

# ACCT



Our Mission: To provide compassionate community based education and services that empower people of all ages to live courageously with HIV/AIDS.

## ACCT NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Southside Pharmacy will be sponsoring a lunch on Thursday, May 2nd and presenting an Educational Support Group along with our own Marianna.
- “Lee’s Art Lessons” - Last month several clients made mosaics with the theme for the annual Champagne Brunch “60’s Boob Tube Mania. So far we have renditions of “I Love Lucy”, “I Dream of Jeannie”, “Laugh In”, “Mr. Ed”, “My Favorite Martian”, “Outer Limits” and the NBC Peacock. We will finish these mosaics and perhaps do a few smaller ones. Join us at the Center on Tuesday, May 14th, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. We will be serving lunch and it is FREE. Transportation is available so call Jake at 763-2437 to be picked up.
- The Houston Volunteer Lawyers will be at ACCT on Thursday, May 23rd at 9 a.m. Call Sean to make an appointment or to discuss what services they offer.
- Our monthly movie day is on the 4th Tuesday of the month. This month it will be on May 28th from 11 a.m. –2 p.m. A newly released movie will be shown and we will be having popcorn and a tasty lunch. Call Jake for a ride.
- Dr. Patel will be providing lunch and speaking on “HIV and Aging” Thursday, May 30th at noon.

Marianna Marchesini, MA, LPC-I, of ACCT in conjunction with Rex Green, representative from Southside Pharmacy in Houston, Texas, will begin a bi-monthly healthy living/wellness group. The group will focus on every aspect of living with HIV and will include a mental health component. Rex has initiated this group in several areas of Houston where HIV positive clients attend regularly, and has had a tremendous amount of success and steady attendance. Both Rex and Marianna are excited about the scope and potential of this new activity at ACCT. Meetings are scheduled to start next month (May, 2013) after every first and third Thursday Lunch. A list of potential topics is listed below (this list is subject to change and is just a cursory outline of the group’s content):

HIV Medication Compliance  
HIV Basics  
HIV Overview

Eating Healthier with HIV on a budget  
Medication Navigation Program  
And Much More

## MAJOR FUNDRAISER

The annual Champagne Brunch will take place on Sunday, June 9th from noon to 3:00 at the beautiful San Luis. There is a delicious buffet, lively music and a one of a kind art auction. Local artists are donating a piece of art and our own clients will have a few mosaics included in the auction. Sponsorships are available starting at \$150. Open seating for individuals is \$50 before June 4th and \$60 at the door. Call Pam for more info. 409-763-2437.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

- Angela Bird for an overdue March lunch
- Woody and Richard for the delicious and ample stuffed meat loaf
- Our great pantry workers and “do anything else” Leigh & Dell
- Val for the SUPER French Toast for our Easter Brunch
- Tideway’s Lunch Bunch for being there for us at lunch EVERY month
- ShyKatz for the always wonderful desserts (especially the Strawberry cake)
- Nathan and Candy for always being willing and able to help where needed
- To Eric and Freeda for their help in setting up for the Easter Brunch. Could not have done it without them.
- James, Joey and Travis for cookies and helping with lunch

## FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS

In April we had four different individuals and groups prepare and serve lunch to our clients. If you are interested in donating a lunch, we feed 30-40 clients per week and a lunch sponsorship is \$100, Please call Pam at 763-2437.

## SERVICES

We have lunch every Thursday. Everyone is welcome. There are also Art Classes with Lee on the 2nd Tuesday and Movie Day, headed up by our own Victor, on the 4th Tuesday. All are welcome.

We have free HIV testing at ACCT. No appointment is needed.

## WISH LIST

- We have a “clothes closet” for our clients and would love to take your gently used shoes and clothes both male and female and any size.
- Yoga mats for our new Yoga class
- Padded folding chairs for our ever growing special events i.e. Easter, Thanksgiving etc.

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