

# GLBTF NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL TRANSGENDERED ROUND TABLE  
OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## From the Editor:

Enclosed you will find updates and plans for the 2000 Annual Conference from the cochairs and committees. In addition, there is a pull out sheet which lists the RT's schedule at Annual and locations.

## 30th Anniversary Gala:

Please join us for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Round Table Thirtieth Anniversary Gala on Monday, July 10, 6:00-10:00pm at the Hotel Intercontinental in Chicago.

The gala includes sit down dinner and presentation of the GLBTRT Book Awards for the year 2000. Our keynote speakers will be activist Sol Kelley-Jones and author Nancy Garden. Tickets should be purchased in advance with your ALA Conference Registration - so don't delay! Tickets will be an additional \$10 on-site. Tickets will be sold on-site at the GLBTRT booth at the convention center on Saturday, July 8, 2000 only. Unfortunately, no credit cards are accepted on-site.

Awards will be given to authors Marci Blackman for literature and Barrie Jean Borich for non-fiction. This event takes the place of the annual Monday morning Book Award Brunch. The brunch will return next year.

## Preconference:

On Friday July 7, 2000 from 8:30 to 5:00 there will be preconference program entitled "Gay Teens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Access to the Future," advanced registration is required. The GLBTRT is a cosponsor. This preconference will compliment our program on services to youth.

## Social:

The Social at Annual will take place at the Ann Sather Restaurant on West Belmont in Chicago. It will be held Sunday evening from 6-8pm. Directions via train and contact information are on the tear-out page inside. Ann Sather is a Chicago favorite specializing in Swedish food. It is steps from the elevated train, at the Belmont stop, which is

blocks from "gay-central" - Halsted Street.

## Read Aloud:

The Read Aloud will be held after the Social at the Hotel Intercontinental in the Sullivan Room.

## Challenge Grant:

Of note, at midwinter conference in San Antonio a member of the round table issued a challenge. This person will match dollar for dollar up to \$2000 any donations made by roundtable members to the GLBTRT. This grant will end when we meet the goal or by December 1, 2000. Donations from organizations or businesses do not count as part of this challenge grant.

Checks can be sent to ALA, made out to the GLBTRT; NOTE IN LARGE LETTERS THAT THIS IS A DONATION TO THE RT! The address is noted inside.

See you in Chicago!

-M. Callaghan "Cal" Zunt  
Newsletter Editor

## Treasure's Update

The membership is now up to 195. But we need to continue to recruit members(remember save up those toaster points). The books are now in the black but we still need to raise more money. Donations are still being accepted just remember: no money, no programming.

Any good fundraising ideas should be sent to either me or Gary Klein. If there are any roundtable members who wish to serve on the fundraising committee let me know before annual in Chicago.  
Yours in red ink,

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## From the Co-Chair

Roland Hansen, Male Co-Chair

By the time you read this, the planning for the RT 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala will be pretty much complete. For those wanting to attend and deciding at the last minute, there may be a few tickets left for sale on site. They will most likely be available at the Round Table exhibit booth on Saturday only, and at Steering Committee One meeting on Friday night.

Both Book Award winners will be present to receive their awards. Our keynote speakers are Nancy Garden, author, and Sol Kelly-Jones, teen-activist for glbt rights. Remember, you can always contact me for more info about the Gala. The RT's complete schedule of meetings appears elsewhere in this issue.

I want to welcome our new Co-Chair, Faye Chadwell, as she starts her term at the end of this annual conference. I'm looking forward to a really productive year, and working with Faye. Also, Michelle Hackwelder is on board as Program Planning Chair, and Bob Jaquay joins in as Breakfast Planning Chair.

Steve Russo, Chair of the Elections Committee is looking for candidates for Male Co-Chair and Secretary, for the Spring 2001 ballot. Remember now that we have Round Table status, our ballots are included with all the other ballots in the regular election mailing.

We have a very full schedule of events this summer, as well as many agenda items to deal with. We need your participation, on whatever level you can manage. I'm looking forward to welcoming all of you to Chicago, and meeting some new faces, and meeting again with many friends and colleagues.

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## Election Committee Seeks Candidates

Deadlines are approaching fast for RT positions. We are seeking candidates for RT male co-chair and treasurer. If you are interested or know of someone who you would like to suggest, please contact the Elections Committee by June 15th. The names of those interested will be submitted to the RT Steering Committee for endorsement. The candidates will be voted on as part of the regular ALA elections next spring; their terms will run from the summer of 2001 to the summer of 2003. The RT is also seeking people interested in running for ALA Council.

We would like to help as many GLBT-friendly people as possible get on Council. Names submitted to us will be discussed at the ALA Annual Steering Committee meetings, and submitted to the ALA Nominating Committee. Names approved by the ALA Nominating Committee will not need to collect petition signatures, will get publicity in Committee news releases, and will appear on the regular ballot. If you would like the RT's help on getting on the ALA Council ballot, please contact the Elections Committee ASAP.

Steve Russo, Chair  
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## About GLBTF Newsletter

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## External Relations

The External Relations Committee (XRC) is working with Tanga Morris and ALA's Public Information Office (PIO) to publicize our events and the gay teen preconference in Chicago. PIO will send our press release to ALA's standard list of media contacts, including local Chicago outlets.

Furthermore, XRC has sent information to GLINN (Gay/Lesbian International News Network) to publicize our events and to provide details on how those in the community can contribute financially to GLBTRT. Their service reaches over 475 news distribution points, 2,000 member subscribers, and thousands more USENET users. They estimate that the average press release is seen by 3,500 people. Press releases are then picked up by GLBT radio and television programs as well as other wire services.

XRC continues to develop ways to enhance links from the GLBTRT website to other GLBT information-related sites. We hope to develop comprehensive links to GLBT media, library collections, archives, and other related sites over the course of the year.

For those interested in helping out with those projects, or if you have any great ideas for other web content linking us to our colleagues outside of ALA, please feel free to contact me!

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## Program Planning

Gala:

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Our keynote speakers are activist Sol Kelley-Jones and author Nancy Garden. Sol Kelley-Jones is a 13-year-old civil rights activist. In the fall of 1999 Sol helped to introduce domestic partnership legislation for the State of Wisconsin. She was the youngest person to receive the Civil Libertarian Award from the Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union, and received the 1998 Youth Pathfinder of the Year Award from Gay and Lesbian Educational Network (GLSEN), among other honors. Author Nancy Garden has published over 25 books, including *Annie On My Mind*, *Prisoner of Vampires*, *Dove and Sword*, and *Good Moon Rising*.

Don't miss these exciting speakers! You can register for the gala on your annual conference registration form. The cost is \$60 for ALA members; \$75 for non-members. Tickets will be an additional \$10 on-site. Tickets will be sold on-site at the GLBTRT booth at the convention center on Saturday, July 8, 2000 only. Unfortunately, no credit cards are accepted on-site. We look forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary with you!

Program:

Please mark your calendar for our 2000 program in Chicago on Monday, July 10, 2000 from 9:30-11:30am. The title of the program is "Is There Anything in the Library for Me?: The Challenges of Serving the GLBT Young Adult Community."

A distinguished panel of authors, librarians and educators will discuss the state of young adult GLBT literature, questions surrounding Internet access and filtering, and the future of providing service to this community.

Rick Block, Outgoing Chair

## Book Award Committee

The 2000 GLBTRT Book Awards: A Postscript

As you all know by now, we announced the winners of our year 2000 Book Award at the mid-winter meeting in San Antonio:

For literature: *Po Man's Child*, written by Marci Blackman and published by Manic D Press

For non-fiction: *My Lesbian Husband: Landscapes of a Marriage*, written by Barrie Jean Borich and published by Graywolf Press.

Honor books for the literature award:

*Comfort and Joy* (Jim Grimsley, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill)

*Last Rights* (Marvin K. White, Alyson Publications)

*Lawnboy* (Paul Lisicky, Turtle Point Press)

*Mr. Dalloway: A Novella* (Robin Lippincott, Sarabande Books).

Honor books for the non-fiction award:

*Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity* (Bruce Bagemihl, St. Martin's Press)

*Firebird: A Memoir* (Mark Doty, HarperCollins Publishers)

*Lorca: A Dream of Life* (Leslie Stainton, Farrar Straus Giroux)

*Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America* (John-Manuel Andriote, University of Chicago Press).

This year's honored books reflect a wide range of genres and subjects: several novels, poetry, a biography, science and social science studies, and two memoirs. The publishing houses represented also indicate the increasingly broad scope of venues for glbt material: Trade publishers, university presses, and a noticeably large representation of small publishers. This diversity was also reflected among the total of 57 books nominated for the two awards.

The Book Award Committee is grateful to those of you who nominated books for consideration this year, and to the publishers for their cooperation in making nominated titles available to us.

Although the proliferation of glbt titles in recent years has had a commensurate effect on the challenging amount of worthy material we need to review, it is heartening to see these changes occurring as we enter the new millennium.

Among the other nominated titles, the Committee would like to note the following books as indicative of the high level of works considered this year:

Non-fiction:

*Marcel Proust* (Edmund White, Viking Penguin)

*Gay Lives: Homosexual Autobiography* from John Addington Symonds to Paul Monette (Paul A. Robinson, University of Chicago Press)

*Dangerous Liaisons: Blacks, Gays, and the Struggle for Freedom* (Eric Bradt, ed., Free Press)

*Reunion: A Year in Letters between a Birthmother and the Daughter She Couldn't Keep* (Katie Hern and Ellen McGarry Carlson, Seal Press)

*This Is What Lesbian Looks Like: Dyke Activists Take On the 21st Century* (Kris Kleindienst, ed., Firebrand Books)

*Looking for Brothers* (Michael Rowe, Mosaic Press)

*Eminent Maricones: Arenas, Lorca, Puig and Me* (Jaime Manrique, University of Wisconsin Press)

*Eleanor Roosevelt: Vol. II, 1933-38* (Blanche Wiesen Cook, Penguin Viking)

*A Woman Like That: Lesbian and Bisexual Writers Tell Their Coming Out Stories* (Joan Larkin, ed., Avon)

*Out for Good: The Struggle to Build a Gay Rights Movement in America* (Dudley Clendimen and Adam Nagourney, Simon & Schuster).

Literature:

*Salt Water and Other Stories* (Barbara Wilson, Alyson Publications)

*Passionate Mistakes and Intricate Corruption of One Girl in America* (Michelle Tea, Semiotext and Free Arts Press)

*Shy Girl* (Elizabeth Stark, Farrar Straus Giroux)

*Notes of a Desolate Man* (Tien-Wen Chu, Columbia University Press)

*Wild Swans* (Peg Kerr, Time Warner Books)

*In September the Light Changes* (Andrew Holleran, Hyperion)

*Hard Love* (Ellen Wittlinger, Simon & Schuster)

*Once Upon an Elephant* (Ashok Mather, Arsenal Pulp Press)

*Masks* (Ruthann Robson, Leapfrog Press)

*Year They Burned the Books* (Nancy Garden, Farrar Straus Giroux)

David Garnes, Outgoing Chair  
Book Award Committee

Nominations being accepted for  
2000 Book Award:

Nominations for the Book Award may be made by any individual not affiliated with the publisher or the author of the book being nominated. Authors may not nominate their own works. A short statement (30 to 50 words) describing why the book is being nominated should accompany the nomination, which must be submitted to Committee chairs by November 30, 2000. Nominations will be accepted by U.S. mail (postmarked by the deadline), electronic mail, or fax. Nominations may be sent to the email address below.

Book Award Committee Roster:

BAC Roster for 2000 After two years of hard work on the Book Award Committee John Mitchell (Library of Congress), Laura Quilter (Exploratorium, San Francisco) and Jane Cothron (Newport Public Library, Oregon), are leaving the committee. We would like to extend a hearty "thank you" to Laura, Jane and John for all their efforts during the past two years.

Joining the Book Award Committee are Nancy Silverrod, Susan Parker and James Hoogstra. Nancy is a librarian at the Bernal Heights Branch Library, San Francisco Public Library. Susan is the Associate Dean, University Library at California State University, Northridge. James is the Manager, Elisabeth Knapp Branch of the Detroit Public Library. The 'newbies' are already hard at work, looking at titles. Welcome to BAC, Nancy, Susan, and James.

Continuing members of the BAC are Ellen Bosman (Indiana Univ. NE), Sarah Holmes (Salem, MA), Alison Hopkins (Queens NY Public), Gary McMillan (American Psychiatric Assoc.), Victor Schill (Houston Public), Steve Stratton (Virginia Commonwealth University), Ed Teague (North Carolina State Univ.), Karen Whittlesey (American Theological Library Association), David Ganes (University of Conn., Storrs) Past Chair, John Bradford (galaxy.com, Austin, TX) Vice-Chair, and myself, Anne Moore (UMass, Amherst), Chair.

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## Book Reviews

Reviews are a regular feature of the GLBTF Newsletter.

If you would like to be a reviewer or receive reviewing guidelines, please contact:

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The Preacher's Son by Marc Adams  
Published by Window Books 1996  
ISBN 1-889829-00-5

Marc Adams tells his own painful story about growing up the son of a fundamentalist Baptist preacher. Struggling with his secret attraction to boys, it was a childhood full of anguish and frustration. The roller coaster of emotions that Marc experienced alternated between guilt and loneliness and feeling the ecstasy of being born-again.

At the brink of suicide Marc decided to attend Jerry Falwell's Liberty University over his parents' objection that it was too liberal. His new-found freedom and a job on the school's yearbook made college life a happy change. Then he fell in love and Marc was right back on that roller coaster, wrestling with guilt and sexual pleasure.

Accepting more important jobs at the university, Marc went farther into the closet. The lies made easy by the strict dating rules created more guilt. With less than a year left at Liberty, Marc could no longer stand living two lives and so he left school in search of a way to live honestly. Finally, it was someone from his past that helped Marc find the strength to be himself.

Marc Adams has written a compelling story despite an unpolished writing style in this self-published book. He gives readers insight into the harsh, restrictive environment of a fundamentalist life and hope to the many young people trapped in similar situations.

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Meeting Schedule for the  
Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force  
American Library Association Annual Meeting  
Chicago, IL  
July 6 - July 12, 2000

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ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

The site will also be noted on our website at: [http://calvin.usc.edu/~trimmer/ala\\_hp.html](http://calvin.usc.edu/~trimmer/ala_hp.html) or  
[http://www.ala.org/alaorg/rtables/rtables\\_home.html](http://www.ala.org/alaorg/rtables/rtables_home.html)

For general city info go to: <http://metromix.com> (Thanks to KT for site and meeting list).

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| ALA Travel Technology Group:                   | 800-999-0925                 |       |
| United Airlines:                               | 800-521-4041                 |       |
| Continental Airport Express (Airport Shuttle): | 312-454-7799 (\$16 each way) | Taxi: |
| 773-235-6500                                   |                              |       |
|  | 312-337-9460                 |       |

Metra Train Service: **Tickets are available for \$1.75 one-way; 10-Ride (saves 15% off one-way fares); Weekend Pass (\$5, unlimited rides). Purchase tickets from Metra ticket agents or vending machines in Metra's McCormick Place Station. For train schedule information visit: <http://www.metrarail.com/Sched/me/me.html>**

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| ALA Conference Exhibit Hours: | Opening Ceremony, Saturday, 7/8/00 @ 8:45am |
| Saturday, Sunday, Monday      | 7/8-7/10 9am - 5pm                          |
| and Tuesday,                  | 7/11/00 9am-3pm                             |

Social on Sunday, July 9, 2000 6-8pm @ Ann Sather Restaurant, 929 West Belmont 773-348-2378 (Red Line train (Belmont), Brown Line train (Belmont), Purple Line train (Belmont), CTA bus (8-Halsted, 22-Clark, 77-Belmont) Donations to help defray costs (suggested donation: \$5.00) will be accepted at the door.

ALA Conference Map of Chicago:

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:

This newsletter is now included in your membership fee to the GLBTRT via your regular ALA membership registration. Just be sure to join the GLBTRT when you renew your membership or initially join.

Subscription questions should be forwarded to the newsletter editor at [cal.zunt@cpl.org](mailto:cal.zunt@cpl.org). Thank you for your support.

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