



Leather Institute for Education, Detroit

The past assumption is that one would have to go to Chicago or L.A. to get this information. The thing that makes Chicago and L.A. and New York work is that the straight and gay populations at least acknowledge that there are sufficient numbers that you can't marginalize them easily (and business-wise, they would do so at their own folly).

L.I.F.E. Detroit held its yearly Detroit Area Rough and Kinkfest (DARK) Weekend in February, 2005, which promoted education and presented demonstrations in the areas of leather, kink and fetish to the pansexual community.

We in L.I.F.E. Detroit feel that there is enough Leather Pride in the Metro Detroit area, and enough resources that we can grow and improve from home.

Past Topic for L.I.F.E. Detroit:

Some of the topics that have been discussed are:

- * *Living in leather*
- * *How to Meet .*
- * *Mentoring Network*
- * *Seducing Consent.*
- * *BDSM 101.*
- * *D/s Household and Some of Those Intricacies.*
- * *Validation – It is OK to be into leather and are there others into leather.*
- * *Where to play (available places) or building a place to play.*
- * *Leather Etiquette.*
- * *Negotiation a Scene.*
- * *Pansexual Summits.*
- * *Wax Play.*
- * *Why bottom? / Why top?*
- * *How to Identify a Player.*
- * *Play Party Etiquette .*
- * *"Insertable" Toys.*
- * *Rope Play.*

Everything presented is not considered for everyone, but is presented in the view that if one is interested in that topic, more information can be presented or better sources can be directed.

If you have suggestions for future topics, wish to address L.I.F.E. on a topic, or wish to offer feedback from our past topics, please send us an email at topics@lifedetroit.com.

Past Presenters at L.I.F.E. Detroit:

Sir Richard	Master Sar	Bob Bender
Diamond Jim	Mark Ensinger	Shane Roberts
Jack Rinella	Dale G. Ross	Goddess Lakshimi
L'Varado	Master Alex Keppeler	

Upcoming Events:

Mondays

L.I.F.E. Detroit meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month. Meetings are held at: Diamond Jim's Saloon, 19650 West Warren (at Evergreen), Detroit, MI 48228. For more information, call (313) 336-8680 or check out our website, www.LIFEDETROIT.com.

Saturday, July 9, 2005

LIFE Detroit's 3rd Anniversary Party

At Diamond Jim's Saloon, 19650 West Warren (at Evergreen), Detroit, MI 48228, (313) 336.-8680.

- Speakers and vendors: 1 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Educational Demonstrations: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5, 2006

DARK Weekend returns!

Keep watching the Website for more info.



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Press Release—LIFE Detroit to Hold Third Anniversary Party

L.I.F.E. Detroit, the Leather Institute for Education, Detroit will be holding its Third Anniversary Party on Saturday, July 9, 2005, at Diamond Jim’s Saloon, 19650 West Warren (at Evergreen), Detroit, MI 48228, (313) 336-8680

The event will kick off on Friday, July 8. There will be country line dancing and a “meet & Greet” party beginning at 10 p.m.

The Anniversary Party begins on Saturday, July 9 with a vendors market, leather swap meet, and educational speakers from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. On Saturday evening, there will be Educational Demonstrations from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The Anniversary Weekend will culminate with a barbeque and a Keynote Address on Sunday, July 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We hope everyone will attend and come and Celebrate L.I.F.E.

What is L.I.F.E. Detroit?

L.I.F.E. - Leather Institute for Education is a Metro-Detroit based discussion and presentation group that meets twice a month for the purpose of sharing knowledge with the Pansexual Leather, BDSM and D/s community:

- We are dedicated to education.
- We are a pansexual group - all are welcome.
- We are tolerant of viewpoints.
- We offer support and act as "hub" of cross-community resources.
- We offer nationally known presenters.
- We are a neutral group and strive to be non-political.

This is a great place to begin to learn about or to share your acquired knowledge with brothers and sisters in the Leather Community.

One reason L.I.F.E. Detroit was established is that there is less and less transition about where the Leather (and like lifestyles) came from, what it's about, and what it entails. There is less and less transition from "old guard" to "new guard", and L.I.F.E. strives to help educate where there are gaps in knowledge.

It is also an opportunity, where there is no function currently on the books that includes ALL (or as many segments) of the leather community locally.

As a learning function, it has a unique opportunity to have a familiar face speaking to it's potential constituent communities, both Gay and Straight. That is a very valuable thing from the standpoint of trying to bridge some gaps in how we approach those that maybe "don't like us."

Another reason for L.I.F.E. Detroit, is that there are so many "grass root" kink-groups locally that few know about. L.I.F.E. Detroit has guest speakers, sometimes from some of these groups, who will come in and present information, demonstrations, and discussions from the perspective of their group, or from experience.