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**Join us
at our Annual Meeting
in St Louis!**

Sunday, April 22
7:00 p.m-9:00 p.m.
Renaissance Grand Hotel
Landmark Ballroom 5

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FROM THE CHAIR by Yvonne Randall, Ed.D, OTR/L

Greetings!

I look forward to this year's AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri. It is always a wonderful experience visiting with members of the Network throughout conference. This year's preliminary schedule listed several sessions that will be of particular interest to our membership. A special "thank you" to these speakers for submitting interesting topics related to GLBT issues and educating other occupational therapists on subjects close to our hearts. This issue of the Networker highlights some of the presentations.

This year the different Network organizations have worked together to form a more cohesive voice with AOTA. One addition will be a table at the AOTA Marketplace for the various groups to meet with attendees and post information. The Network chairpersons were also successful in scheduling a meeting with AOTA executives and incoming AOTA President, Penny Moyers. This meeting will occur during the St. Louis conference.

Our annual Network for LGBT Concerns meeting is scheduled for Sunday night (7:00 – 9:00pm) at the Renaissance Grand Hotel – Landmark Ballroom 5. A request to change our meeting night to Friday, based upon feedback from our membership, was unable to be granted. Please mark your conference planners and make plans to attend. Every year your Network Board Members seek people interested in leadership opportunities within the organization. This year is no different! Come with an open mind and be willing to share your talents with this great group of occupational therapists. If anyone has questions prior to the meeting related to positions, please feel free to contact me via email prior to the Network meeting.

As I wind up my final term as Network Chair, I want to thank the membership for entrusting me to lead this awesome organization and the Network Board Members for all your support over the past three years. It has truly been a privilege and I look forward to passing the reigns to the next chairperson.



**Network for Lesbian,
Gay and Bisexual
Concerns in
Occupational Therapy**

“The Mission of the Network is to create the means for members of the occupational therapy professional community who are committed to advancing understanding of sexual orientation issues to identify, support and mentor one another and to promote research in occupational therapy.”

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**CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT
FOR NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP**

by Jim Sellers

The idea of a Network scholarship, through the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, has been around since the late 1990's, however, not much progress has been made in generating donations since 2002. The Foundation will not initiate a scholarship for any group/cause until the fund reaches \$16,000 and we have a way to go to meet that goal for a Network scholarship. This would provide an award of \$500 per year to a recipient who meets the criteria. If we raise \$30,000, the award would increase to \$1,000 a year, or two \$500 awards.

Frank Gainer, Conference and Student Program Manager at AOTA, has been guardian of the funds collected to date (\$2,853). He has been an active member of the Network since its beginning and initiated the idea of a Network scholarship.

There has been recent interest in resurrecting the scholarship fund and there will be an opportunity to make contributions at the Network Annual Meeting at the AOTA Conference in St. Louis, MI, April 20-23, 2007.

You may also send your check, made out to *AOTF Scholarship Fund*, to:

Frank Gainer
1447 Corcoran Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009-3803

Here is a challenge.....

If each member sent just \$20, we could reach our goal in no time. This is a wonderful way to promote scholarship on GLBT-related issues.

Please take a moment and give what you are able. No amount is too small (or too large!)

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CONGRATULATIONS, YVONNE....

The Network for GLBT Concerns in Occupational Therapy congratulates Dr. Yvonne Randall, our current chair, for her nomination and upcoming Fellow of Rosters award. She will receive her FAOTA this year in St. Louis during the Awards Ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Karen Picus nominated Dr. Randall for the award, which states: 'Excellence in State and National Leadership.' Drs Picus and Randall were successful in the creation of the first professional and newly accredited occupational therapy program in Nevada at Touro University Nevada.

Dr. Randall has held many leadership positions at the national, state, and local levels. Currently, in addition to chairing the Network for GLBT Concerns, she is the current AOTA Nominating Committee chairperson. Dr. Randall has been the AOTA Representative Assembly delegate for two different states, served in a variety of state leadership roles including president of the Nevada Occupational Therapy Association, and active as an advisory board member for child-based organizations in Nevada.

Dr. Randall has also been active in presenting nationally on topics ranging from fieldwork education, utilization of rehabilitation services in early intervention settings, promoting self-determination for students with developmental disabilities, and sensory processing for children and adults.

Again, we congratulate Yvonne and look forward to celebrating with you at the Network meeting Sunday night!

OPEN NETWORK LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

At the annual meeting we will be electing people for the following positions:

Chairperson (could be Co-Chairs)
Vice-Chairperson
Secretary

Officers who are continuing in their positions or willing to run again:

Gloria Lucker, Membership
Michael Nardone, Treasurer
Ken Dechman, Webmaster
Diana Bailey, Newsletter Editor
Jessica Miller, Newsletter contributor

Please give some thought to running for these important positions within our organization. You will be joining a fun, dedicated group of people who are familiar with the running of the Network and who will give you all the support and assistance you need.

INTERESTING ARTICLE

We came across an article that might be of interest to some of our members, particularly those working in pediatrics:

Pawelski, J., Perrin, E., Foy, J., Allen, C., Crawford, J., et al. (2006). The effects of marriage, civil union, and domestic partnership laws on the health and well-being of children. *Pediatrics*, 118(1), 349-364.

Online version of this article at <http://www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/full/118/1/349>

This information is current as of March 19, 2007.

Pediatrics is the official journal of *The American Academy of Pediatrics*.

Professional Development In LGBT Issues

by Jessica Miller

Few, if any, continuing education trainings related to LGBT issues appear to be aimed directly towards occupational therapists. However, in-depth Internet searches of professional development in LGBT issues reveal some opportunities that encompass the larger healthcare field, including clinicians, researchers, and administrators. The following is a summary of some of those opportunities.

How great would it be if LGBT consumers could choose healthcare professionals who are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of their population's unique health concerns? The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) aims to do just that. They tackle this issue from various angles. The Association's primary goal is to train healthcare professionals on how to provide culturally sensitive and competent care to LGBT patients. They also focus on LGBT patient education. GLMA's website posts information for patients, providers, and researchers. Some resources teach patients how to educate their practitioners about their unique healthcare needs and how to find non-judgmental providers. Another resource they offer, Provider Guidelines for Creating a Welcoming Environment, educates practitioners about how to create an inclusive environment including information on staff sensitivity training. GLMA also holds an annual conference, which offers healthcare professionals continuing medical education and continuing education units.

Some of the workshop and presentation topics include HIV/AIDS, lesbian health, gay men's health, transgender health, intersex health, families and relationships, and legal issues. This year the conference is scheduled for September 26-29 near the sandy beaches of San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Too bad St. Louis doesn't have sandy beaches!)

The GLMA also has resources useful to healthcare providers who take on research roles. They post a link to the website www.GayData.org which offers practitioners access to scientific research related to LGBT issues and information on how to collect and analyze data related to sexual orientation. Also, the Lesbian Health Fund gives several grants of \$15,000 each year for research on lesbian health issues.

For healthcare providers who wear an administrative hat, the Commercial Closet Association provides a unique professional development opportunity called LGBT-Awareness Advertising Training. While sensitivity trainings are becoming more commonplace among healthcare providers, this training expands that philosophy into a company's marketing efforts. It teaches how to publicize a company's diversity sensitivity to their potential consumers through the inclusion of neutral and/or positive LGBT themes in advertisements.

References

Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. Guidelines for care of LGBT patients.
<http://www.glma.org>

Commercial Closet Association.
<http://www.commercialcloset.org/cgi-bin/iowa/index.html>

Gay Data
<http://www.GayData.org>

Guide to St Louis -- Home to this year's annual conference

St. Louis is an independent city completely surrounded by St. Louis County on the west, and the Mississippi River on the east, in the U.S. state of Missouri. Sometimes written as Saint Louis, the city, which is named after Louis IX of France, is adjacent to but not part of St. Louis County, Missouri, thus giving it an almost-unique situation similar to Baltimore, Maryland in comparison to other metropolitan areas.

St. Louis is known for its long standing French and German heritage and Victorian past. While St. Louis has embraced its deep roots as the Gateway to the West, it also has modernized into a globally known contributor in the health care and scientific research fields. The St. Louis renaissance can be attributed to large scale construction and renovation efforts seen throughout the city in conjunction with corporate support and strong civic organizational efforts. St. Louis has seen its population increase as a direct result of the committed efforts of St. Louisans to return their city to the grand international status it was once known for dating back to the 1904 World's Fair and first Olympic Games ever held in the United States.

The city has several common nicknames, including the "Gateway City", "Gateway to the West", and "Mound City". It is called "Gateway to the West" because of the many people who moved west starting near St Louis; first, because the lower Missouri River was the first leg of the Oregon Trail, and later, because of wagon trails. The Mound City name originated with the Native American burial mounds that once were common in the city. These were removed to fill sink holes filled with stagnant water that were thought to be a source of cholera. The city is also sometimes called "St. Louie", "River City", or "The Lou". A popular synonym for St. Louis is "STL" in reference to the airport code for the city (STL) and a long-standing use of an interlocked S, T, and L by the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, and which had previously also been used by the St. Louis Browns. The City of St. Louis lies in the heart of Greater St. Louis, which includes counties in the states of Missouri and Illinois. It is the largest metropolitan area in the state of Missouri, and the second largest metropolitan area in the state of Illinois.

The St. Louis metropolitan area is the 18th largest in the U.S., with 2,786,728 as of the 2005 US Census. (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis,_Missouri)

Soulard

Soulard (*soo-lard*) is a historic French neighborhood in St. Louis, Missouri. It is named after Antoine Soulard who first began to develop the land, and was surveyor for the Spanish government and a refugee from the French Revolution in the 1790s.

It is a residential neighborhood filled with bars and pubs, among other businesses and is one of the oldest communities in the city. Many of the homes there date back to the mid to late 1800s. It is home to the Lemp Mansion, which has been called by Life Magazine as one of the most haunted places in America. Soulard is a thriving, eclectic area, and is home to the largest Mardi Gras celebration in the American Midwest. It is also home to a popular Farmers' market, and the world headquarters of Anheuser-Busch.

The neighborhood is also known for its significant number of gay bars and nightclubs as the area has a significant population of gays and lesbians. (Source: <http://www.answers.com/topic/soulard-st-louis>)

Restaurants in Soulard

(Please visit the website at the end of this list for more information on each establishment.)

Arcelia's, 2001 Park Ave. 314-231-9200 <http://www.arcelias.com> When you're stumped for a dinner destination and someone says, "What about Arcelia's?" there's always a murmur of assent.

Baileys' Chocolate Bar, 1915 Park Ave. 314-241-8100 <http://www.baileyschocolatebar.com> Lafayette Square gets its own swank stay-up-late spot for the well-manicured set. Bailey's boasts a full liquor license, a handsome bar up front and a mind-blowing array of desserts, cheeses, pizzettas, wines, beers and frilly-tini tipples.

Blues City Deli, 2438 McNair Ave. 314-773-8225 <http://www.bluescitydeli.com> Vince Valenza has harmoniously blended his two greatest loves -- the restaurant biz and the blues -- in this cute corner-storefront deli, where the walls are riddled with concert posters, album covers and photos.

Diner's Delight, 1504 S Compton Ave. 314-776-9570 The first time you go, Diner's Delight won't look like it's open -- heck, you might even think the place is condemned. But the broken-down exterior is just part of this one-room cafeteria's charm.

Eat-Rite Diner, 622 Chouteau Ave. 314-621-9621 "Eat Rite or Don't Eat At All." So it says on the coffee cups (and the souvenir T-shirts) at this no-frills 24-hour greasy spoon amid the industrial wasteland between downtown and Soulard.

Eleven Eleven Mississippi, 1111 Mississippi Ave. 314-241-9999 <http://www.1111-m.com/> A rehabbed warehouse converted into three levels.

Fat Toney's Bar-B-Que, 1627 S Ninth Street 314-241-7427 <http://www.fattoneysbbq.com> It's a wonder Soulard went without for so long. A neighborhood that melds hoosier livin' with real estate gentrification goes perfectly with a slab of ribs, a side of slaw and an ice-cold frosty one.

Feraro's Jersey Style Pizza, 1862 S 10th St. 314-588-8345 To the untrained taste bud, there's no perceptible difference between Jersey pizzas and New York-style ones. Here, Jersey means crust a notch thicker and sauce slightly sweeter.

Franco, 1535 South Eighth St. 314-436-2500 <http://www.eatatfranco.com> Tom Schmidt thought he'd open a diner. After a reasonably priced meal at a trendy Manhattan restaurant, he realized what St. Louis really needed: hearty, affordable French bistro fare in the heart of Soulard.

Frazer's Brown Bag, 1811 Pestalozzi St. 314-773-8646 <http://www.fraziergoodeats.com> Frazer's is a foodie mecca, but it's also one of those places where you certainly need to check your pretensions at the door. On the one hand, the varying décor of the rooms makes the space feel mildly chaotic and thrown-together.

John D. McGurk's Irish Pub, 1200 Russell Blvd. 314-776-8309 <http://www.mcgurks.com> Such a welcoming place that it equally suits the blue-collar after-work drinkers, the hungry nabe regulars at lunch and dinner and the preppily dressed West County throngs on weekends.

Juniper Grill Bistro and Wine Bar, 1928 S 12th St. 314-621-9195 <http://www.juniper-grill.com> Just what Soulard has always needed: a perfect little neighborhood bistro, serving up modestly priced fare that still packs a culinary wallop.

Lagniappe's, 2501 S. Ninth 314-771-2090 <http://www.lanyaps.com> Lagniappe is Louisiana Creole for "something for nothing." At Lagniappe's, that little something is an amuse-bouche, or palate-teaser, presented before the first course.

Niche, 1831 Sidney St. 314-773-7755 <http://www.nichestlouis.com> A one-room establishment that seats 40, Niche embodies its name. The menu is brief but features a prix fixe option, via which you may choose any appetizer, any entrée and any dessert for a ridiculous \$30.

9th Street Abbey, 1808 S Ninth St. 314-621-9598 <http://www.pattylongcatering.com> Lunch never had it so good as it does every weekday at this converted Soulard church. Try the all-you-can-eat Chef's Table buffet.

Soulard Coffee Garden Café, 910 Geyer Ave. 314-241-1464 The neighborhood of Soulard needs its Coffee Garden. Besides being the area's only true coffeehouse, it's also one of the only places to have breakfast.

Soulard's Restaurant & Bar, 1731 S 7th St. 314-241-7956 <http://www.soulards.com> This unaffected little bistro offers worthy dining in a cozy atmosphere. For a civilized lunch after foraging at the farmers' market, Soulard offers an endless array of sandwiches (try the curried-chicken salad). Dinner is more highbrow.

Square One Brewery, 1727 Park Ave. 314-231-2537 <http://www.squareonebrewery.com> As storied as St. Louis' beer-making history may be, we're a bit behind the curve in local brewpubs. Enter Square One, housed in an old Lafayette Square tavern that a hundred years ago was home to an Anheuser-Busch tavern.

SqWires Restaurant & Market, 1415 S 18th St. 314-865-3522 <http://www.sqwires.com> The opening of SqWires should lay to rest any lingering skepticism about how cosmopolitan St. Louis can be when we put our mind to it. The restaurant is an urban showpiece, part of the renovated Western Wire Products factory in Lafayette Square.

Yemanja Brasil, 2900 Missouri at Pestalozzi 314-771-7457 <http://www.brazildining.com> Yemanja Brasil preserves the authenticity of Brazilian cuisine as much as possible given the limited availability of the extraordinary fishes, fruits, spices and other raw materials native to South America.

(Source: <http://restaurants.riverfronttimes.com/search/>

restaurants.php?keywords=Keywords&cuisine=®ion=4926&price=&servings=&x=51&y=10)

Gay and Lesbian Bars/Nightclubs in St Louis

Note: Most St Louis clubs close at 3 AM, while clubs across the river in Illinois are usually open until 6 AM. Check with the individual club for specifics.

- ABSOLUTLI GOOSSED** 3196 S. Grand South City/South Grand District (314) 772-0400 Neighborhood bar. Specializing in martini's and spirits/Men and Women
- BASTILLE/Soulard** 1027 Russell Blvd. Central Soulard (314) 664-4408 Neighborhood bar/Food Service/Patio/Men
- BLAKES** 7101 S. Broadway South City (314) 481-9178 Neighborhood bar/Drag Show/Entertainment/Men and Women
- BOXERS AND BRIEFS** 55 Four Corners Lane, Centerville, Il. (EastSide) (618) 332-6141 Large exclusively GAY strip club-complete nudity/video/Men
- BUBBY & SISSY'S** 602 Belle Street (Metro East) Alton, Il. (618)465-4773 Neighborhood bar/pub/Entertainment/Dancing/Men and Women
- CLEMENTINES** 2001 Menard Central Soulard (314)664-7869 Neighborhood bar/Levi-Leather/Patio/Food Service/Men
- THE COMPLEX** 3515 Choteau Midtown St. Louis (314)772-2645 Large techno-dance club complex/Patio with volleyball/Video Bar/Drag Shows/Food Service/Men and Women
- FACES NIGHTCLUB** 4th Street East Side/E. St. Louis (678)271-7410 8000 square feet party palace/Large hi-energy techno dance club/Upstage Cabaret Drag Show/Live Entertainment/Patio/Underground cruise pub/Levi-leather/Food service/Lounges/Men and Women. Listed as one of the largest gay clubs in the U.S.
- FRANKS PLACE** 3502 Papin South city (314) 664-4442 Neighborhood Wine & Piano Bar. Quiet and cozy/Men and Women
- FREDDIES** 130 Fourth Street (on the Manchester GLBT strip) South city (314) 371-1333
Video Bar and Tunes/The place to stand and look pretty/Men and Women
- GATEWAY SALOON/EAGLE** 5 S. Vandeventer Central West End (314) 652-6500
Levi/Leather crowd/Mostly Men
- GREY FOX PUB** 3503 Spring Street South City/Grand District (314)772-2150 Neighborhood pub/Dance floor/Drag queens/Food Service/Patio/Men and Women
- THE HEIGHTS** 2280 S. Jefferson at Shenandoah South City (314) 772-9500 Piano Bar and Restaurant/Men and Women
- INSIDEOUT** 3145 Chain of Rocks Road (Metro East) Granite City, Il. (618)797-0700
Video Bar/Dance Floor/Piano Bar/Patio/Food service/Men and Women
- JJ's CLUBHOUSE AND BAR** 3858 Market Street MidTown (314) 535-4100
Leather/Levi and Bears/Food and Spirits/Men
- LOADING ZONE** 16 S. Euclid Central West End (314) 361-4119 Video Bar/Men and Women
- MAGNOLIA'S** (The Strip) 5 South Vandeventer Central West End (314)652-6500 Dance Floor/Patio/Levi-Leather bar/Cabaret Drag Show/Video bar/Food Service/Men and Women
- NIKS WINE BAR** 307 Belt Avenue @ Pershing Central West End (314)454-0403 Neighborhood Wine Bar. Quiet and cozy/Men and Women
- NOVAK'S** 4146 Macheater Road The Manchester Gay Strip (314)531-3699 Neighborhood bar/Patio/Video bar/Food service/Men and Women
- RAINBOW'S END** 4060 Chouteau @ Manchester Road Central West End (314)652-8790 Neighborhood Pub/Patio/Drag queens/Men and Women
- RUE 13** 1313 Washington Street Downtown Loft District (314) 588-7070 Upscale wine/martini bar/Sushi/Gay Friendly/Men and Women
- SPOT** 4146 Macheater Road The Manchester Gay Strip (314) 371-1330
Neighborhood bar/Patio/Food service/Live Theatre/Men and Women
- ST. LOUIS EAGLE** 17 S. Vandeventer Central West End District (314) 535-4100 Levi-Leather/Bears/Cruise bar/Men
- SOUTHERN BELLE** 33 North Sarah (Central West End) (314) 289-8800 Upscale wine/martini bar and restaurant/Men and Women
- VELVET** 1301 Washington Street Downtown Loft District (314)241-2997 Large techno-dance floor/Piano Lounge/Gay friendly/Gay events/Men and Women
- 609** 609 Eastgate (in the Loop) (314) 721-9168 Gay-Friendly casual entertainment club

(Source: <http://www.stlouisgayguide.com/Nightlifeguide.html>)

**CONFERENCE SESSIONS
OF INTEREST**

April 20 (12:30-2:00pm) AOTA Short Course – Multicultural and Diversity Exchange: A Discussion on Health Disparities and Occupational Therapy

April 21 (9-10:30am) Panel/Research platform session – Occupational Justice in Three Groups: HIV, Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Youth, and Parents of children with Special Health Care Needs

April 21 (9-11:00am) Poster presentation – Occupations of Hispanics living with HIV/AIDS in the Rio Grande Valley

April 22 (8-8:30am) Paper presentation – Immediate and Retained Effects of a Fatigue Management Program for Persons Living with HIV

**FROM YOUR
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

by Gloria Lucker

Can't wait to meet you in St. Louis. Looking forward to a great Network gathering.

At this time, we have 146 members and 19 schools. Have you made a contribution to the Network lately? Please check the date on your address label. Is it correct? Drop me a line or send me an email to keep our records straight. If you make a contribution to the Network you are considered a member.

The Network meeting at AOTA is always the highlight of the Conference for me. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Yvonne.

Gloria

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

New Application to join the Network
 Renewal donation (please note changes in your information)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

(WHERE YOU WANT CORRESPONDENCE AND THE NETWORKER SENT)

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail address _____ AOTA Member # _____

(You need not be an AOTA member to belong to the Network. However, if you are an AOTA member, please give us your AOTA Member #. We let AOTA know how many AOTA members we have on our list to gain their continued support for the Network.)

Membership is defined as those who have given a donation.

Check your donation:

OTR (Suggested donation \$15) **COTA** (Suggested donation \$15)

Student (Suggested donation \$10) **Institution** (Suggested donation \$20)

I would like my name on the distributed list.

(Distributed to Network members only, for networking among ourselves.)

I would like my name on the NON-distributed list.

(You will receive the newsletter and will not appear on the distributed member - or any - list.)

Please make check payable to "NETWORK" and mail to:

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