



# Long Yang Club of Seattle Newsletter

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## **iCON 2002**

iCON 2002 is an international convention for gay Asians and interested non-Asians which will be held from May 23-27, 2002. The co-hosts of iCON 2002 are the Long Yang Club of Montreal and the Long Yang Club of Ottawa.

At our 4-day program, you will get to meet with gay Asian men and interested non-Asians, from LYC-International chapters and other associated gay "East-West" groups all over the world.

## **New Stuff**

People wanted new events, and here they come. We have added a new cocktail social to our line up. That event will be happening the 2nd Saturday of each month at the famous Rosebud Restaurant. We are also working on a tea social and continue to work on a regular Night FantAsia. Since summer is coming, we plan on some outdoor events also. Please email or call us with suggestions.

## **Chairman Duncan Speaks**

Wow, the year is sure flying by. Here comes another Icon, and it seems like I was just hosting the last one in Seattle. Unfortunately, I won't be attending this year's Icon, but our secretary (Jimmy) will be able to go. Let's wish him a fun and safe trip to Canada.

Interest has been slowing down for some of our events. Please tell us what you would like to see. And as always, we can use volunteers to run our group and/or host our events.

## **Long Yang Club Pride '02**

On Friday, June 27, 1969, officers from the Public Morals Section of the NYC Police Department raided the Stonewall Inn, one of the city's largest and most popular gay bars. Because the patrons fought back and began a riot that continued for 3 days this is considered the beginning of the modern day Gay and Lesbian Movement.

Many cities commemorate this event by having a parade and festival on the last weekend of June. Los Angeles' parade is so large that it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest parade in California after the Rose Parade and it's festival expects to attract over a million celebrants.

Seattle's Pride Parade, Rally and Festival will take place on June 29-30<sup>th</sup>. The Rally will be on June 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>. And the Parade and Festival will be on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Those of us who date back to the 70's can remember the persecution and violence that GLBT people faced. This same persecution and violence still affects GLBT people in other parts of this country and in many other places in this world. Come out to celebrate GLBT Pride in Seattle and to commemorate all the sacrifice that has gone on before us.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Long Yang Club will begin the Pride week with our annual Pride Potluck/Party at 7:00 pm. Our own West Coast LYC coordinator, Jimmy, will talk about traveling in Asia. He is a travel agent and has traveled to Asia many, many times. He will also give a report about iCON 2002 and talk about the other Long Yang Clubs in the world. Watch for more details about this later.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

(all events are subject to change, please check with our web page or hotline for the most up to date information)

### APRIL 2002

6	Sat	4:30PM	Council Meeting
6	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social

### MAY 2002

4	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social
19	Sun	1:00PM	Council Meeting
19	Sun	3:00PM	Potluck
30	Thu	10:00PM	Night FantAsia (tentative)

### JUNE 2002

1	Sat	12:00PM	Council Meeting
1	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social
8	Sat	7:30PM	Cocktail Social
21	Fri	7:00PM	Pride Party
27	Thu	10:00PM	Night FantAsia (tentative)

## RANTS & RAVES

I think I'm gonna need more room. What am I gonna rant about. How about those lazy people that can return a shopping cart back to the store. Or what about those idiots that can't park their car between 2 white lines. Not to mention those people that park their SUVs in a compact parking spot. And don't forget those morons that can't drive but are yakkin on their cell phones. And whats my number one pet peeve---bad drivers!

Well, enuff of my bitching. There are stuff that I can rave about also. Another gay bar opening up (Blu), when it opens, nobody knows. Macintosh is all the rave, which is a great alternative to Windows. And what about all the generous people that donated after the 9-11 incident. Thank you. Life is only as good as what we make it out to be. So let's spread some love and make this world a better place to live. And whats the greatest thing I'm happy about---high speed internet connection.

**Long Yang Club of Seattle:** We are an international, non-profit social and educational group established for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people who share an interest in Asian culture.

LYC-Seattle exists to provide an understanding and supportive environment, to raise awareness of the Northwest Gay Asian community, and to promote an atmosphere that encourages and inspires multi-cultural communication, learning, and fun.

**Membership** in LYC is open to all WA residents over the age of 18. All membership information is held in strict confidence. Annual membership dues are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple. To join, leave a message on the hotline, or send us an email, or sign up at our web site.

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