

### Help TPCP Save Money

In order to save TPCP \$1200 a month, we would like to eliminate the expense of printing and mailing of the newsletter to folks who have computer access with email addresses. Please call us at 305-891-2066 or email us at email@positiveconnections.org and inform us of your name and address and the email address you would like the newsletter sent to. We will then remove you from the mailing list and all correspondence will be thru the internet. Thanks for your cooperation in this request.

### IMPORTANT: TPCP POLICY

The Center for Positive Connections has a \$5 monthly membership fee (\$1.25 a week or \$60 a year). Those who wish to pay membership annually can pay \$50 for the entire year in one lump sum. (Savings: \$10). OR: you may volunteer 2 hours a month in lieu of the payment.

For those on disability, membership fee is \$2 a month (\$.50 a week or \$24 year). \$20 for the entire year in one lump sum. (Savings: \$4). Fee is waived for those residing in treatment facilities No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

Suggested fees for holistic and other services will be as follows and will be collected from the receptionist upon signing in for services.

- Body Work (Massage, Reiki, cranial, Trager etc.): \$5-10 per session.
- Acupuncture, Haircuts, Astrology, Yoga and Meditation: \$3-5 per session
- Suggested donation for individual mental health counseling for those not on Ryan White: \$5.
- Educational lectures and social activities are currently funded programs, however, donations will be gratefully accepted.

### NEED PEER, GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING?

#### ARE YOU A RYAN WHITE CLIENT?

TPCP receives reimbursement from Ryan White Title I for psychosocial counseling for group, peer or individual counseling. If you or a family member are interested, please have your case manager send us a referral.

### ATTENTION MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

The Medicaid Pharmaceutical Lock-in Program monitors and control consumers looking to defraud the system or by those abusing prescriptions drugs. This system generates a red flag on your account alerting the pharmacist of possible fraudulent activities. If three or more prescriptions for medications and narcotics are presented to be filled within one month or if eight or more prescriptions in a 60 day period, a red flag will be generated. If flagged and a referral is completed and submitted to the Medicaid Pharmacy Services office by your Doctor or Pharmacist, you will be contacted by letter and given 30 days to submit a request for an appeal. After that time, you will be given a choice of pharmacies in your area which will fill all your prescriptions for one year.

### +NETWORKING

+Networking, a group of heterosexuals wishing to meet other "heteros", meets every four to six weeks for pleasure and fun activities, including beach parties, cookouts, and volleyball. Membership: \$10 (money or check) payable to + Networking, PO Box 11207, Ft. Lauderdale 33339-1207. Call 954-776-7272 or email Cathy at ckate1215@aol.com.

### FOOD FOR LIFE NETWORK AGREEMENT

After months of negotiations, the Board of Directors of Care Resource and Food for Life Network (FFLN), the only not-for-profit organization in Miami-Dade County dedicated to feeding men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS, have entered into a short term management agreement. Care Resource assumes management responsibilities for Food for Life Network on an interim basis with no plans to reduce services during this transitional period. FFLN will remain at its current facilities.

### STD CLINICS EXPANDS HOURS

Miami-Dade County Health Department expands operating hours at its Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic locations for better access to STD evaluations.

- Downtown: 1350 NW 14th St., Bldg. # 4, 305-547-5588, Mon. and Wed. 7:30am-7:30pm, Tues, Thurs, and Fri 7:30am-3:30pm.
- Little River: 300 NE 80th Terr, 305-754-6821, Mon

through Thurs 11am-7pm, Fri 11am-5:30pm.

- Quail Roost: 12330 Quail Roost Dr., Perrine, 305-278-0310, Tues through Fri 8am-3:30pm.
- Miami Beach: 615 Collins Ave., 305-535-5540, Mon, Wed, Fri 8am-3:30pm, Tues, Thurs noon-7pm.

### SOCIAL SECURITY OFFERS ONLINE BENEFITS

SSA's new website www.ssa.gov is available 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week with services including: Online benefit applications, benefits planners, Social Security eNews, benefit eligibility screening tools, Medicare card replacements, and benefit verification statements.

### MONKEY PROTEIN MAY BLOCK HIV

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's scientists say they have discovered how some monkeys resist infection associated with the AIDS virus, a finding that may lead to treatment that blocks HIV in people. They have found that once HIV enters monkey cells, it encounters a protein that stifles its attempts to replicate, thus stopping the virus from spreading in the animal. It is still unclear exactly how the protein acts against HIV, but scientists believe the mechanism may work against other viruses as well. The findings represent the first example of a natural system of defense that may be operating against HIV and other viruses. www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4370521/

### SPIRITUAL HEALING STUDY

Sponsored in part by The Center for Positive Connections. See details on page 6.

### HOME MEAL FOR NORTH MIAMI HIV COMMUNITY

Slots are available for home delivered meals clients living in The City of North Miami. To qualify, clients must provide proof of income and lab test for proof of HIV/AIDS or a doctor's note stating the client's status. Call 305-576-3663.

### EARN \$340 FOR HIV WRITING STUDY

University of Miami wants to learn emotional effects from writing. The study seeks essays about experiences effecting health and immunity. T-cell range should be between 150 and 500. For information and to qualify call the WRITE study 305-284-5299.

### MINISTRY OFFERS SERVICES FOR HIV+ WOMEN

Agape Family Ministries (22790 SW 112th Ave.) is offering residential substance abuse and mental health treatment for women with AIDS located in the South Dade area. Services include individual counseling, group therapy, addiction education, relapse prevention, parenting classes, GED and vocational/job training, day care services, case management, and after care planning and housing. Call 305-235-2616 ext. 151 or www.agapefamilyministries.org.

### PROGRAM PROVIDES LICENSES, PERMITS

Government on the Go Bus program provides Miami-Dade County services such as sale of baby stroller permits, passport acceptance, sale of dog license tags, transit tokens, parking permits and passes, Golden Passport applications. 305-468-5900.

### SPIRITUAL HIV COUNSELING

Minorities Overcoming the Virus through Education, Responsibility and Spirituality, Inc. is offering group and individual counseling and pastoral care at Mover's Inc. (6112 NW 7th Ave). Services are available Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Call Rev. Mitchell Jr. or Richard Hopson 305-754-2268.

*There's something for everyone*

**CHECK OUT OUR SUPPORT GROUPS at the Center and NYC**

*Call to be put on our mailing list. Or better yet, sign up to receive the news by e-mail.*

*Want to help run a support group? Call us with your interest.*

## MIAMI SUPPORT GROUPS

### HETEROSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday • 7-9 pm

### HETERO & FAMILY & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

1st Wednesday of the month • 7-9 pm

### PEER RUN RECOVERY HIV GROUP

Every Monday • 6:30-7:30 pm

### GAY SUPPORT GROUP

Every Tuesday • 7-9 pm

### GRUPO DE APOYO EN ESPAÑOL

Every Monday • 7:45-9:45 pm

### SPANISH FAMILY & FRIENDS

4th Monday of the month • 7:45-9:45 pm

### WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Every Saturday • 1-3 pm at TPCP

Luncheon provided by Pfizer/Agouron

GROUPS FUNDED BY RYAN WHITE TITLE I & CDBG/CITY OF N. MIAMI

## NEW YORK

### Hetero Support Group



Join our HIV heterosexual peer-led support group in NYC every Wednesday. 6-8 pm.

TPCP in collaboration with NATAP (National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project) offers services at NATAP, 580 Broadway, #1010, NYC.

*For info & directions, call the 1-888-26-NATAP or the Center at 1-888-pos-conn(767-2666).*

*Facilitator: Michael 201-921-4592.*

*For social activities, contact Susan 201-240-4098 or Alice 718-815-1930.*

**SAVE THESE DATES: Traveling Dinner 2nd Fridays and Monthly Social on the last Sunday of the month. See page 4.**

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**JOBS**

- Care Resource, 2 positions: is seeking a Case Manager to coordinate with clients, clients' families, and primary caregivers on client needs. Qualified applicants will have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or related field and two years of related experience. Salary: \$25,000-32,000. They are also seeking an Administrative Coordinator to handle the recruitment and assignment of all volunteers needed for major events as well as office needs. Minimum of 1-2 years of coordination experience is required. Salary: \$25,000-\$32,000. Applicants interested can email resumes and cover letter to hr@careresource.org or fax to 305-571-2020.
- South Beach AIDS Project, Inc. is seeking an Office Manager for its Washington Avenue office. Responsibilities: maintaining and troubleshooting the agency's computer server, answering phones, referring persons to appropriate resources, entering data related to calls, recruiting and coordinating volunteers and community service workers, assisting in the preparation of monthly reports to funders, and maintaining mailing lists, data bases and important contacts. Salary: \$26,000-30,000 plus benefits. Resumes may be faxed to 305-532-1813 or emailed to jobs@sobeids.org.
- The National Minority AIDS Council in Washington, D.C., - 3 positions: is seeking an Exhibits Coordinator to handle the logistics of all exhibit halls for its sponsored conferences. A Coordinator to assist in the development and implementation of its HIV/AIDS Stigma Initiative. Responsibilities: conducting background research to support the development of curricula and program materials related to HIV/AIDS stigma mitigation. Public Policy and Education Manager to handle the overall design, development, coordination, implementation and evaluation of its public policy/advocacy training and constituent education. Submit cover letter, resumes, & salary requirements by fax at 202-483-1135 or by mail to National Minority AIDS Council, Attn: Human Resources Division, 1931 13th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.
- The Village, 2 positions- is seeking a part-time Coordinator to handle intervention services for IV drug using men and women who reside in high risk areas. B.A., previous experience with HIV/AIDS and managing a substance abuse/mental health population. Bilingual, English is required. Therapist for a residential treatment facility assisting individuals living with HIV and substance abuse. Previous substance abuse, HIV experience and an M.A. required. Salary up to \$28k. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to 305-576-1348 or email to human-resources@villagesouth.com.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **16th ANNUAL AIDS WALKMIAMI – APRIL 18, 2004:** Care Resource, Florida's largest HIV/AIDS organization, holds its annual AIDS walk at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Official Grand Marshals of the event: E! Entertainment Television's "gossip guru" Ted Casablanca and red carpet fashion expert Melissa Rivers. Tito Puente, Jr. will also be performing. Visit [www.aidswalkmiami.net](http://www.aidswalkmiami.net). Call 305-576-1234 ext. 210.
- **VOICES 2004 10th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE – MAY 22-25, 2004:** For individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families will hold its annual conference at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. The registration deadline is May 1. The conference will offer sessions and activities to help attendees learn about state-of-the-art treatment programs, exchange information about what is working in HIV/AIDS care and research, and explore the challenges facing individuals and families in the next decade of the epidemic. General registration is \$375. Call 202-785-3564 or email at [info@aids-alliance.org](mailto:info@aids-alliance.org). The AIDS Alliance website is at [www.aidspolicycenter.org](http://www.aidspolicycenter.org).
- **THE SECOND ANNUAL HETERO POZ MEMORIAL DAY CAMPING EVENT – MAY 28 - MAY 31, 2004:** For HIV/AIDS community. The camping trip will be held at the Buck Creek State Park in Springfield, Ohio. The event will include activities including fishing, volleyball, a parade, nature walks, and swimming. Everyone is welcome, including singles, couples, kids, families and friends. Separate camping sites for families and singles are available, if necessary. The event is \$20 and must be received by May 1. Checks or money orders may be mailed to David Schneider at 35 E. Ward Street, Springfield, OH 45505. For more information, please consult the event website at [www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/parks/buckck.htm](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/parks/buckck.htm) 2004
- **MINORITY WOMEN'S HEALTHSUMMIT – AUGUST 12-15, 2004:** The National Minority AIDS Council will hold its annual HIV/AIDS health summit, "Women of Color Taking Action for a Healthier Life: Progress, Partnership and Possibilities," at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. The event will focus on exploring prevention strategies, promoting dialogue among policy makers, and recommending action-oriented strategies to increase positive health and education. Call 800-994-WOMAN (9662) or send a fax to Elizabeth David at 202-690-7172.

**CONFERENCES**

- **2004 XV INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE – July 11-16, 2004,** Bangkok, Thailand. IAS Headquarters, PO Box 4249, Fulkungagatan 49, SE-102 65 Stockholm, Sweden. 8-556-970-59. [www.ias.se/aids2004.com](http://www.ias.se/aids2004.com) • Email: [aids2004@aids2004.org](mailto:aids2004@aids2004.org)

**MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS RESPONSIBILITY**

*If you are registered for a social event or an educational dinner lecture or have an appointment for a holistic service, you MUST give 24 hour notice if you need to cancel. People who DO NOT CANCEL and who are NO SHOWS for appointments or events will be placed on stand-by for future appointments and services and will be UNABLE TO MAKE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT FOR 3 WEEKS. An appointment is considered cancelled if a person is more than 15 minutes late. Due to the popularity of our services and the limited number of volunteer therapists, this policy is needed. Please be courteous to other members as well as our practitioners. REMEMBER: KEEP OR CANCEL!*

**See front page for policy changes effective January 1, 2004**

**...AT THE CENTER FOR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS**

All new and current clients using our services must provide documentation of HIV status, income level and residency. Please bring your documents the next time you stop by for services. We need this documentation in order to fulfill required federal guidelines from the City and County for the services provided here at the center. The government requires that all client files contain proof of status, income and residency.

Please remember to bring in these documents so we can serve you and also get reimbursed for the services we provide. However if you are not comfortable with this request we will be happy to continue providing services to you but we will not be reimbursed for the services we provided you.

**All Ryan White Clients and Case Managers – See boxed story on page 1**

Volunteers greatly needed and appreciated at the center. If you have a few hours to spare, come by and give us a hand. You will help us to continue helping YOU and OTHERS WHO USE OUR CENTER. Hours are flexible.

**HOURS OF OPERATION** Monday through Friday 9am-9pm  
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 toll-free 888-pos-conn (767-2666) • [pozconnect@aol.com](mailto:pozconnect@aol.com) • [www.positiveconnections.org](http://www.positiveconnections.org)

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Robert Diaz <i>Finance Director</i>	Andrea Engle & Lenny Sullivan <i>HOPWA Housing Specialist</i>	Barbara Salim <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Elizabeth Hudson <i>Executive Assistant</i>		Tim Sharp <i>Receptionist</i>

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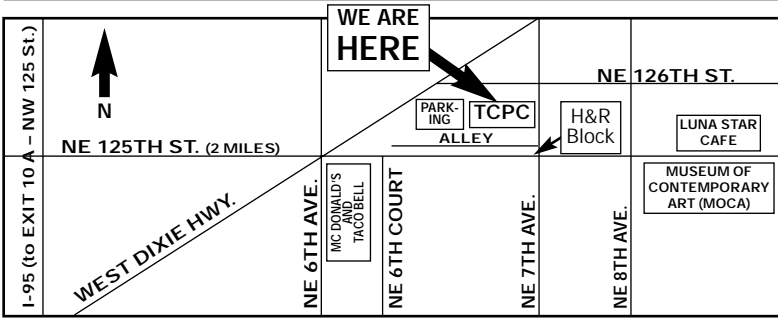
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- 1/2 page . . . . . \$175
- 1/4 page . . . . . \$125
- Full page . . . . . \$300
- 1/3 page . . . . . \$150

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**Contact Sheri at TCPC 305-891-2066**

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**SHIP'S ITINERARY:**

- Wed., 9/1, departs Seward, Alaska at 9pm
- Thu., 9/2, cruise Prince William Sound and College Fjord (at sea)
- Fri., 9/3, Sitka (10am - 6pm)
- Sat., 9/4, Juneau (7am - 11pm)
- Sun., 9/5, Skagway (7am - 4:30pm) and cruise Lynn Canal
- Mon., 9/6, Ketchikan (11am - 8pm)
- Tue., 9/7, cruise Inside Passage (at sea)
- Wed., 9/8, arrive in Vancouver, BC, Canada at 8am

**2003 CRUISE TESTIMONIALS**

- It was the time of my life. I never had so much fun in a 7 day period. I danced the night away. I laughed so much my sides hurt. I will never forget all the wonderful people I met.
- Just seeing so many people who are also affected having such a great time. It let you know you are not alone. It also reinforces that there is a whole other side out there. You can still live and have fun.
- Going on a Positive Connections Retreat was the best thing I have done for myself. I don't feel so alone and enjoyed living my life for the first time in a long while. Thank you Positive Connections for changing my life!
- I was welcomed and invited to join with other people that opened up and shared themselves. I found out I was normal in what I was dealing with.
- This is a chance of a lifetime to really connect on all levels. I get the chills just writing this. That's how great it was and it always will be!!
- This was a great way to meet new friends that are challenged with this illness...relax and have great fun, and educate yourself on new and alternative medicines.
- The chance to be together with a group of people with the same common problems and to talk and interact is great...helps to recharge the batteries to continue the struggle when you get home.
- Everyone should experience the fun of a 7 day cruise once in their lifetime.
- The value of an HIV group getaway has a great positive influence. We can interact, open up, have fun, and feel a sense of normalcy in our lives.
- Being exposed to other HIV positive people is so refreshing. You can let your hair down and know that you are not alone.
- There was interaction. I made new friends and got closer with old ones.
- Everyone was just wonderful and it was fun to know that even if I went out alone on the ship that I would probably run into a knowing friend and I wasn't really alone.
- Trips like these give us that thrill and chase of finding your significant.
- It's great to know that I can still dirty dance and make love for 7 straight days.
- I got the chance to directly get involved and learn about others...I didn't give myself a chance to be timid.
- It was an intoxicating experience!



\*Ship's Registry: Panama

**Booking Now!**

# Positive Connections' Going North to Alaska on its 7th Annual Poz Cruise

**September 1 to 8, 2004**



Sail on Carnival Cruise Line's ship the Carnival Spirit for a seven-day RETREAT starting in Anchorage, Alaska and ending in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The cruise is for the HIV community, their friends and family across the U.S.

Our "7-Day Southbound Glacier Route" Alaskan port-of-call adventure includes cruising through animal habitats in Prince William Sound, gazing at 16 glaciers in College Fjord, learning about sea otters' plight for survival in Sitka, rafting Mendenhall Lake in Juneau, eating fresh fish at a salmon bake in Skagway and sighting black bears in Ketchikan.

Port-of-call tours are optional and payable at the Excursions Desk onboard. For tour detail, see our website [www.positiveconnections.org](http://www.positiveconnections.org).

Numerous on-board social gatherings are planned: cocktail party, group photograph, hot-tub party and farewell talent show. Each night we dine together in a sit down restaurant. After dinner, we can watch a revue in the cabaret lounge, listen to live music in piano bar, play the slots or dance till dawn in the disco.

Support groups will be available throughout the cruise. You will meet many new people and possibly meet your significant other. A renowned medical doctor will be with us, so you can learn about the latest accomplishments in HIV/AIDS medical-treatments.

**An initial deposit of \$350 is due before April 5 and the final payment is expected by June 15.** We have only 30 cabins reserved.

*Airfare is not included in the cruise price but Northwest Airlines guaranteed a ten (10%) percent discount on other airlines' lowest quotes. Call Northwest Airlines at (800) 328-1111 and ask for World File #NM36Y.*

Be careful when making your airline reservations. Allow time to transfer to and from airport. **Your return flight home from Vancouver should not depart before 11:30am on Sept. 8th.** If you choose not to buy airfare from Carnival, then you should buy an airport transfer from Anchorage to Seward. Each transfer cost **\$55 per person** because Seward is more than 60 miles south of Anchorage. In Vancouver, the transfer from the port to the airport costs **\$16**. Boarding begins at 1 pm, however, you should plan to arrive in Anchorage on Wed., Sept. 1, before 6pm. Remember, you must be aboard before 8pm because the ship departs at 9pm.

Arrive in Anchorage a few days early and join us for exciting pre-cruise parties – coordinated with a member who has relocated to Alaska from Miami. You can also stay a few days in Vancouver to continue vacationing after the cruise.

For those of you interested in visiting Denali National Park and Fairbanks, AK, Paul can arrange three and four night packages for an additional price.

**SIGN UP NOW!**

To reserve a spot or for more information call Paul Stalbaum at 954-764-1570 ext 12 or 800-546-2222 or email him at [pstalbaum@ritaolwelltravel.com](mailto:pstalbaum@ritaolwelltravel.com).

You can also call the sponsoring agency – TCPC – at 305-891-2066 or 888-767-2666 or visit our website [www.positiveconnections.org](http://www.positiveconnections.org).

**CANCELLATIONS:**

A \$35 fee will be imposed if you cancel before June 17. Any cancellation received between June 18 and July 16 is subject to a \$385 per-person fee. There is a 50% penalty for cancellations between July 17 and August 17. There are no refunds for cancellations received after August 18.

**HOW TO RESERVE:** Special group rate reservations must be made through our travel agent, Paul Stalbaum at Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Mon-Fri. from 8:30am to 6pm (EST) at 800-546-2222 or 954-764-1570 ext 12. Or via email: [pstalbaum@ritaolwelltravel.com](mailto:pstalbaum@ritaolwelltravel.com).

Remember to mention PozCruise when you make a reservation, so Paul gives you our group rate and includes you in our group activities.

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:** A seven-day cruise, nightly entertainment, all meals, one cocktail party and group photograph. There are more than a dozen bars and lounges including an Internet Café and ice-cream parlor. We have arranged for the entire group to dine together each night at 8:15pm.

**PRICING:** Cabin rates ARE per person for DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

- Inside Cabin \$570 (triples or quads available).
- Outside Cabin \$820 (two lower beds, sitting area, large porthole, triples available).
- Balcony Cabin \$920 (two lower beds, sitting area, floor-to-ceiling glass door to a private balcony, triples and quads available).
- Triples and quads are available in most cabin categories and are confirmed when you make a deposit.
- Either a third or fourth person in each cabin is only \$360 p/p. Single cabins are available at twice the price the double occupancy. All staterooms have a private bathroom, vanity area, hair dryer, miniature bar, television, safe, radio and telephone.

*These prices do not include alcoholic beverages, gratuity, shore excursions in ports of call, trip cancellation insurance and port-charge taxes. Prices are subject to change and availability.*

**PORT-CHARGE TAXES:** An additional fee of \$251.42 per person must be paid at the time of final payment.

**PASSPORT/BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED:**

American citizens require a passport or a birth certificate with a government photo ID. Everyone else including Canadians must have a passport. If you are from outside the U.S., contact your consulate.

# APRIL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

RESERVE AT 305-891-2066

Thursday, April 1 • 8pm

## Blind Date – Mario Diamant

New Theatre, 4120 Laguna Dr. Coral Gables

A chance encounter between a man and a woman, and another one between a sighted and a sightless man... Life changing events happen everyday we just don't see. Only 5 tickets available. Additional tickets: 305-443-5909

Sponsored by New Theatre and MAC AIDS FUND

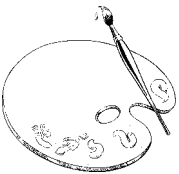
Saturday, April 10 • 2pm

## The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

Stage Door Theatre, 8036 W Sample Rd., Coral Springs

The blockbuster Broadway musical based on the true story of a legendary brothel known as the Chicken Ranch. Miss Mona, the madam with a heart of gold, is in love with Ed Earl Dodge, the local sheriff, their troubles begin when a do-gooder decides Miss Mona's house should be shut down. It's a song and dance musical that will win your heart! Only 15 tickets available. Additional tickets: 954-344-7765

Sponsored by Stage Door Theatre and MAC AIDS FUND



Thursday, April 15 • 8pm

## A Picasso

Coconut Grove Playhouse, 3500 Main Hwy.

A Picasso, by Jeffrey Hatcher, is set in Paris during the height of the German Occupation. Lucie Arnaz plays the mysterious Miss Fischer, who has been hired by the Gestapo to interrogate the

great Pablo Picasso regarding the authenticity of three paintings left behind by people fleeing the regime. Sex and power collide in this suspense-filled drama, which, while fictional, is nevertheless a graphic and revealing portrait of the most influential and controversial artist of the twentieth century. A Picasso received the Barrymore Award for Excellence in Theatre for Outstanding New Play 2003 from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. Only 15 tickets available. **There will be a \$5 charge person for this play.** Additional tickets: 786-552-0461.

Sponsored by Coconut Grove Playhouse and MAC AIDS FUND



Friday, April 16 - Sunday, April 18

## New Life Expo

Broward Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale

Give your mind, body and spirit a deserving break. Experience lectures, panels, dance performances, music concerts and exhibits and give-aways at the New Life Expo. Lectures by some of the most innovative minds of today. Not only will your questions be answered, but you will also be exposed to a world of possibilities. *Positive Connections will be exhibiting all 3 days. Volunteer only 2 hours at our outreach booth in exchange for admission.* For info check out [www.newlifeexpo.com](http://www.newlifeexpo.com)

April 24 - May 1

## Spiritual Road Trip to Sedona, Arizona & Grand Canyon

Visit the majestic Grand Canyon and the Healing energy vortexes in Sedona. Includes 2 nights in Phoenix, 3 nights in Sedona, 2 nights at the Grand Canyon plus 2 spiritual events with a Native American guide, van transportation throughout, daily breakfast, taxes and airport transfers. Rate: \$825 per person. Air fare is separate. Call travel agent Paul Stalbaum at 1-800-546-2222 ext 12.



Saturday, April 24 • 9pm

## Bowling at Cloverleaf



Join us for a fun evening of bowling. Includes:

2 hours free bowling and free shoes. Meet at the bowling alley reservation desk at 9pm. Upon arrival let them know you're with "Sheri's Group", and they will comp. your shoes, and point you to our 4 reserved lanes. RSVP please. Cloverleaf, 17601 NW 2nd Ave., N. Miami (305-652-4197)

Directions: From the south: Take I-95 to 441 North, lanes are located on the right side of the street, right off the highway. From the North: Take I-95 south to 183rd St/Miami Gardens Drive, go west to NW 2nd Ave. turn left, lanes are on the left side of the street.

Sponsored by Cloverleaf Lanes and MAC AIDS FUND.

Friday, April 30 • 7:30pm

## Marathon 33



New World School of The Arts, 25 NE 2nd St. Downtown Miami

A brilliantly theatrical play, by June Havoc, commonly known as Baby June younger sister to Gipsy Rose Lee. Focusing on the marathon dance craze of the thirties, the play becomes a humorous, sometimes scathing, comment on a unique period in our history. Only 10 tickets available. Additional tickets: 305 237-3541

Sponsored by New World School of the Arts and MAC AIDS FUND.



## NEW YORK TRAVELING DINNERS

"AROUND THE WORLD IN 12 MONTHS"

The NY Support Group's monthly traveling dinner party continues. Do you like to try new and different food? Every second Friday of the month we travel to a different ethnic restaurant with other group members to socialize, enjoy fine dining, and make new friends. You must RSVP timely for the reservations are held with a personal credit card. It's NY - remember!

**Friday, April 9th • 6:00pm • Caffe Sorrento.**

Next stop is Italy for our 4th dinner on Friday, April 9th at Caffe Sorrento, 132 Mulberry Street, between Hester & Grand Sts. Cocktails: 6pm, dinner: 7pm. Let's get together for a pre-Easter Southern Italian feast in the Heart of Little Italy. Price is fixed at \$32 per person. This includes family style assorted appetizers and salad, a healthy serving of pasta, your choice of 7 entrees, a glass of red or white wine or soft drink, with a finale of amazing assorted desserts served family style and american coffee. Call Susan at 201-240-4098 or Dianne 646-220-4886 or Alice: 718-815-1930. NO EMAILS PLEASE. p.s. There will be many meatless dishes served in observance of Good Friday.

**NEW YORK SOCIALS:** Each month we also provide a Social Event for the Tri-State area. Events take place on the last Sunday of the month. Space is limited for these events and reservations need to be secured as well. You must RSVP timely for the reservations are held with a personal credit card. Remember it's NY!!!!

**Sunday, April 25th • Noon • Bronx Zoo.**

Let's get out for a change and enjoy the Bronx Zoo together. Meet at the Southern Blvd. ticket booth (pedestrian entrance) accessible from the parking lot & street. Call 718-220-5089 or 718-367-1010 or visit [www.bronxzoo.com](http://www.bronxzoo.com). Admission: \$8 per person; parking is \$7 per vehicle. We will lunch at the Dancing Crane Cafe. Call Susan at 201-240-4098 or Dianne at 646-220-4886. NO EMAILS & DO NOT CALL ALICE FOR THIS EVENT.



April  
Educational  
Dinner Lectures  
*For the infected  
& affected HIV+  
Community*

Dinner Served  
6:30-7 pm

Lectures 7-9pm

Remember: It is necessary that you call to register at least 48 hours prior to the workshop date so that we may order catering and provide educational packets. Seating is limited to 20.

**DISCLAIMER:** The information presented by the speakers for our educational lectures do not reflect the opinion of the Center, its staff or its Board of Directors or sponsors.

Thursday April 22nd

## "Medical Qi Gong"



By attending this lecture you will learn about medical Qi Gong and how it improves your health. You will walk away with experiencing the practice of this exercise.

Medical Qi Gong is a 5000 year old approach to creating and maintaining health and balance in the body. It is an exercise, and a treatment, that relaxes the body and promotes the flow of Qi—life energy—to the body, bringing greater blood flow, oxygen and nutrients and removing waste from the cells, but most importantly it clears blocked negative energy from our energy body. Because Medical Qi Gong improves circulation, it improves the body's ability to absorb nutrition and medicine through the cells and tissues, boosting the immune system.

Medical Qi Gong integrates physical, mental, emotional, energetic, and spiritual approaches to healing. It has been found to combine well with both the western allopathic medical approach and other types of holistic approaches to health and well-being. It has been documented that Medical Qi Gong is most effective for depression, stress, anxiety, autoimmune diseases, fibromyalgia, lupus chronic fatigue syndrome, allergies, phantom pains, as well as nonspecific spiritual disturbances.

**Presented by: Dr. Sherwood (Woody) Schwartz** is a licensed Acupuncture Physician (NCCA). Master Postural Integrator, NLP practitioner and has been a pioneer an alternative health care for over 25 years. His training in energy work is extensive. Woody draws from many spiritual traditions to discover the understanding principles of spiritual work. A practicing student of Western Alchemic and Tibetan Buddhism, he received his training in Traditional Chinese Medicine and Chi Gong in China, Canada, South Americas and the United States. Ordained by Rev. Lar Short of GEF Taos NM. His chi gong experience includes Flying Crane, Taoist chi gong, Medical chi gong, Microcosmic Orbit work and many other styles.

**Sponsored by BMS Virology.**

NUTRITION SERIES • SIX OF SIX

Thursday, April 29th

## "DETOXING: Spring Cleaning Your Insides"

In this lecture you will learn about detoxing your internal system. You will learn how it works, and what happens when it fails. You will understand the system it affects, the related symptoms and how to fix it. You will walk away with understanding the importance of detoxification. Detoxification can help when things aren't working right, how it hurts when things are working wrong and how it can affect every part of our health and wellness, and what we can do about it.

**Presented by Susan Luck**, a Registered Nurse and Clinical Nutritionist, has worked in the field of nutrition and wellness education for over 20 years and specializes in Immunology and HIV. She provides community education and individual counseling to people living with HIV. Susan currently is a nutrition consultant through Special Immunology Services at Mercy Hospital and also teaches and is involved in research at the University of Miami on a project exploring the impact of stress and nutrition on immune function in women with HIV.

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# KUDOS AWARD

We salute the businesses, foundations, and people who have contributed or made a difference to The Center for Positive Connections in recent months. Without their support, we would not be here, so please patronize them as a way of saying thanks for helping support the HIV/AIDS community in South Florida.

- **GlaxoSmithKline** for sponsoring weekly HIV women's support group lunches for month of March.
- **Millie Miranda**, a dedicated administrative volunteer at Positive Connections, who always arrives with a smile on her face, and is very happy to peer counsel anyone who needs support. Millie will be available to peer counsel Monday through Friday as a new staff member at TCPC. So lend us a few hours of your time and you too can feel good while you help us make a difference in someone's life.
- **The Jaffe Institute** for coordinating a pilot study in collaboration with TCPC for a Spiritual Healing Study in March and May. We are excited to part of this ground-breaking study and look forward to the results. See page 2 for participation criteria details.
- **Arthur Barr and Associates** for sponsoring our first year membership dues to join the Aventura Marketing Council. This high end chamber of commerce has networking opportunities that will enable TCPC to reach the next level of supporters and connections. For info on joining call Elaine Adler at 305-932-5334.
- **FUNKADELIC PLAYHOUSE FUNDRAISER** – Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. Next month we will post all the supporters and sponsors and some pictures.
- **Capricone Gelato** – Thank you for your ongoing contribution of fresh homemade Gelato. Next time you at the center see if we have any in the freezer to share. They are located at 5580 NE 4th Court, Miami 305-756-0407.

## WELCOME NEW PRACTITIONER

- **MASSAGE THERAPIST: Marilyn Barbato, LMT** who has been practicing the Art of Massage for many years in Vermont and attained a Florida State License in March after attending the Educating Hands School of Massage. The divorced mother of two daughters and one granddaughter, she enjoys reading, gardening and learning Tai Chi and her favorite massage modalities are Reflexology and Reiki. Marilyn is available by appointment every other Tuesday from 2-4pm

## LOOK ►►► WE NEED YOU FOR A SPIRITUAL HEALING STUDY IN MAY

Be part of a pilot study with the [www.JaffeInstitute.org](http://www.JaffeInstitute.org), a non-profit educational and research organization that teaches energetic and spiritual healing. Dr. Jaffe MD pioneered the developments of this approach and has personally given over 25,000 healings.

The Center for Positive Connections is the host site for this ground breaking study to evaluate the effects of a unique spiritual healing therapy for people with HIV, consisting of an individual assessment of each participant's health status from Dr. Jaffe and will be based on his perception and interpretation of the person's energetic energy field patterns. Each participant will receive a spiritual healing from several of his healers, simultaneously followed by several classes of instruction about the healing process concluding with a second healing from multiple healers and a final evaluation by Dr Jaffe. This healing process is a healing through prayer that focuses on any unhealthy patterns that are discerned in the participant's energy field as perceived by the healing team. No physical touch is necessary for healing to be successful, Dr. Jaffee's orientation is from the Sufi Healing traditions, however, any person's approach to God is fine.

**Ten participants are needed for May 3rd-14th.**

Criteria: c-d 4 cell of 150-500; Viral load over 1000; not have changed meds 3 months prior, or will not change meds in the next month; provide actual copy of baseline bloodwork within 30 days prior to first session; be able to come to Positive Connections on all days scheduled; Must have an open mind, a second post blood draw after the healing sessions and the period of time without med changes need to correspond to that.

Call Sheri Kaplan, co-investigator at Positive Connections for qualification interview.

ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE! 305-891-2066

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

THE CENTER FOR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS  
SUPPORT SERVICES CENTER  
**April 2004**


The Center for Positive Connections provides emotional, educational, social support & holistic services to the HIV infected community, targeting heterosexuals, newly diagnosed and affected family and friends. We serve those infected regardless of sex, race, economic status, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. Please bring proof of status and income to join and continue receiving services at TCPC. All activities are held at the Center unless otherwise indicated. Reservations are necessary for all events.

**Remember...**  
Reservations are required for all activities  
**305-891-2066**  
And please call and cancel if you cannot attend.

Acupuncture  
Massage  
Mental Health  
Guided Karmic Meditation 7-9pm  
**Blind Date**  
New Theatre • 5 Tickets

Massage 1-3pm  
**Welcome**  
Alex Jjordano, LMT

Women's Support Group Luncheon 1-3pm



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Welcome  
Marilyn Barbato, LMT

Body Talk  
Mental Health  
Trager  
Peer Run Recovery Support Group  
6:30-7:30pm  
Spanish Support Group  
7:45-9:45pm


Acupuncture  
Massage  
Yoga (RSVP)  
Gay Support Group 7-9pm

Acupuncture  
Reiki  
Mental Health  
Massage  
Yoga 10:30-noon  
NYC HETERO GROUP 6-8 PM  
Hetero Family & Friends Support Group • 7-9pm

Acupuncture  
Massage  
Mental Health  
Trinity Healing • 7-9pm  
by appointment

Massage 1-3pm  
**NY Traveling Dinner**  
Cafe Sorrento  
6pm

Women's Support Group Luncheon 1-3pm  
**"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"**  
Stage Door Theatre • Plantation • 2pm



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**Volunteers Needed**

Body Talk • Trager  
Mental Health  
Peer Run Recovery Support Group  
6:30-7:30pm  
Spanish Support Group  
7:45-9:45pm

Acupuncture  
Haircut 10am-3pm by appointment  
Yoga (RSVP)  
Gay Support Group 7-9pm

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NYC HETERO GROUP 6-8 PM  
Hetero Support Group  
7-9pm

Acupuncture  
Massage  
Mental Health  
**"A Picasso"**  
Coconut Grove Playhouse • 8pm  
15 Tickets

Massage 1-3pm  
**New Life Expo**  
Broward Convention Center  
Through Sunday

Women's Support Group Luncheon 1-3pm  
**New Life Expo**  
Broward Convention Center  
Through Sunday

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**New Life Expo**  
Broward Convention Center  
Through Sunday

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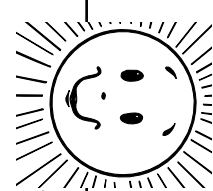
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Massage • Mental Health  
**DINNER LECTURE Medical Qi Gong**  
6:30-9pm

Massage 1-3pm  
**"Marathon"**  
New World School of the Arts (Downtown) • 7:30pm  
10 Tickets

Women's Support Group Luncheon 1-3pm  
**Bowling at Cloverleaf Lanes**  
9pm  
**Sedona Trip**  
through May 1



**25**  
**NY Social**  
Bronx Zoo  
Noon

Mental Health  
Body Talk • Trager  
Peer Run Recovery Support Group  
6:30-7:30pm  
Spanish Family & Friend Support Group  
7:45-9:45pm

Acupuncture  
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7-9pm  
This month's Birthdays Celebrations

Acupuncture  
Massage • Mental Health  
**LOOK**  
**DINNER LECTURE**  
Detoxing: Spring Cleaning Your Insides • 6:30-9pm

Massage 1-3pm  
**"Marathon"**  
New World School of the Arts (Downtown) • 7:30pm  
10 Tickets

Keep in touch...  
We often receive tickets at the last minute.

Coming in May: The Underpants Actors Playhouse • Marlins tickets • Jet skiing in Pompano Beach • Lecture: "Love, Acceptance and Empowerment" • Miracle Journey Magazine Party in collaboration with Positive Connections