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Hello, everyone!

This issue is a very big step for the Round Table. For the first time in our existence, a publisher has offered to cover ALL of the publication and mailing expenses for our newsletter, and in exchange they are placing ads on the last two pages. Considering that the newsletter is one of our budget's largest line items, this should offer a lot of savings for us! Please join me in offering a heartfelt THANK YOU to the publisher.

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Endowment Fund Nears \$40,000 Mark

As of March 31, 2005, GLBTRT's endowment fund has a balance of \$38,289.08, representing an increase of approximately 25% (\$7558.62) compared to one year ago. We will soon meet ALA's \$40,000 minimum principal required in order to begin using the interest. However, to fully support both the "Stonewall – Israel Fishman Award for Nonfiction" and the "Barbara Gittings Award for Literature" we will need a minimum balance of at least \$75,000. Interest earned on the endowment funds will be rolled over into the principle until we reach the \$75,000 mark.

General Fund Balance

As of March 31, 2005, the general fund has a net asset balance of \$17,347.26 (excluding endowment funds), representing a decrease of approximately 10.7% from last year. This decrease is due to the fact that all recent donations have been made to the endowment fund. The increase in membership dues should compensate for the loss of gifts into the general fund.

As of March 31, 2005, dues collected are \$4305.61, representing an increase of 16.5% from last year.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Dustin Larmore for being elected Treasurer of the GLBTRT.

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Deliver Me From Nowhere. By Tennessee Jones. Soft Skull Press, 2005. 150 pp. \$12.00 pbk (ISBN 193236059X)

I was never a Bruce Springsteen fan. I had been to Jersey, didn't have a real liking for the electric guitar riffs, and I had a college roommate that played his albums at least 17 hours a day. But I really had to admit I liked his album Nebraska when it came out. It was an acoustic guitar, a lonely voice, and songs of despair. It reflected the desperate tone of the people and rust belt cities I had grown up around. Loss of hope, loss of love, and troubled people were the norm.

So I was intrigued when I read the blurbs I received from Soft Skull Press for the book of short stories *Deliver Me From Nowhere* by Tennessee Jones. The stories are derived from things anes. Th'k'of,





ALA 2005 Annual Conference - Chicago, IL
GLBTRT Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
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Community Resources

Church of the Open Door Community Center
5954 S Albany, 773-667-6454
Offers programs & services for African-American GLBT issues.

Gerber-Hart Library and Archives
1127 W Granville,
773-381-8030
The Midwest's leading GLBT library and archives.
www.gerberhart.org

Hollywood Beach
Hollywood & Sheridan
South half of the beach is popular with the Boystown crowd.

Leather Archives & Museum
6418 N Greenview,
773-761-9200
Dedicated to the compilation, preservation, & maintenance of information, materials & history for the leather & fetish community.
www.leatherarchives.org

Bookstores

Quimby's Bookstore
1824 W North Ave,
773-342-0910
www.quimbys.com
Strong collection of alternative lit., graphic novels, comics & zines.

Unabridged Books
3251 N Broadway,
773-883-9119
Bookstore known for GLBT literature and non-fiction.

Women & Children First
5233 N Clark, 773-769-9299
One of the largest feminist bookstores in the country, with a great selection of books by and about women, children's books, and GLBT books.
womenandchildrenfirst.com

Bars

Reviews and directions at:
centerstage.net/bars/styles/gay.html

Annex 3
3160 N Clark, 773-327-5969
Sports bar, Asians meet Fridays.

@tmosphere
5355 N Clark, 773-784-1100
Dance/video bar, Latin night Sunday

Baton Show Lounge
436 N Clark, 312-644-5269
www.thebatonshowlounge.com
Nationally renowned drag shows, may need reservations.

Berlin Nightclub
954 W Belmont,
773-348-4975
www.berlinchicago.com
Cutting edge club culture, and check out the murals by the bar.

Buck's Saloon
3439 N Halsted, 773-525-1125
Neighborhood bar, with patio. Both men and women frequent this bar.

CellBlock
3702 N Halsted, 773-665-8064
www.cellblock-chicago.com
Boystown's leather bar, with a back bar open Fridays and Saturdays.

Charlie's
3726 N Broadway,
773-871-8887
www.charliesonline.com
Chicago's GLBT country/western bar and a popular after-hours spot.

Charmer's
502 W Jarvis, 773-465-2811
Oldest gay bar in Chicago, established in 1929, with art deco interior. Rough area at night, so don't go alone.

ChicagoEagle
5015 N Clark, 773-728-0050
www.chicagoeagle.com
Chicago's premier leather bar, with a well-equipped back room.

Circuit/Rehab
3641 N Halsted, 773-325-2233
www.circuitclub.com
Biggest dance club in Boystown and very popular with Latino men. Rehab is an attached martini bar.

Closet
3325 N Broadway,
773-477-8533
Intimate lesbian bar (some men come in); best Bloody Mary in town.

Cocktail
3359 N Halsted, 773-477-1420
This 50's lounge with DJ's & dancing; fills up with a trendy, diverse crowd.

Crew
4804 N Broadway,
773-784-2739
www.worldsgreatestbar.com
GLBT sports bar/restaurant, displays memorabilia from out athletes.

El Gato Negro
1461 W Irving Park Rd.,
773-472-9353
www.elgatonegrobar.com
Latin bar with drag shows.

Gentry on Halsted
3320 N Halsted, 773-348-1053
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Guide to Chicago Pride

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In Chicago, the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade is an institution. It's a huge event surrounded by excited, friendly crowds, and it's scheduled during ALA Annual.

The parade starts Sunday, June 26, starting at noon from the corner of Halsted and Belmont. The parade will go north on Halsted, then south along Broadway, then east on Diversey to Cannon Drive before ending at the official rally site in Lincoln Park. Members of GLBTRT will be walking with a contingent from the Gerber-Hart Library and Archives. If you just want to watch, not walk, get to the parade route early because the sidewalks fill up fast.

The 2004 parade drew an estimated 400,000 spectators and had floats, decorated vehicles and walking contingents representing 239 businesses, organizations, politicians and individuals. During June, GLBT organizations, shops and bars pull out all stops to celebrate Pride throughout the city—but particularly in Boystown and Andersonville. For more information on the parade and the events leading up to it, check out the following links:

<http://prideparadechicago.com/public/home.aspx>
<http://www.chicagopride.com/html/pride/index.cfm>
<http://chicagopridecalendar.org/>

Tour the Leather Archives and Museum

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On this tour you will be introduced to the Leather Archives & Museum (LA&M) staff, view our exhibit spaces, and tour the brand new Teri Rose Memorial Library. This unique collection of artifacts, publications and archival materials focuses on the many aspects, individuals and groups that make up the Leather/Fetish community. Several members of the GLBTRT volunteer at the Leather Archives and Museum, helping preserve an important part of our history.

In August 1991, the Leather Archives & Museum was incorporated in the state of Illinois. Until 1996, the Leather Archives and Museum appeared in public only as exhibits at International Mr. Leather in Chicago and at occasional events outside the Chicago area. In 1996, a storefront home for the Leather Archives & Museum was opened in Chicago. Much larger exhibits were mounted in this space, but the collection outgrew the space very rapidly.

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