

Provincetown  
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PWA Coalition

## PROVINCETOWN POSITIVE/PWA COALITION

### Who are we?

We are Provincetown Positive/PWA Coalition. Our major goal is to investigate all current developments in AIDS/ARC treatment and to provide that information to local PWA's/ARC's, HIV seropositives, and other concerned individuals. This goal reflects our belief in and active commitment to the idea of self-empowerment for people with AIDS. Our organization was founded by and consists of PWA's/ARC's and concerned members of the community.

### What is PWA Self-Empowerment?

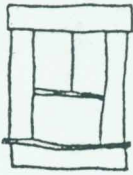
Self-empowerment for PWA's is based on two principles: that the people most directly affected have a right to a voice; and that the process of using that voice has intrinsic healing power. The practice of self-empowerment defies the traditional assumption that people with an illness are powerless victims, and helps them become aware of their choices, enabling them to actively participate in shaping a cooperative relationship with health practitioners.

### What is a PWA Coalition?

Currently, between fifty and seventy local PWA Coalitions exist in this country and Canada, along with the National Association of People with AIDS. While coalitions create their own charter, mission, and priorities, they share with each other and the national group a philosophy whose guiding principle is PWA self-empowerment. For us locally, an expression of this principle is the STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVAL CONFERENCE which we trust will provide information that enables and affirms the persistent campaign for health.

### How to get in touch with us?

At the conference, members will be identified by a name tag, so just grab one of us. Our office is located at 155 Bradford Street. Our phone number is 487-3998. We look forward to meeting and working with you.



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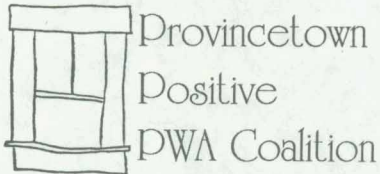
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**AIDS: HEALTH AND SURVIVAL STRATEGIES**  
a conference

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 1988 - SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 1988**  
**PROVINCETOWN ART ASSOCIATION**  
460 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657

At this conference you will hear presentations by three exceptional people in the battle against AIDS.

**DR. NATHANIEL PIER** is a New York physician treating several hundred patients with AIDS and related conditions. He has given numerous lectures in the United States and Canada on treating and surviving AIDS, and has been interviewed as an authority in this field by Cable News Network, The Wall Street Journal, and AIDS Treatment News, among others. Dr. Pier is a member of the Board of Pediatrics AIDS Task Force at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, as well as being on the Institutional Review Board of the Community Research Initiative in New York, the first of its kind organization designed to test in a humane and community based setting experimental treatments for AIDS. Dr. Pier has said "After five years of being on the front lines, my heartfelt feeling is that the top priority for people with AIDS and people who care about AIDS is to demand access to experimental therapies to try to save their lives."

**LARK LAND** runs the Positive Immunity program in Washington D.C., a multi-disciplinary education program for People with AIDS, ARC, HIV seropositive, and others concerned about promoting their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Positive Immunity believes that "having HIV is not a death sentence and that by applying the principles of holistic healing you can return to a state of health and well being." Positive Immunity's presentation includes the blending of a holistic healing program -- nutrition, psychoimmunity, energy therapies, herbs -- with updates on the latest experimental drugs being made available through more traditional medical facilities. Lark Land is also instrumental in a buyers club that makes a variety of health supplements available.

**TOM O'CONNOR** is the author of Living with AIDS: Reaching Out. Diagnosed with AIDS related complex in 1980, he said in a recent interview with Parade Magazine, "I've had ARC for nearly eight years. There are other people doing as well, if not better. I won't say it's a huge number, but it's like doing the four-minute mile. People said no man could do it. But one did. Now there are probably tens of thousands of survivors too." His book takes a how-to-survive approach, examining how people with AIDS and ARC can improve the quality of their lives. On national and local media he advocates AIDS treatment that encompasses conventional and alternative methods.

Saturday, October 22, 1988

NOON: REGISTRATION

1-5PM: LARK LAND

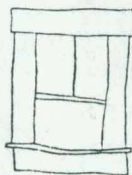
Sunday, October 23, 1988

1-3PM DR. NATHANIEL PIER

4-6PM TOM O'CONNOR

The charge for the conference is a sliding scale from \$10-50. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. No charge for PWA's.

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Notice of Quarterly Business Meeting

August 9, 1989

At the last Business Meeting in April the membership decided we would like to have Quarterly Meetings to discuss the Business and Policies of our group. The Board has set Wednesday August 9th for our next Quarterly.

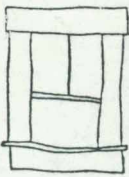
During the last quarter we've done alot as a group. We elected Brigham Auld as our President, Had Ken Trask from the Fenway Community Health Center in to address the membership. We established Contact with The New England C.R.I. being formed. We had Educational Forums on Accupunture, Homeopathy, Peptide-T, etc.

At this Quarterly we would like to discuss - The Wednesday night meetings, The Swim-A-Thon, Volunteers for Office Hours, The Job, Our Fall Schedule, The October Elections, and More. We're looking forward to your Input.

See you There,

*Brigham Auld*

The Board



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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PROVINCETOWN POSITIVE/PWAC (1989-1990)

OFFICE:

Rent, Utilities, Phone  
(Rent.. \$500 a month)

YEAR:

\$8400

SALARIES:

Administrative Director, Full time.....

20,000

Office Worker, Part Time.....

10,000

CONFERENCES TO BE ATTENDED:

NLGHG and AIDS Conference.....\$1500

International AIDS Conference.....\$1500

3,000

CONFERENCES AND FORUMS TO BE HELD HERE:

Four health and Survival Strategies Forums to  
be held. Speakers, Airfare, Facilities Rental.....

10,000

Public Information/Poster Program .....

3,000

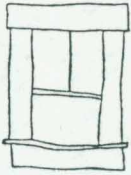
NEWSLETTER (monthly).....

2,000

TOTAL

\$56,000

Projected Budget 2-21-89  
12,000<sup>00</sup> Rent & Utilities  
20,000<sup>00</sup> Salaries  
10,000<sup>00</sup> Conferences  
8,000<sup>00</sup> Counseling  
50,000<sup>00</sup> Total



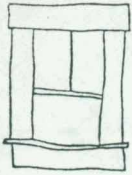
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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26  
AT 7 PM AT THE COALITION OFFICE

1. Read annual report (Jim Rann, Clerk)
2. Treasurer's Report (Sinan Unel, Treasurer)
3. Election of Members: A list of old members will be read and those wishing to remain members will be elected. Then they will nominate and elect new members.
4. Election of President. All new members will elect a President to fill out Keith Donahue's term, which expires in October. In October we will have another election for Board Members and President.
5. Proposals from the Board of Directors: The Board wishes to bring the following ideas to the membership for discussion and possible adoption:
  - A) That the Coalition membership meet quarterly to discuss Coalition business and policy. This proposal was suggested so that we put aside time for business meetings different from the Wednesday night meetings.
  - B). That we host a regional meeting of PWA Coalitions in the Fall. John and Marian brought this suggestion back from the NLGHF Conference. It will mean early planning and some dedication to pull off.
  - C) That we agree to put aside 50% of the 20% of money that the PASG Auction will raise and make available to the coalition, for the purpose of supporting alternative therapies. A committee will be formed to bring forth a proposal about eligibility and distribution, and the membership will vote on this proposal at the October meeting. (The money will be raised in September). If this is confusing, it means that Pasquale has offered to give the Coalition 20% of the money raised at the Auction. We are proposing to set aside 50% of this for Alternative therapies, and have a committee come up with a plan to do it. Then we can all vote on it.
6. Proposals from the floor.
7. Fund Raising: We will need a person to co-ordinate our participation in the WALK on June 4. We immediately need someone to go to a meeting in Boston on Friday the 28th of April just to pick up the pledge sheets and stuff. This doesn't have to be the coordinator. The WALK is giving us \$5000!!!!!!!!!!



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4-26-1989

ANNUAL REPORT--SUBMITTED BY JIM RANN, CLERK

One year ago a group of us got together because we wanted to do something about AIDS in Provincetown, and we wanted to find a way to get the kind of information about therapies that was happening in NYC and San Francisco into our community. Keith Donahue, our first President, had come back from New York with all kinds of information, empowerment, and ideas that he wanted to see actualized here. These original ideas became the seeds for the PP/PWAC. Now that we look back over the last year, we are amazed at how many of our original ideals have been addressed and actualized.

1. We established Provincetown Positive/PWA Coalition and agreed on a purpose and set of goals. We became an affiliate of the National Association of PWA Coalitions. We accepted the Denver Principles as our own and have brought them to public awareness.
2. We set our priorities for the first year, which included an office, a paid staff person, and educational programs. We set bringing AP to Provincetown as an initial goal.
3. We wrote educational pamphlets, and had articles published in NEXT and Provincetown Magazine.
4. We established contact with the CRI in New York and began to get and disseminate information about therapies in Provincetown. We began to pressure Outer Cape Health for AP treatments, and supplied them with nebulizers which were donated by CRI and then Sam Hardison. Eventually, after many months of negotiations and a "die in" demonstration at Outer Cape, we saw AP finally come to Provincetown. We also lobbied continually for expansion of their AP protocol. We feel instrumental in pressuring Outer Cape to address the needs of people with AIDS.
5. We began to build up a library of newsletter, therapy directories, and video tapes. We now supply many AIDS service organizations and medical practitioners with current treatment information.
6. We elected a board of directors which has been meeting continually for the last year, either weekly or bi-weekly. We have also begun to bring an advisory board of concerned community leaders into existence. We are working to establish ourselves as a force in Provincetown for progressive thinking and PWA empowerment.
7. We supported fund raising activities, and received much help from people in the community. We held a dance benefit, Jay Critchely held a Harbor Swim, Marian Roth did a photo benefit, Kevin did the Queer Show. We received \$1000 from the Names Project and a promise of funding from the Walk for Life of AIDS Action in Boston.
8. We went up Cape to disseminate the ideas of empowerment and survival therapies to the Cape Cod AIDS Council.
9. In November we rented an office and equipped it, and are now open every day.

10. We had a retrospective show and reception for Keith Doanhue, who died in December. We continue to watch in amazement as the ideas Keith birthed work through our community. We also lost Chuck Vetter, whose spirit and empowerment grew along with us as one.
11. We organized a Conference on Strategies for Survival in October of 1988. We brought Lark Lands and Nathaniel Pier here, along with Tom O'Connor.
12. With the help of our attorney, Pamela Bankert of Lawson and Wayne, we became a legal entity, and soon will be non-profit.
13. We sent two representatives to the National Conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation. We attended both the 1988 and 1989 Conferences. At these conferences we established contact with other PWACs, Gerry Studds' office, the Fenway, and the CRI.
14. We are working toward having a CRI in our area, and actually were asked to write a recommendation for Outer Cape for the CRI grant from AMFAR. This will be a great avenue for new therapies.
15. We hired a part-time office person. Part time soon became a full time job, and we hired Marian Roth as a full time office person/administrator.
16. We held a second conference on "love, sex and intimacy".
17. We brought Ken Mayer, the research director of the Fenway to Provincetown, and contributed to group harmony by co-sponsoring this event with PASG and Outer Cape. We are trying to keep up this spirit of co-operation.
18. We have reprinted and distributed information about new therapies, alternative health systems, and nutrition to our members and to other interested members of the community.
19. We now hold weekly informaion meetings, and have begun pot luck dinners before the meeting..
20. We have supported and initiated HIV peer groups.
21. We have begun preparing for our upcoming summer programs.

It's a long list , and we should and do feel proud of all we have done in the war against AIDS. We will win--we are empowered.

Jim Rann