

## March Program:

### **Elections and Game Night - FREE!**

**Friday, March 21, 2014, 8-10 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.)**

**Center for Sex and Culture (1349 Mission in SF, between 9th and 10th)**

It's the Exiles Game Night with our annual elections on March 21, 2014 from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. at the Center for Sex and Culture, 1349 Mission between 9th and 10th Streets, San Francisco. **It's your chance to be an officer and join the steering committee!**

Election time! The Exiles have been providing educational opportunities for all those who identify as other than male since 1997. The club has changed as times have changed, and now it is time for change again. There are four elected offices that need to be filled during this election: one Co-coordinator, a two-year term, and a Treasurer, Recorder, and Membership Officer, all for one-year terms. These four positions are elected at the March program meeting. Furthermore, there are seven appointed officers: Newsletter Editor, PR Officer, Orientation Officer, Doorkeeper, Sergeant-at-Arms, Website Manager, and Volunteer Coordinator, all of which will be filled at the April 6 business meeting.

If you are interested in any of these offices, please contact the current Co-coordinators, Rio and Lou, at [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org) as soon as possible. Last-minute candidates can declare at the meeting and be voted on as write-in candidates.

Please consider how *you* can be of service to the Exiles. This is your chance to make an impact and affect the history of BDSM in the Bay Area. In recent years, we have not been able to fill all the officer positions, increasing the burden on the other officers. However the good news is that many new members have come forward to do their part to revitalize the club. Won't you join them and create change and renewed enthusiasm for this extraordinary organization?

*Make your voice heard: become a leader.*

After the election, it's game night. **Bring your favorite game** or join in with others. Oh, yes, we will have classic Twister! We're bringing the Gay Game, a massive amount of playing cards in case anyone wants to start a game of "Hell," plus many others, so you're sure to find something that strikes your fancy.

See you all at the CSC on Friday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. for social time, 8 p.m. for business and elections, and then game time. And it's **free** for everyone!

#### **Program Meeting Information:**

- All women (and those whose gender self-identity is other than male) over 18 are welcome.
- ASL interpretation is available on request. Please contact Lou at [mzconductor@gmail.com](mailto:mzconductor@gmail.com) at least three days in advance if you need an ASL interpreter, and one will be provided.
- **Visit our [website](#) for more information.**
- Directions to the Center for Sex & Culture: The Center is located at 1349 Mission St., between 9th & 10th Streets, in San Francisco. It is two blocks from the Civic Center BART station and the J, K, L, M, and T MUNI Metro lines. There's ample street parking in the area.

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## February Program Report

By Sam Mac

**Mistress Tatiana Belodyne** provided plenty of materials for everyone to use to experiment, with lots of webbing for bondage and cock rings available. In a very short time, many chests were bared so that breasts could be placed in enticing bondage. Mistress Tatiana made sure everyone learned her impressive chest harness that holds a dildo, if desired, firmly between boobs. She did this by first demonstrating and then making rounds, offering individual instruction. Perhaps the most phenomenal thing about this harness is that anyone so inclined could create a scene involving riding a dildo situated between boobs with oral pleasure on the menu.

While she could have stopped there, having satiated everyone's appetite, Mistress Tatiana taught us additional basic skills like the figure-eight knot and lengthening rope with a fisherman's knot. Then she demonstrated – and again provided individual instruction – on a brilliantly simple strap-on harness, placing the dildo in its most traditional spot.

Mistress Tatiana was a wonderful presenter; anyone could certainly benefit from her skills in various venues.

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## Club News

- **Exiles Officers:** Our annual officer elections will be held at our March program, Friday, March 21. If you're interested in running for one of the four elected positions (co-coordinator, treasurer, membership officer, and recorder), please contact [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org).
- **Our April business meeting is Sunday, April 6**, at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library, 6501 Telegraph in Oakland, 5-7 p.m. Please join us and help shape the future of the Exiles! All members are welcome!
- The next **New Member Orientation** will be held on **Sunday, April 6**, at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library, 6501 Telegraph in Oakland, 2-4:30 p.m. Tell your kinky friends! Members can come in for free and schmooze.
- **Meet lots of kinky women** in a casual environment as a volunteer at an Exiles event! We need extra help at our monthly programs, the bimonthly orientations, and special events. Events like these require hands, presence, and energy to produce. If you can pitch in at any events, please contact [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org).

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## **Business Meeting Minutes, December 2013** *(Note that since we now publish minutes a month in arrears (so that they can be approved by the biz group before publication), what you see here may not be the latest information. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org) or come to the next biz meeting.)*

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**Attendees:** Countess, Lou, MadPink, Marilyn, Ray, Rio, Samantha, Val

### **Core Business:**

**December Program Plans:** Officer and volunteer duties assigned for Carnal Carnival.

**Postmortem of November Program** (Mapping Shadow Play, Dossie Easton): Good program. Seemed like quite a number of folks that do not usually attend came to this program. The audience was very engaged. We really needed a microphone.

**Discussion of Possible Future Programs:** January: Lou will arrange by the end of this week, whether she will do something on knives or will get Zimas to do her single tail class. February: Karen. Val will get a topic from her. March: Elections. Rio will follow up on a possible film. Countess suggested something else like more of a mixer. Take the discussion onto the email list. April: British Discipline with Val and Josephine. May: Maggie Mayhem? She is interested in doing something on the physiology of orgasms. Rio will attempt to contact her. June: Lou. Knives. July: Novice Night. There is possibly a concern on the part of Robert at CSC about the safety of items in the Center while play events were occurring. We will see how CC goes, and if necessary we can find an alternate site. August: History Panel? Lou will follow up with Gayle Rubin, Sybil Holliday, and Amber Ray about a panel. September: Possibly Sharrin Specter and Pat Baille. They are interested in doing a program in the fall. September was suggested as it's a big month. October: Mistress Affinity? Cell popping. November: Minax? Val will contact. December: Carnal Carnival.

### **Old Business:**

**Review of action items list.**

**Review of Online Decisions:** None.

### **New Business:**

**Calendar and Meeting Locations for 2014:** There was brief conversation of rescheduling the Business Meeting not to conflict with the Super Bowl, but a quick head count was taken, and it was determined there would be enough for a quorum even with those who would not be able to attend. There was also a short discussion of under what circumstances we should reschedule programs not to conflict with other events. It was agreed that this matter deserves more discussion at a future time. The 2014 Calendar as currently planned is as follows:

**January:** 1/5: Business meeting at Alchemy. 1/17: Program at Center for Sex and Culture (CSC). Carnival.

**February:** February: 2/2: Business Meeting at Marxist Library. 2/7: Orientation at Women's Building (WB). 2/21: Program at CSC.

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March 2014



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## New Business, December 2013, continued...

**March:** 3/2: Business Meeting at Alchemy. 3/21: Program at CSC.

**April:** 4/6: Orientation and Business Meeting at Marxist Library. 4/18: Program at CSC.

**May:** 5/4: Business Meeting at Alchemy. 5/23: Program at CSC. (Program moved to the 4th Friday due to Northwest Leather Celebration.

**June:** 6/1: Business Meeting at Marxist Library. 6/6: Orientation at TWB. 6/20: Program at CSC.

**July:** 7/13: Business Meeting at Alchemy (moved to second Sunday due to July 4). 7/18: Program – location TBD.

**August:** 8/3: Orientation and Business Meeting at Marxist Library. 8/15: Program at CSC.

**September:** 9/7: Business Meeting at Alchemy. 9/19: Program – location TBD (this is Folsom weekend).

**October:** 10/3: Orientation at TWB. 10/5: Business Meeting at Marxist Library. 10/17: Program at CSC. Orientation at TWB.

**November:** 11/2: Business Meeting at Alchemy. 11/21: Program at CSC.

**December:** 12/7: Orientation & Business Meeting at Marxist Library. 12/7: Program – location TBD.

## More New Business:

**Vacant and Upcoming Officer Positions:** Ongoing discussion. Angel probably not able to continue as treasurer when her term ends. Madpink offered to be doorkeeper. She was elected unanimously.

**Update on Budget and Finances:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Officer Attendance at Meetings:** We need to clarify officer attendance policies. Lou requested and received a waiver, due to her time getting Alchemy up and running.

**Officer Reports:** Noted but not discussed.

**Orientation:** Next orientation is December 12/7.

**Treasurer (Angel):** Available funds: \$2,776.18; the check from The Eagle Beer bust was returned; pending replacement check/monies; O/s items not included in the above running.

**Membership (Marilyn):** Same as last month: 128 members. Last year at this time we had 94.

**Website Manager (Countess):** Visits to website are down to 544 (should be 1,000+). Worst segment is referrals (PR). Lack of PR officer is hurting us. Do we keep club/website colors as is or change?

Meeting adjourned.

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**Attendees:** Angel, Countess, Lou, MadPink, Marilyn, Samantha, Suzanne, Rio, Ray, Val.

## **Core Business:**

**January Program Plans:** Officer and volunteer duties assigned for the January program.

## **Old Business:**

**Review of action items list.** Lou has been inventorying and pricing safer-sex supplies. We have condoms and new gloves. Due to requests from program attendees, we will be ordering some Liquid Silk. Val is waiting to hear back from the Marxist Library re: meeting dates.

**Review of Online Decisions:** None.

**Postmortem of New Year's Eve Party:** Post Mortem of New Year's Eve Party: General agreement that it was a great party. The food was fantastic. The decorations were great. Lou liked the lights so much she wants to keep them. We had \$805 in ticket sales online, and we sold two \$15 volunteer tickets at the door (this was due to very unusual circumstances.) There was agreement that the sales at the door were reasonable in this case, but we need a more clear policy of when tickets might be sold at the door. It was suggested that someone who was unwilling or unable to buy tickets online could be directed to contact in advance. Samantha is going to write up a proposed policy for consideration at the February meeting. There were 35 or 36 attendees. Rio will report the final, final numbers online. The human ball drop was awesome.

**Postmortem of December Program (Carnal Carnival):** Post Mortem of December Program: (Carnal Carnival) We spent too much on food. The attendance was not as good as we would have liked. We could have used more publicity. Different pricing structures were discussed as was the lighting: too dark? Not dark enough? CSC was concerned about possible damage to their holdings. We'll look at holding this event at Alchemy next year to alleviate such concerns. Lou will calendar the event, and is also willing to charge us only \$200, the same amount we have been paying.

**Budget Presentation:** Angel brought in the draft 2013-2014 budget. She then presented the 2013-2014 budget line by line. Since the fiscal year is half over, we were able to plug actual numbers in to many of the line items. Discussed what kind of items it would be prudent to change. We decided that we can't have enough income at this time to support other groups and events at the levels we have in the past. When we're requested to advertise in a program book, we can offer a reciprocal advertising option. Angel will present a draft 2014-2015 budget in March. We may not do the chocolate and champagne social at NWLC, though we would like to have a presence there. We *will* continue to support IMsL, since it's our primary audience. We also discussed reaching out to heteroflexible women who aren't as directly affiliated with the women's leather community.

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## New Business:

**Proposal for Designing the Website:** Samantha had a detailed proposal, which was tabled until the next month. She will work with Countess on the website redesign.

**Starting an East Bay Munch:** Starting an East Bay munch: Rio would like to start a regular monthly munch in the East Bay, hopefully starting in February. She is pursuing whether there might be a date available at Rudy's Can't Fail Cafe. Proposal passed.

**Nominations for Woman/Man of the Year and Other Leather Alliance Awards:** Nominations for Man/Woman of the Year and other Leather Alliance awards: Angel, who is our representative to the Leather Alliance asked for our nominations for various awards. We are allowed to submit three nominations for each award and they may be members of the Exiles.

**Officer Reports:** Noted but not discussed.

**Treasurer (Angel):** \$3,401.75 balance; \$1,131 known O/s monies due = \$2,270.75 available funds. \$1,615.67 known funds due to Exiles not included in above balance: \$1,172.67 BPT, \$443 Eagle beer bust less one-half to Ms SF Leather.

**Membership (Marilyn):** 132 members. One joined and three renewed at December program. Handed out "Come to Orientation" cards to all nonmembers at the door. Last year at this time we had 94.

Meeting adjourned.

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## Exiles Officers

Co-Coordinator:	<b>Rio and Lou</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Angel</b>
Membership Officer:	<b>Marilyn</b>
Recorder:	<b>Ray</b>
Orientation Officer:	<b>Val</b>
Website Manager:	<b>Countess</b>
Sergeant-At-Arms:	<b>(open)</b>
Doorkeeper:	<b>MadPink</b>
Newsletter Editor:	<b>Suzanne</b>
Outreach/PR Officer:	<b>(open)</b>
Volunteer Coordinator:	<b>(open)</b>

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