

which were open to anyone interested in joining the bureau, dealt with topics that might be presented at a typical speaking engagement, said Pam Ladds, a psychotherapist in private practice and an AIDS educator who has already done speaking engagements for some area organizations. Ladd was part of the work group that put together the training sessions. Topics covered included racism, classism, ageism and the problems of persons living with AIDS.

Ladds said the Speaker's Bureau is modeled closely after a similar organization that is already operating successfully in Boston. "There was no need to reinvent the wheel," said Ladds. "We can learn from their mistakes, specifically how to get the word out about the bureau."

About 20 people attended the Sept. 28 session.

Carolyn Jones who works for the University of Pennsylvania in the human resources office was one of the attendees. Jones works with the faculty and administration on diversity issues and wanted to raise her awareness of gay, lesbian,

speaker's bureau independent of the Mayor's office so that the views

services. They expect to be "up and running" in a few weeks, said Ladds.

## Hunter Muir, 25, Dies from AIDS

David Hunter Muir died Sept. 6 of complications from AIDS. He was 25.

He had been active in various community groups. He was a member of Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, a Quaker organization and the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP):

Muir worked locally as a model and did video reviews for various local newspapers and WXPB's Kid's Corner and Gaydreams. He worked at Spruce Street Video and later as an advertising representative and promotions coordinator for TLA Video.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate his life on Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. at Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends, 1515 Cherry St. Donations in Muir's



memory can be sent to Friends for Lesbians and Gay Concerns Fund for Suffering, P.O. Box 222, Sumneyton, Pa. 18084.

by the Philadelphia Columbus 500 Committee to organize and promote the parade, is determined to make this year's Columbus Day Parade, scheduled for Oct. 13, a politically correct event.

Parade organizers have contacted Jim Dane, co-chair of Lesbian and Gay Pride of Delaware Valley, and asked him to put together a contingent of lesbian, gay and bisexual marchers for the upcoming parade, said Jane Haas, a spokeswoman for the Bureau.

"We are not (only) celebrating Columbus but (also) people of ethnic and cultural diversity," said Haas. "This will be truly a celebration of ethnic and cultural heritage."

Meryl Levitts, spokeswoman for the Philadelphia Columbus 500 Committee, agreed.

"A neighbor is a neighbor and we're excited about everyone's participation," Levitts said.

The theme of this year's parade will be "Neighbor's in the New World."

Haas said that the Bureau is determined to "celebrate in a politically correct way" the 499th anniversary of Columbus Day.

line up for the parade is not yet determined and different ethnic and cultural groups are still being asked to march even at this late date.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at Broad and Chestnut streets and will proceed east on Chestnut Street to Penn's Landing, where the "Neighbor's With the New World" festival will be held.

Dane said he wasn't sure if he could pull together a group of marchers so quickly.

The gay and lesbian marchers would only have to be loosely organized with a banner to identify them, said Haas.

### CORRECTION

A story in the Sept. 20 edition of PGN incorrectly identified the residence of Human Rights Campaign Fund board member Karen A. Robinson.

Robinson is a resident of Vorhees, N.J.

PGN seeks to correct errors promptly. If you have a correction, please bring it to our attention by calling the editorial department at (215) 625-8501.

## AREA BRIEFS

### Block party to celebrate Coming Out Day

The Lesbian and Gay Pride of Delaware Valley Inc. will sponsor the third annual Coming Out Block Party on Oct. 12 held again on the 1100 block of Pine Street from noon to 6 p.m. A new addition to the festivities is the water-dunk booth operated by LGPDV. They are looking for volunteers to sit in the booth.

There will also be non-profit groups and crafts vendors. An expanded flea market over last year and another new addition of carnival games.

National Coming Out Day is a non-profit organization based in Santa Fe, N.M. which encourages individuals to come out and publicly celebrate their identities as lesbians and gay men. For more information, write to National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe, N.M. 87054 or call 1-800-445-NCOD.

For more information about the Philadelphia Coming Out Block Party call the LGPDV's hotline at (215) 829-9275.

### LGPDV announces general meeting

In other LGPDV news there will be a general membership meeting on Oct. 14,

7:30 p.m. at St Luke's Church, 1300 block of Pine Street. The purpose of the meeting is to elect six people to the board of directors.

Members will be asked to vote on a proposed addition to the by-laws which would limit the terms of board officers and another proposed change to the by-laws that was submitted by BiUnity, a bisexual support group, to change the name of the organization to Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Pride of Delaware Valley, Inc.

### Keith Haring show in Lambertville, N.J.

The works of Keith Haring, the celebrated pop artist who died in 1990, will be exhibited at the Avanti Galleries in Lambertville, N.J. from Oct. 13 to Nov. 3. Portions of the proceeds from sales will benefit Hyacinth Foundation, New Jersey's and Bucks County's leading AIDS service and education organization.

Organizers said that over \$1 million in art at all price levels will be available for purchase and viewing. The show will feature paintings, prints, sculpture and posters. A preview reception is planned for Oct. 13 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the galleries.

Avanti Galleries is located at 6 North Union Street in Lambertville.

### Delaware County PWA looking to start an ACT UP chapter

A Delaware County person with AIDS is hoping to start a local chapter of ACT UP to confront the "bureaucracy and homophobia."

Evito Gonzalez, 40, of Upper Darby, wants other PWA's and health-care activists to contact him personally so that plans can be made to initiate an ACT UP/Delaware County.

"I was one of the first people to go public in this county with my HIV status," said Gonzalez. "I am looking for others that feel they have confronted the same bureaucracy, dogma and homophobia that I have faced."

Gonzalez can be reached at (215) 352-7032. His mailing address is P.O. Box 2232, Bywood Station, Upper Darby, Pa. 19082.

### Gay, lesbian youth to be topic of seminar in Pittsburgh

A coalition of religious groups, teaching professionals and gay and lesbian organizations in the Pittsburgh area is sponsoring an all-day forum that will address

the problems faced by lesbian, gay and bisexual students.

A highlight of the workshop, Invisible Youth, will be a keynote speech by Virginia Urbine, who is the founder and director of Project 10, a counseling program for gay and lesbian students. Urbine was quoted in the article, "Teen Suicide: The Government's Cover-up and America's Lost Children," which appeared in the Sept. 24 issue of The Advocate.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. and cost \$25. For more information call the Youth Conference Persad Center in Pittsburgh at (412) 441-0857.

### Den to hold Hyacinth benefit

The Hyacinth Foundation, New Jersey's leading AIDS service and education organization, will be sponsoring a kick-off bash for the 3rd annual AIDS Walk N.J. on Oct. 10.

The benefit will be held at The Den, 700 Hamilton St., Somerset, N.J. All proceeds will benefit the New Jersey AIDS Awareness Walkathon which is scheduled for Oct. 20 in New Brunswick.

There will be live entertainment at the event. For more information call (908) 545-7329. Doors open at 8 p.m.