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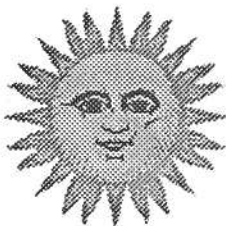
O & A NEWS



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An Info. Quarterly for the Gay / Lesbian / Bisexual / Transgender Community in Thunder Bay



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From the Chair

As our newsletter develops, we feel there should be an opportunity given to the Chair to respond to issues regarding the development and operation of O & A. Because input from the membership is important to maintain a strong relationship between the committee and the Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to outline some of my responsibilities and observations.

Over the past 2 years, my role as Chair has evolved with the development of the organization. I have had many positive experiences while also contending with some challenging realities. As a "community," we have tremendous potential to grow; as individual time constraints increase, our focus needs to be continuously reassessed.

What one member may feel is important, another may not. The Chair's position is to provide equal opportunities to members while ensuring a comfortable atmosphere at events.

The Chair is responsible to ensure that all details are taken care of and that members' concerns are addressed.

The Chair should provide an example to the community in an effort to lead it. Everyone makes mistakes, and I am sure I will make a few more. Two important traits are honesty and sense of duty to the membership. The Chair should listen; words should match deeds in order to make necessary changes. The Chair must also recognize it can't be done alone. It takes each individual in the "community" to work towards building a healthier society. We have a long way to go. Thanks for letting me be a small part of the evolution in Thunder Bay.

I look forward to participating in the summer activities and to seeing you at the events. Please take a moment to fill out your membership form so that we may advise you of our ongoing services.

Paul Morralee

This year's Annual General Meeting is a festival you won't want to miss. The event takes place south of the city on Lake Superior at Mink Mountain Properties. The view is fantastic, the facilities are excellent, and our guest speaker is ready to go. We are planning a hike for those who are energetic and a BBQ for those who like to eat. The events start at 2 pm on Sunday, June 20.

The AGM consists of a short presentation from committee members on the state of the organization and a review of past accomplishments. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions,

and volunteer their services.

Our guest speaker, Sharon Dale-Stone, will tell us how she has facilitated change in other communities she has lived in across Canada. Sharon recently arrived in Thunder Bay. In her talk, she will address the possibilities for growth of positive consciousness in Thunder Bay by drawing parallels between the small city of Kelowna, B.C., where she used to live, and our community. Her presentation will surely lead to some interesting conversation and new perspectives.

The hike begins after Sharon's presentation and takes

an hour to complete. The trail goes to the top of Mink Mountain, where you can experience a view unique to Northwestern Ontario. Then you can hike back for BBQ burgers provided by Out & About.

Regarding transportation, if you need a ride, call our phone-line at 623-3141 to arrange car-pooling. If you have your own vehicle, travel south on Hwy 61 for 20 minutes, turn left onto Sturgeon Bay Road, and travel another 10 minutes to Mink Mountain Properties. Just follow the signs.

See you there!!

See map & photo

Spring / Summer Events

Car Rally & Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, May 23, 2 pm.
Meet at Hillcrest Park.
Entrance fee is \$10 per car.
Event finishes with a BBQ and prizes for the top three places.
Lots of fun and guaranteed to be an excellent event. Get some friends together and go for a cruise around the city.

Baseball

Sunday, June 6, 2 pm.
Everyone welcome!! Meet at baseball field on corner of Beverly and Winnipeg. There will be a few games throughout the summer. For further information, contact Jen at 345-5811.

Boulevard Lake Hike & Bike

Sunday June 13, 2 pm.
Come out to Boulevard Lake for biking, roller blading, and hiking. If you want to stay later and have a picnic, why not?!!
Meet at parking lot by lifeguard station and look for a small group of people loitering around.

AGM, Hike & BBQ

Sunday, June 20, 2 pm.
Mink Mountain Properties.
Guest speaker, hiking, and relaxation on the shores of Lake Superior. Event closes with a BBQ provided by Out & About. Mink Mountain located 20 minutes south on Hwy 61.

Follow signs after making a left onto Sturgeon Bay Rd.
Car-pooling available.
Leave message on phone line, or e-mail us for a ride.

3rd Annual Hike

Sunday, June 27, time to be announced.
Sleeping Giant Provincial Park hike to T-Harbour. Bring a lunch and good walking shoes.
Take Hwy 17 east for 30 minutes, turn right at Hwy 537, follow signs to Sleeping Giant Provincial Park (another 30 minutes). Go past park entrance, travel another 5 minutes to trail head located on the right, and park. Rides are available.
Call our phone line or e-mail us. Come and explore the Giant!!

We at O & A News have done a survey of gay and lesbian films at several video retailers in Thunder Bay—Blockbuster, Rogers, G.P. Video, and Video Village. The descriptions are taken from the covers of video boxes; Images In The Dark, an encyclopaedia of gay and lesbian film; and Raymond, by Raymond Merry and Myself.

Blockbuster Video Skyline Mall, Arthur St.

1. Apart from Huge, 1999, 87 min

It has been a year since Hugh first embarks on building a life with a new mate. To commemorate the occasion, Hugh plans a party, not realizing the nuances of love, commitment, identity, and growth. This quiet drama, set in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, subtly explores the full complexity of the relationship between two men.

2. Girl Bar, 1995, 95 min

A funny, fresh romantic comedy featuring a group of women whose lives intertwine against the backdrop of a lesbian bar. The film centres around Loretta, a clever yet insecure cartoon writer, and Rachel. Together they have had their fill of past lovers and pain before starting anew. The local lesbian bar becomes a catalyst for conflicts as old girlfriends resurface and new feelings are eventually unleashed.

3. Bound, 1996, 109 min

A mobster's mistress falls in love with an ex-con handy woman who is renovating the apartment next door. They end up getting caught up in a plot to steal \$2 million of the mobster's money.

4. The Crying Game, 1997, 112 min

A British soldier has been captured by the IRA. While in captivity, he has one of the kidnappers promise to look after his girlfriend in London. He moves to London after the soldier is murdered to get out of this terrorist game. He looks up the soldier's girlfriend, who, unbeknownst to him, is a transvestite.

5. I Shot Andy Warhol, 1996 109 min

One of the first hardcore, take-no-prisoners feminists, Valerie arrives in mid-60s New York City with the mission of spreading the word of female superiority. Putting her radical ideas on paper, she becomes a fringe member of the psyche-

delic entourage. Visionary Andy Warhol quits when her frantic feminist zeal grows too bazaar and violent, even for his avant-garde circle. The consequences are explosive.

6. Living End, 1992, 85 min

The Living End is a post-modern and darkly comic story of love driven by a cutting edge industrial soundtrack. The film explores the sexual, fanatical, romantic consequences of gay male attraction in the 90s. Jan and Luke are HIV-positive outcasts with literally nothing to lose.

7. M Butterfly, 1993, 101 min

The mysteries of love and the string of betrayal are boldly portrayed in this fictional tale of French diplomat, Rene Gallimard, and Beijing Opera star Liling. Rene believes that he has found the perfect woman, but after a love affair spanning nearly 20 years, he finds he cannot believe anything about the beguiling, secretive singer. Rene learns Liling is a spy. This is not the only shocking secret Rene's beloved butterfly hides.

8. Maurice, 1987, 135 min

Amid the wealth and privilege of Cambridge College, an upper-class student and Maurice begin a friendship that soon exceeds the bounds of "decent society" in sexually repressed pre-WWI Britain. Even as they assume positions of power and respect in the same society during the following years, both will find it impossible to escape the repercussions of their once-passionate, dangerous illicit feelings for each other.

9. Philadelphia, 1993, 119 min

Tom Hanks plays Andrew Beckett, a gay lawyer who has been fired from a law firm because he is HIV-positive. Beckett hires an ambulance-chasing, homophobic lawyer to defend him. In the end, Beckett dies of complications from AIDS, and his case is won.

10. Donna Herlinda and her Son, 1985, 90 min

Set in the upper-middle-class world of Guadalajara, Donna Herlinda is a shrewd yet always impeccable mother whose wishes for her son are that he lives happily with mum, his wife...and other men, if need be. Her son, Rodolfo, is a handsome music student. Mum realizes that their relationship is romantic and deep. She helps things out by inviting her

son's lover to stay with them, reasoning that "Rodolfo has such a large bed." A price comes with the compromise in this actually funny and uplifting comedy of sexual manners. (subtitled)

11. Law of Desire, 1987, 102 min

Spanish director Almodovar's most prominent gay film is a wonderfully overheated sexual melodrama which basks in its farcical intentions. The story revolves around Pablo, a popular director of homoerotic films, who, despite having a hunky, quasi-boyfriend, is yearning for a passionate love affair. Antonio Banderas is the darkly handsome but demented fan who attempts to win the director's heart by any means possible. Rounding out the wacky cast is Pablo's delightfully exuberant lesbian sister, who used to be his brother until he changed his gender in order to please his lover, their father. Their loves, passions, and wild adventures are splashed on screen with uninhibited eroticism, camp, and outlandish wit. (subtitled)

12. The Hanging Garden, 1997, 91 min

A gay man returns to a small town in Nova Scotia to attend his sister's wedding and to deal with his past and his dysfunctional family.

13. Kiss Me, Guido, 1997, 86 min

When an apartment-hunting straight male reads the classifieds, he sees GWM roommate wanted. He doesn't know that GWM means Gay White Male. He figures that it means Guy With Money, and he is sure that he will soon have enough cash to qualify. Comedic confusion ensues.

14. Lilies, 1997, 99 min

Based on the play by Michel Bouchard, this is the story of a man's past that comes back when Bishop Bilodeau comes to hear the prisoner's confession. He is held against his will in the prison's chapel while the story of the confessing prisoner's past is acted out in front of him.

15. Victor/Victoria, 1982, 93 min

A starving actress, played by Julie Andrews, jump starts her career by impersonating a Polish count who is a female impersonator ... (cont'd inside)

who falls in love with a Chicago gangster. A hilarious Blake Edwards comedy.

16. In and Out, 1997, 90 min

High school teacher Howard Brackett, played by Kevin Kline, is outed by an ex-student turned actor during an Academy Awards telecast. A hysterical comedy.

17. Object Of My Affection, 1998, 112 min

George is an elementary school teacher who has been dropped by his boyfriend, Dr. Joey, and has moved in with Nina, a social worker. Nina (Jennifer Aniston) becomes pregnant by her straight boyfriend and would like George, instead of her boyfriend, help her raise the baby.

18. Serving in Silence, The Margrethe Cammermeyer Story, 1995, 91 min

Glenn Close stars as Margrethe Cammermeyer, who is a colonel in the American military. She dares to challenge the military's anti-gay policies and take a stand on human rights.

19. The Opposite of Sex, 1998, 105 min

A 16-year-old high school student leaves home to get away from her mother and goes to Louisiana, where she stays with her gay stepbrother and his boyfriend. She turns out to be pregnant by another boyfriend and tells the stepbrother's boyfriend that it is his. This leads to a cross-country chase.

20. Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil, 1997, 155 min

Directed by Clint Eastwood, this story is about a gay, closeted antique dealer who is caught up in the murder of a hustler. A reporter attends his annual Christmas party for Home and Garden Magazine and decides to look into the murder.

21. Fire, 1996, 106 min

Fire, which is shot in India, relates to the story of two sisters-in-law living in modern New Delhi. One is trapped in a 15-year marriage; the other is newly wed to a man who is still in love with his mistress. The two women are drawn together initially for companionship and then gradually fall in love with each other.

22. Beautiful Thing, 1996, 94 min

A crowd-pleasing and heart-felt drama of young love triumphing against all odds. Young love blooms between 2

teenage boys amid the variables of modern working-class Great Britain.

23. Love Valour Compassion, 1997, 120 min

The movie, adapted from Terrance McNally's long, award-winning play, focuses on the relationships of 8 friends over three weekends.

Blockbuster Video-Arthur and Edward

1. Three of Hearts, 1993, 101 min

William Baldwin plays an escort to Kelly Lynch, a jilted lesbian, to get her girlfriend back.

2. Threesome, 1999, 93 min

From the moment she is accidentally assigned to a male dorm room, aspiring actress Alex (Lara Flynn Boyle), brings a sexual charge to the lives of Stuart (Stephen Baldwin) and Eddy (Josh Charles). Campus stud Stuart tries to seduce her, only to learn that she is attracted to the introspective Eddy. However, Eddy has hidden desires of his own, which inspire some serious and funny sexual explorations. Raunchy, rowdy, and daringly sexy, Threesome is a hilarious movie.

3. To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar, 1995, 109 min

Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayzee, and John Leguizamo star as three girls "who just want to have fun" in a hilarious comedy about repairing broken dreams and broken nails. En route from New York City to Hollywood for a drag queen beauty pageant, Noxeema (Snipes), Vida (Swayzee), and Chi Chi (Leguizamo) are forced to take an unwelcome detour when their 1967 Cadillac convertible breaks down. Stranded in the small midwestern town of Snyder'sville, the three attempt to make the best of their unfortunate circumstance. When their glitz and glamour wake up the locals, the stage is set for an outrageous weekend.

5. The Bird Cage, 1996, 155 mins

Arnold (Robin Williams) and Albert (Nathan Lane) have built the perfect life for themselves tending to their successful and gaudy nightclub on the Miami Strip. Their pastel tranquility is suddenly shaken by the arrival of Arnold's son, who's getting married to the daughter of Senator Keely. What's more, the senator and his wife are on their way over for dinner and are expecting to meet Mr. and Mrs. Family

Values! Can Arnold and Albert pull it off?

6. La Cage aux Folles, 1978, 91 min

This frolicsome film that finally made drag respectable stars Ugo Tognazzi and Michael Serrault as gay lovers who must, amid mounting complications, pose as Mom and Dad for the sake of a prospective daughter-in-law and her straight-laced parents. This is the original French film that was the model for the American film "The Bird Cage."

7. La Cage aux Folles II, 1980, 101 min

This sequel to the popular comedy reunited the original stars (Tognazzi and Serrault) who, as gay lovers Alban and Renato, became involved with spies and are forced to flee the country. Alban's valiant attempts to masquerade as a Sicilian peasant woman are hysterical.

8. Priest, 1994, 98 min

A Catholic priest is challenged with coming to terms with his sexuality. He must face his congregation and make a choice between his faith and his homosexuality.

9. Lost Language Of Cranes, 1992, 85 min

Philip, a London college student is falling in love with a headstrong American, Elliot. The relationship makes him determined to tell his reserved British parents, an academic and a book editor, of his homosexuality. His revelation exposes a foundation of hidden secrets and repressed passions that threatens to destroy the family, even as it promises to set each of its members free.

10. The Children's Hour, 1961, 107 min

A story about two women who run an all-girls school and are accused by a schoolgirl of being lesbians as revenge. One of the women confesses to the other that she is, in fact, a lesbian. The story ends with the confessor committing suicide. Dark drama with good performances by a young Shirley MacLaine and Audrey Hepburn.

11. Wilde, 1998, 64 min

The story takes place in Victorian England and is about the trial and prosecution of gay author Oscar Wilde, who dared to love another man.

YOUR FINANCIAL ORIENTATION by Cam Rosa "Choosing A Financial Advisor"

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2. Someone with access to a broad range of services.

3. Someone willing to work closely with your lawyer and accountant.

4. Someone who bases his/her business on client needs, not personal commission needs!

5. Someone who continuously upgrades his/her knowledge and skills.

Where do you start?

1. Ask your friends and colleagues about their advisors.

2. Ask your lawyer and accountant!

3. Look for someone active in a professional association, such as CAIFA (Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors).

4. Ask about professional designations such as CFP (Certified Financial Planner) or CLU (Chartered Life Underwriter).

...and most importantly

5. Take ACTION! Make an appointment to talk to and evaluate your potential advisor. Does he/she take an active interest in getting to know you and your situation? If not, move on!

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O & A News welcomes the talents of our community for inclusion into the newsletter. We are looking for written and/or artistic contributions of a non-political nature. Material must first be approved by our steering committee. Send your contributions to P.O. Box 27112, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5Y7

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Out & About Membership Renewal Form for 1999/2000

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Memberships can also be purchased at O & A events.

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Would you like to receive our quarterly newsletter? Yes ☐ No ☐

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(Above Photo)

The site of O & A's Annual General Meeting at Mink Mountain Properties. The hike and BBQ will follow the meeting and address by our guest speaker.

Mink Mountain is located 20 minutes south of Thunder Bay on Hwy 61. Watch for the sign "Sturgeon Bay Rd." Turn left; follow the posted signs to get to the site.

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12. Love and Death In Long Island, 1998, 64 min

A tale of a British author (William Hurt) who becomes obsessed with an American B-movie actor (Jason Priestly).

13. Twilight of The Gods, 1997, 92 min

Suzanne and Rob are having a baby. Thanks to Rob's work in genetics, they know that it will be a boy, what hand he will write with, and that he might be gay. She decides to keep the baby, which destroys the marriage. Also, Suzanne tries to keep the sexual orientation of the baby from her gay brother.

14. Serving In Silence

See # 18, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall.

15. The Object of My Affection

See # 17, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall.

16. Bound

See # 3, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall.

Rogers Video Arthur Street

1. The Boys In The Band, 1970, 118 min

This comedy/ drama features 8 gay men who are attending a birthday party of a friend on a rainy New York evening in Greenwich Village and end up analyzing their lives.

2. High Art, 1988, 101 min

Radda Mitchell discovers she is attracted to her upstairs neighbour Lucy Barliner (Ally Sheedy), a legendary photographer.

3. The Sum of Us, 1994, 100 min

Jeff is gay and lives with his father. Dad just wants him to find a man, fall in love, and settle down. They rediscover their relationship after his father has a paralyzing stroke.

4. Swoon, 1992, 95 min

This story is based on the case of Richard Led and Nathan Leopold, who were tried for the murder of a boy.

5. Lie Down With Dogs, 1995 94 min

A university graduate wants to take the summer off and go to Provincetown before he has to take life seriously and get a job.

6. Love and Death In Long Island

See #15, Blockbuster, Arthur Street

7. Object of My Affection

See #17, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall

8. Serving In Silence, The Margrethe Cammermeyer Story

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10. Three of Hearts

See # 1, Blockbuster, Arthur Street

11. Priest

See # 8, Blockbuster, Arthur Street

G.P. Movie Rentals Bay St.

1. Jeffery, 1995, 92 min

A single guy living in New York decides to give up sex, only to be pursued by an HIV-positive man with whom he falls in love.

2. Priest

See # 8, Blockbuster, Arthur Street

3. Lilies

See # 14, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall

4. In and out

See # 16, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall

5. Object of my affection

See # 17, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall

6. Three of Hearts

See # 1, Blockbuster, Arthur Street

Video Village - River St.

1. The Wedding Banquet, 1995, 108 min

What happens when a young business man gets involved in a marriage of convenience with a beautiful but penniless student. Nothing much happens until the boys' parents descend on the couple, determined to celebrate the nuptials in style.

2. Strawberry and Chocolate, 1993, 111 min

The story of a gay artist who befriends a young student who is studying political science. The artist tries to seduce him but, instead, opens the student's eyes and mind to art and the differences in people.

3. La Cage aux Folles II

See # 7, Blockbuster, Arthur Street

4. Victor/Victoria

See # 15, Blockbuster, Skyline Mall

5. High Art

See # 2 Rogers, Arthur Street

6. Swoon

See # 8 Rogers, Arthur Street

We couldn't list all of the gay and lesbian videos these stores have, so go and explore for yourselves.

A very special thank you to Out & About member "Brad" who spent many hours researching and compiling this film guide. A job well done!!



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Please pass this form along to a friend you may think might like to join if you are a member already.

Resource Chart - Video Locations

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Events (cont'd)

Baseball

Sunday, July 11, 2 pm.
Meet at field on corner of Beverly and Winnipeg. For further information, contact Jen at 345-5811.

O & A Volleyball BBQ & Bonfire Night

Saturday July 17, time TBA. Come out and have fun at volleyball and bonfire night. Travel out Dawson Rd. until you come to Mapleward Rd., turn right, go 2.7km, and turn left at Kivikoski Rd. Go up drive way, and you have arrived.

Fringe Festival

July 23-24-25, times TBA. Come out and support an exciting, new community event. Outside the Lines and La Divas will be entertaining during the 3-day event.

O & A Camp Weekend

Sat. & Sun., July 31-Aug. 1.
Everyone welcome to Daryl & Saul's camp for the weekend. There is lots to do: hiking, biking, volleyball, lawn darts, badminton, canoeing, sauna, bonfire, & BBQing. Spend the day and/or the night. Lots of space to pitch your tent in a quiet area. Bring your own food and beer.
Directions:

Go west, travel to Kakabeka Falls on Hwy 17, turn left onto Hwy 590 (junction is just past Kakabeka and over the bridge). Travel west and then south on Hwy 590 for 20 km. Make a right at 'T' junction onto Hwy 588, go 10 km, drive through Nolalu until just before Silver Mountain store (Old P&D Railway Station), make a left onto Hwy 593 (Devon Rd), and go another 16 km south. Camp is located on right side just before bridge that crosses the Little

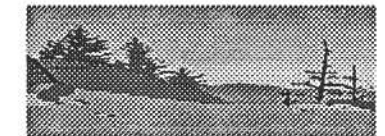
Whitefish River. Total travel time is 55 minutes. No phone service available at camp. Refer to MNR Map # N.T.D. 52 A/S. For further directions, call the phone line, and leave your phone number.

Baseball

Sunday, August 8, 2 pm.
Meet at field on corner of Beverly and Winnipeg. For further information, contact Jen at 345-5811.

Canoe Trip

August 23-25.
If you are interested in participating in a canoe trip, leave a message on our phone line. We are currently organizing a route and destination.



Past Events

Since January, O & A members have participated in more than 8 events. From bowling to tubing, hiking to snowshoeing, there's been a lot to do. This last quarter saw the introduction of bowling nights, which had a great turnout, with many new participants. Over the remaining months, 2 other bowling nights were held. Those who attended had a blast. Next year, we hope to set up a schedule in advance so that more people can take

advantage of this event. The winter saw six brave souls venture into the local mountains to enjoy night hiking on snowshoes. The event was not well attended because of the high winds and cold temperatures. Nevertheless, some hikers had to remove their jackets to cool off. After the hike, the guides and participants had hot chocolate and great conversation in the cottage provided by our hosts at the Nor'West Outdoor Centre.

Open Mike (that's microphone) at the Back Street Dance Klub in March turned out to be a very popular event. Thanks to Jen, Jenn, Carrie, Lena, Kate, Holly, and Scott for making the event so successful. It was an opportunity to partner with a local business, something that O & A hopes to do more often in the future. Thanks to Back Street for providing the space. (cont'd next page)

Winter tubing was also a popular event, with everyone having a great time. The hill at Loch Lomond was fast, and the weather was perfect. Next year, we hope to have more tubing nights. The chalet provided an excellent atmosphere, and the entertainment was enjoyable.

At the end of March, O & A members supported the Healthy Sex Cabaret fundraiser hosted by the AIDS Committee of Thunder

Bay. Two donations were made to the event on behalf of O & A. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment. The big question of the night was whether this event will be held again next year. We will just have to wait and see.

Our most recent event was the Boulevard Lake hike and bike. There was a good turnout, thanks to the gorgeous spring weather. We will be repeating this event during the summer, so

check out the event schedule!

Overall, it has been a busy few months. Thanks to all our members for making the effort to attend events. We look forward to increasing the number and variety of events to make them even better next year. Thanks for your past and present support, everyone!

The Lesbian/Gay Traveller by Don

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Indulge your fantasies and your temptations in one of Prime Time's exclusive trips: they're designed for you.

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*Enjoy a round of golf with your lesbian lover at the Dinah Shore Classic in Palm Springs, California?

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