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GUY WONDER DIES

Cathedral City (CA) - Guy Wonder has died at 5:15 AM on November 27, 2020 after a brief stay at the hospice after struggling with Spinal Cancer. Guy was 75.

Guy was one of 8 Deaf gay men who founded the Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1977. He was also a well known Deaf Artist who also was very active with leather clubs as well as long-term HIV+ survivor.

Guy was a 1966 graduate of Washington State School for the Deaf in Vancouver, Washington along with his two Deaf siblings and his two Deaf parents.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT: I want to talk about two things.

Congrats to our RAD Board Officers. I'm looking forward to work with them and make RAD stronger with new energy!

I'm saddened to learn that Guy Wonder has passed away. He was one of 8 founders and was heavily involved with many committees. I want to honor him and others who passed away with special recognition for the RAD.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We have 7 wonderful energetic bylaws committee members. The progress: So far, we have completed draft section 1-3.

We had 3 prior bylaws meetings. We constantly work on bylaws bi weekly on Zoom. The finalized draft Bylaws will be shared hopefully before the election.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hi! December is finally here. I really want to take a long vacation after I have two full time jobs. I am hoping to have my normal life next semester. I have some news to share with you.

I wanted to thank you for choosing me as RAD Treasurer. Then two weeks later, I realized that RAD needs to find someone reliable officer. So I'm no longer the Treasurer as I am now the Member At Large (MAL-4). I am thrilled to serve with the RAD Board at this time. If you have anything to discuss or talk, I am here to listen and support you. -*José-Ovi Velasquez, MAL-3*

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: We have appointed James Carter to be our Head Judge which he will now maintain LGBTIQA+ of the month.

We created some better visuals of Meeting Minutes in RAD Website-www.deafrad.org/meeting.

We developed and coordinated the application process for RAD Officers position.

We created a new board dashboard on the website to improve the communication channel.

The history of the conference book is up to date and posted on the RAD Website.

We coordinated RAD Town Hall meeting, we are still working on outline the concern from our community.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Hi, my name is Mepper Beshears as Youth Director. I'm currently working on creating a name for my youth committee. I'm also working to set up the coming out story on Facebook like #youthcomingoutstory. The Youth LGBTIA of the Month will be starting in January. My goal is to expand the committee for every program.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT: No report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Bylaws Committee had three productive meetings in the last two months and will continue to meet and work on revamping, updating and modernizing the bylaws to meet the expectations of our members in order to make RAD sustainable for the long run.

The committee has recognized that so much work has to be done. So far, we have two lesbians, 5 gay men and are in need of transgenders to be part of the team because we need their views to make the bylaws inclusive for all.

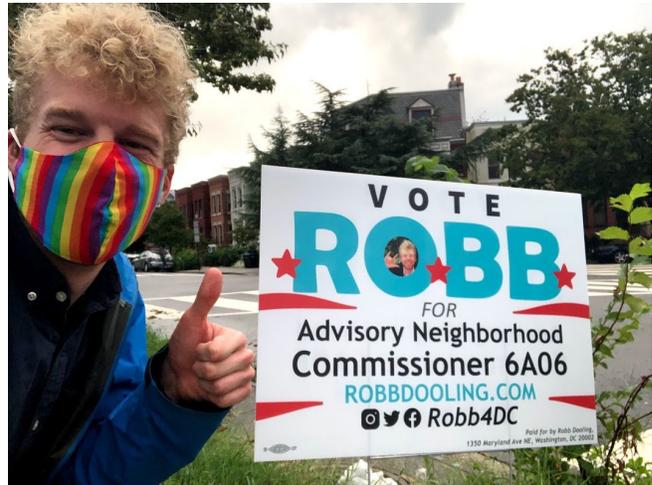
As of now, the committee elected Robert Hartzog to be the Secretary of the Bylaws Committee. The goal for the committee is to work on bylaws through several rounds before we can submit to the members to

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

On Saturday, December 12, 2020, the RAD Executive Board has appointed Tar Gillman to be the interim secretary of RAD starting on January 1, 2021.

Because of that, Lillou Barrios will take over as the Director of Public Relations and will work closely with Tar.

The position for Treasurer remains to be vacant for the time being.



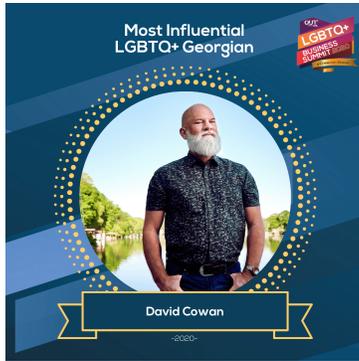
ROBB DOOLING WINS DC's ANC6A06

Washington (DC) - Robb Dooling, originally from Omaha, Nebraska and graduated from NTID/RIT with a degree in Computer Science before landing a prestigious job at State Department in Washington, DC since 2014.

Last November 3, Robb won the tightly contested election to represent ANC6A06 - ANC stands for Advisory Neighborhood Council. Well known in Northeast DC for his creative, charming and down-to-earth approach with his voters, he even dressed up as the Metro (subway) pole which obviously delighted hundreds of neighbors.

Dooling won 48.48% (621 votes) against Kate Robinson's 43.72% (560 votes) - this marked Robb Dooling as the first Deaf individual to win any election that is "hotly" contested across the nation. Congratulations, Robb!!!

(Editor's Note: Robb Dooling was the other Deaf gay white man along with myself who attended the 2020 Creating Change Conference in Dallas, Texas last January.)



DAVID COWAN NAMED AS MOST INFLUENTIAL LGBTQ+ GEORGIAN

Atlanta (GA) - Peach ATL, the LGBTQ Community's guide for the residents & visitors in Atlanta has named David Cowan as one of the 100 Most Influential LGBTQ+ Georgian.

David Cowan has been working as sign language translator for various LGBTQ+ groups and government agencies. He has appeared on several national TV press conferences which led him to be recognized by many in the state of Georgia.

LGBTQNATION IDENTIFIES DRAGO RENTERIA AS FATHER OF DEAF QUEER ACTIVISM

San Francisco (CA) - The website, LGBTQNation.com, profiled Drago Renteria last October 20, 2020 and named him as the Father of Deaf Queer Activism.

Drago Reneteria founded and continues to maintain the online resource called Deaf Queer Resource Center for the last 25 years. See the article on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/deafqueerRC>



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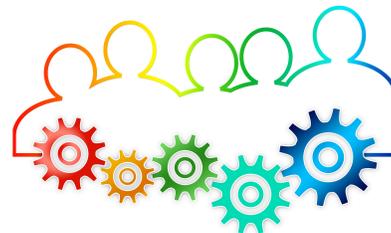
From The Desk of RAD Bulletin Editor:

My contributor Mikey and I had our goal to complete 4 issues in a year and we did do that! We did this because we feel it is necessary for the members to keep up with the information about what's going on with RAD and other groups in LGBTIQA+ communities throughout the world.

To us, consistency and sustainability are the key to the success of RAD. It is our goal to keep providing 4 issues of RAD Bulletin per year to the members.

Any feedback or news you would want to share - please do not hesitate to email me at news@radeaf.org.

Happy holidays, everyone!



<p>RAD Membership Total</p> <p>110</p>
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