



April 2010 CCC Newsletter

Celebrating 27 years of Unity, Recovery & Service

The Castro Country Club first opened its doors on April 1, 1983. We have several events planned to celebrate and commemorate the anniversary all month long, ending with "Keep the Steps in the Castro," the April 24 kick-off to our six-month fundraising campaign to buy our building!

Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque – Saturday April 3

Nine thousand, eight hundred and fifty-five days – that's how long the Castro Country Club has been providing a safe refuge for the clean & sober community in the Castro neighborhood. And it takes dozens of volunteers to keep the Club open seven days a week from early morning until late at night. Please help thank our volunteers at this casual barbeque on the back patio on **Saturday April 3, 12 noon-3pm**. Longtime Club volunteer Ric W (who is celebrating one year) will be manning the grill! All-you-can-eat for \$10. Free to current volunteers.

Mr & Miss Castro Country Club 2010 Pageant – Saturday April 10

The LayBelline Show, which has raised almost \$1500 for the "Keep the Steps in the Castro" campaign, will be presented on the second Saturday of each month beginning this month. **Saturday April 10 at 10:30pm**, drag Impresario LayBelline hosts the first Mr & Miss Castro Country Club Pageant at The LayBelline Show! A celebrity panel and audience applause will choose two contestants to wear the CCC crown at street fairs, fundraisers and other events all year long based on lip-synch ability, costume, overall presence, and a question/answer round. If you are interested in performing, email LayBelline at zachary.davenport@gmail.com. *Deadline to enter is Sunday April 4th, 2010.*

CCC Oral Histories Video Project – Sunday April 11

If you were around in the early days of the Castro Country Club, we need your memories! On **Sunday, April 11 at 1:30pm**, a special committee led by Robert C, Carly R, Hank B and Crispin H has organized a one-hour videotaping of early "members" of the Club sharing their recollections in a group setting. The tape will be shown as part of an historical installation at the "Keep the Steps in the Castro" event on April 24. The committee is also collecting photographs and written memories. For more information, or to RSVP for the April 11 taping, please write to info@castrocountryclub.org.

Pledge Drive Training – Saturday April 17

Have trouble asking people for money, even if it's for a good cause? Join us at the Club on **Saturday April 17** for a special training on how to rack up small donations for our "Keep the Steps in the Castro" capital campaign. For details, write info@castrocountryclub.org or visit our Facebook group.

“Keep the Steps in the Castro” kick-off April 24

We have set a goal of raising \$100,000 in small, tax-deductible contributions in just six months. Together with larger contributions from major donors, we hope that these funds will allow us to buy the building that has been home to the Castro Country Club for nearly three decades. Please join Senator Mark Leno, Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Baker Places executive director Jonathan Vernick, Marilyn Healy and other special guests at the Castro Country Club as we kick-off the “Keep the Steps in the Castro” campaign on **Saturday April 24, 11am-2pm**. Music by DJ Robbie Martin, sizzling barbeque, great raffle prizes. \$10 suggested donation.

Other Special Events in April

WATCH THESE THINGS

This month, the Castro Country Club hosts sobriety birthday parties for:

- Watch **Andrew R** turn one, **Friday April 2**, 10pm-midnight
- Watch **Dawson E** turn one, **Monday April 5**, 10pm-midnight
- **Jeff S** plans to ring in three years, **Friday April 23**, 7-10pm

Come help these boys celebrate... and bring a newcomer.

THE ICE NUNS COMETH

Several years ago, the amazing Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, who have always been stalwart supporters of the Castro Country Club, bought us a new ice machine, which finally broke down last month. But on **Easter Sunday April 4 at 12pm** at their 31st Anniversary Party at Dolores Park, the Sisters plan to present Club manager Terry Beswick with a check for \$2000 to pay for a new machine so we can continue making those yummy Peet’s frappucinos! So come on down and join us in thanking the Sisters at the party with perennial favorites like the Hunky Jesus Contest and the Easter Bonnet Contest - this year with an Alice in Wonderland twist! (Check thesisters.org for rain contingency plans).

CULT MOVIE CLASSICS

Joey B and Bruce L play host **every Friday night at 10:00pm** with delicious cult classics. Free admission, free popcorn, free fellowship. April is “Girlie Cult Movie Month” (except for April 2):

- **April 2** – Spike & Mike’s Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation
- **April 9** – Death Becomes Her
- **April 16** – Heathers
- **April 23** – Drop Dead Gorgeous
- **April 30** – Mean Girls

GAME NIGHT

Friday April 23, 7-10pm is Game Night at the Castro Country Club, hosted by the “Each Day a New Beginning” meeting at Our Lady of Safeway (meets Monday – Friday @ 7am).

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Our website is currently undergoing a makeover, but while under reconstruction, it is up and running and accepting donations! It also includes a link to our Facebook group, which provides the latest meeting schedule, party invites, and other events!

April Meeting Schedule

The April schedule listed below includes 30 weekly meetings of various twelve-step groups, including

AA, NA, CMA, SLAA, SAA, OA, CoDA and DA. Please support these meetings! If you would like to start a new meeting at the Club, please send an e-mail to info@castrocountryclub.org.

Sunday

Gay Men's Stag – AA 9:30am
Step Study on Anorexia – SLAA 5:15pm (c)
Bill's Coffee – CMA 7:00pm
Phoenix Group – NA 9:00pm

Monday

Big Book "Design for Living" – AA 7:30am*
The View From Here – CMA 12:00pm
LGBTQI – OA 7:00pm
Feelings in Sobriety – SAA 7:30pm
Castro Big Book – AA 8:30pm

Tuesday

Big Book "Design for Living" – AA 7:30am*
Dopeless Hope Fiends – CMA 12:00pm
Living Sober With HIV/Hep C – CMA 6:00pm
Progress Not Perfection – AA 8:30pm

Wednesday

Big Book "Design for Living" – AA 7:30am*
Pink Cloud @ Noon – CMA 12:00pm+
Just For Hump Day – CMA 6:00pm
Ladies Night Castro – AA 6:30pm*

Thursday

Big Book "Design for Living" – AA 7:30am*
Codependents Anonymous Step Study – CoDA 9:00am
Sex In2meUC – CMA 12:00pm+
Thursday Step Study – CMA 7:00pm
Recovery & Change – DA 7:00pm+
As Bill Sees It – AA 8:30pm

Friday

Big Book "Design for Living" – AA 7:30am*
Willing & Able (Daily Reflections/chips) – AA 8:30am
Castro Nooners (speaker/discussion/chips) – AA 12:00pm (starts April 9)

Saturday

Step It Up – CMA 1:00pm
Beginners' Step Study – AA 6:30pm
They Don't Know Who We Are – AA (young people/chips) 7:00pm
You Are Not Alone – NA (chips) 8:00pm

* = needs support + = new meeting (c) = closed to individuals outside specific fellowship