



VOLUNTEERS ARE THE SHIP!

Volunteers last month made for clear skies & smooth sailing! Ringing in the first summer issue without a hitch. We all had a great time.

It was good to see some new faces and some that haven't been here in a while. The pizza time afterwards was a real treat.

Also a special shout out to Liz for her tireless volunteering. Congrats on the new job in Chicago!! You will be missed.

Happy Pride everyone and hope to see you at the stuffing on July 26th!!!

thanks!

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COMMUNITY

Drag Idol

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It's July in Vermont and that means it is Pride season. This year the annual Vermont Drag Idol competition has teamed up with the Sisters LeMay and Higher Ground to present the biggest Pride party EVER! With 135 Pearl's recent closing, this "Pride Beach Ball" will be THE place to be on the night of Pride, Saturday July 8th. For the first time EVER, the Pride party will have something for everyone (no matter your age.)

The 3rd Vermont Drag Idol will kick off the evening at 7 pm in the main Ballroom of Higher Ground. This event features the BEST of amateur drag performers from all over Vermont as they compete for the coveted title of DRAG IDOL 2006. This event is all ages and is modeled off of the popular American Idol where the audience gets to vote on who they like best. This part of the evening is a fundraiser for Outright Vermont, the state's only queer youth organization.

Contestants are currently being recruited for the two age categories for performers (17 and under, and 18 and above.) Visit the Outright Vermont website: www.outrightvt.org for more information or call the office at 802-865-9677. No experience is necessary and each performer is limited to one song (lip-syncing only please!)

Come be part of the fun. Tickets are currently on sale for \$12 and will increase to \$15 on the day of the event. Visit Higher Ground's website for ticket information: www.highergroundmusic.com. ▼

COMMUNITY

Chrysalis Community Closes Retreat Center

Service Organization to Focus on Outreach

POWNAI - Chrysalis Community, an environment for people to learn and practice holistic methods for healing the mind, body and spirit, will now focus its efforts exclusively to outreach and will broaden its focus to all illnesses, not just HIV/AIDS.

Since its inception in 2002, Chrysalis Community has provided services to people with HIV/AIDS both onsite and through outreach programs. Given its desire to provide free or low-cost services and reach a greater number of people, and the increasingly challenging climate of fundraising, the executive board of Chrysalis Community has decided that pro-

gramming should be exclusively focused on outreach. This shift will permit Chrysalis Community to continue its efforts in holistic education without the time and cost involved in running a facility. Our programs will include lectures and workshops at hospitals, clinics and community centers in the region.

As a result, effective June 1st 2006, Chrysalis Community will terminate its lease on its Pownal, Vermont facility. Speaking on behalf of the board of directors, founder and director Sunshine Wohl said "We have been blessed by the contributions of many wonderful and generous people in the area

and through their generosity have helped many people over the years." She continued, "Our focus on outreach programs will allow us to reach even more people in the community moving forward." ▼

➔ Press release from Chrysalis Community. Founded in 2002, Chrysalis Community is a nonprofit organization with 501c3 status. It is dedicated to teaching people living with illness holistic methods for healing the mind, body and spirit. Contact: info@chrysaliscommunity.org or call 802-823-9309.