

POSITIVE VOICES monthly

A MONTHLY COMMUNITY UPDATE
FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTER
FOR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS
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SUPPORT CORNER

There's something for everyone
CHECK OUT OUR SUPPORT GROUPS
at the Center, NYC and now in Tampa
Call or e-mail us to be put on our mailing list. Or better
yet, sign up to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Want to
help run a support group? Call us with your interest.

MIAMI SUPPORT GROUPS

HETEROSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday • 7-9 pm

HETERO & FAMILY & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

1st Wednesday of month • 7-9 pm

GAY SUPPORT GROUP

Every Tuesday • 7-9 pm

GRUPO DE APOYO EN ESPAÑOL

Every Monday • 8-10 pm

SPANISH FAMILY & FRIENDS

4th Monday of month • 8-10 pm

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

4th Saturday of month • 6pm

Meet at TCPC, we will travel together
Dinner sponsored by various pharmaceuticals

GROUPS FUNDED BY RYAN WHITE TITLE I & CDBG/CITY OF N. MIAMI

TAMPA Socials Third weekend of the month
Meet at various locations in Tampa area. Call Brian
for details. Cell: 727-458-1249, Email:
Romeo8Juiette@aol.com

NEW YORK Hetero Support Group

NYC Peer-led support group. **First Monday of the month** • 6-8 pm. At offices of Daytop, 54 W. 40th St. (between 5 & 6th Ave), 6th floor Com. Dept.

Convenient to subway transportation 6th Ave line: F / V / D / B and N & R is 2 blocks away. Port Authority bus terminal is 4 blocks away.

Facilitator: Michael 201-921-4592.

For Tampa and NYC info, call TCPC at
1-888-pos-conn(767-2666).

NEED PEER, GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING? ARE YOU A RYAN WHITE CLIENT?

TCPC receives reimbursement from Ryan White Title I for group, peer or individual psychosocial counseling. If you or a family member are interested, have your case manager send us a referral.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR RECRUITERS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR A WOMEN'S STUDY AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

We are looking for Latino Women to participate in a study sponsored by the National Institute of Health. We are studying (interviewing) Latino Women who have had a problem with alcohol, prescription drugs or other drug use within the last twelve months. Participants are paid \$40.00 each for their interview. This study is strictly confidential. And we are looking for female recruiters. Pay: \$40 per Mother and Daughter couple who if eligible to participate in the study are interviewed. Please contact Patria Rojas at 305 348-7352 or Elsa Pinto at 305-348-7402

DOCTOR'S WEBSITE HOSTS HEALTH INFORMATION

Dr. Jon D. Kaiser, M.D. has a new website, www.jonkaiser.com, where information about transmission, detection and treatment of intestinal parasites is available.

FREE LEGAL HELP

Legal Services of Greater Miami is offering assistance to low-income black homeowners in south Miami-Dade County for individuals age 60 and older who want to plan their estates by drafting wills that designate heirs as beneficiaries of real property. Call 305-232-9680. Legal Services, 10720 Caribbean Blvd., Suite 400, Miami 33189.

STUDY SHOWS WOMEN AVOID HEALTHCARE

A quarter of U.S. women say they skip doctors' visits and prescription drug purchases because they cannot afford them. The Florida Association of Community Health Care Centers is dedicated to analyzing this problem locally and implementing a solution. It provides a list of facilities that offer sliding scale fees for health services including mental and dental. Call 800-456-8263, or visit the website at www.fachc.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR HIV-POSITIVE COMMUNITY

Care Resource hosts weekly and monthly support groups for HIV+. The first Thursday of each month from 2 to 3 pm is dedicated to nutrition. Each Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm a support group for HIV-positive men is led by Rafis Nin, a case manager. For HIV-positive women, the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm is available for group discussions. Call (305) 576-1234.

WEBSITE EASES DISCLOSURE OF DISEASES TO FORMER PARTNERS

The San Francisco HIV-positive community has a website allowing individuals to send electronic cards disclosing their status. The goal is to anonymously inform sexual partners of potential contraction of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The website is www.inspot.org.

WOMEN AND MEN RESPOND DIFFERENTLY

Women are more likely than men to contract HIV through heterosexual sex. Researchers are describing differences between the genders when it involves HIV progression, responses to therapy and gynecological care. www.thebody.com.

www.miami.edu/positivesurvivors - DO YOU ENJOY WRITING? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE?

The Positive Survivors Research Center is seeking interested individuals for new studies re: psychological and immunological factors protecting the health of people living and coping with HIV. We provide free labs & pay you \$300+ over multiple visits. Call: 305-284-5299. Confidential.

TCPC MEMBERSHIP POLICY DUES / FEE STRUCTURE

We ask all clients of Positive Connections to contribute their yearly dues of \$20, and for those not working or on disability \$10. These dues help sustain the center's operating expenses. We ask for your continued support so we can keep providing holistic and social support service programs that the government funding sources do not financially support. We will never turn anyone away due to lack of funds.

Suggested fees for holistic and other services will be as follows and will be collected from the receptionist upon signing in for services.

- Body Work (Reiki, Cranial, Trager etc.): \$5 per session. Massage: \$10 per session.
- Acupuncture, Haircuts: \$5 per session
- Suggested donation for individual mental health counseling for those not on Ryan White: \$5.
- Educational lectures and social activities are funded programs, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

SAVE THIS NEWSLETTER

This might be our last printed newsletter. We have lost our newsletter funding and unless we find another money source, we must suspend Positive Voices newsletter. We regret this but rising costs make it more difficult to sustain what we consider a very important way to keep everyone informed about center activities.

We will continue offering an e-mail version of the newsletter and for those who do not have internet access, the Center will have some copies which you can pick up at the Center.

Can anyone out there help us continue to provide this needed newsletter? Contact Sheri at 305-891-2066.

THE MYSTICAL FAIR IS NO LONGER MINI

(Call for Artist/Performer Participation). Saturday, October 22nd, the weekend before Halloween the Mystical Fair organizers are calling for artists who would like to perform on stage in as well out in the garden and food vendors, acoustical musicians, drummers, flutists, classical and renaissance performers & entertainers. Children's workshops offered. We are inviting those with products, services and workshops to participate even for our pets. Seeking someone to lead the drumming circle and to stage demonstrations for martial arts, tai chi, qui gong and similar outdoor activities. Vendor, performer or spectator? Contact Atena 305-297-5516 or Atena@MysticalFlorida.com

Visit www.MysticalFlorida.com for more details about the next Mystical Fair.
http://AnimalsAndMonsters.com

DO YOU SUFFER FROM...

Headaches, Dementia, Confusion, Seizures, Numbness, Pain, Weakness, dizziness, Neuropathy, Pain management? Positive Connections has Dr. Paul Wand MD, neurologist on staff for consultations on Fridays from 10am-3pm for TCPC clients. Call 305-891-2066.

FREE HAIRCUTS, EYEBROW WAXING AND MANICURES

Available at the Center monthly from 11-4pm by Mario Betto from www.HairstylistsforHumanity.org. Call TCPC 305-891-2066 for appointment at the center. He's always seeking additional volunteers and sponsors, call him at 954-735-4459.

DINING ROOM TABLE AND CHAIRS AND CORNER DESK FOR SALE

White formica dining room table and 4 high top purple/burgundy upholstered chairs, comes with side table, excellent condition. \$100 OBO. Corner Desk \$100. See at TCPC 305-891-2066

SOUTH FLORIDA BUYERS CLUB FOR JON KAISER'S VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS "K-PAX" IS NOW AT POSITIVE CONNECTIONS

Save \$30 on each monthly supply of double strength K-PAX vitamins. Your cost is only \$99.95 instead of \$129.95. Single strength is \$60. Call the center to place your order for shipment to TCPC. Payment must be received when the product is picked up. Call 305-891-2066. A \$5 administration fee will be charged on all orders (waived for those on Disability). Product is in stock now.

SUPPORT IN AFRICA REQUESTED

Mr. Nicholas Ng'ang'a, the International Coordinator for Little Oak International in Nakuru, Kenya, A project he oversees, Operation Loving

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kindness, is requesting donations of food, clothing, medicine, educational materials and information to enable them to continue and expand assistance to orphans of HIV, people living with HIV/AIDS and street children, in Kenya. If you or your agency has unrestricted funds or other resources and is able to help, please contact Nicholas Ng'ang'a directly by e-mail, omkenya64@yahoo.com, or at the Kenyan address indicated below in his e-mail.

JOBS

- **Care Resource** is recruiting for a **Facilities Assistant/Handyman** to provide and/or coordinate general building maintenance and repairs, parking control and general access to the building. High School diploma, two to four years of experience in similar positions required, bilingual preferred. Basic computer knowledge, flexibility on schedule and own transportation is recommended. Ability to work with multicultural and diverse population required. Compensation based on experience. Send resume to hr@careresource.org or fax at 305-571-2020.
- **The Miami Beach Community Development Corporation** seeks: a **housing counselor** to interview clients, mitigate issues and communicate with financial institutions. Bilingual candidates with Bachelor's degree in business or public administration are preferred; a **director of development and compliance** to raise funds from local, state and federal sources. Candidates with experience and successful fund raising records are preferred. Send resume to; Richard Wood, Chief Operating Officer Miami Beach Community Development Corporation, 945 Pennsylvania Avenue, Miami Beach 33139, 305-538-0090
- **Mercy Hospital's Special Immunology Services** has the following position available: **Case Manager**, Ryan White Title I Applicants



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TCPC Staff and Administrative Volunteers

Sheri Kaplan <i>Executive Director</i>	Dr. David Newman <i>Director of Holistic Services</i>	Gil Friedman <i>Webmaster</i>
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 - 1/2 page \$175
 - 1/4 page \$125
 - Full page \$300
 - 1/3 page \$150
 - Inside back page . . . \$400
- Distribution 3500 + e-mail blast 3000 and website posting*
Contact Sheri at TCPC 305-891-2066

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should possess a Bachelor's Degree in Social Services or related field and have a willingness to work with and assist persons living with HIV/AIDS. Minimum 2 years experience. Bilingual (Eng/Span) preferred. Range \$15.62/hr - \$21.93/hr; **Case Manager, Medicaid PAC Waiver Program.** Bachelor's Degree in Social Services or related field, willingness to work with and assist persons living with HIV/AIDS. Min. 2 years experience. Bilingual (Eng/Span) preferred. Salary Range \$15.62/hr - \$21.93/hr. For more information or to apply for a position please contact Ericka Castillo at Human Resources at (305) 285-2727.

- **2 Counselor** positions opened; Responsible for initial interview as well as complete ongoing process with client. Bachelor's degree required in Criminal Justice, Psychology or related Human Services field. Knowledge in the criminal justice system as well as offender supervision and case management a plus. Must possess excellent organizational and communication skills, computer literate. Bilingual (English/Spanish) required. Monday – Friday, full-time position. Salary 25k. EEO. Background check & Drug Free Workplace. Fax resumes to 305-704-0199 or E-mail: jobs@advocateprogram.com

CONFERENCES

- **August 19-21: Staying Alive – Positive Leadership Summit**, Hollywood, CA. Registration application visit www.napwa.org/pdf/stayingalive2005.pdf
- **September 25-30, 2005: Strength for the Journey Retreat**, Jonesborough, TN. Five-day event for women and men living with HIV/AIDS to feel spiritual and emotional growth in a nurturing environment. Registration: \$150; one scholarship available. Call 865-363-1709 or email ginnywest1@comcast.net. Website www.strengthforthejourney.org.
- **Saturday, October 15, 2005: 3rd Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day**, in cities across the U.S. and sponsored by the Latino Commission on AIDS. Call Nuris Rodriguez at 212-584-9324 or go to www.latinoaids.org
- **October 15-21: POZ CRUISE** – (for straight and gay family and friends) On Holland American's ms Zuiderdam. See full page ad in this newsletter. Also these sites: www.positiveconnections.org/cruise; www.hivcruise.com; www.hivcruise.com
- **November 3-5, 2005: Hope 2005 World Summit on HIV/AIDS**, Mumbai, India. International experts from health and medicine, trade and industry, help hotlines, adjuvant therapeutic groups and social workers will share details about studies, programs and future plans. Registration is \$600 after July 1, 2005. Visit the website www.hopeconference.com.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS RESPONSIBILITY

If you are registered for a social event or an educational dinner lecture or have an appointment for a holistic service, you MUST give 24 hour notice if you need to cancel. People who DO NOT CANCEL and who are NO SHOWS for appointments or events will be placed on stand-by for future appointments and services and will be UNABLE TO MAKE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT FOR ONE MONTH. An appointment is considered cancelled if a person is more than 15 minutes late. Due to the popularity of our services and the limited number of volunteer therapists, this policy is needed. Please be courteous to other members as well as our practitioners. REMEMBER: KEEP OR CANCEL!

...AT THE CENTER FOR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS

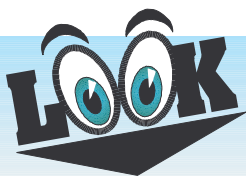
All new and current clients using our services must provide documentation of HIV status, income level and residency. Please bring your documents the next time you stop by for services. We need this documentation in order to fulfill required federal guidelines from the City and County for the services provided here at the center. The government requires that all client files contain proof of status, income and residency.

Please remember to bring in these documents so we can serve you and also get **reimbursed for the services we provide**. However if you are not comfortable with this request we will be happy to continue providing services to you but we will not be reimbursed for the services we provided you.

All Ryan White Clients and Case Managers – See boxed story on page 1
Volunteers greatly needed and appreciated at the center. If you have a few hours to spare, come by and give us a hand. You will help us to continue helping YOU and OTHERS WHO USE OUR CENTER. Hours are flexible.

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August Educational Dinner Lectures

For the infected & affected HIV+ Community

Interested in funding our educational lectures?
Call 305-891-2066

Monday, August 15

Don't Just Survive, THRIVE Optimizing life with HIV

WHAT LECTURE IS ABOUT:

Every person living with HIV/AIDS must decide the level of investment they will make to improve their own life. We will discuss the roadmap to self-improvement.

- Who are the people with whom I may collaborate with or use as role models?
- What choices can I make to improve my own life through activity, self-advocacy or activism?
- What are the skills I possess for improving my health?
- When will I take the next step to move to the next level of self-advocacy?
- Where can I go to find my niche in advocacy?
- How may I recognize my own potential for self-improvement?

International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS (IFARA) believes in each person understanding and properly evaluating his or her own options and choices, which will positively affect all our lives. We will explore how to optimize our ability not only to survive but also to thrive with HIV and discuss some of the local, regional and national resources available to assess the best choices. We will also discuss how to work with those resources and organizations to not only improve our own lives but, in the process, the lives of others. We will talk about the affects and challenges of depression. We will discuss making good choices in, and planning the use of alternative/complementary treatments and disciplines.

It's not easy but it is possible to live well with HIV/AIDS. Each attendee of this program should be able to navigate their life better with the guidance this program will offer.

PRESENTED BY: Fred Schaich is the President and Founding Director of the International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS which began as a Florida not-for-profit corporation in August 1992. He has facilitated one of the countries longest running treatment support groups, Treatment Information Exchange, (TIE) which has been televised weekly in the north-west US for the last five years. He also produces an international TV and Video project from the world's largest scientific conference, The Conference on Retrovirology and Opportunistic Infections, which is broadcast annually on the national Dish Network. Fred personally connects with thousands of individuals through the TIE informational support groups, and millions through his hosting of the TIE national TV programs.

Thursday, August 18

Achieving Peace Through Advance End-of-Life Care Planning

WHAT LECTURE IS ABOUT:

End-of-life care is something that all persons, not only those who are HIV+, should think carefully about in advance, for it can ease the final weeks or days a great deal. We will discuss advance directives and their importance in ensuring that a patient's wishes regarding care near the end of life will be honored. If a patient has decision-making capacity, he or she will direct his or her own care, of course, but if a patient loses decision-making capacity, medical care will be directed by others. It is important for a patient to communicate wishes early, directly with physicians and other caregivers, and most importantly with the persons who either are designated to make such decisions or believe they should have a say in such decision-making. Discussion also may include the recent Schiavo case and the pending U.S. Supreme Court case regarding Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law.

This seminar will help you better understand:

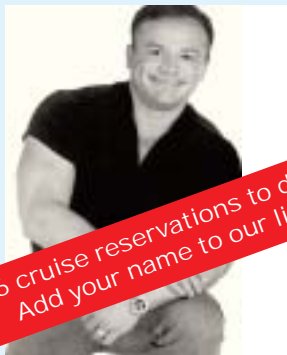
- Advance directives (living wills, health care surrogate designations, durable powers of attorney for health care decision-making)
- DNRs (Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders)
- The role of families and other loved ones in end-of-life decision-making
- The role of physicians and other health care professionals in end-of-life decision-making
- The importance of discussions over and above (or even instead of) written advance directives
- The right to palliative care and pain relief
- The difference between physician assistance in dying and exercise of the patient's right to refuse or order withdrawal of treatment
- Other end-of-life options in other states (such as Oregon, which has a law permitting physician assistance in dying)

PRESENTED BY: Kathy L. Germinara, a law professor at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. She is co-author of the noted treatise *The Right to Die: The Law of End-of-Life Decisionmaking* (3d ed. Aspen 2004 and supplements), and she has written extensively in the areas of end-of-life decisionmaking and patients' rights in the managed care system. She also is co-author of the online, interactive timeline and resource database of materials relating to the Theresa Marie Schiavo case, which can be accessed through www.ethics.miami.edu. She received her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and her LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees from Columbia University School of Law.

DISCLAIMER: The information presented by the speakers for our educational lectures do not reflect the opinion of the Center, its staff or its Board of Directors or sponsors.

Lectures sponsored by Gilead Pharmaceuticals

Remember: It is necessary that you call to register at least 48 hours prior to the workshop date so that we may order catering and provide educational packets. Seating is limited to 20.



86 cruise reservations to date!
Add your name to our list!

Joining Us...

to talk about how to stay healthy and fit while living with HIV and learn about the latest medical treatments... **Nelson Vergel**, a former chemical engineer from Venezuela. He is a 22-year HIV survivor who have become one of the leading treatment advocates and speakers in the US. He is the co-author of the book *Built to Survive*, the founder of the Body Positive Wellness Clinic in Houston, and the moderator of pozhealth, the discuss list with the largest membership in the Internet. Nelson has lectured extensively in the past 15 years. For information about Nelson, visit www.nelsonvergel.com and www.medibolics.com

HOW TO RESERVE:

For a special group rate, your reservations must be made through travel agent, Paul Stalbaum, Universal Travel, 1425C S.E. 17 St., Fort Lauderdale 33316, (954) 761-1500, ext. 241, or (800)735-0401, ext 241, send email to paul@universal-travel.com. Remember to mention PozCruise when you make a reservation, so Paul gives you our group rate and includes you in our group activities. <http://www.gaytravelfl.com/hivreservations.htm>

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sponsoring agency:
The Center for Positive Connections at (888) pos-conn (888-767-2666) or 305-891-2066 or email@positiveconnections.org or check our website at www.positiveconnections.org/cruise

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO **AUGUST 15TH!** BOOKING NOW FOR 8TH ANNUAL POZ CRUISE OCTOBER 15-22, 2005

Sail on Holland American Cruise lines ship the "ZUIDERDAM" for a seven-day RETREAT starting and ending in Ft. Lauderdale with stops throughout the Eastern Caribbean. The cruise is for the HIV community (**straight or gay**), their friends and family across the U.S.



Our Eastern Caribbean port-of-call adventure includes Tortola (British Virgins), St. Thomas, Nassau, and Half Moon Cay (a beach island).

EXTENDED TO AUGUST 15TH!

RESERVATIONS: Final payment is expected by August 1st. Space based on availability until day of sailing. We have 95 cabins reserved. Airfare is not included in the cruise price. American Airlines guaranteed a five-ten (5-10%) percent discount on its airlines' lowest fare. Call American Airlines at (800) 221-2255 and ask for Star File # A88H5AE.

Arrive in Miami on October 14th for an exciting pre-cruise party in South Beach (see page 5). If you will be arriving day of sailing, fly into Ft. Lauderdale airport no later than 1:30pm for a 5pm departure. Your return flight home from Ft. Lauderdale should not depart before noon on Saturday October 22nd.

Package includes: A 7-day cruise, nightly entertainment, all meals, one cocktail party and group photograph (at an additional cost). There are more than a dozen bars and lounges including an Internet Café and ice-cream parlor. Our guests get a one time complimentary dinner at The Pinnacle, Holland's upscale ultra fine dining experience.

Cabin rates are per person double occupancy:

- Inside (No windows) \$530.60
- Outside (Picture window) \$584.20
- Superior Verandah Suite (larger) \$899.00
- Larger Inside (NO windows) \$565.80
- Verandah (Glass door to balcony) \$660.00
- Deluxe Verandah Suite (huge) \$1,308.00

Additional port tax is \$189 per person – must be pre paid at the time of the final payment.

Triples and quads are only available in most cabin categories and are confirmed when you make a deposit. Either a third or fourth person in each cabin is only \$410 p/p. SINGLE RATES FOR INSIDE/OUTSIDE IS 150%. VERANDAH CABINS 190%

All staterooms have a private bathroom, vanity area, hair dryer, miniature bar, television, safe, radio and telephone. These prices do not include alcoholic beverages, gratuity, shore excursions in ports of call, trip cancellation insurance and port-charge taxes. Prices are subject to change and availability.

Port-of-call tours are optional and payable at the Excursions Desk onboard. Descriptions about the tours are on the website, www.positiveconnections.org. If you know which tours that you like and we have a group on the same tours, then Paul, the travel agent, can make arrangements for special guides.

SHIP FEATURES: Holland America's Zuiderdam is one of the newest ships in the fleet, holds 1,800 passengers and ranks number one or two with *Travel & Leisure* and *Conde Naste* magazines. Experience spacious accommodations, outstanding service, excellent cuisine and entertaining review shows. There will be several private events closed to other passengers on the ship. Our group will be confidential and provide a safe environment for our guests to learn from top HIV specialists so you can learn about the latest accomplishments in HIV/AIDS medical-treatments as well as others living with HIV. We will provide the right balance between social, supportive, and educational aspects. Aboard we will have many social gatherings including: a one-hour cocktail party, group photograph, hot-tub party and farewell talent show. Each night we will dine together in a sit down restaurant. After dinner, we can watch a revue in the cabaret lounge, listen to live music in piano bar, play the slots or dance till dawn in the disco. Support groups will be available to support one another. You will meet many new people and possibly meet your significant other.

NEED A ROOMMATE? SHARES CAN BE ARRANGED FOR INSIDE, OUTSIDE AND BALCONY CABINS ONLY.



American Citizens require a passport or a birth certificate with a government photo ID. Everyone else including Canadians must have a passport. If you are from outside the U.S., contact your consulate. For any additional information, you may contact the sponsoring organization or the travel agent.

Pre-Cruise Cocktail Party and Fundraiser

Friday October 14th
7-11pm

VIP GARDEN AT NIKKI BEACH

One Ocean Dr. on South
Beach

- This evening we will mingle at the sexiest place on Earth at an exclusive beachfront playground where the trendy Euro-hip and jet setters like to frolic and to embellish their senses and taste buds.
- Nikki's Beach Club is a two-story restaurant with cabanas shaped like teepees outside, and sand under your feet. We have the VIP Garden reserved just for us.
- Party includes 2 drinks (possible open bar), free soda and juice plus hors d'oeuvres for 2 hours
- Music provided by Nikki Beach DJ
- Wristbands provided for full club access.
- Stay around and mingle with the other guests in the main area.
- Specially priced valet parking: \$5 or park at meters.
- Suggested donation is \$10 for cruisers and \$25 for non cruisers

RSVP in advance to
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or email@positiveconnections.org

AUGUST SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

RESERVE AT 305-891-2066



Thursday, August 4th • 8pm

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

MacBeth – The Story

New Theatre, 4120 Laguna St. Coral Gables

Scotland has been invaded by the Norwegians. Now throw in a war, execution and prophesy. Plus an aging king and a fight for the throne. That's just part of the MacBeth story. Check it out. 10 tickets available. For additional tickets call 305-443 5909

Sponsored by New Theatre and MAC AIDS FUND



Thursday, August 11th • 7:05pm

Marlins vs Diamondbacks

Pro Player Stadium. 30 tickets available.

Sponsored by The Florida Marlins and MAC AIDS FUND

Saturday, August 13th • 2pm

BIG BOND and BEAUTIFUL

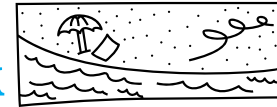
Broward Center for the Performing Arts Amature Theatre 201 Sw 5th Ave.

The Roughriders of South Florida presents a Variety Show. WHY? because you like to watch. Only 14 tickets available. For additional tickets call 954-816-5598

Sponsored by The Rough Riders and MAC AIDS FUND

Saturday, August 13th

Afternoon Picnic in the Park



for the Kids PLUS TCPC's 10th Anniversary Celebration

An afternoon of fun and sun. RSVP NOW! 305-891-2066. See page 4 for details

Friday, August 19 - Sunday 21st

Islamorada Weekend in the Keys!

with Snorkeling and Scuba Diving. See page 7 for details

Friday, August 26th • 8 pm

FREE CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

Jazz at MOCA with Kiki Sanchez

Museum of Contemporary Art, 770 NE 125th St., N. Miami

Sponsored by Museum of Contemporary Arts and MAC AIDS FUND



August 20 • Noon to 3pm

TAMPA BAY CHAPTER BEACH BBQ



An afternoon of fun and sun at a beach BBQ. Located at Ft. DeSoto Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway, S. Tierra Verde. Shelter #9. RSVP to Brian 727-458-1249 or romeo8juliette@aol.com or PosConnTampaBay@aol.com. Want to bring a covered dish? Great! Just let us know what you are bringing.

KUDOS

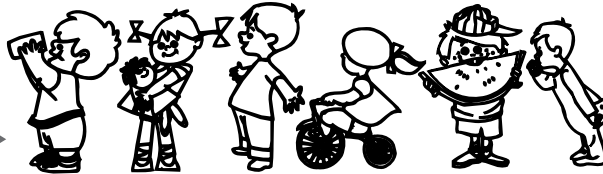


- **VOLUNTEER PRACTITIONER OF THE MONTH – Gary Atkinson, LMT.** Gary is so committed he volunteers twice a week at the center. Not only are you getting a full body massage but a Reiki treatment as well. He's at the center on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. For a private session you may call him at 786-239-6941.
- **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH – Eddie the handyman** for helping out with the maintenance at the Center. Thanks for also giving us a helping hand with the donation pick up as well. We couldn't have done it without you and Sheldon our volunteer! He's always willing and able to help out with a smile on his face. If you need a handy man call him at 305-298-8895.
- **Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceutical** for sponsoring the monthly women's support group for the month of July. Come on out ladies for an enjoyable evening for feasting, fun, laughter and support.
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- **Johnson and Wales University** for donating 6 computer CPU'S. If anyone has operating system software to date, we would like to donate these computers to clients for a raffle at the Anniversary party.
- **Gifts in Kind International/ United Way** for donating a very much needed new DELL printer for the Executive Directors office. Thanks C-One for the opportunity to apply through your organization. Their number is 305-646-7081. www.centeronnonprofiteffectiveness.org
- **North Miami Knights of Columbus** for donating 15 admission tickets for the kids to attend the 4th of July Carnival.
- **George Lopez Productions** for donating a video from the Annual kids Holiday Party. 305-772-3715. glpromo@mybluelight.com
- **Donations and more donations**, I think we may have to open up a thrift store soon. When cleaning out your closets, garage or moving remember the center. Your donations are tax deductible and are passed on back to the clients we serve.

Saturday, August 13th • Noon to 4pm

Afternoon Party in the Park FOR THE KIDS

RSVP
305-
891-2066



PLUS TCPC's 10th

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION

Wow!
Can You Believe It? TCPC is 10 years old!!!

Join us for an afternoon of fun and sun for the **KIDS AND THE CLIENTS** of The Center for Positive Connections.

**Don't Miss
this Picnic
Bar-B-Q...
We'll have a
great time!
Guaranteed**

- Check out this great line-up planned for the day
- ✓ Full BBQ buffet catered by The Barbecue Pit
 - ✓ Watermelon and Pie-Eating Contest
 - ✓ "Raven" the Magician featuring live animals – two magic shows (2 and 3pm)
 - ✓ Tarot Card Reading by Paula
 - ✓ Bounce House
 - ✓ Face Painting
 - ✓ DJ "Super Toy"
 - ✓ Cotton Candy, Snowcones, Popcorn
 - ✓ For kids and adults: games, races, and prizes!
 - ✓ Fishing Lessons (bring your own pole)
 - ✓ Covered Pavilion
 - ✓ Bring your bathing suits and towels
 - ✓ and it's all FREE

WHERE'S THE PARTY?

Oleta State Park, 3400 NE 163rd Street, North Miami Beach, Pelican Pavilion, Lot #9.

Gate admission \$5 per car with 2-8 people or \$3 single rider

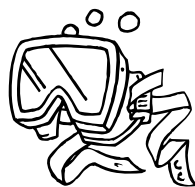
RSVP NOW! 305-891-2066

Volunteers needed – please call Sheri or Pam.

Sponsored by Northeast Funding/Paul Greenberg and Ed Cornell

Weekend of Fun in Islamorada, Keys and Tampa, Too

Friday, August 19th to Sunday, August 21st



SNORKELING & SCUBA DIVING WEEKEND IN THE KEYS

COME FOR THE DAY
OR FOR THE WEEKEND

Only 1.5 hours from Miami, a short distance to get away from it all and to unwind in the laid back atmosphere of the Florida Keys. We will chill out together, dine, dance, swim, snorkel, party and relax, and even make new friends. We encourage family and friends to join us.

We have listed a few hotel choices from you to choose from.

HOTEL CHOICES:

- Holiday Isle Beach Resort & Marina (where we are staying). A vacation of a lifetime awaits at Holiday Isle, a resort complex of fine rooms along a white sand beach. Tropical pools, restaurants, bars/lounges, free live entertainment daily, charming shops, convenience store, marina, dockage, snorkeling and scuba diving and water sports (parasailing, waverunners, kayaks, and more), volley ball court on beach. A one stop shop, you'll never have to leave the resort.

Rates: Non ocean view: \$195- 2 queen beds or \$175 king bed. Ocean front rooms: \$219 (2 queen beds or 1king) or \$135 1 queen bed. Two-night minimum required payable in full upon registration. All rooms have coffeemaker, hairdryers and in room safe. Check in 3:30, check out 11am. Non smoking rooms available. Reservations 800-327-7070.

Located on US-1 at MM84 in the Florida Keys, only 75 miles south of Miami Airport. Visit their web site www.holidayisle.com.

- The Days Inn, 82749 Overseas Hwy, MM 82.5, Ocean Side. 3pm check in, 11am check out. Room Rates are from \$109 inside courtyard - \$169 ocean front suites. Call at 305-664-3681. (can sleep up to 4 people)
- Sunset Inn (very barebones) for \$70, 82200 Overseas Hwy. @ MM 82.2 Bayside. (2 Dbl beds-can sleep up to 4 people). Call at 1-305-664-3454. Ask for the new rooms.

AGENDA

- Friday night. Check into hotel, have cocktails prior to going to dinner in someone's room
Approx. 9pm – Dinner at Whale Harbor Inn at mm 83.5. Fabulous Buffet is \$27 per person
- Saturday – *SNORKEL & SCUBA, Chesapeake Resort, S. of Holiday Isle
1pm – Leaving out of Rainbow Reef Dive center for snorkeling at mm 84.9 Includes drinks and cookies. Boat leaves at 1pm (check in at 12:30pm). Stays out for 3-3.5 hrs, and goes to 2 locations. Snorkel \$30 includes mask, fin, vest. Or \$27 with own snorkel gear. Scuba \$65 includes tanks and weights. Bubbles watchers/riders \$15. www.rainbowreef.us
- 7 pm – Dinner and sunset watch at the Islamorada Fish Company, 81532 Overseas Hwy, mm 81
- After dinner dancing at the Holiday Isle Tikibar, till ???, (84001 Overseas Hwy. MM 84)
- Midnight party in someone's room.
- Sunday – day of rest at Holiday Isle. Lounge in the sun, swim in the pool or ocean, volleyball game, dance to live entertainment, rent jet skis.
- 6:30 pm – Dinner and sunset at Lor-e-lei restaurant MM 82-bayside

All expenses are on you. You can make hotel arrangements elsewhere and dine solo if you do not wish to join us at the locations chosen.

Call Positive Connections at 305-891-2066 or 888-767-2666, or tcpc@positiveconnections.org. Tell us what day your coming, number of people you are bringing, and where you are staying.

*Need to RSVP for snorkel and diving.

Visit our website for more info: www.positiveconnections.org.



Save the Date
OCTOBER 26-30
IN TAMPA

HALLOWEEN WEEKEND BASH IN TAMPA A FLORIDA GET TOGETHER! BHIVE IN '05

2nd ANNUAL SUNSET SOCIAL and HALLOWEEN WEEKEND BASH October 26th-30th, 2005

Treasure Island, In Tampa Bay, Florida

Come for the whole weekend or just for the day. Make your own room and transportation arrangements. Food expenses are on your own. Admission to Halloween event is \$10 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Bring a costume. Fifty people came out to play last year. We easily exceeded that number more than a month ago.

WHERE Tahitian Resort, Treasure Island, Florida, directly on the Beach and The Gulf of Mexico. It is very important that you reserve NOW to get the best rates and reserve under the group name bhive'05 and so we can all be put together in the resort and possibly get group rates in upcoming years. If the Tahitian Resort is booked up to capacity we recommend contacting its sister resort located a half mile away on Treasure Island, Thunderbird Beach Resort. www.tahitianresort.com

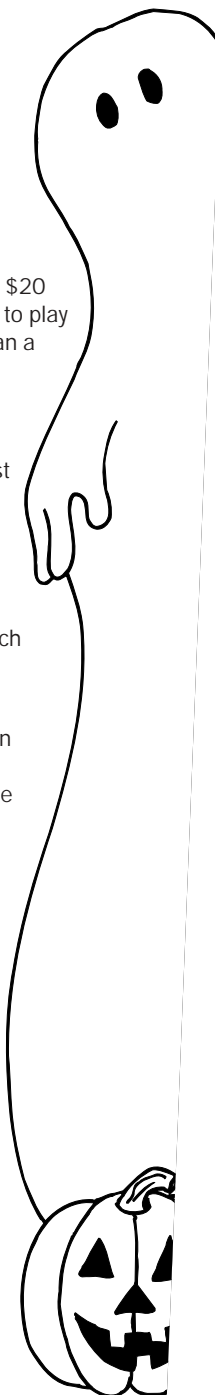
EVENTS The Get Together is timed around a local Halloween Party in Tampa, Florida called Guavaween in the historic part of Tampa known as Ybor City (2 square miles of bars and shops similar to that of the French Quarter of New Orleans).

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- **Wednesday, Oct. 26th:** Arrival day and checking in to the resort
- **Thursday, Oct. 27th:** First Day Meet and Greet, Evening Beach Party.
- **Friday, Oct. 28th:** More Beach Fun & Sun, evening outing to the Suncoast Resort & any of the 6 Bars there.
- **Saturday, Oct. 29th:** Early Dinner Cookout at the Resort, evening outing to the Guavaween Celebration in Ybor City in Tampa.
- **Sunday, Oct. 30th:** Final Day, Checkouts and Beach

Hosted by Romeo & Juliette and supported by The Center for Positive Connections. The Social is designed to allow people affected by HIV/AIDS to meet others and gain inspiration, while having fun.

TO RSVP call Brian or register on line.
Cell: 727-458-1249 • Email: Romeo8Juliette@aol.com
<http://www.webspawner.com/users/bhive05/index.html>



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

THE CENTER FOR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS
SUPPORT & RESOURCE CENTER

1
Acupuncture
Massage • Mental Health
Spanish Support Group
8-10pm
Welcome Evelyn Trisbain, MS
Counseling - Facilitating
Spanish Group

2
Reiki • Massage
Body Talk • Trager
Gay Support Group 7-9pm

3
Acupuncture • Reiki
Massage • Mental Health
Hetero Family & Friends
Support Group
7-9pm

4
Massage • Reiki
Trinity Healing 6:30-7pm
Guided Karmic Meditation
7-9pm
Chakra Chiming 7-9pm
MacBeth
New Theatre • 8pm

5
Neurologist
Massage

6
Check out our
website for the latest info
www.positiveconnections.org
Pet Project • August 13
9am - Noon

7
FOR YOUR HEALTH!
Check out our
lending library open
during regular hours

8
Acupuncture
Massage
Mental Health
Spanish Support Group
8-10pm

9
Reiki • Massage
Body Talk • Trager
Gay Support Group 7-9pm

10
Acupuncture • Reiki
Massage • Mental Health
Hetero Family & Friends
Support Group
7-9pm

11
Reiki • Massage
Chakra Chiming 7-9pm
**Marlin vs
Diamondbacks**
7:05pm

12
Mental Health
Massage • Neurologist

13
PARTY in the PARK
and 10th Anniversary
Celebration
Oleta Park • Noon-4pm
Big, Bold & Beautiful
Center for the Performing Arts
Amaturo Theatre • 8pm

The Center for Positive Connections provides emotional, educational, social support & holistic services to the HIV infected community, targeting heterosexuals, newly diagnosed and attracted family and friends. We serve all those infected regardless of sex, race, economic status, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. Please bring proof of status, residency and income to join and continue receiving services at TPCP.

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Acupuncture
Massage
Mental Health
Spanish Support Group 8-10pm
LOOK
DINNER LECTURE
Optimizing Life with
HIV • 7-9pm

16
Reiki • Massage
Gay Support
Group 7-9pm

17
Acupuncture • Massage
Mental Health
Reiki
Hetero Support 7-9pm

18
Reiki • Massage
LOOK
DINNER LECTURE
Achieving Peace
Through End-of-Life
Planning • 7-9pm

19
Mental Health
Massage • Neurologist
**Weekend in
Islamorada**

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Remember...Reservations
are required for all activities
305-891-2066
And please call and cancel
if you cannot attend.
through Sunday

All activities are held at the Center unless otherwise indicated. Reservations are necessary for all events.

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Acupuncture • Body Talk
Trager • Massage
Mental Health
Spanish Support Group
8-10pm

23
Reiki • Massage
Gay Support Group 7-9pm

24
Haircuts / Manicures /
Eyebrow Waxing 11-4pm
Acupuncture • Reiki
Mental Health • Massage
Hetero Support Group
7-9pm

25
Reiki • Massage
Chakra Chiming 7-9pm

26
Mental Health
Massage • Neurologist
Jazz at
MOCCA 8pm

27
GIRL TALK
Women's Support
Group Dinner 7-9pm
Group is getting bigger.
Lots of fun. Come join us!

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Interested in
sponsoring
this
newsletter?
Call Sheri
305-891-
2066

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Massage
Acupuncture
Mental Health
Family & Friends Spanish
Support Group
8-10pm

30
Massage • Reiki
Gay Support Group 7-9pm

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Acupuncture • Reiki
Mental Health • Massage
Hetero Support Group
7-9pm
This month's
Birthday celebrations

Check out our gym!
Open during Center's
operating hours

STOP BY
The Center is open
9am-9pm Monday
through Thursday
9-6 on Friday

Keep in touch...
We often receive tickets
at the last minute.

COMING UP: OCTOBER 15 THROUGH 22 - CARIBBEAN CRUISE PLUS GREAT PRE-CRUISE PLANS • SEE PAGE 4 AND 5 FOR DETAILS

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