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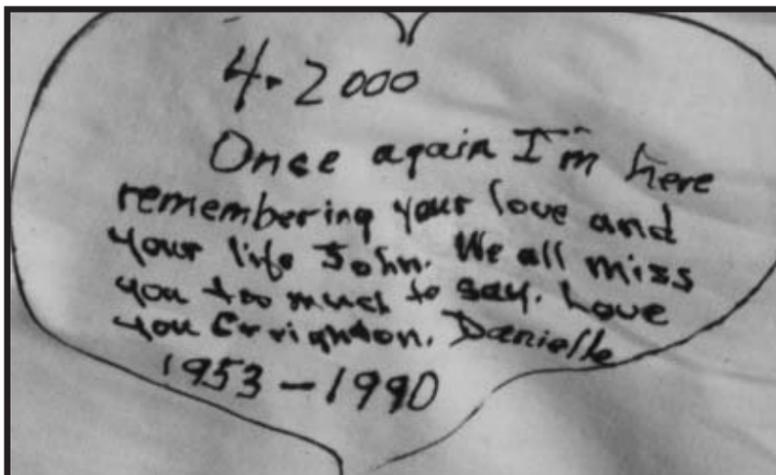
On Saturday, June 3rd, over one hundred and fifty people gathered for the 5th Annual Interfaith AIDS Memorial Service held at the Community United Methodist Church in Jackson Heights. Prior to the service, a Wall of Remembrance was created with large pieces of pasteboard, and participants were invited to write the names of those departed. There were special appearances in the evening by Stonewall Chorale, under the direction of Nancy Vang, and Women Singing, under the direction of Phyllis Clark. A single section of the Quilt hung in front of the sanctuary, setting the mood of common remembrance.

Representatives from Jewish, Christian, Wiccan and Islamic traditions lead those gathered through various portions of the service. Linda Spellman and

Lydia Garcia from the AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC) spoke touchingly of their HIV status and how it has changed their lives. The service ended with an act of Communal Dedication. The service was followed by a reception provided by the American Postal Workers Local Union of Flushing, New York and Martino's Restaurant. Organizations participating included: ACQC, the Episcopal AIDS Commission of LI, the Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens, Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, and Queens Gays & Lesbians United. Special thanks to the Organist Emmanuel Bologna, and the planning committee: John P. Azzali, Daniel Dromm, Stewart Kessler, Hank Krumholz, P. Wayne Mahkle, Wendy Moscow, and Stanley Neuhaus.



The Quilt in Washington, DC April 2000



CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROSPECT PARK OUTDOOR DELIGHT

On Saturday, June 10, 2000, the Chapter displayed twenty-four sections the Quilt at Nethermead Field in Prospect Park. This was the second year in which the Quilt was part of Brooklyn Pride's day-long festival and celebration. Brooklyn has one of the largest HIV infection rates in the five boroughs of New York City, so we felt our presence was important in our continuing efforts to educate New Yorkers about HIV/AIDS.

The hot weather didn't keep thousands of visitors from coming out and showing support. The Quilt touched everyone. There were many hugs and tears accompanying this day of celebration. Our thanks to our volunteers and NAMES Project Northern New Jersey who allowed us to borrow Quilt for this successful display.

GHMC'S AIDSWALK

Rain or shine, GMHC's annual AIDS Walk took place in Central Park. NAMES Project-NYC once again had a team and raised approximately \$3,000. We joined forces with our organizational member A.R.E.A. (American Run for the End of AIDS) who hosted a picnic afterwards for NAMES Project and AREA walkers.

Our thanks to our Team Leader Ben McLaughlin, and walkers: Jeff Bosacki, Pat Caltabiano, Pat & Nick Sileo, Pat Morgan,

Melissa Caprolione, and new walkers: Randy Hall and Betty Finleyson.

MARCH ON WASHINGTON DC

On March 29, 2000, 1000 12ft x 12ft sections of the Quilt were displayed in Washington, DC. Approximately 100,000 visitors were reported by The Washington Post on the mall that day. This display was created in only a couple of months. Due to budget restraints, the decision was made to bring a smaller portion of the Quilt, only panels submitted from October 1, 1999 thru December 1, 1999. This helped to keep the costs of the event fiscally responsible. The entire parameter of the Quilt was surrounded by visitors and volunteers holding hands at the opening ceremony, a moment of silence was observed, and the display was opened to the public. At the end of the day, we closed with a dedication of the panels on display, as well as the 60+ new panels turned in that day.

In spite of the challenges surrounding the Millennium March, it was clear that the Quilt needed to be present to make sure that HIV/AIDS would not be overlooked by rally speakers and attendees. AIDS is alive and well and still killing our friends, families, lovers, mothers and fathers, and the presence of the Quilt allowed us to remind and remember. It allowed us to honor the hundreds of panelmakers who had recently made panels, and educate the unsuspecting tourist.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AIDS AND THE ARTS

On Monday, September 18, 2000 from 12 noon until 6:00 pm, the Chapter will be participating with The Actors' Fund, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, and A.R.E.A. for the **5th Annual AIDS and the Arts Conference** entitled: *A Day To Experience, Explore, and Empower*. It is being held at Judson Memorial Church on West 4th Street. Portions of the Quilt representing actors, dancers, and artists who have been memorialized will be on display.

The NAMES Project NYC has invited all Broadway shows, artists, and theater companies to make new panels and begin the conference with a New Panel Dedication. The day will be a powerful combination of experiences. We will

share through words, performances, and group panels our ideas and possible solutions to how the disease will affect us in this new millennium.

For more information about the conference, please contact Doneley Meris at (212) 620-7310x277.

ANNUAL STREET FAIR AT NYU

On July 8, 2000, we will be sponsoring our 8th Annual NYC Unfolds Street Fair on West 3rd Street stretching all the way from LaGuardia Place to Broadway. The Chapter has invited colleagues from other HIV/AIDS organizations to provide information about services they offer for New Yorkers. These organizations include: God's Love We Deliver, GMHC, AIDS Services Center of Lower Manhattan, A.R.E.A., Mother's Voices, and NYU Student

The NAMES Project also staffed booths at the two-day Millennium Festival over the weekend. Our goal was to have a presence in as many places as possible and remind visitors that The Quilt continues to serve as an important tool in educating and remembering. With the assistance of a 14ft JumboTron video screen, images of the Quilt were viewable throughout the festival. We also had a special sticker designed for the weekend which read: "I'm standing for an AIDS-FREE FUTURE." These stickers were given to the tens of thousands of visitors.

Gert McMullin, National Office Manager of the Quilt, was an inspiration. The threat of rain was over us in the days before, but on the day of the display, the weather couldn't have been more cooperative. It was as if she had called upstairs to friends who are no longer with us and made it happen.

A special thanks to Jeff Bosacki, Event Coordinator; Jeff Thur, Jerry Suarez, Michael Berg, Father Tom Orians our QDCs; coordinators: Bob Stump, Pete Delate, and Larry Fleming, Bonnie and Mireille from the DC Chapter, Ben McLaughlin, Ruth Ellsworth, and Gary Kempler for their expertise, NAMES Project staffers, and the hundreds of volunteers who gave of their time and energy. This all-volunteer committee enabled us to exceed our goals for the weekend.

Health Center for Health Promotion & Lesbian and Gay Association. GMHC/CAN, and the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center will be jointly soliciting voter registration. Over 200 food, merchandise and arts vendors will also be selling their goods.

Eight sections of the Quilt will be on display. We will have information about the Chapter's programs, volunteer opportunities, and NAMES Project merchandise provided by NAMES Project Northern New Jersey. Hours of the festival are from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. We invite you to come, enjoy the day, and shop!

SOUTH AFRICA UPDATE

From August 28 thru September 8th, six volunteers from the USA will be traveling to the Western Cape of South Africa to schools in poor townships outside Cape Town. With the successful pilot pro-

gram started by our own Jeff Bosacki last February, we have now expanded our reach to more than 40 schools, and will include training local teachers to continue our work. We are also beginning a Partnership Program between schools in both counties. Schools will take on the challenge to share what HIV/AIDS looks like in their respective countries and how they can help each other in their own education and prevention efforts. The program is also available for any church, business and/or organization.

We have also begun a panelmaking program in which we are encouraging NAMES Project Chapters nationwide to make new panel kits that we can take with us and give to individuals too poor to buy the materials to remember someone they have lost, and

enable them to begin the grieving and healing process. Kits include the basic 3ft x 6ft section of material, felt or other materials for letters, borders, etc. and pens, markers, or paint to write their thoughts and memories. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact the Chapter for more information.

WORLD AIDS DAY 2000

For the sixth year, we will be hosting displays of the Quilt in all five boroughs of the city to commemorate World AIDS Day, December 1, 2000. Last year we had over 90 different locations. We hope to exceed that number this year. Invitations have gone out to over 200 organizations, medical centers, places of wor-

ship, corporate offices, and financial institution.

This year we are organizing to have panel dedications in all five boroughs of New York City. Our WAD2000 Winter Newsletter will list locations for anyone wishing to make a panel between now and this day of remembrance.

Anyone wishing to display Quilt in their businesses, places of worship, or medical centers, can call Jeff Bosacki at (212) 226-2292 or send E-mail to us at: NAMESNYC@aol.com for a WAD2000 Panel Request Form. The deadline to submit requests is October 1, 2000. Special panel requests are due by August 1st. Many of these displays are in corporations, businesses, and schools, so please remember that special panel requests will be limited.

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

BRONX: FORDHAM UNIVERSITY RESIDENT LIFE; MONROE CAMPUS HS	STATEN ISLAND: PORT RICHMOND HS
BROOKLYN: AUTOMOTIVE HS; PROJECT BRIDGES-DISTRICT 75 HEALTH FAIR; BROOKLYN PRIDE OUTDOOR DISPLAY	MANHATTAN: WEST MANHATTAN OUTREACH CTR; AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER NYC; FAMILY ACADEMY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
QUEENS: LAGUARDIA COMM. COLLEGE; QUEENS GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE	OUTSIDE NYC: CATHOLIC CHARITIES, LI; COMMUNITY SERVICE CONF., ORLANDO, FL; HORACE GREELEY HS, CHAPPAQUA, NY

WHERE WE ARE GOING

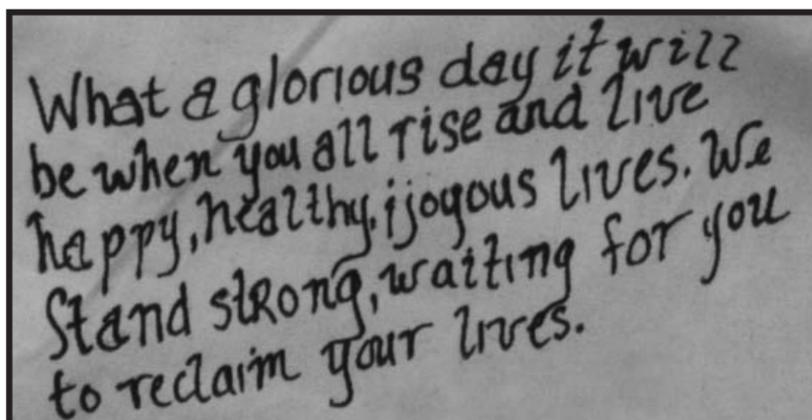
MANHATTAN: AIDS IN THE CHURCH; NYC UNFOLDS
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**DISPLAYS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR
WORLD AIDS DAY, DECEMBER 1, 2000**

MANHATTAN: AREA MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CANDLELIGHT VIGIL; RUGTERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	BROOKLYN: JOHN JAY HS
	BRONX: MONROE CAMPUS
	OUTSIDE NYC: AIDS QUILT 2000 @UCONN, STAMFORD, CT



Woman signing the Signature Square in Washington, DC 2000.



Words of Remembrance written on a Signature Square.

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MEMBERSHIP: (ANNUAL):

- p Associate (Individual \$35)
- p Associate (Household \$45)
- p Organization (inclusion on our Website) \$75

CARE DONOR: "Friend of the Quilt-NYC" to fund storage, shipping & care for the Quilt.

MAJOR SPONSOR: Underwrite our youth programs taking the Quilt into classrooms to talk about compassion & memorials.

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

from _____
p \$35 p \$50 p \$100 p \$_____ other

(Donations will be printed in our trimester newsletter)

WISH LIST:

- p Webmaster/Designer
- p Bulk Mail Coordinator
- p Office Space
- p Someone to scan pictures for our website

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

WAD2000: Anyone wishing to assist with pre-display organization, data entry, phone calling, and/or distribution, please contact the Chapter.

TREASURER: We continue to look for a new treasurer to help with the Chapter's books. Experience with Quicken is helpful.

GRANT WRITER: We are looking for someone to help continue the task of applying for grants to assist the Chapter.

To apply for any of these positions or to receive information concerning a donation, please contact Jeff Bosacki at (212) 226-2292

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NOTE: Our Internet Service Provide (ISP) has gone out of business and we are currently moving our website to another provider. We apologize for this inconvenience. We hope to have access soon.

MEETINGS: Mark you calendars for our next general membership meetings. It is scheduled for Wed., September 27, 2000 @DC1707 Rm C at 6:00pm. Board member elections will take place as well as annual report from our Board President. If you are interested in attending, please call the Chapter for more information.

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WELCOME AND THANK YOUS! We want to welcome our new and/or renewed members this past quarter: **STEVE CROHN**

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We want to thank the following individuals who have given in-kind services to the Chapter: **PATRICK GRADY, WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL, DC; A.R.E.A.**

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Contributors to this newsletter: **JEFF BOSACKI, PAM ABRAMS,**

PANELMAKING WORKSHOPS

MANHATTAN & BROOKLYN:

Panelmaking workshops continue to be held on an "appointment" basis in Manhattan during the evening and in Brooklyn on Saturdays. Please call (212) 226-2292 and leave a message for Ben McLaughlin, our Panelmaking Coord. Please leave your name and how we may contact you.

The monthly workshops at GMHC continues on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10-11:30am. Please contact Michelle Aubian at (212) 367-1054 for more information.

QUEENS & THE BRONX:

We are looking for an organization or place of worship to host a workshop in either of these boroughs. Anyone interested please call (212) 226-2292 and leave a message for Ben McLaughlin, our Panelmaking

WORLD AIDS DAY WORKSHOPS:

Anyone wishing to open a workshop at your church, community organization, medical center and have panels to dedicate at one of our dedications, please call Ben McLaughlin to discuss how to begin.

STATEN ISLAND:

Staten Island panelmaking workshops will start on September 20 and continue thru November 15, 2000 to prepare for World AIDS Day 2000. Workshops will be from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. For more information and location, please contact Pam Abrams at (718) 981-3366.

If you need help with ideas, layout, design, what to use, where to buy it, call us so we can arrange a time to meet and help you with your panel.