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The Fortune Tellers Ball nets \$75,000

AEF's 22nd Anniversary event on April 25 was a magical evening of psychics and fortune tellers. The event team at AEF, led by **Chris Morris**, **Phil Siegel** and **Neil Figurelli**, put together a dozen psychic readers and spiritual guides from all over Northern California to ensure that all guests had a chance to ask questions about love, money and success. While enjoying incredible food and beverages provided by **Out of Thyme Catering**, **Absolut Vodka**, **Miller Brewing Company** and **Kendall Jackson Wineries**, the crowd of 250 AEF loyalists shopped at the silent and live auctions and helped honor AEF's hardest working volunteers!

With underwriting by the **Bob Ross Foundation** and free use of the space at **MIGHTY**, all the costs of the event were covered before a single ticket was sold. Additional sponsorship from **Abbott Laboratories** and a huge Patron and Host Committee helped guarantee the financial success of the evening.

This year's honorees included: **Bill Boeddiker** & **Bob O'Halloran** of **The Parker Guest House**, **Mike Ostfeld**, the students of **Head Royce School**, and the **Skywalkers**, the volunteer employees at **Lucasfilm**. In a special presentation, the AEF/BCEF board honored the memory of **Rebecca LePere** by renaming the Hearts of Gold Award after her. In the most moving moment of the evening, Rebecca's surviving partner **Leslie Ewing** presented the first "Rebecca LePere Hearts of Gold Award" to longtime women's leather community activist and BCEF advocate **Ren Davis Phoenix**. Cheering from the sidelines was **Daddy Alan Selby**, out in public for the last time prior to his passing, and keeping his unbroken record of attending every AEF Awards Gala.

Auctioneer extraordinaire **Lenny Broberg** closed out the evening by hosting a spirited live auction which



Board members Jeff Braff and Jan Blouin, with "Rebecca LePere BCEF Hearts of Gold" Awardee Ren Davis Phoenix and Leslie Ewing



Bob Brunson and Troy McFadin consult with tarot card reader Avis Marie Sandar.

included a **KGO** helicopter ride, a luxury Palm Springs getaway, an exotic five-star resort stay in Mexico, and a ten-day cruise for two aboard **Holland America Lines**. By the time the silent auction had closed, AEF had raised over \$75,000 for clients in need!

More Hot Men! The 2005 SoMa Bare Chest Calendar is Here!

The 2005 South of Market Bare Chest Calendar, a fundraising calendar to benefit AEF and Positive Resource Center, is shaping up to be the most successful ever. Preliminary contests were held Thursday evenings from January until April at The Powerhouse Bar to choose finalists for the calendar. Thirteen men were then chosen as models for the calendar, with a couple representing the month of February (ah, Valentine's Day!). The winners are: Mr. January, **David**

Lang; Mr. February, **Dan Lauten** & **Scott Nichols**; Mr. March, **Dale St. Pierre**; Mr. April, **Michael Bond**; Mr. May, **Drew Ugrinow**; Mr. June and Back Cover Model, **Dave Haase**; Mr. July, **Nick Aitken**; Mr. August, **George Delmar**; Mr. September, **Dodger Allen**; Mr. October and Front Cover Model, **Tim Fristoe**; Mr. November, **Terry Anderson**; and Mr. December, **Scott Brogan**.

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Mike Ostfeld receives the Zachary Long Award from Supervisor Bevan Dufty

Thank You!

In 2003, volunteers donated a total of 12,223 hours to AEF and BCEF. That's the equivalent of six full time staff people!

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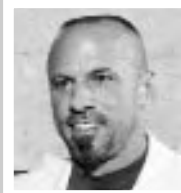


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board perspectives

Many of our clients may no longer have access to dental care, transportation subsidies, mental health counseling and more. Your generosity now will allow us to continue to serve all clients in need, even in these difficult times.

Guest Columnist
Board Member
Glenn Sutter



As a nurse at Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York during the first decade of the AIDS epidemic, I lost hundreds of friends and patients to AIDS — I saw them face not only horrible physical ailments, but unbearable financial hardship.

In 1995, while dealing with my own AIDS-related health issues, I retired from nursing and moved to San Francisco to be with my partner, Gavin. I was overjoyed to discover a network of people from all walks of life who valued compassion, gave generously and helped people they did not even know — the family of AIDS Emergency Fund, its volunteers and donors.

I recently wrote to most of you asking you to join the AEF family, renew your commitment to helping low-income people with HIV and AIDS and become a donor to AIDS Emergency Fund. If you didn't respond to that request, please consider using the enclosed donation envelope to contribute today.

Once a month, I, like every board member, spend a day at AEF reviewing client files and signing checks on

behalf of clients. In the same way that I used to see the physical and psychological trauma of AIDS at Sloan Kettering, I now see the financial trauma of prolonged illness: formerly healthy and productive people, worn down by HIV, AIDS or breast cancer, unable to work, facing eviction, utility shut-off notices or daunting medical bills with no place to go. So they turn to the family at AIDS Emergency Fund.

Last year, AEF helped over 2,400 people stay warm and dry at night, keep their lights on and live with dignity in the face of illness and poverty. The federal government recently decreased San Francisco's share of Ryan White CARE Act funding by **four million dollars!** Because of this, many of our clients may no longer have access to dental care, transportation subsidies, mental health counseling and more. Your generosity now will allow us to continue to serve all clients in need, even in these difficult times. I hope you will renew your commitment to the AEF family by giving or volunteering for AIDS Emergency Fund today.

More Hot Men! — Continued from page 1.

Already, through raffle ticket sales at the contests and other bar events, the calendar men have raised close to \$11,000. This is unprecedented in the 20-year history of the calendar. This year's calendar will be available by the end of June and will include a 20th anniversary center-fold, featuring one calendar man from each year of the calendar since its beginning in 1985.

To purchase your very own 2005 SoMa Bare Chest Calendar, go to www.somabarechestcalendar.org. The website includes a photo gallery of current and past calendar men, a history of the calendar and a schedule of upcoming calendar events.



PHOTO BY TIM WONG

Watch for the Calendar Men in the SF Pride Parade, at Up Your Alley and the Folsom Street Fair!

OUR COMMUNITY NEVER STOPS GIVING

12.31.03 FRICTION NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Thanks to **Dean Prager** and **Silvio Baretta** for organizing their second annual New Year's Eve dance party benefiting AEF and Positive Resource Center. The event raised a total of \$1,300.



1.24.04 SF LEATHER DYKE BOY/GIRL CONTEST

Kudos to **Ren Davis Phoenix** for organizing a wonderful weekend of events, including a Meet & Greet at **Daddy's Bar** and a Victory Brunch at **2223 Restaurant**, which raised over \$1,200 for BCEF. Congrats to 2004 SF Leather Dyke girl, **Kristine Hayden Schubert**.

1.31.04 TROY ANICETE'S 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

In lieu of gifts, **Troy Anicete** asked guests to make a donation to AEF. Held at The Powerhouse, the event raised nearly \$600 for AEF. We don't think Troy looks a day over 39!

2.28.04 IMPERIAL CORONATION

Thank you to outgoing **Empress Snatch** and **Emperor Michael Parsons** from the Imperial Council of San Francisco, for raising nearly \$5,700 for AEF and BCEF, presented to us at the 2004 Coronation. Congratulations to the new reigning **Empress China Silk**



and **Emperor Fernando Robles**, both longtime AEF and BCEF supporters.

3.13.04 MAMA'S BCEF DINNER

Sandy "Mama" Reinhardt hosted her Fourth Annual Dinner benefiting BCEF. Held at The ARC, the event featured great entertainment and a fabulous silent auction. Special thanks to **Ray Tilton** for organizing this successful event, which raised nearly \$12,000.

4.1.04 THE EDGE BASKET CONTEST

The best Edge Basket Contest ever! When the evening ended with raffle proceeds of \$715, an anonymous donor gave \$4,285 to bring the total to \$5000. Thanks to **Danny Williams, Queen** and the **Edge Bar Staff** for 132 consecutive monthly contests!

people power

*The power of people is evident in all our volunteers. We've had terrific Spring semester interns, too. Special thanks to **Andrea Bermudez, Amy Laws and Katie Roberts** for your fabulous energy, radiant smiles and hard work!*

Jes Muse,
Volunteer
Coordinator &
Pennies Project
Manager



The success of the Fortune Tellers Ball would not have been possible without the tremendous support of volunteers. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and services. We extend special thanks to **Douglas Skonie** and **David Haase** of **Out of Thyme Catering** for providing a delicious assortment of food. Thanks also to the Food Prep team **Cody Reynolds, Kat Knoops, Jojo Joyce, David Miranda** and **Ed Allen**.

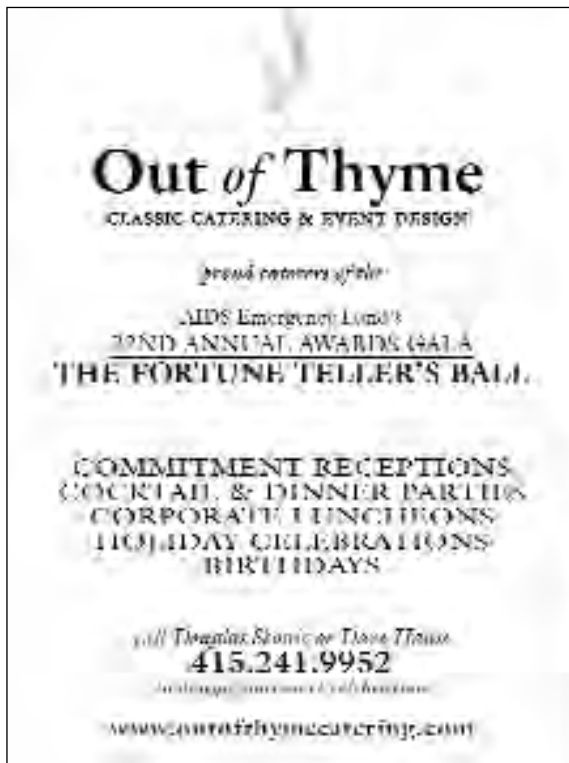
A large part of what made this event so successful was the Silent Auction. Special thanks to our Silent Auction Committee and Set-Up volunteers including **Richard & Dorothy Compeau, Vicki Polster & Chuck Cech, Neil Figurelli, Branton Burke, Craig James & George Macaluso, Emmanuel & Ester Vallejo, Rita Meehan & Rob Beal, KwanYee Attias, Kathleen Joyce, Wilma Mason, Mehera May, Ashley Binter & Andrea Bermudez**. Also thank you to **Lenny Broberg** for his fantastic job leading the Live Auction!

Our Pennies Expansion Project Team has placed over 35 new jars in The Mission, Glen Park, The Castro and Bernal Heights! Thanks to **James Frederick, Katie Roberts, Jojo Joyce, Kat Knoops, Andrea Bermudez** and **Jimmy Strano** for their hard work and continued efforts. Look for our jars as they continue to pop up around the city! If you would like to join our Expansion Project Team or place a jar at your workplace or in your home please contact me.



AEF's Chris Morris and Mike Smith thank David Haase, far left, and Douglas Skonie, far right, owners of Out of Thyme Catering for their sumptuous spread at the Fortune Tellers Ball.

AEF/BCEF is recruiting volunteers for a number of annual events. Volunteers are needed to help during the Pride Parade and AIDS Walk. For the past few years we have joined forces with **Steven Sams** and his **SBC AIDS Walk team** for a great lunch after completing the Walk. If you are interested in walking with the AEF/BCEF AIDS Walk Team go to <http://aidswalk.net/sanfran/index.html>. Click on "**Join a Team**" and select us from the list. We need help with our Float in the Pride Parade too. To join us on Sunday, June 27, contact me, Jes Muse, Volunteer Coordinator at 415-558-6999 ext. 4 or jesm@aef-sf.org.



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4.25.04 THE FORTUNE TELLERS BALL

Our 22nd Annual Awards Gala, The Fortune Tellers Ball, featured an evening of entertainment by psychics, tarot card readers, palm readers, numerologists and astrologers. The event netted over \$75,000 for AEF/BCEF while honoring individuals who have made outstanding contributions to AEF/BCEF: **Ren Davis Phoenix, Bill Boeddiker & Bob O'Halloran** of **The Parker Guest House**, **Mike Ostfeld**, the students of **Head Royce School**, and the **Skywalkers**, the volunteer employees at **Lucasfilm**.

6.27.04 SF LGBT PRIDE PARADE

Join us for the 2004 San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade on Sunday, June 27. The parade kicks off at 10:30am and AEF/BCEF staff, board and volunteers are invited to march in our parade contingent. This year's AEF float will be a giant piggy bank with dancing coins! For more information, please call our volunteer coordinator, **Jes Muse**, at 415-558-6999 x4.

7.14.04 - 7.19.04 LAZY BEAR WEEKEND

Calling all bears! Join us for the 9th Annual Lazy Bear Weekend in Guerneville. Organized by **Harry Lit, Allen Eggman, Castrobear Presents** and **The Sacramento Bears**, this year's theme is "Keeps getting bigger." And it does! AEF is now a major beneficiary of Russian River's "biggest" event. Proceeds benefit BCEF, too! For more information, go to www.lazybearweekend.com.

7.18.04 AIDS WALK SAN FRANCISCO

Every year, AEF is fortunate enough to receive grant money from San Francisco AIDS Foundation that is raised at AIDS Walk San Francisco. Come walk with us and help raise money for AEF and other Bay Area AIDS organizations. Lunch will be provided after completing the Walk. If you are interested, go to <http://aidswalk.net/sanfran/index.html>. Click on "**Join a Team**" and select AEF from the list of registered teams!

If you'd like to host a fundraising party for AEF/BCEF, please call fundraising and events manager, **Chris Morris**, at 415-558-6999 x3.



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perspective

*The single greatest testament I can think of to the life of **Daddy Alan Selby** is that literally thousands of people are alive today because of him.*

Mike Smith,
Executive Director



Another Hero Gone Too Soon

Daddy Alan started helping out at AIDS Emergency Fund in 1983 and spent the next 21 years raising hundreds of thousand of dollars so AEF could help others in need. His passion, humor and vitality attracted other volunteers and donors, and his leadership set an example for many to follow. As the owner of Mr. S Leather in the early days of the epidemic, Daddy Alan set the pace in the fight against AIDS. Even after he sold the business, Alan continued to walk the streets of the Castro and



Daddy Alan Selby

South of Market, soliciting auction items and donations from local merchants. As any of them will tell you, it was nearly impossible to say no to him. The leather title contest that Daddy Daddy founded, SF Leather Daddy, has a 20-year history of supporting AIDS causes and has created an army of proud title holders committed to service and

community. Alan also co-founded the Holiday Dinner for people with HIV/AIDS, an event that continues to offer love, companionship and hope to over 1,000 people each Christmas Eve.

Despite his declining health, Daddy Alan managed to get out of the house one last time the week before he died to attend AIDS Emergency Fund's awards gala. He had never missed one, and he made it clear he had no intention of missing this one. He had, of course, been honored many times at our galas, including our 20th Anniversary Gala in 2002. But this last one was different. He only stayed a short while, but was greeted by dozens of people eager to let him know how he had touched their lives and that he was loved.

Lest anyone be left with the impression that he was Mother Teresa, he definitely was not. Daddy Alan had a very, very good time—regularly and often. He packed more life into his 75 years than many of us could in two lifetimes. That he could do that and still find the energy, time and spirit to serve the community is what truly set him apart.