



Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence
ACTION ALLIANCE

April 15, 2008

Dear Action Alliance Member,

It's that time of year again! Searching for new resources? Want to broaden your advocacy network? Need to take care of yourself and relax in the beautiful hills of Virginia? The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance is holding its 15th Annual Spring Training Retreat to be held June 3-5, at Sweet Briar College, Amherst, VA. In keeping with our mission's goal of inclusiveness and continued understanding of differences our theme is "Collaboration Without Borders."

Our keynote speaker will be Ms. Meizhu Lui, a former director of United for a Fair Economy and the author of "The Color of Wealth." She is a survivor, a woman of color and a survivor of economic inequality. She will bring great insight and energy to this Retreat in terms of how the intersection of oppressions affect our work.

The evaluations from last year suggested that we should plan for longer workshops, due to the amount of information shared. With this in mind, the planning committee has planned for 90 minute and 2 hour workshops. We will have approximately 25 workshops on sexual and domestic violence, as well as, prevention and self care for the advocate.

We will have the Catalyst Awards on Tuesday evening. For those of you who attended last year's ceremony, you know that this is a very empowering and positive program for our first evening. Please join us as we honor special advocates who have been nominated by their peers. Come prepared to shop at the annual Camp Mabon Auction and be at the Wild Women of Wisdom Task Force Reception for a special drawing.

The LGBTQ Task Force is hosting a fun get together on Wednesday which will precede our traditional FUN NIGHT. This year our theme is "Beaches and Beyond." We will have an evening of drumming and reggae, calypso and African music, with maybe a little Beach Boy and Parrothead thrown in. If you have attended in the past, you know that once the music is provided, the participants provide the fun.

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Scholarships of up to \$120 are available. Please fill out the scholarship form and fax it to Chris Morin, at 804-377-0339. You will be notified prior to the registration deadline so that you can know your financial status.

We hope that you will join us. Please send in your registration form to the address listed or fax to 804-377-0339. For any questions please contact Chris Morin at 804-377-0335 or cmorin@vsdvalliance.org.

See you in June,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris".

Chris Morin
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