

# MASTERS AND SLAVES TOGETHER

Pacific Northwest

*People Living in  
Power Exchange  
Relationships*

## Announcements

September 20, 2009  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Valhalla Dungeon  
37 members in attendance

### Less Talk, More Action

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In an effort to reduce the amount of time spent on the "business" portion of our meetings, we are making the leap to electronic communications, and will have a handout of announcements at the meetings. We will discuss business matters only when electronic announcements or printed announcements will not work.

### Meeting Time Change

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The results are in, and beginning with the November 15th meeting, we will change our meeting time to 4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

The results of the votes were as follows:

#### Question 1: Do you want to change the meeting time? (Please vote YES or NO)

Yes: 17  
No: 8  
Abstain: 4

#### Question 2: If the meeting time is changing, which timeslot do you prefer? (Please vote for either 12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.)

4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.: 17  
12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.: 4  
Either: 3  
No response: 3

### Sharing a Meal

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A few members have expressed a desire to get together informally as a group for a meal either before or following our regular MAsT meetings. If anyone is interested in organizing this effort, please speak up at tonight's meeting.

### October Meeting

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There will not be a regular meeting of the Portland chapter of MAsT in October. Instead, we will be having a protocol dinner organized by sheryl and bunnie (see details below).

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### **Protocol Dinner in October**

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October's MAsT meeting will be a protocol dinner at bunny's house. This takes the place of our regular monthly meeting. It will be held Sunday, October 18th from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

sheryl and bunny are the protocol dinner committee leaders and are in need of three more people to assist in putting together this event. Please e-mail sheryl if interested.

If you will be attending the event and have food allergies, any dietary concerns, foods that you hate and won't eat, foods that you love and would like to see served, please advise sheryl. We want to make sure that the meal is one that can be enjoyed by all.

IMPORTANT: We need an RSVP to sheryl as soon as possible to allow time to adequately plan the event.

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### **This Month's Discussion Topic**

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Our topic for this meeting is "Adjusting to Reality without losing Identity"

Have your expectations collided with reality? Have you ever thought that "Super Dom" or "super slave" failed to rescue you or serve you correctly... or at least the way you pictured it in your mind? This kind of "reality check" teaches us that life circumstances are rarely perfect and that we each have to face reality when things don't go as we would like them to.

Please think about an example or two in your life where this has happened, how you made the adjustment to reality, and what lessons you learned. Please make an effort to think about this topic before the meeting so that we can keep the discussion interesting and relevant.

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### **FetLife Group for MAsT: PNW**

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We now have a group on FetLife ([www.fetlife.com](http://www.fetlife.com)) for our MAsT Chapter called "MAST: Pacific Northwest (Portland)". Please join this group and help get the conversation started!

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### **Member Information Forms**

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If you have not filled out a member information form yet, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that you are notified of upcoming events and other chapter activities.

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### **Group Finances**

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We currently have a balance of \$272.34 in the bank.

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### **Dues**

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Nearly everyone in our chapter needs to pay dues. We have updated all of the payment records we have, and have them converted to electronic form so that we can track dues in a more timely manner. Dues for our chapter are just \$20 per year. If you are dealing with financial hardship and cannot afford dues, contact either slave paul ([slavepaul@mastpnw.org](mailto:slavepaul@mastpnw.org)) or slave shelley ([shelley@mastpnw.org](mailto:shelley@mastpnw.org)) privately to discuss receiving a one-time, one-year waiver of dues. If you believe you recently paid dues and think our records are inaccurate, please contact slave paul or slave shelley after the meeting.

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### **"OUR Ranch" Work Party**

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Miss Reilly has formed a new company called OUR Ranch. It stands for "Outdoor Unique Retreats," a private ranch that provides a beautiful rustic outdoor creekside setting for group camping events. She

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hopes to attract groups of people outside the mainstream who want a safe and private place to camp and enjoy their activities. There is a small dungeon area available, and lots of trees. She wants to make campsites along the creek. Eventually She wants to make an outdoor pavilion, kitchen, bathroom and firepit. If people find they want to use this as a retreat/getaway/funtime place and can help develop it, it will truly become OUR Ranch for everyone. And She needs to have as much in place as She can in order to hold Spring Leatherwoods in April or May of 2010.

Miss Reilly is having a work party on Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. until dark. There will be a play party in the dungeon afterwards to celebrate. People are encouraged to camp overnight, and dig out their own campsite. She has several ideal sites marked and ready to be attacked with shovels and weedeaters (if possible, bring your own implements of mass destruction, if you don't have any, just bring your enthusiasm). On Oct 3 She would like to have volunteers bring weedeaters, shovels, machetes, chainsaws, and anything that can clear brush, to clear trails and campsites. There is a road to the forest area, but Her little truck can't go up and down the hill without getting stuck and had to be pulled out by a 4WD vehicle. So any 4WD truck can get back and forth with supplies and haul out debris. Her tractor can get down there and She has mowed all the areas that are wide enough to drive on.

She needs a lot of rock removal (pick up and make piles to facilitate mowing) and downfall removal and cutting. There is poison oak to clear, and if She knows where it is and what to do with it She can take care of that part because She's not at all allergic. She also needs some input on water drainage to see if Her plan to just dig a trench to the creek is feasible. Anyone with expertise in this area would be a huge help.

Rock, branch, and brush removal is the goal for this first work party. She has a couple of trailers with beds for sleeping if someone is willing to work but not camp in a tent. There is a lot of parking for cars, and also for RVs. She will supply food if someone can tell me what to get and cook it.

OUR Ranch is in Curtin, 135 miles south of Portland, not very far to go for a weekend retreat. The address is 3105 Territorial Highway, 3 miles off I-5 Exit 163. Miss Reilly's email address is missreilly66@yahoo.com.

Miss Reilly is a long-time member of MAST and Her ambitious plans for OUR Ranch offer a great deal of promise for outdoor events. Consider volunteering a day to make the dream into a reality.

### **MASTER TROOPER FRANK'S Workshops**

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MAST member MASTER TROOPER FRANK will be presenting a series of workshops at Valhalla Dungeon on BDSM and related topics. Please see attached flyer for more information or visit HIS Website at [www.MasterTrooper.com](http://www.MasterTrooper.com).

### **We want you back**

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If you have not been to a MAST meeting for a while, please know that we want you back and value your participation. If you have been unable to attend due to scheduling issues, please be sure to participate in our vote on meeting times. If you have another reason you stopped coming, feel free to contact either slave paul ([slavepaul@mastpnw.org](mailto:slavepaul@mastpnw.org)) or slave shelley ([shelley@mastpnw.org](mailto:shelley@mastpnw.org)) privately to discuss your concerns.

If you are a regular attendee, please make a real effort to attend the September meeting; we need active participation by our members to make our chapter relevant, active, and beneficial to everyone.