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Conversation: Update

This is our first **Newsletter** since we switched to YahooGroups, so it's a bit of a test to see how things are working.

The new **List Serve** just started last night and is going great guns with 90 members already signed up and getting to know each other. If you haven't signed up for it and would like to check it out, just reply to the invitation I sent you, or go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChristianGays1/> and click the button to **"Join This Group"**.

You will be asked why you want to join. If you just mention that you received the Newsletter, I'll automatically approve you.

FROM "LESBIAN CONNECTION" MAGAZINE

NEW BOOK – "BAIT"

"I am writing to announce that my new novel, BAIT is now out! It's the story of a radical urban lesbian, her evangelical-fundamentalist Christian brother, and the woman they both want (and who wants them both). The story is set in Philadelphia and rural Pennsylvania, and it's about family and faith, and conflicting desires. Everyone in the book has their own idea about what are the best "moral values". Essentially, BAIT is a story of salvation in the broadest sense. How far would you go to save someone's soul? The book can also be ordered through independent bookstores or go to www.baitbook.net (use the promo code DykeDiscount and get 20 percent off the \$19.95 price)."

- *Loren Stone, Boston, MA*

NEW FILM – "Barbara and Tibby: A Love Story in the Face of Hate"

"Thought you might be interested in a new film, "Barbara and Tibby: A Love Story in the Face of Hate", created by my partner, Suzanne Moe. In 2004, the Virginia state

legislature (over the protests of our governor) went further than any other in the country in passing legislation prohibiting same-sex unions by any name. This film looks at the impact of this law on the lives of one Virginia couple. These women (who are friends of ours), have been together nearly forty years. After this law passed they decided that, for peace of mind, they would have to leave the state since it appeared that all the legal papers they had previously drawn up (wills, powers of attorney, etc.) would be nullified by the new law. This DVD is available from Sumoe Productions, PO Box 7142, Fredericksburg, VA 22404, www.sumoe.com for \$17.50 ppd (VA residents add 75¢ tax).

- *Gaye Adegbalola, Fredericksburg, VA*

LESBIAN HEALTH CONFERENCE

Sat, Oct 8 in Cherry Hill, NJ. Info on chronic diseases, gynecology, cancer, legal issues and more. Free. Call 856-968-7323 to register.

"HOLD ON"

A beautiful little movie full of inspiration.

<http://www.inspiringhots.net/movie/hold-on.php>

(Thanks Bobbie!)

FAMOUS GLBT BIRTHDAYS - Oct 1 - 15

October 2: photographer Annie Leibovitz, 1949

October 3: writer Gore Vidal, 1925

October 11: American First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 1884

NEW ON THE WEB

Popular nineteenth-century French actress **Marie Dorval** enjoyed an intense romantic friendship with the writer **George Sand** that fueled much speculation among Parisian gossips of the time, as well as among later biographers and historians.

http://www.glbtc.com/arts/dorval_m.html

Accomplished character actress **Nancy Kulp**, who specialized in playing prim, straight-laced spinsters, publicly acknowledged her lesbianism only towards the end of her life.

http://www.glbtc.com/arts/kulp_n.html

Margaret Mead (1901-1978) was one of the most prominent and widely admired American anthropologists of her generation. Though she was bisexual, she chose to keep her sexuality a secret.

http://www.glbtc.com/social-sciences/mead_m.html

QUICK BIBLE FACTS

What is the youngest book in the New Testament?

The Book of Revelation is the youngest book of the New Testament, written about 95 A.D.

When was the Bible canonized?

The entire New Testament as we know it today, was canonized before the year 375 A.D. The Old Testament had previously been canonized long before the advent of Christ.

What does "canon" mean?

"Canon" is derived from the Greek word "Kanon," signifying a measuring rod. Thus, to have the Bible "canonized" meant that it had been measured by the standard or test of divine inspiration and authority. It became the collection of books or writings accepted by the apostles and leadership of the early Christian church as a basis for Christian belief. It is the standard by which all Christians throughout the ages live and worship.

ANIMAL FACTS

BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open drinking glass, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up.

(Thanks Jack!)

“Pride presumes that you know what you’re doing. Humility presumes you have no idea what you’re doing, but you are trusting in God’s faithfulness.”

“The greater the test of faith, the greater the potential for lasting fruit.”

- Paul Hawkins

TIME GETS BETTER WITH AGE

Age 5

I learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night".

Age 6

I learned that our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either.

Age 7

I learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back.

Age 9

I learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again.

Age 12

I learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up.

Age 14

I learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me.

Age 15

I learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice.

Age 24

I learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures.

Age 26

I learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there.

Age 29

I learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

Age 30

I learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it.

Age 42

I learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note.

Age 44

I learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others.

Age 46

I learned that children and parents are natural allies.

Age 47

I learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

Age 48

I learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours.

Age 49

I learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone.

Age 50

I learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

Age 51

I learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills.

Age 52

I learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die.

Age 53

I learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life.

Age 61

I learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

Age 62

I learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catchers mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

Age 64

I learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

Age 65

I learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision.

Age 66

I learned that everyone can use a prayer.

Age 72

I learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

Age 82

I learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch-holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

Age 90

I learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Age 92

I learned that you should pass this on to someone you care about. Sometimes they just need a little something to make them smile.

(Thanks AGAIN Jack!)

Remember that I am now putting the Newsletters on the website at <http://christiangays.com/newsletters.shtml> so you can always refer back there if there is something of interest to you.

God bless,
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Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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