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President's Message: *New Year Resolutions*

Editor's Note: This article was written for the January newsletter which was not published due to no meeting that month.

I don't know about you, but each year I have more difficulty coming up with "New Year's Resolutions" that are meaningful and also attainable. I'm sure we all know the kind that get forgotten before we even begin to look at February's page on the calendar.

Several years ago I decided that I needed to get more exercise during the winter so I joined the YMCA. Because I ended up enjoying the aerobics classes, there was plenty of incentive to workout several times a week. I still do. But that was easy.

Last year, I decided that I would "come out" to an old army buddy whom I hadn't seen in more than 20 years, a guy who had been a member of my wedding party. The difficulty was locating him. But I really wanted to do this and persevered until I got a lead on him and wrote to him.

One of the things I do during what I call the "dark months" of the year before the Winter Solstice is contemplate what I should do to improve upon the person I've become since starting my life over. This year, I think I'm going to focus more on

my photographic work and begin to pursue exhibition opportunities farther and farther from Richmond. It's something I'm always saying I'm going to do when things slow down - but never seem to get around to doing.

Maybe making it my "New Year's Resolution" will give me more incentive to carry through. And if that isn't enough, maybe having talked about it in this space will be.

Special Thanks

From Bob Rodgers

As we close the inaugural year of GFC-Richmond, I would like to thank my co-founders and every man who has supported our organization. In little ways, we collectively have done great things for ourselves and every gay dad in the metro Richmond area. Thanks.

Special Awards

• Congratulations to **Bob Greene**. He was recently honored by being invited to become a member of the prestigious Photographic Arts Network.

The Network includes a select group of local photographic artists who set the standards for photographic art in and around Richmond.

• Kudos to **Will Turner** for being selected by *Inside Business* as one of the Top 40 Under 40. The award recognized business and civic leadership.

• If you or your children have achieved a special award

or have other news or information to share about a GFC-Richmond member, please contact an officer for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

Calendar of Events

• **February 5 Meeting**

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Marks

Episcopal, 520 N. Boulevard*

Barbara Gibson, L.P.C. with Diversity Counseling Services, will be our speaker. Her counseling service specializes in working with adolescents and their families in the areas of substance abuse, trauma issues, as well as sexuality and gender issues. Brief open meeting and social.

Also, find out more about the upcoming annual election of officers in March.

* For the February meeting, we will be meeting in Meeting Room A instead of our regular spot in the multi-purpose room. Follow the GFC signs. We will resume meeting in our normal meeting space in March.

• **March 5 Meeting**

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 520 N. Boulevard

Annual Elections. Other business to be announced.

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