a dialog to develop this further. Stay tuned.

CAC will also look at our policy on how we determine who or which gay/AIDS charities we will target for support next year and beyond. Hopefully, before this time next year, we will have a policy setup as one of Community Affairs Committee's Policies & Procedures, with written standardized rules and procedures, for future CAC's to use as guidance.

Finally, we will grow the committee. That is to say, we are going to bring in other EPAH members who are willing to work on one or more of the projects mentioned above. If you are interested in joining us, call Gary Van Ooteghem, CAC's chair, at 713-524-4343.

Our next committee meeting will be at Gary Van Ooteghem's home, 3416 Garrott Street, Houston. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 17. Social is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. and should last approximately one hour or thereabouts. Since so many others are also involved in this committee, starting promptly is a courtesy to everybody. Please be on time if you intend to attend.

Social Committee Report

Chair: Ed Bradshaw, Meeting: October 13

Many thanks to EPAH member Dennis Entler for hosting our August mixer on August 21 at the 611 Club. Despite the rainy weather, 46 EPAH member and 27 guests attended and enjoyed Dennis' hospitality. Thank you, Dennis for hosting us! Thanks also to committee members who helped out as greeters at the event!

Our bike ride party called *Cruisin' the Continents* has been moved to Sunday, October 11 due to *FollyFest* held on October 4. Be sure to mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on the fun as this party winds its way through Montrose! Invitations for this event will be sent out soon.

Our social/mixer for September will be held on Friday, September 18 (Friday after the Dinner Meeting) from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Join us as we return to Santa Fe Bar & Patio, and bring many friends with you!

The Social Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. Call Ed Bradshaw at 281-530-2409 for meeting location and more information.

Membership Committee Report

Chair: Rob Schmerler Next Meeting: October 8

At our September 3rd meeting, the Membership Committee gave unanimous approval to the application of returning member **Steve Evans**. Steve is a sales representative with Anixter and he lives at 1609 Woodhead, Houston 77019. His home phone is 713-529-1470.

We gave preliminary consideration to the applications of **Ernie Edge** and **Todd Foster**. Ernie is an engineer at NASA and Todd is Development Director of the Montrose Clinic, and their primary sponsor is Ken Malone. They will be invited to the Membership Committee meeting on October 8 for final consideration. We also reviewed an address list of guests to prior EPAH events. We divided-up the list and will contact the guests to discuss joining EPAH. We discussed ways to develop more female candidates including the possibility of hosting an event especially for women.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will be Thursday October 8, starting at 7:00 PM at the home of Jeffrey Kuchar, 1805 Missouri Street.

Activities Committee Report

Chair: John Coulter / Stephen DuBay

Here are just samples of some exciting things to mark on your calendars for September and October! Please call and make reservations, because to bigger the turn out, the more receptive businesses will be to EPAH in the future.

Sunday, September 13. Brunch at Bistro 224 (224 Westheimer) at 12 Noon. Mention that you are an EPAH member for a FREE appetizer with a brunch entree!

Sunday, September 20. *Sordid Lives* at Paradox Theatre located at 3733 Washington, near Waugh Drive. You must call to reserve and purchase your tickets at 713-522-2204. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$17.

Friday, September 25. *Sex* written by the legendary Mae West at The Little Room Downstairs Theatre (2326 Bissonnet). You must call to reserve and purchase your tickets at 713-523-0791. Seating is extremely limited at this small theater, so call early. Tickets are \$15

Friday, October 2. *No Way to Treat a Lady* at Theatre LAB located at 1706 Alamo, off Houston Ave.). You must call to reserve and purchase your tickets at 713-868-7516. Tickets are \$18.

Future thoughts are an EPAH Margarita Madness Bowling Night and Private Art Gallery Previews, and Package Travel Tours. Watch for details!

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Secretary's Report

Dan DiDonato

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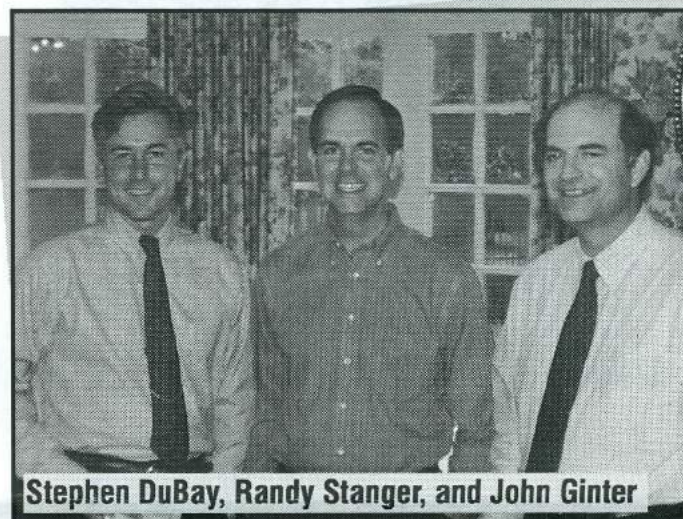
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We have some very exciting events on the horizon for the EPAHgramme and are currently looking for volunteers to write newsletter articles, snap (*titillating*) photographs, assist with design & layout, and pull staff together for our monthly gathering to stamp, label, and stuff envelopes. The mailing party lasts only about one hour, and it's a fun time to catch up on the latest "gossip!" and tidbits of information about our community and membership! We usually meet on the second Tuesday of every month! Please call 713-862-3312, if interested. *We'd love for you to join us!*

On the Social Beat...



Barry Bertin and partner Jeffrey at Social Mixer



Stephen DuBay, Randy Stanger, and John Ginter



EPAH Election Committee, 1998 (hard at WORK?)

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John Dunn
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September

Didier Piot	09/02
Gary Webb	09/03
Edward Draper	09/04
William Clark	09/04
James Baker	09/08
Tim Martinez	09/10
David Dixel	09/10
Ben Wheatley	09/10
Tony Carroll	09/11
Clif Vanover	09/12
Eric Liston	09/18
Burton Burrus, Jr.	09/18
Nasser Al-Tell	09/20
Robert Carp	09/21
Shawn Smith	09/25
John Dunn	09/26
Lawrence Osterhoudt	09/27
Robert Granat	09/27
Milton Birdwell	09/27
Paula Haymond	09/29
Kenneth Macpherson	09/29

October

Jerry Daman	10/01
David Stewart	10/02
Charles Haynes	10/08
Douglas Askew	10/09
Don Hauboldt	10/10
Bridgette Chambers	10/10
Mike Shiflet	10/12
Stewart Zuckerbrod	10/13
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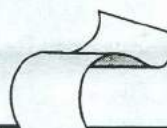
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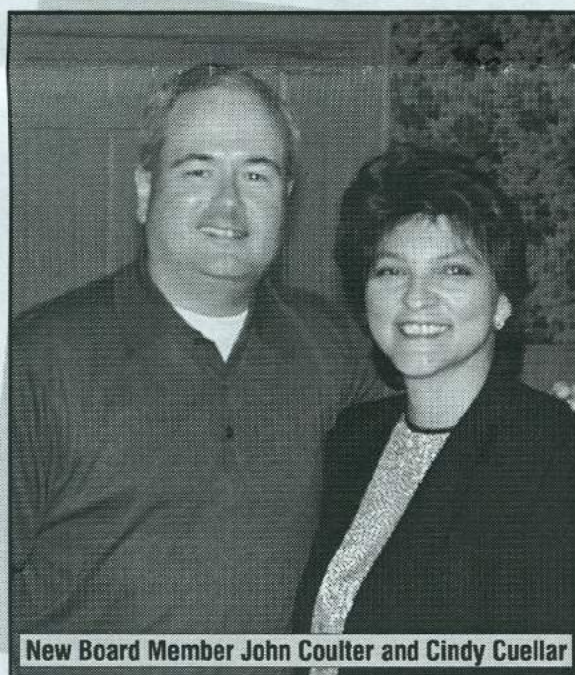
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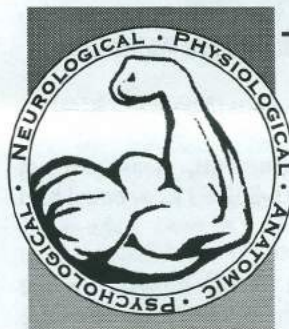
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Legal Briefs

BY JEFF PICKETT, JD

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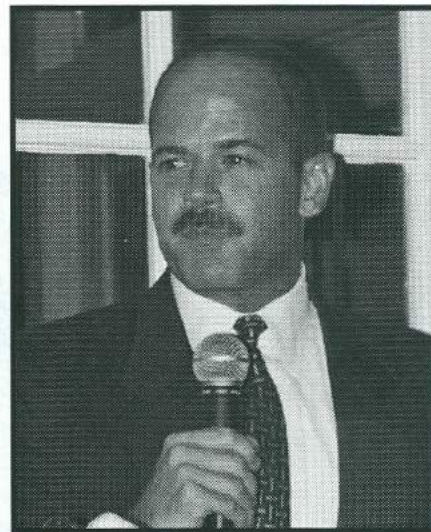
HOME EQUITY LOANS AND REVERSE MORTGAGES: What are they and how do they work?

Old Law: Until January 1, 1998, the Texas Constitution provided that, other than governmental liens for taxes, the only legal (and hence forecloseable) liens on a homestead could be those created by a purchase-money loan (to buy the house) and a home-improvement loan (remodeling, swimming pool, new garage, etc.).

New Law: As of January 1, 1998, in addition to liens created by purchase-money and home-improvement loans, a lien on a Texas homestead may now legally be created to secure general-purpose loans. The new secured (collateralized) financing loans permitted to create such liens are called *home equity loans* and *reverse mortgages*. There are significant restrictions on home equity loans and reverse mortgages are virtually unheard of so far in Texas. Knowing and following the rules of these loans are important because if a lender does not follow (or come into compliance regarding) every rule within a reasonable time after the borrower notifies the lender of its noncompliance, the lender loses its rights to collect any principal or interest from the loan.

Home Equity Loan General Rules. (1) **80% rule.** The amount of the loan is limited to the amount, when added to the total balances of all current loans secured by the homestead, of 80% of the fair market value of your homestead. (2) **Judicial Foreclosure.** The lien can only be foreclosed upon with a court order. (3) **No Personal Liability.** If the borrower defaults, the lender can only judicially foreclose the lien and not get a personal liability judgment against the borrower or borrower's spouse. (4) **No Line of Credit.** A home equity loan can not be a line of credit. (5) **No Early Payoff Penalty or Fee.** The loan may be paid off earlier than its original term without incurring a prepayment charge or other penalty. (6) **Can Not Be Called Immediately Payable Because of Drop in Market Value.** (7) **Can Not Be Called Immediately Payable Because of Default on Some Other Loan That is Not Legally Collateralized By the Homestead.** (8) **Can Not Be Collateralized by Any Property Other Than Homestead.** (9) **No Balloon Payments.** The loan must be repaid in substantially equal monthly installments and the first payment must begin within two months from the date of the loan. (10) **Interest May Be Fixed or Variable.** (11) **Loan May Be Rescinded By the Borrower/Owner (and Spouse) Within Three Days After the Date of the Loan.** (12) **Only One Loan Per Year and Only One at a Time.** A borrower can only obtain one home equity loan per year (12 months) per homestead and only one home equity loan outstanding at any time.

Home Equity Loan Technical/Procedural Rules. (1) **Written Acknowledgment of Fair Market Value.** The borrower and lender must sign a written acknowledgment of the fair market value of the homestead as of the date of the loan. The lender is allowed to conclusively rely on that value if (a) the lender has no actual knowledge that the value is wrong and (b) it was the amount stated in an appraisal or an evaluation prepared according to the rules applicable to home-equity loans. (2) **Loan Fees Limited to 3% of Loan.** This is one of the most ambiguous provisions of the amendment. Because of arguments over



the legal definitions of "interest", "origination fees", "loan servicing fees", etc., it is not now known what will be allowable to be included within the 3% limit allowed to be charged above and beyond "interest". (3) **No Closing Until Expiration of 12 days from Loan Application.** There is a 12-day minimum "waiting period" after a loan is applied for before the loan can be closed. (4) **Loan Must Be Closed Only at Offices of the Lender, Title Company, or Attorney.** (5) **Borrower Can Not Sign Blank Documents.** (6) **No Confessions of Judgment or Powers of Attorney.** In the event of default, the lender can not require the borrower to sign a confession of judgment or a power of attorney to the lender (or a third party) to sign a confession of judgment or to appear in court in a judicial proceeding on behalf of the borrower. (7) **Borrower Must Receive a "Notice Concerning Extensions of Credit" 12 Days Before Closing.** Not only must closing occur a minimum of 12 days after loan application, but the Closing can not occur until at least 12 days after the borrower has received the required statutory written notice from the lender. (8) **Lender Must Provide Borrower With Copies of All Documents Signed by the Borrower.** (9) **Legal Documents Must Cite Constitutional Provisions.** The legal documents that create the lien for a home equity loan must contain a disclosure that the extension of credit is the type of credit defined by the specific articles, sections and paragraphs of the Texas Constitution relating to home equity loans.

Reverse Mortgages. Because these products are not common yet in Texas, treatment in this column will be very general. **Definition.** A *reverse mortgage* is loan product that allows a homestead owner to borrow against their equity in their home but repay it upon their death, sale (or transfer) of the homestead, or abandonment of the homestead (under certain qualifications of "abandonment"). In general, the borrower(s) must be at least 55 years old and they must receive financial counseling regarding reverse mortgages and other financial alternatives. **What's the Problem With Reverse Mortgages in Texas?** The primary obstacles for reverse mortgages in Texas are the conflicts between Texas law and Federal law in regard to: (1) whether a line of credit is permitted; (2) the definition of "abandonment"; and (3) obtaining the counseling. The "attorney scoop" allegedly coming from the general counsel of the Independent Bankers' Association of Texas is that HUD (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development) will not insure Texas reverse mortgages or provide any counseling for them and Fannie Mae will not buy the loans because HUD will not insure them.

Advice: Be careful with your debt load if you decide to use home equity financing. You now have a lot more you can lose because of a mistake in judgment in consumer borrowing.

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Minutes of the EPAH August Dinner Meeting on August 18, 1998

The August Dinner meeting was held at the Junior League of Houston on August 18, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm by Mike Ryan, President. Kevin Davidson, elections chair announced open nominations for each of the officer and board positions. After no further nominations had been received from the floor, the nominations closed. Gary Van Ooteghem moved to suspend speeches by non-contested positions. Seconded by Dan DiDonato, motion passed. Nominee for the contested officer and board positions each gave a short speech.

Kevin Davidson moved with a second by Rob Schmerler to allow Jeff Pickett time to speak after the election results. Motion passed. Ken Malone moved to elect the candidates for uncontested positions by acclamation, with a second by Randy Scott. Motion passed and elections were held and ballots counted.

Election results were announced by Kevin Davidson as follows: Board Positions: John Coulter, Robert Hugos, Linda Landry, Dalton Dehart. Officers: Jeff Pickett-President, Julie LaRue-Vice President, Dan DiDonato-Secretary, Randy Scott-Treasurer.

Kevin Davidson moved to accept the election results with a second by Robert Hugos. Motion passed.

Jeff Pickett, President elect, gave a short speech. He announced the following committee chairs, Program-Ben Whittle, Social-Ed Bradshaw, Membership-Rob Schmerler, Activities-Stephen Dubay & John Coulter, Community Affairs-Gary Van Ooteghem, Professional Development-open.

Denise O'Doherty moved to adjourn, with a second by Ed Bradshaw. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ehlinger

Secretary

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting after Elections August 18, 1998

Following the annual elections meeting, a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called by President Jeff Pickett pursuant to EPAH Bylaws Articles IV, Sections 1 and 10.

Officers present: President, Jeff Pickett, Vice President, Julie LaRue, Treasurer, Randy Scott, Secretary, Dan DiDonato. Board Members present: Carlos Reyes, Donna Grammer, Linda Landry, Dalton DeHart, Jeffrey Kuchar, Mike Ryan, Dennis Schwarz, John Coulter, and Robert Hugos.

Linda Landry moved to change the names of the newly elected officers on the signature cards of the checking accounts. Jeffrey Kuchar second. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Kuchar moved to raise the membership dues by \$25.00 effective January 1, 1999. Linda Landry second. Discussion ensued. Friendly amendment to the motion was made to change the effective date to October 1, 1998. Voting results: In favor: Eight (8). Abstention: One (1). Motion passed.

Dalton Dehart moved to change the names on the Money Market Accounts to the newly elected officers: President Jeff Pickett, Vice President, Julie LaRue, Treasurer, Randy Scott, Secretary, Dan DiDonato, in addition to two (2) alternate names of Board of Trustee Members Jeffrey Kuchar and Linda Landry. Seconded by Donna Grammer. Motion passed.

Jeffrey Kuchar moved to increase the membership application fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00. President Pickett ruled the motion out of order.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Special Board of Trustees Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan DiDonato

Secretary



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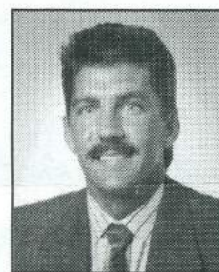
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Treasurer's Report

CD Balances (Total/2)	\$12,815.13
Banking Balances	\$7,390.27
Total Working Capital:	\$19,205.40



Sept/Oct Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 13 <i>Brunch at Bistro 224</i> NOON 713-521-7888	14	15 ELECTION Night Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM Junior League	16 Bridge Group Darby Suiter 713-961-3321	17 Community Affairs 7:00 PM Gary VanOoteghem <i>(see report)</i>	18 Social/Mixer Santa Fee Bar 5:30 - 7:30	19
20 <i>Sordid Lives</i> Paradox Theatre 713-522-2204	21	22	23	24	25 SEX The Little Room Downstairs Theatre 713-523-0791	26
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2 <i>No Way To Treat a Lady</i> Theatre LAB 713-868-7516	3
4	5	6 Board of Trustees Meeting 1116 Jackson 7:00 PM	7 Bridge Group Darby Suiter 713-961-3321	8 Membership Committee Rob Schmerler for Details	9	10
11	12	13 Social Committee 6:30 PM <i>(See Report)</i> Newsletter 6:30 PM 713-862-3312	14	15	16	17

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EPAH Members Hit the Streets for Bike Ride!

Fifty bicyclists embarked in the recreational sport event of the '90's in EPAH's return of the *Tour the Continents* Bicycle Ride! Members started the bicycle tour at EPAH member Dick Evan's home in the elite Cherry Hurst Park area & cycled through four rest (or party) stops (the homes of Stuart Zuckerbroad, Muscle Mechanics, and Linda Hudson & Barbara Alexander), before ending the tour at the home of former President Mike Ryan where all were treated to margarita, mexican buffet (provided by don Carlos Cartering) and social pleasantries. Former social Chair John Coulter and current chair Ed Bradshaw coordinated efforts to make the event the resounding success that it was.



Draft Begins for Military Ball!

The Community Affairs Committee is gaining momentum and gathering forces to bombard the new EPAH Fundraising Adventure, *Military Ball '98*, with much energy and enthusiasm. You may register as a volunteer for the event at the next dinner meeting (see report on page 3).

Upcoming Events!

Monthly Dinner Meeting Tuesday, October 20

Junior League of Houston

(See Page 2 for details & reservations)

Social Mixer Friday, October 23

The 611 Club 5:30-7:30 PM

(See Page 3 for details)

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Minutes of the Board of Trustee Meeting October 6, 1998, 1116 Jackson

Officers Present: President: Jeff Pickett, Vice President, Julie LaRue, Treasurer, Randy Scott, Secretary, Dan DiDonato.

Board of Trustees Present: John Coulter, Dalton DeHart, Robert Hugos, Jeffrey Kuchar, Donna Grammer, Linda Landry, Carlos Reyes, and Dennis Schwarz.

The meeting was called to order by President Pickett at 7:05 PM. A quorum was declared at 7:20 P.M. prior to any formal deliberation by the Board. Jeffrey Kuchar moved to allow the participation of non-trustee EPAH members at the meeting. Seconded by Donna Grammer. Motion passed unanimously. Linda Landry moved and Donna Grammer seconded the approval of the minutes from the Board of Trustees held on September 1, 1998. Motion passed unanimously.

President's report. President Pickett requested that all Committee Chairs & Officers prepare a first draft of their proposed budgets for 1999 and to give them to the Treasurer at the next dinner meeting, October 20, 1999.

Treasurer's report. Report given by Treasurer Randy Scott. See attached report.

Committee reports (see committee reports).

New business. President Jeff Pickett brought before the Board the issue of Patrick Newport's membership being drop from the membership roster in July and the circumstances of his renewal check being lost in January and his replacement check being received and cashed by EPAH in July, 1998.

Dennis Schwarz moved to accept Patrick Newport's check dated July 13, 1998 for \$125.00 and reinstate his membership without any adjustment in his anniversary month of December, 1998. Linda Landry seconded. Yes:2; No:4. Motion failed.

Dennis Schwarz moved to accept the payment on Patrick Newport's July 13 check and to extend his membership renewal by three months. Seconded by Jeffrey Kuchar. Yes:5; No:1. Motion passed.

Announcements. President Pickett announced that Trustee Dalton DeHart was recovering well from his recent surgeries. He read a letter to the Board from Dalton expressing his thanks for the flowers sent by EPAH and for EPAH members' wishes for his speedy recovery.

Adjournment. Linda Landry moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dennis Schwarz. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan DiDonato, Secretary

Secretary's Report

Dan DiDonato

If you are interested in receiving your EPAHgramme via email (in full color this month), please sign up by calling Dan DiDonato at Preferred Graphics (713-862-3312), or by sending email to pgraphic@singal.com. We are still in a "testing" phase and everyone who signs up will continue to receive their EPAHgramme via US Mail.

Interested in helping with the EPAHgramme? Please call Dan at the above number. We'd love to have your assistance!

EPAH cordially invites you to the October Dinner Meeting

Tuesday Evening October 20, 1998

The Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks
(One Block North of the hotel formerly known as The Ritz-Carlton)

6:00 PM Social • 7:00 Dinner

Menu

*Salad Maison
Cajun Style Pork Loin, St. Anna Green Beans,
Horseradish Mashed Potatoes
Creme Brulee with Strawberry Sauce
Petit Pan, Butter, Coffee, or Tea*

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Reservation Deadline: Monday, October 19, 9 AM

When calling the reservation number please select Option 1 to make your reservation. Clearly state and spell your name and the names of your guests, **and identify your favorite Branch of the Military**. The deadline for October's dinner meeting is 9 AM Monday, October 19. Reservations made after that time are subject to a \$10 late fee. If you need a special entree (i.e. Vegetarian, low sodium), please indicate so when making your reservation. Checks are accepted for the amount of your meal(s) only. Credit Cards are no longer accepted.

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Community Affairs Committee

Chair: Gary VanOoteghem Next Meeting Sept. 17

The Community Affairs Committee will be meeting at a new location and on a new meeting day this month. We will meet at The Assistance Fund, 1116 Jackson Blvd. on Wednesday, October 21, the day after our dinner meeting. Social is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Attendees are asked to arrive early so that the meeting can begin on time.

The committee's next event, the Military Ball is scheduled to be held at Rich's on Sunday afternoon, November 8, between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Members should have already received a special mailout of tickets to the event with a request for donations. We are attempting to sell one thousand tickets to raise \$10,000 for the following two charities: Colt 45 TroubleFund (primary beneficiary) and Steven's House (secondary beneficiary). For ticket information, contact Randy Stanger at either 713-683-9519 (home) or 713-853-5046 (work), or Event Chair Darrell Gorski at either 713-622-8711(home) or 713-529-4161 (work).

A special three-person subcommittee has been formed to look at the method and procedure this committee uses to determine who our annual beneficiaries will be each year. They will prepare a written set of rules and procedures which this committee will use next year (1999) and in following years thereafter. The three member committee is comprised of Denise O'Doherty, Tom Mays and Ken Malone. If you have any suggestions that you would like them to consider, please contact one or more of them to make your thoughts known.

This committee would like to target an aggressive fund raising year for 1999, but realizes it will be limited to what human resources (volunteers) it has available. If you would like to participate in our venture(s), please consider joining the committee. For more information, please contact committee chair Gary Van Ooteghem at 713-524-4343 (home).

Membership Committee Report

Chair: Rob Schmerler Next Meeting: November 5

Please welcome EPAH's two newest members: Ernie Edge and Todd Foster. At our October 8 meeting these two gentlemen were given final approval and they are now full-fledged members. Ernie is an Engineer at NASA and Todd is Development Director of the Montrose Clinic.

Also please mark your calendar for the next meeting of the Membership Committee, on Thursday November 5, starting at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Glenn C. Smith, 4 Courtlandt Place. Our guests will be Ken McLeod and Bob Nichol. Ken is Care Coordination Team Leader at the UTMB Health Care System and his primary sponsor is Bob Hergenroeder. Bob Nichol is Director of Reliability Technology at Brown and Root, Inc. and his primary sponsor is Richard Hill.

At our September meeting we passed around a list of membership prospects. What you can do to help the membership committee is review that list, and talk to the people you may know, and report back to us in November on any changes/updates/deletions. Thanks for your help, and hope to see you on November 5 at Glenn C. Smith's home!

Social Committee Report

Chair: Ed Bradshaw, Meeting: October 13

Many thanks to EPAH member Charles Armstrong for hosting our September mixer on September 18 at his Santa Fe Bar & Patio. Thirty two members and twenty nine guests attended and enjoyed Charles' hospitality. Thank you, Charles for hosting us. Randall Jobe really out-did himself! Thanks also to Bob Hergenroeder, Randy Stanger, Donna Grammer, and John Coulter who helped as greeters at the event.

Our Bike Ride Party called "Cruisin' the Continents" has been moved to Sunday October 11 due to FollyFest (which is held on October 4). Be sure to mark your calendars now so that you will not miss the fun and excitement as the Party winds its way through Montrose! Invitations will arrive soon!

Our mixer for October will be on Friday, October 23 from 5:30 7:30 PM. Join us as we return to The 611 Club. Bring a friend or two! Please note that these socials/mixers are for your enjoyment! The committee is assessing involvement to determine if future socials are warranted. So, if interested in continuing these events, come out and support us!

The Social Committee meets on the second Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM. Call Ed Bradshaw at 281-530-2409 for more info. October's meeting will be hosted by Bob Hergenroeder at 2710 North Sabine, Suite 111. Please call Ed (281-606-1697) or Bob (713-864-8664) for direction.

Activities Committee Report

Chair: John Coulter / Stephen DuBay

Our activities in September and early October were enjoyable and fun, and we missed you if you weren't there. As everyone's calendar begins to fill up as we head for Fall, Activities is cooling down a little. Besides having Bridge, Canasta, and EPAHcureans, we'd like to get a group together to go to the *Texas Renaissance Festival* some Saturday or Sunday between now and November 15. Are you interested? Please call John Coulter at 281-575-7716 if you are and we'll set a date.

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Happy Birthday! Renewals

The memberships of the people listed here are up for renewal in the month of October. Please send payment by November 29 to avoid being dropped from the roster.

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Patrick Ball
Joe Culotta
Ron Dalton
Dan DiDonato
Chris Ehlinger
Richard Elbein
Dennis Entler
Charles Fondow
David Greiss
Ralph Herring, O.D.
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October

10/01 Jerry Daman
10/02 David Stewart
10/08 Charles Haynes
10/10 Bridgette Chambers
10/10 Don Hauboldt
10/12 Mike Shiflet
10/13 Stewart Zuckerbrod
10/16 John Robinson
10/19 Mark Cullen
10/19 Tom Fricke
10/22 James Rosenfeld
10/23 Everett Lowe, Jr.
10/29 Charles Armstrong

November

11/01 Robert Jackson
11/04 John Matlage
11/05 Bruce Hill
11/06 Edward Moss
11/09 Chin Wanissorn
11/10 Herb Ritchie
11/12 Dan DiDonato
11/16 Patrick McNamara
11/17 Roger Matice
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One Year, Two Months, and How Many Days?

by Dan DiDonato

Make no mistake. Year 2000 problem threatens everyone. Business managers and leaders, computer programmers and users, even the average man on the street may be affected in one way or another. Although programmers are only beginning to gather data and formulate the risk factors, many "dooms-day" pessimists repeat the warnings that end of civilization is near! Many others, the strategic planners (who balk at these extremists), believe that the world will be well prepared for December 31, 1999. Will we be ready? You decide. Countdown is One Year, Two Months, and *how many Days(?)*.

What is it? Y2K (Year 2000, "K" stands for "kilo") centers on the fact that the information to store the year in a computer was truncated to the last two digits of the year (for example, year 1998 was stored as 98). This allowed for easier calculations and required less storage space within computer databases and data storage devices. This was extremely efficient for a brief moment in time when it was not relevant or necessary to know what century to which we refer! Alas! Time continued. Many began to realize that the mere two-digit description of the year was not adequate to determine and understand its true meaning. Does 10 mean 1910 or 2010? Some credit card and loan/banking institutions are already finding these computer glitches. If your mortgage loan matures in 10, does that mean it will be paid *in-full* on January 1, 2000. After all, 10 may indicate 1910! That means your loan was paid (in full) some 90 years ago! *Some of us would HOPE so!* So... one begins to see the plethora of potentially damaging issues that may arise on December 31, 1999. Social security offices, banking institutions, stock trade companies, governmental agencies, taxing authorities, and many more may have Y2K issues yet to resolve. And time is running very, very low. Hence, Y2K, or the Millennium Bug has arrived!

Where is it? Many are scrambling to assess this problem: corporate executives, small business owners, and individual PC owners. Those of us who are aware of the potential problems are wondering if a Y2K will exist in our lives on the eve of December 31, 1999. Y2K may reside to the lowest level of computation, the computer chip, at up to ten different levels of embedded electrical design. Know problems reside in embedded technologies like global positioning system, monitoring and signaling systems, fossil plant boiler control systems, building systems and temperature controllers. The list continues to grow. Software may start to malfunction after 12/31/99. Accounting packages may be the hardest hit. Make sure you check with all your software vendors for upgrades to the software.

Scenario. A commercial flight is shuttling 200 passengers across the US on the eve of December 31, 1999. At the onset of the new millennium (midnight), flight indicators begin to malfunction. The pilot becomes disoriented. And add bad weather to this scenario. This could be the making of one *bad* flight! Similar situations may occur with any instrument or mechanical device that tries to make what used to be a trivial date calculation (post-midnight, January 1, 2000). Scary? You bet! Potential mishaps also may occur with nuclear power & chemical plants, transportation, weaponry, medical diagnostic & life supporting devices! Plus many more!

Legal Issues. It was pointed out that one of the biggest financial risks that organizations will face because of failure to adequately address Year 2000 issues is the resulting *litigation*. It is important for an organization to establish an audit trail showing that due diligence was taken to address Y2K issues. It is estimated that litigation caused by real and claimed Y2K failures will cost up to \$3 trillion worldwide. And these law suits will be multidimensional and will go in many directions. Companies will sue hardware and software vendors for the alleged failure of systems. Consulting firms and resellers that recommended and installed equipment will be among the defendants. Businesses will sue other businesses whose computers interfaced with theirs, claiming data corruption. Power and telecom utilities will be the targets of huge actions, with claims of losses from power outages that could have been avoided, plaintiffs will say.

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CityLights

Society News about EPAH and Houston

By Stephen DuBay

Well the Social Season is certainly starting early this year, and EPAH members have never lagged behind! Seen around town lately were **Jeffrey Kuchar** and **George Jonte** at the BRB, **John Coulter** and his beautiful sister, and **Bob Herfenberger** were at Tila's. Seen at the Thelma Houston concert at Rich's were **Carlos Reyes**, **John Coulter**, **Donna Grammer**, **Ed Moss**, **Tom Fricke**, **Tom Stanley**, and **Jeffrey Kuchar**. (FYI) **Ed Moss** just bought a place in Hawaii so be friendly... If anyone knows the management of Rich's, please tell them one bartender per thousand people doesn't work real well!

September 7 was another great party at **Don Lehde's** house on the Bay, members I saw there were **Sean Yarborough**, **Darrell Gorski**, **Bob Weinberger**, **John Matlage**, **Ben Whittle**, **Bill Stemme**, **Mark Cullen**, **Glenn Smith**, **Rod Hamlin**, **Bob Briddick** and the person I love to mention: **Carlos Reyes**!

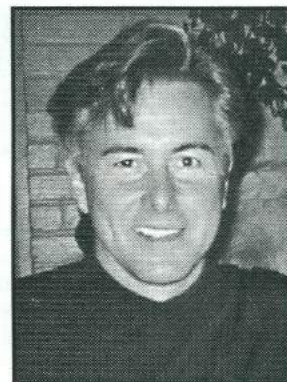
Seen at Southern Decadence were **Mike Adams**, **Ken Council**, **Steve Cowart**, **Steve Evans**, **Rob Schmerler**, **Tim Martinez**, **David Matkovich**, **Paul Luccia**, **Mike Ryan**, **Brian Stephens**, **David Stewart**, **Don Thomasson**, and **Sean Yarborough**! I'm telling you, EPAH knows how to party.

The activities I planned for EPAH last month were well attended. Thank you, and I hope everyone enjoyed them. Members and their guests seen at Bistro 224 were **Jack Jackson**, **John Coulter**, **David Matkovich**, **Bill Stemme**, **Robert Yugo** and **Randy Stanger**. Seen at the play *Sordid Lives* were **Sean Yarborough** and **Dennis Entler**. Seen at the play *SEX* were **James Lindsay**, **Stephen Sommers**, **Robert Wyne**, **Stewart Zuckerbrod**, **William Green**, and also that little theater goer **Dennis Entler**. Our first play in October *No Way To Treat a Lady* was great, with a superb performance by **Jimmy Phillips**. Seen in that crowd were **John Coulter**, **Donna Grammer**, **Scott Sawyer** and **Cynthia Cuellar**.

If you get a chance to see the musical *Civil War* at the Alley... it's fabulous! Of course, it's not hard to look at **Matt Bogart**, either (he can sing in my shower anytime!). If you're not sure who I'm referring to, see the TWT for Oct 2-8, on front cover!

The ballet did a splendid job with *La Bayadere*, *Ghost Dances*, and *Graduation Ball* on September 23. The costumes (or should I say lack of) on the Ghosts, were wonderful! Is that what hell looks like, or heaven?

And for all you die hard cabaret fans, it was great to hear **Julie Wilson** at the Aerial Theater on October 3. Even though she forgot a few lyrics to the songs, and at one point, forgot what song she was singing, she still was magnificent. Seen in that crowd were **David Matkovich**, and **Nasser Al-Tell**. Afterward we stopped by the Krewe of



Olympus Party and they still had quite a crowd left. Seen there were **John Matlage**, **Bob Weinberger**, **Rob Schmerler**, **Rob Hamlin**, **Scott Garrison**, **Sean Yarborough**, **Arnold Sachs**, **Glenn Smith**, **John Robinson**, **David Matkovich**, and **Gary McCoy**. By the way, thanks Bob for the beads!

Well guys, this weekend we're trying something new, we're renting a seven acre ranch on the Guadeloupe River for the weekend. It's right at the spot where everyone tubes. The 4000 square foot home has a fireplace in the great room, and Jacuzzi out on the 3000 square foot deck, so it should be fun! We're bringing lot's of friends who are trying to talk me into rafting (everyone knows I'm a sissy), so, if I drown, there will be a new author of this column next month! The rental price of this place is very reasonable, so I'll let you know how it is (if I make it back...). Next weekend it's the big "D", I have to go to Dallas for a convention. That poor city, hundreds of hairstylist loose on the streets... it'll probably look like a scene from a gay *Debbie Does Dallas*! Of course... I'll behave, I'll have to - I won't be alone... just kidding Kevin! **Dan DiDonato** and partner **Mitch Rainey** just returned from a weekend trip to Las Vegas (MGM Grand) with extra cash in hand! Great going, guys!

Some events to look forward to are *Frankenstein in Love* at the Little Room Downstairs Theater on October 9 - 24 (we'll be there on October 16... join us). Call 713-523-0791 for tickets. Also the **Military Ball** is getting close so get your uniforms ready. Another activity that **John Coulter**, and I are thinking about for the fall is to charter a bus to go to the Renaissance Festival. That way we can all go together and not worry about traffic, and have fun at the same time. Keep it in mind...

My EPAH member of the month is **Dalton DeHart**. I can't remember an important event that was not covered by Dalton. He's been at fundraisers, parties, dinner meetings, ...anything that needs a picture. His loyalty to his craft was even more obvious at EPAH's Anniversary Party, when we got to see years of EPAH members flashed in front of us, and some very fond memories also. Besides his *real* job at the college, he also has been on committees, and the Board of Trustees for EPAH, we should all work as hard for EPAH! *Thanks Dalton...*

So guys, as you can see, EPAH has been out and about this month... can't wait to see what next month brings.

See ya, Stephen.

E-mail address is ForGossip@AOL.com or call me before 9pm at 713-951-9616.

Minutes of the EPAH Dinner Meeting on September 15, 1998

The September Dinner meeting was held at the Junior League of Houston on September 15, 1998. President Jeff Pickett called the meeting to order at 8:20 P.M.

Ed Bradshaw moved to accept the August 18, 1998 dinner meeting minutes as printing in the September issue of the EPAHgramme. Seconded by Tom Mays. Motion Passed.

President Pickett introduced Sarah Loudermilk from the DaCamera Society as the featured guest for the evening's program. Ms. Donovan and James Alba gave a short performance of ballads and poetry.

Following the DaCamera performance, President Pickett gave the President's report (see President's report in the Board Minutes in the September issue of the EPAHgramme), followed by the committee reports given by the respective chairs (see attached reports).

New Business:

A. Mike Ryan moved to approve contingent upon compliance with all other Bylaws provisions and EPAH policies, contract(s) that may be entered into with Secretary Dan DiDonato as provided by EPAH Bylaws Art. VIII, Sect 4. Seconded by Ed Bradshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Eric Liston moved to approve, contingent upon compliance with all other Bylaws provisions and EPAH policies, contract(s) that may be entered into with Board Member Carlos Reyes as provided by EPAH Bylaws Art. VIII, Sect 4. Seconded by Dalton DeHart. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Bradshaw moved to adjourn, with a second by Mike Ryan. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan DiDonato, Secretary

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One Way to Test YOUR Computer. To begin this test, insert the boot disk (system start-up disk) into your floppy disk drive, power up your system, and type "date" at the A: prompt. DOS's Date command has two functions: It displays the current date and then prompts you for a new one. When prompted, type in December 31, 1999 (12-31-1999). This changes not only the date in the OS clock (here, the OS clock kept by your boot disk), but--via the BIOS--changes the date within the Real Time Clock (RTC) as well.

Next, type "time" at the A: prompt and set the time to 11:59 P.M. (23:59). Much like Date, Time sets the OS clock and then changes the time in the RTC. Now that the RTC thinks that the year 2000 is only seconds away, turn off your machine and wait at least a minute. Within that minute, the RTC's year register will roll over to 00 and the century register will remain at 19. After again booting the machine to your floppy disk, return to the Date command.

If the year reads 1980, then you have a problem. The BIOS has received a 1900 from the RTC and passed it on to DOS (which has defaulted to 1980). If the year reads 2000, then you likely do not have a problem. Your BIOS has changed the century register to 20 and will pass the year 2000 to your OS. Typically, this means that Read Real-Time Clock Date has been modified to change the century register to 20 if a value any less than 80 has been read from the year register.

After I assess my potential Y2K risk, I think I will *hibernate* over that particular New Year Holiday! **A word of caution:** *If you purchase anything that has a computer chip inside of it, please make sure (prior to purchase) that it has been tested as Y2K compliant!*

For more information on the personal computer aspects of Y2K, stop by the PC Magazine web site at www.pcmag.com or for general info on Y2K search on keyword "Y2K" at www.yahoo.com.



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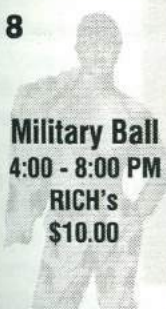
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CD Balances (Total/2) \$12,815.50
Banking Balances \$10,968.49

Total Working Capital: \$23,783.99



October November events calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 EPAHcureans Host Dave Moskowitz 11540 Chimney Rock #214 <i>(ample parking in front)</i>	19	20 AWARDS Night Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM Junior League	21 Community Affairs 7:00 PM Assistance Fund Jackson Blvd.	22 CANASTA Host Les Crossman 1816 Matamoras <i>(see directions below)</i>	23 Social/Mixer The 611 Club 5:30 - 7:30 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween
Nov 1	2	3 Board of Trustees Meeting 1116 Jackson 7:00 PM	4 Bridge Group Darby Suiter 713-961-3321	5 Membership Committee Rob Schmerler for Details	6	7 Black Tie Dinner
8  Military Ball 4:00 - 8:00 PM RICH's \$10.00	9	10 Social Committee 6:30 PM (See Report) Newsletter 6:30 PM 713-862-3312	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bridge Group Darby Suiter 713-961-3321	Bridge Club meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Directions to Les Crossman's Home for Canasta (Oct 22, 1998): South on Gulf Freeway to Wayside, Turn Left to first light (Lawndale). Turn Right to first light (75th St.). Turn Left to first light (Tipps). Turn Left. Go to Matamoras Street. Turn Right to 1816 Matamoras.		

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EPAH Members Come Out for Military Bash!

Members and guests return for Military Ball '98. This year's Military Ball held at Rich's on Sunday, November 8 has proven once again that the event will continue to prosper and generate needed revenue for charities within our community. Hundreds arrived in costume for the evening of fun, dancing, and military "showgirl" entertainment (see pictures on page 5.) Money raised will be distributed to the Colt 45 Trouble Fund and Steven's House. Event Chair Darrell Gorski wishes to thank all for their hard work and dedication to making the fundraiser a resounding success!



Judith Light Speaks to SRO Black Tie Dinner

Judith Light addresses serious issues at SRO Black Tie Dinner event. This fundraiser marks record territory in attendance as political guests, community organizers, event sponsors, EPAH members, and all their supporters crowded JW Marriot convention center Saturday evening to listen to eloquent keynote speaker/celebrity Judith Light. (Please see next month's *City Lights* column for updated information.)

Stephen DuBay and partner Kevin visit with Judith Light after her speech.

Upcoming Events!

Monthly Dinner Meeting Tuesday, November 17
Debra Danburg & Vickie Shaw, at Junior League
(See Page 2 for details & reservations)

Social Mixer Friday, November 20
Santa Fe Bar and Patio, 5:30-7:30 PM
(See Page 3 for details)

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Minutes of the Board of Trustee Meeting November 3, 1998, 1116 Jackson

Officers: President: Jeff Pickett, Vice President, Julie LaRue, Treasurer, Randy Scott. **Trustees:** John Coulter, Robert Hugos, Mike Ryan, Donna Grammer, Dennis Schwarz, Jeffrey Kuchar.

The meeting was called to order by President Pickett at 7:10 PM. A quorum was declared. Jeffrey Kuchar moved to allow the participation of non-trustee EPAH members at the meeting. Seconded by John Coulter. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Ryan moved and Jeffrey Kuchar seconded the approval of the minutes from the Board of Trustees held on October 6, 1998. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report. President Pickett reported that the constituent lists were delivered to every Board Member. No action to date has been reported regarding the constituent lists. The board then discussed the matter and it was agreed that a uniform letter would be sent by each of the board members to their constituents and additional member information could be requested. It was also suggested by Gary Van Ooteghem that the letter include committee information. John Coulter agreed to prepare a draft of the letter. President Pickett reported that the Request for Proposals for the new EPAH Directory have been received and requested volunteers to review the received bids by Friday November 6, 1998. Volunteers are Mike Ryan, Gary Van Ooteghem, Carlos Reyes, and Dennis Schwarz.

Treasurer's Report. Report given by Treasurer Randy Scott. Dennis Schwarz moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Jeffrey Kuchar. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports. (see attached reports). Membership Committee report given by Rob Schmerler. Community Affairs Committee report given by Gary Van Ooteghem. Program Committee report given by Ben Whittle. Activities Committee report given by John Coulter.

New Business. Donna Grammer moved to renew EPAH's membership with the Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and that the Community Affairs Committee pay the membership fee of \$50.00; seconded by Jeffrey Kuchar. Motion passed unanimously without abstentions.

Announcements. President Pickett announced that Empower '98 will be on Saturday November 7, 1998.

Dennis Schwarz moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Ryan. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Whittle, Acting Secretary

Secretary's Report Dan DiDonato

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Community Affairs Committee

Chair: Gary VanOoteghem Next Meeting Nov. 18

As EPAHgramme is being prepared, the Community Affairs Committee can report that over two thousand dollars have been raised from EPAH members for the Military Ball. By the time you receive this newsletter, Military Ball 98 will be history. We hope to have better information for you by the time of our monthly meeting.

The committee is going to look at what else we can do in the community that requires fewer budget dollars. For example, publishing some educational materials on topics similar to what has appeared in EPAHgramme in recent months might be something else we can do; educational stuff, principally. We will look at this again next month when suggestions are brought back to the table by some of our committee members.

We have selected our first two beneficiaries for 1999: the **HATCH/PFLAG** Youth Scholarship program and **AssistHers**. We are going to pull together a calendar of other organization's events and will set our preliminary schedules at our next meeting. AssistHers may have an urgent need for funds. We will consider that in our scheduling.

We agreed that we are looking at doing four events next year, including one fundraiser that will target EPAH, itself. This has not been decided yet, but is being considered.

Sixteen committee members attended our last committee meeting, about half of what we think the full strength of the committee will be.

We have presented a 1999 budget for \$5,145, which is about what it was for this year. Even so, we believe we can do more events during 1999 with the same base budget we had in 1998. Darrell Gorski was recognized for sending flowers on behalf of EPAH to Matthew Shepard's candlelight service and received round-table applause for doing so. We approved \$886.32 in expenses; most of it Military Ball 98 related. The three-person special committee formed regarding writing of this committee's policies & procedures will not be ready until the Spring or Summer quarter of 1999.

We talked, but did not decide, about going back to Sponsors & Host fees for our planned 1999 events. We will vote on this next month. Most opinions at our last meeting opined in favor of doing so.

Directory Committee Report

Chair: Dalton DeHart

The Directory Committee is about ready to really get started on the publication of the new Directory. Anyone interested in serving on the Directory Committee should call Dalton DeHart at 713.622.2202. You may also call Dalton if you have any changes of address or telephone numbers. Any changes should also be given to Dan DiDonato by using Fax # 713.862.5577 or by calling 713.862.3312. The request for bids to publish the Directory have already been mailed, and the results should be known soon. I wish to thank everyone for their kindness, support and encouraging words throughout my recovery period. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Membership Committee Report

Chair: Rob Schmerler Next Meeting: December 3

Special thanks to Glenn C. Smith for hosting the November meeting of the Membership Committee at his lovely home on Courtlandt Place and please welcome EPAH's two newest members, **Ken McLeod** and **Bob Nichol**.

Ken McLeod is a health care professional with degrees from Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan, and Louisiana State University. He lives at 7242 Oakington Drive, Houston, 77071. His home phone is 713-981-0412 and his primary sponsor was Bob Hergenroeder.

Bob Nichol is an executive with Brown & Root, Inc. and he has degrees from California State Polytechnic University and the University of Michigan. He and his partner Bob Polinsky recently moved to Houston from Bainbridge Island, Washington. He lives at 1134 Oxford St, Houston 77008 and his home telephone is 713-861-7174. His primary sponsor was Richard Hill.

Effective October 1 there was an increase in the dues for new members as well as for renewing members. New member dues are now \$175 and renewing memberships are \$150.

The December meeting of the Membership Committee will be hosted by Bill Green at his beautiful new condominium located at 204 Travis Street, Suite E. The meeting will be on Thursday, December 3, starting at 7:00PM. Four new membership candidates will be considered.

Social Committee Report

Chair: Ed Bradshaw, Meeting: December 8

We would like to thank Dennis Entler and the 611 for hosting our last Happy Hour. This month our Happy Hour will be at Charles Armstrong's Santa Fe on November 20 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. The Social Committee is very excited about our Holiday Party coming up and that will be our main topic at our November Meeting. For further information, please contact Ed Bradshaw. We hope to see lots of you at our next meeting. It is always the second Tuesday of every month...!

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Edwin Cordrey, DDS	Jeff Pickett
Ken Council	Clif Rice
Michael Cox	Rob Schmerler
Mark Cullen	Mark Wagner
Stephen DuBay	Ben Wheatley
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November

11/01	Robert Jackson
11/04	John Matlage
11/05	Bruce Hill
11/06	Edward Moss
11/09	Chin Wanissorn
11/10	Herb Ritchie
11/12	Dan DiDonato
11/16	Patrick McNamara
11/17	Roger Matice
11/18	Richard Hill
11/19	James Ziska
11/21	J.P. Peden
11/22	Gordon Hagendorf
11/23	H. James Tholen
11/23	Chris Lewis
11/27	Ed Bradshaw
11/29	James Molesky

December

12/02	Chris Ehlinger
12/03	Amela Baskin
12/04	Tod Bogert
12/09	Jerri Crain
12/09	Brandon Wolf
12/10	Dennis Klappersack
12/12	Becky Gustamante
12/13	Steve Thistle
12/14	Mike Copenhaver
12/16	Patrick Newport
12/17	Chuck Jones
12/21	Scott Garrison
11/29	James Molesky
12/29	Rob Schmerler
12/30	Denise O'Doherty

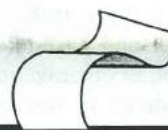
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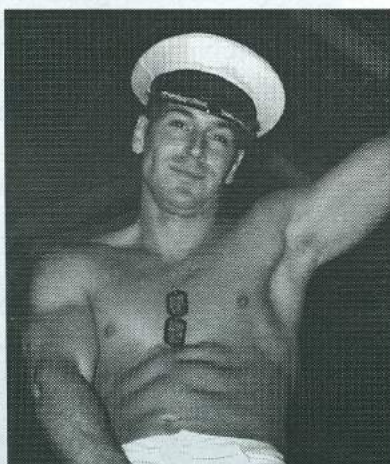


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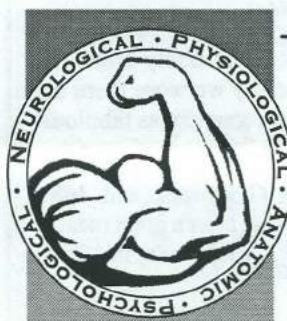


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CityLights

Society News about EPAH and Houston

By Stephen DuBay

"They're Back!" Yes, we made it back safely from our rafting excursion on the Guadalupe! Luckily we were there the weekend before the flooding! The ranch we rented was fabulous, so if you want info let me know.

On Oct. 16 we went with **Donna Grammer** and **John Coulter** to see the play *Frankenstein in Love*, after a great meal at Benjy's the play was a little disappointing, I guess we're not Clive Barker fans. It takes all kinds...

The **Big D** was a lot of fun the next day, we had some great food on the West End, and rode Dallas's light rail back to our hotel. It was so nice having the train system, it went all over the city, it reminded me of my days living in Chicago. My sources say that the mixer on Oct. 23 at the 611 club was very nice as usual, with **Dennis Entler** doing a great job as a host.

On Oct 29 we went to the Grand Opening of the Crystal Ballroom of the Rice Hotel. What an elegant event with fabulous food and entertainment. Seen in that crowd and looking very dapper in black tie were the **Trey Yates**, and also **Gil Warrick** who, by the way, is a great dancer!

While many EPAH members were running around Montrose in costumes on Halloween, including our own **Jeff Pickett** as a reform school beauty school drop out, the **Don Thomason's** were in Key West enjoying its annual Halloween Parade, which is really a sight to see. Our own Bruce Hill coined the phrase "Over the Hill" by having a **big** birthday this month. Luckily we were all there to help him along. I wonder if his other half Ken knew what he was doing when he invited some of EPAH's wittiest gift givers: **Joseph Culotta**, **Ken Malone**, **Jeff Pickett**, **Carlos Reyes**, **Kenny MacPherson**, and **Ron Dalton**. He certainly has enough wrinkle cream to last him 'til the next millennium...

My sources tell me that Southwest Airlines should be called Rainbow Express, because of all the queens that were on **Tim Martinez's** flight over to New Orleans on Halloween. Upon arriving in New Orleans, Tim saw EPAH members **Mike Ryan**, **Chris Ehlinger** and **Chris Lewis** (with entourage). He says there were probably more members; however, alcohol hampers the memory. And also... the party at the wharf is by far one the best parties of year.

We saw **John Robinson** at the movie *Practical Magic* on Nov. 1. He seemed to be enjoying it as much as we were. Next month I'll be able to report on the Military Ball and The Black Tie Dinner. Both should have lots of EPAH members present.

Around Town: The **Sean Yarborough's** have a new home in

the Montrose area that they're restoring, and it is looking great. **Ben Whittle's** other half Alan just joined Swilley-Hudson.

The EPAHcureans had a great turnout on Oct. 25 at **Dave Moskowitz's** house. Seen there were **Darby Suiter**, **Rod Hamlin**, **Bill Robinson**, **Chin Wanissorn**, **Larry Osterhoudt**, **Charles Fondow**, **Hal Coley**, **Doug Willis**, **Paul Luccia**, **Steve Catanich**, **Clifton Vanover**, **Andy Pryzant** and **Randy Jierscheck**.



And if you have an e-mail address, you probably have gotten something from **Gary Van Ooteghem** and **Brandon Wolf**. Those two keep on top of everything (political or social) having to do with our lifestyle. But, Brandon....your address headers take 3 pages of paper when I print out your messages...[Editor: "Brandon, use a 'BCC' instead of a 'CC'"]

On Sunday, November 8, 1998 The Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center (HLGCC) officially opened its doors at 803 Hawthorne Street in the heart of Montrose. The 3,000 square foot facility houses the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, the Pride Committee of Houston, Q Patrol, and HATCH.

Things coming up to get you in the Holiday mood are:

The Nutcracker Market, Nov. 12-15 at the Astrohall.

The 18th Annual *Home for the Holidays* at Old Town Spring, begins Nov. 14-15 and continues weekends until Christmas (1-800-OLD-TOWN).

Last year we went ice skating downtown which was a lot of fun... we should get a group together. We're also going to try to get a group together to meet at Café Express on West Gray, and go to a movie at the River Oaks Cineplex one evening. And for those of you who make your own travel arrangements beware...we used the Odysseus Gay Travel Planner to book a quick place in Ft. Lauderdale recently, and to our disappointment the ad for the place was such a lie! The place was King Henry Arms, and the ad said "On Beautiful Fort Lauderdale Beach." **WRONG!** I couldn't even see the water from this ugly room they showed me, and the furniture looked like it was from the Bates Motel! Kevin's flight was arriving after mine so I booked another hotel before he got there. And they are still charging me for one night and American Express stood up for them, even though I booked it only two days before, and the "product" was unsatisfactory. As most of you know I'm a little picky. I wouldn't take a shower in the King Henry Arms if I were you...

Now back to pleasant thoughts...my EPAH member of the month is: **Carlos Reyes!** I'm sure my choice comes as no surprise to those of us who have seen Carlos on many committees, at almost every EPAH function, and on the Board of Trustees for EPAH. He always has an idea, an input, or an opinion to whatever problem we're trying to solve...luv ya guy!

So gang, with the holidays quickly approaching, just remember: *Behave Yourself!*

Stephen

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Minutes of the EPAH Dinner Meeting on October 20, 1998

The October Dinner meeting was held at the Junior League of Houston on October 20, 1998. President Jeff Pickett called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

Ed Bradshaw moved to accept the September, 1998 dinner meeting minutes as printing in the October issue of the EPAHgramme. Seconded by Tom Mays. Motion Passed.

President Pickett introduced EPAH members Kevin Davidson and Gary Van Ooteghem of H.A.T.C.H. Both gave an introduction of H.A.T.C.H., followed by speeches given by two youths recalling their personal experiences with the organization and why it is important to our community.

President Jeff Pickett presented the Awards for the last years efforts. Receiving awards were: **Last Year's Committee Chairs:** Hal Coley and Larry Osterhoudt for Activities; Darrell Gorski for Community Affairs; Kevin Davidson for Elections; Scot Hedrick for Professional Development; John Coulter for Social; Rob Schmerler for Membership; Dalton DeHart for Directory.

Trustees whose 2 year terms expired were Dalton DeHart, Paula Haymond, Denise O'Doherty, Jeff Pickett. Officers were: Mike Ryan, President; Linda Landry, Vice President; Chris Ehlinger, Secretary; Scott Garrison, Treasurer.

President Pickett also presented **Visionary Awards** to Chris Lewis, Ken Council, Kevin Davidson, and Jeff Pickett.

President Pickett gave **Special Recognition** to Dan DiDonato for publishing the EPAHgramme, Stephen DuBay for the City Lights column in the EPAHgramme, and Jim Bartley for his generous donation of the EPAH name tags last year and this year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan DiDonato, Secretary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Nutcracker Market Nov 12-15 Astrohall	16	17 Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM Junior League Debra Danburg Vickie Shaw	18 Community Affairs 7:00 PM Assistance Fund Jackson Blvd.	19	20 Happy Hour Santa Fe Bar and Patio 5:30 PM Bring Guests!	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Dec 1 Board of Trustees Meeting 1116 Jackson 7:00 PM	2 Bridge Group Darby Suiter 713-961-3321	3 Membership Committee Rob Schmerler for Details Bill Green Condo 204 Travis #5E	4	5
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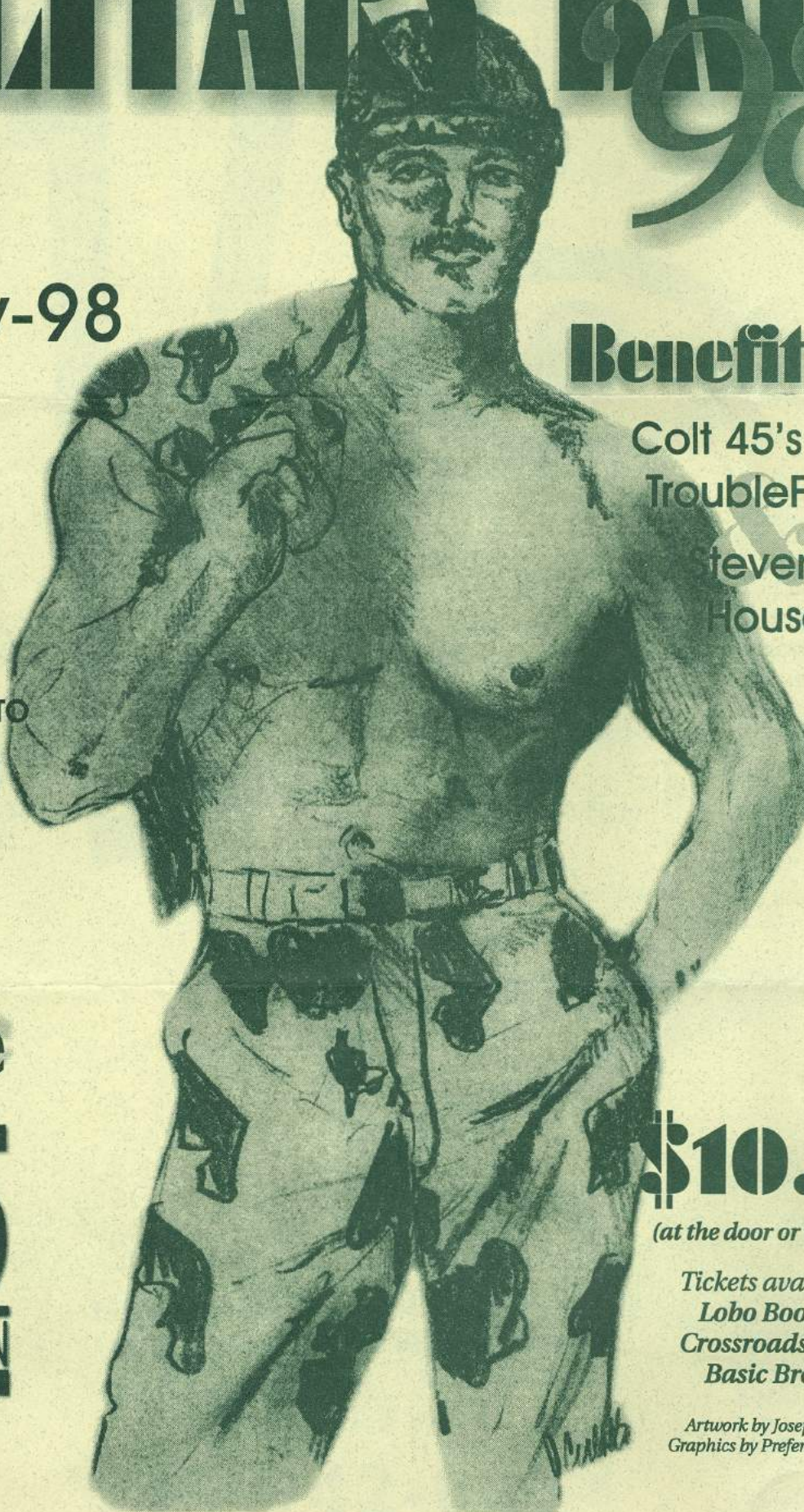
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