



RHIG
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
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Reproductive Health Interest Group
General Body Meeting
Minutes for June 5, 2007
6 pm, Room 61-235

I. Introductions

II. Report on Raffle – Raffle tickets were sold at the PH banquet for \$3 ea or 2/\$5 to raise money for Medicine for Humanity, an organization to help fund for DNA testing of rape victims in Kenya. RHIG raised \$265.00. Most successful ticket sales were at the door to the Banquet.

The group decided that for next year, an announcement to sell tickets should be made during dinner as well as a last minute reminder to buy tickets before the raffle begins.

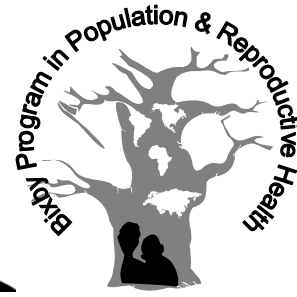
The amount raised was not yet significant enough to be sent since 1 single DNA test would cost approximately \$200. Donations to Medicine for Humanity will be held off until RHIG can raise more money from next year's fundraising events to round out the amount to be sent.

III. RHIG Action – Ideas/Projects for 2007-2008:

- a. **Bill 1511** – RHIG can lobby for and educate the public on this comprehensive sex education bill, which extends the requirement of medically accurate sex education to community venues other than schools.
- b. **HPV** – A subcommittee is gathering information about the HPV vaccine. They plan to hold an event in the fall with various speakers on the issue of increasing access for the UC system's female students.
- c. **Abortion Rights** – The group decided that more information sessions about protecting abortion rights would be beneficial to discuss the ramifications of the recent partial birth abortion bill.
- d. **Collaboration with Fem Magazine** – "Fem," an undergraduate feminist magazine, wants to collaborate with RHIG. The group decided that advertising RHIG speakers, events, and fact sheets in Fem would be a way to attract campus-wide attention.
- e. **International Issues** –
 - i. Medicine for Humanity; RHIG members decided to continue to organize events and activities to raise funds and awareness about DNA testing in Kenya to be continued throughout the 07-08 school year. The group will work on getting speakers about male and female rape and violence. They might also look into organizations that would be willing to match funds that RHIG raises for Medicine for Humanity. For instance, Kaiser might be willing to match funds.
 - ii. The group will decide other international activities in the fall.



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IV. Committee Reports

- a. *Fundraising*: The group decided that a panel of experts about the HPV vaccine might serve as a fundraising possibility for the Fall quarter.
- b. *Speaker Committee*: Two events are planned.
 - **Helen Epstein**, author of the book *The Invisible Cure: Africa, the West and the Fight Against AIDS*. Wednesday, June 6. Dean's conference room, 12-1 pm. Will speak about AIDS prevention in Africa.
 - **Regina Clemente**, Public Affairs Manager from Planned Parenthood: Dean's conference room, 1-2 pm on Thursday June 7. Will speak about the partial birth abortion ban and abortion rights in the United States.
(E-mail Ariel with any ideas for future speakers: aschumake@gmail.com)
- c. *Mobile Clinic* – Staff at the mobile clinic reported that they would not need Public Health students to participate in the coming Fall quarter.
- d. *Lennox Health Fair* – RHIG members will actively contribute to the next Lennox fair.
- e. *Latinas and Reproductive Justice*–The group decided to collaborate with SCPH and Latinas for Reproductive Justice to host a workshop next year.
- f. *Adult Film Industry Project* – It is likely that RHIG will be asked in the fall to assist with another Think Tank. This one will be focused on developing an advocacy strategy for achieving legislation to make the film industry safer for performers. *AFI Survey*: RHIG was able to obtain data from the AFI survey posted online. Interested subcommittee members can meet Wednesday, June 20th at 2 pm in Dr. Tavrow's office to analyze the data.
- g. *HPV Subcommittee* – RHIG members will organize a panel of experts to push towards advocacy of HPV vaccine. UCLA has collaborated with Merck and Ashe in the past. Possible re-collaboration could occur. Subcommittee members will brainstorm ways to strategize getting a panel together, modeling UC Berkeley and commit to a year-long strategy to reach campus-wide recognition of issues. Members will look into GSA funding for speakers to participate in panel. Applications need to be submitted by 3rd through 6th week of Fall quarter. Elissa reported that the HPV Bruinwalk table was successful in distributing information on Gardasil, the HPV vaccine, and condoms. HPV subcommittee members will plan future tabling events at Bruinwalk.

V. **RHIG Superstars** – Congratulations to Elissa Bradley and Nathan Nickel for their active contribution to RHIG!

VI. Goals for Next Year

RHIG members will be planning for RHIG Fall orientation activities and continue to brainstorm on outreach, education, and fundraising events.