



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 was held from May 23-27, 2002. The co-hosts of iCON 2002 were the Long Yang Club of Montreal and the Long Yang Club of Ottawa.

Many people showed up and many people had fun. New officers were elected and planning began for future Icons. Icon 2003 is scheduled to be in Paris from May 22-25. Start making plans for next year.

Mr/Miss Gay Asian PI Int'l

Although this is not an official LYC event, we are sponsoring this as it may be of interest to some people. This event starts at 7PM on August 23 at Nippon Kan Theater. It is a \$10 donation and will be hosted by Teriyaki Temple. For more info: please contact David @ 206.264.7883 or email TeriyakiTemple@aol.com.

Chairman Duncan Speaks

Hey look, summer is finally here! Time to put on your shorts and go out and enjoy the weather. Icon 2002 is over and we look forward to Icon 2003 in Paris. The new international Chairman recently visited Seattle and joined us during one of our potlucks. Looks like we will be in good hands.

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.

Buying Houses Together

The largest transaction in our lives is often the purchase of our home. Unfortunately gay couples have a few more burdens than married couples to deal with. What are the implications for the surviving partner should there be a death? Married couples have the law on their side; gay couples often will have the law working against them. In addition to the planning that we should all be doing anyway (wills, etc.), there are three tasks that need to be completed in conjunction with the purchase of a house.

First, get to the attorney's office to discuss the titling of the property. Reliance on the escrow company or rules of thumb can be a major mistake. Each couple's circumstance, family and desires are unique; the best answer for you may be different from someone else's.

Second, while you're at the attorney's office, draw up a partnership agreement for the two of you. If it doesn't all work out, now is the time to decide what to do. At the beginning, no one knows whose fault any falling out might be, so the agreement will tend to be fair. The agreement should deal with such issues as ownership, tax questions and unwinding the partnership.

Third, consider how to protect each other should one partner become incapacitated or die. The easiest approach here is life insurance, but there are a lot of possible options. Losing a partner, and then losing the house later doesn't have to happen.

So increase your rewards: protect yourselves, protect your relationship and protect your investments.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

JULY 2002

6	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social
13	Sat	5:00PM	Council Meeting
13	Sat	7:30PM	Cocktail Social
27	Sat	6:00PM	Potluck

AUGUST 2002

3	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social
10	Sat	5:00PM	Council Meeting
10	Sat	7:30PM	Cocktail Social
18	Sun	12:00PM	Potluck @ VP

SEPTEMBER 2002

7	Sat	5:00PM	Council Meeting
7	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social
14	Sat	7:30PM	Cocktail Social
15	Sun	3:00PM	Potluck

Rise to the Occasion

by Bradley T Greive

Don't compromise your life by becoming a victim. If someone does the wrong thing, stand up tall and say, "Hey, buster, that's not right by me!"



Many people think that peace and beauty are to be gained by avoiding conflict. This is utterly ludicrous. It is an immutable and universal law that the strong will dominate the weak. Harmony is an ideal that Mother Nature has never respected (if you don't accept this, then ask the 99.9% of all species that were extinct well before human beings ever came into existence). Confrontation is inevitable unless you are prepared to endorse hate and destruction or become another victim of them. On this Earth you cannot avoid that which is violent, ugly, unjust, or cruel—but you can overwhelm these things by being good, loving, kind, true, forgiving, courageous, gentle, and incredibly strong. Create and defend the life you and your loved ones deserve.

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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