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A Message from the Board

Over the past several months the Connecticut Stonewall Foundation, also known as Stonewall Speakers, has gone through several dramatic changes. While many of these changes have been transparent to most outsiders we have grown to ensure the future success of the organization. During the last 6 months we have:

- Elected a new board
- Ratified Bylaws
- Established a new Mission Statement
- Determined a Value Structure
- Attended Training at Stonewall Center at University of Massachusetts in Amherst
- Completed a Strategic Planning Program facilitated by Holly Algood

Stonewall Speakers Mission Statement

<i>Mission</i>	<p>One of our primary goals was to rework the Mission Statement to bring it in line with the current goals of the organization and the vocabulary of the time. Our new mission states:</p> <p><i>The Connecticut Stonewall Foundation, Inc. increases understanding, acceptance and respect for same gender-loving, bisexual and transgender people through educational outreach.</i></p>
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<i>Did You Know?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stonewall Speakers is 19 Years old</i> • <i>We currently have 70 Active Speakers</i> • <i>We are scheduled to speak at an estimated 50 commitments this school year</i> • <i>We have spoken at over 50% of the towns in CT over the past 10 years</i> • <i>We have told our stories to over 10,000 students!!!</i>
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Speaker Training

We are now actively recruiting new speakers and will be conducting new speaker trainings on April 7th in Madison, CT and on April 28th in New Canaan, CT. We are counting on all of you who have been speakers for so long to help our new speakers.-->

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Speaker Training (Cont)

Several of us recently visited the Stonewall Center at University of Massachusetts in Amherst. UMASS also has a speaker's bureau called Stonewall Speakers and conducts panels across Massachusetts as we do across Connecticut. Our formats are similar. One difference is that their engagements coordinator identifies one speaker as the lead speaker. We feel that this change will help our newer speakers and our effectiveness overall. Therefore, as of April 1st our coordinator will also indicate a lead speaker on every new engagement.

Please let our engagement coordinator, MaryAnne Gooder, know if for any reason you are not comfortable filling the lead speaker role. Otherwise, MaryAnne will rotate the assignment to any speaker who has completed at least one year of speaking.

The responsibilities of the lead speaker are being finalized and will be mailed out in a separate mailing within the next few weeks.

Appreciation Event

Stonewall Speakers is planning an appreciation event for its speakers and for those that bring us into their facilities. We are planning to have this event in September.

We plan to honor our most dedicated speakers, along with our most dedicated contacts. We plan to make this fun and informative, and give us a chance to get to know each other socially. Expect Fun, Food, and a Gay (Same Gender Loving?) Old Time.

With Much Thanks and Welcome

As most of you are aware we changed Stonewall Coordinators in January. Geraldine Burke did a wonderful job running Stonewall Speakers over the past several years. We are all indebted to her hard work, vision and commitment. Geraldine, you have affected thousands of lives by your work. Thank you so much and we look forward to your continued help with the organization.

MaryAnne Gooder has taken the reins. Welcome MaryAnne, and thank you for all the hard work and effort you have already provided. We have already complete 26 engagements this year and have 24 more booked through June.

Another big THANK YOU goes out to Holly Algood, from Algood Consulting. Holly has donated her time and expertise to walk the Board and additional key Speakers through several Strategic Planning sessions. Her methodology, style, and easy but firm manner has helped us achieve our objectives to date.