



GFC NEWS

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Volunteers Needed

GFC-Richmond is sponsoring a booth at the upcoming Richmond Gay Pride Festival on Sunday, September 14. Volunteers are needed to man the booth in shifts. The Festival is expected to run from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping should call Bob Greene at 355-6218 or Bob Rodgers at 230-2578.

Get Connected

GFC-Richmond has a link at several web sites that may be of interest to you. Check out the following:

- <http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~librpi/gaydads.html>
- <http://members.aol.com/MDLambda/gfcbalt/index.htm>
- <http://members.aol.com/MDLambda/info/index.htm>

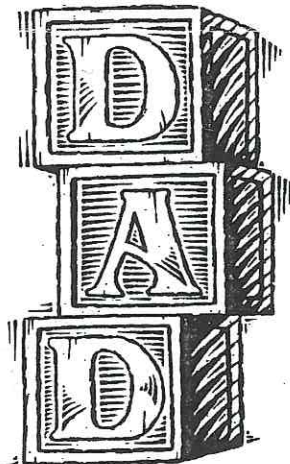
This ad will appear in the Gay Pride Festival's program for GFC-Richmond.

Three Letters That Will Change Your Life...

We all know that being G-A-Y gives us a different perspective on the world around us. But being a gay "D-A-D" has it's own special issues and joys.

If you're a gay father or partner of a gay father, check us out. We're the Gay Fathers' Coalition.

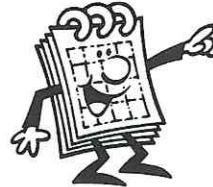
GFC - Richmond provides a forum for the interaction and support of gay fathers, their children, partners and friends. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 4819 Monument Avenue. Please join us.



For information, call 230-2578 or 355-6218

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar



• **September 11 Meeting**
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Church of the Holy Comforter, 4819 Monument Ave.
 Attorneys Stuart Simon and Glenn Ayers will speak on custody issues and other legal concerns impacting gay Dads.

• **September 26 Pot Luck Dinner**
 See information on back page.

• **October 9 Meeting**
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Church of the Holy Comforter, 4819 Monument Ave.

There will be a panel of several of our children to talk about what it's like to find out that their Dad is gay and what it has meant to them. This will be an informal discussion. We encourage Dads to bring their kids if appropriate.

• **October Halloween Party For Our Kids**
 Details to be announced.

• **November 13 Meeting**
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Church of the Holy Comforter, 4819 Monument Ave.
 Counselor Stephan Lenton will speak to the group.

August Meeting Highlights

The fifth meeting of GFC-Richmond began at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church. Vice President Bob Rodgers presided. The "kids panel" discussion has been moved to the October 9 meeting, and a speaker will be lined up for the September 11 meeting.

Dave White gave a brief Treasurer's Report...there is currently \$236.15 on account.

Upcoming events/ programs... a "dads" social/potluck dinner is being planned for September 26 at 7:00 p.m. This will be hosted by Glenn Butler and Bob Kruger at their home. A "kids" event geared towards Halloween is being planned for October. The details have not been set.

The possibility of finding another location for GFC-Richmond chapter meetings was discussed. Several alternative locations were suggested, but no final decision was made. More investigation and discussion are needed.

Several members provided the group with information on determining child support payments. In addition, info was shared on the following:

- A gay Baptists support group called "Honesty" has been formed.
- The Richmond Gay Pride Festival is on Sunday September 14. GFC-Richmond will have a booth.
- Two runners are needed for a GFC-Richmond team to participate in The Richmond Times-



Pot Luck at Bob & Glenn's

Date: Friday, Sept. 26

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Directions:

- Follow US 301 (Chamberlayne Avenue) North of Richmond
- Continue on US 301, pass Parham Road intersection
- Continue on US 301, pass I-295 and go another 2.4 miles. Turn right on to Crown Colony Parkway (Route 1050)
- Make left on to Kenna Way (Route 1051)
- Go to the last house on the right - 8432 Kenna Way

Phone: 804-730-6571 Hot Tub Available

Dispatch Marathon. Contact Bob Greene at 355-6218.

- The Out of the Closet Thrift Shop can always use donations. Call them at 355-7909.

GFC - Richmond Executive Board

For information about the group or upcoming events, contact an officer.

Bob Greene	President 355-6218
Bob Rodgers	Vice President & Event Coordinator 230-2578
Dave White	Treasurer 560-4351
Randy Phelps	Secretary & Membership 275-1448

Info About GFC - Richmond

GFC-Richmond is a non-profit organization of gay fathers, their partners, children and friends. The organization is an affiliate of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International.

The purpose of the organization is to:

- Provide a forum for members to discuss common concerns
- Encourage cooperative action and promote common interests of gay fathers and their families
- Provide opportunities for social interaction among gay fathers, their children and friends
- Promote and sponsor activities designed to present a positive image and engender positive acceptance of alternative parenting