



**RHIG**  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH  
INTEREST GROUP



Reproductive Health Interest Group  
General Body Meeting  
May 6, 2008

**I. Announcements**

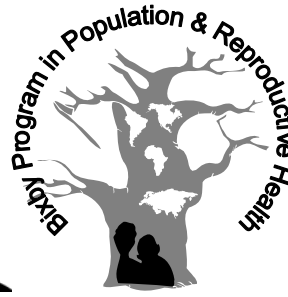
- a. Congratulations to the newly elected officers: Courtney Burks (co-president), Alani Price (speaker chair) and Liz Applegate (speaker chair).
- b. The Daily Bruin quoted Elissa Bradley (issue: May 6, 2008), a senior officer in RHIG, regarding the hike in birth control prices on campuses. Responding to this article, the California Family Health Council (CFHC) has recommended that the UCLA Ashe Center join/apply the Cooperative Purchasing Program (through CFHC) reduce birth control prices. RHIG is looking for a first-year student to follow-up with this UCLA membership process.
- c. Facebook group on RHIG: Group link will be sent to list-serve. The group will serve as an extra forum for event information and photos.
- d. Report on meeting with Dr. Thenya: On May 2, 2008, a group of RHIG students met with Dr. Thenya, a visionary who started the Nairobi Women and Children's Hospital, to present \$1400 raised from the RHIG Talent Show. The final donation amount will actually be doubled to \$2800, due a corporate matching endeavor sponsored by Safaricom (a telecommunications company based in Kenya). The money will be used to plan a Women's Wellness Campus and for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- e. Brand LA Condom: Headed by Elissa and Shonali from RHIG, this project is modeled after NYC Condom Project. Please contact Shonali (shonali@ucla.edu) or Elissa (elissarita@yahoo.com) if interested.

**II. Update from Paula Tavrow**

- a. Bixby Certification update: 2<sup>nd</sup> year students should turn in the completed Bixby competency grid 2 weeks before graduation so that Dr. Tavrow can do a look-through.
- b. RHIG alumni network: Graduating students should send in a new email address post-graduation to stay on list-serve and become part of the LinkedIn network (in the setting up process).
- c. Bixby Lecture, May 8<sup>th</sup> 12-1 pm: Dr. Solomon Orero from Kenya will be presenting from 12-1 at the Dean's Conference Room on the topic of "Abortion vs. Post-abortion Care in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities".



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- d. Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Tavrow will present an Africa update at the AIDS|SIDA: Global Updates, Art, and Performance, taking place at Glorvya Kaufman Hall.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### *HPV:*

- a. Committee will start presentations for sororities. The first one will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup>, at Kappa Alpha Theta.
- b. Plans for Fall Quarter: The committee seeks to reach out to undergrads through summer orientations and to grad students in other departments, thus taking a multi-disciplinary approach to HPV. Potential “Sister to Sister” idea where RHIG reaches out to sorority members, and network with their younger sisters and mothers to start HIV dialogue.

#### *Fundraising:*

- a. Committee presented money raised from RHIG Talent Show to Dr. Thenya.
- b. Raffle: Students who go abroad for summer field work are asked to donate small item to raffle. Through tickets, people designate which item they are interested in. This year, the raffle tickets will also be sold at the PHSA Banquet. At the end of the banquet, all the raffle tickets will be collected and drawn out of a bowl.
- c. RHIG Calendar: Students can contribute pictures from their travels to be compiled into a calendar. This will serve as both a photo competition and a fundraising effort. Dr. Gere from UCLA’s Art | Global Health Center is willing to sponsor some of the costs.
- d. DVD from RHIG Talent Show: Copies will be coming out soon, and tentatively will be sold for \$5 each.

#### *Speaker Committee:*

- a. Sexual Health Fair will be taking place on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM at DeNeve Plaza. There will be a poster making session for the event on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Adult Film Industry Project:*

- a. Planned Parenthood is on board with the bill promoting safety in AFI.
- b. Think Tank: RHIG will be gathering people together to strategize on how to move forward with the AFI legislation.

### **V. Upcoming Events**

- a. Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: Sexual Health Fair from 7-9 PM at DeNeve Plaza. Contact Liz Applegate (eliz.applegate@gmail.com) for more information.
- b. Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Dr Peter Kerndt from LA County will talk about his work in developing film industry legislation and give an update on where things are with past AFI related research.
- c. Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>: RHIG Raffle during the PHSA Banquet
- d. Tentative Date, May 21<sup>st</sup> or May 22<sup>nd</sup>: RHIG Social Night, starting at 6PM. Location is yet to be determined.