

**Subject: Grants Available**

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## **HOT TOPICS – SCHEDULE**

Sunday night **Jan 23** - **"'Glee' Can being Gay hurt or help an actor or actress?"**

On **Jan 30** our Hot Topic will be **"Speaking in Tongues"**.

On **Feb 6** we will be discussing **"Internet Technology and Sin"** - discussing Porn Sites, Sexual Chat, Cam to Cam, etc.

Hot Topics happens in the **Chat Rooms** of **Connections** <http://christiangays.com/connections/> on **Sunday nights** (Yes! That's tonight!) at 5 pm Pacific, 6 pm Mountain, 7 pm Central, 8 pm Eastern

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## **CHAT ROOMS**

Our Chat Rooms are getting active again after our transfer to "Connections".

Women's nights are Fridays. Regular Chat Nights are Saturdays, and Hot Topics are on Sundays, but check in anytime. There could be someone just waiting to meet you.

Once your are logged in, go to **Tools->Chat**

I'm working on making it a more direct link from the main Connections page, but until I get that done, please just login and go through Tools.

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## **NEEDED - "COMING OUT" STORIES**

### **COMING OUT – ANTHOLOGY**

**Personal stories that will make you smile, laugh, shudder and cry**

Gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons are invited to contribute stories from their crucial time of coming out, to be included in an anthology that will raise awareness of this deeply personal time of admitting sexual preference. Ideally stories could be 300 – 1500 words, maximum length is 3000 words. Some people may prefer a quote, an anecdote or a full story to share their journey – send them all in. If you have not come out yet and wish to share 'why not', also send your words in. Stories will need to be edited and can be anonymous if you wish. The book length is anticipated to be about 70,000 words. For more information and to submit your story please contact [soniafriedrich@virginbroadband.com.au](mailto:soniafriedrich@virginbroadband.com.au)

Thank you so much  
Sonia Friedrich

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## **AVAILABLE - GRANTS FOR INTERNSHIPS**

The R. Scott Hitt Foundation is offering funding for qualified candidates with the vision to be future leaders in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) movement. Applicants do not need to identify as LGBT in order to apply.

The pro-LGBT sponsoring organization **that you choose to apply with** will receive funding to compensate your internship position while you strengthen your resume and gain valuable skills towards becoming a leader of the future.

## **The POST-GRADUATE Internship:**

### **THE SCOTT HITT INTERNSHIP IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 13, 2011**

- Post graduate students with strong academic reco
- Duration: 7-9 months, 40 hour week - **\$20,000 Grant**
- Location: An established 501(c)3 nonprofit with a commitment to the advancement of LGBT equality
- Applicant contacts host organization which they want to work with and co-develops a successful curriculum encompassing these key elements: communications, fundraising, board development and grassroots policy
- R. Scott Hitt was the former Chair of President Clinton's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council and the founder of numerous activist and community organizations. He was a passionate advocate for civil rights and equality in all communities.
- 2-4 recipients per year

## **The UNDERGRADUATE Internship:**

### **THE A.N.G.L.E. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERNSHIP**

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2011**

- Current undergraduate students with strong academic record
- Duration: 8 weeks, 40 hour week - \$5000 Grant to sponsoring 501(c)3
- Location: An established 501(c)3 nonprofit in Southern California with a commitment to the advancement of LGBT equality
- Applicant contacts host organization which they want to work with and co-develops a successful curriculum encompassing key elements of non-profit operations and program development
- Named for the nonprofit ANGLE (Access Now for Gay & Lesbian Equality) which inspired and provided the funding for these internships
- 3-5 recipients per year

#### **TO APPLY:**

1. Visit [www.scotthittfoundation.org](http://www.scotthittfoundation.org) <<http://www.scotthittfoundation.org/>> for details.

2. Choose a pro-LGBT 501(C)3 non-profit organization to sponsor your internship.
3. Agree to the terms of your internship and scope of work with your sponsoring organization. Construct sponsor agreement in cooperation with your chosen 501(c)3.
4. Submit your cover letter, personal essay, résumé and sponsor agreement by the above deadline to [scotthittfoundation.org](http://scotthittfoundation.org)
5. Check [www.scotthittfoundation.org](http://www.scotthittfoundation.org) for grant award dates.

For additional inquiries, please write us [scotthittfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:scotthittfoundation@gmail.com)

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## **LIFE LESSON - FABLE OF THE PORCUPINE**



It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions even though they gave off heat to each other.

After a while, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. This way they learned to live with the little wounds that were caused by the close relationship with their companion, but the most important part of it was the heat that came from the others.

This way they were able to survive. The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but the best is when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

## **The Moral of the story:**

LEARN TO LOVE THE PRICKS IN YOUR LIFE!

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God bless,  
Mary

**Gay by God. Proud by choice!**



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