

RAD Board

The RAD Board consists of Executive Board, Member at Large, and standing committee. Please look on back of this brochure for listed names of people on the board. Executive Board governs the Alliance between conferences. Delegates run the Alliance during the conference on every odd-numbered year between June and August. Workshops and major events are also held at that time. Visitors are always welcome!

Activities

Education Workshops

Workshops are constantly being developed to respond to the needs to improve individual and professional life.

RAD Woman and Man of the Year Awards

Person(s) are nominated by chapters and conference attendees. The award recipient winners are announced at the conference. The RAD Woman and Man of the Year Awards are to recognize Deaf LGBT persons who have been actively involved in the community on many issues such as AIDS, cultural education and other activities.

Deaf Youth

Deaf Youth is a project to provide a safe, supportive and education environment for Deaf/hard-of-hearing sexual minority youth, Age 18-23, to discuss various topics pertaining to sexual identity, empowerment, and personal growth. Youth are often overlooked in terms of resources and social groups. Please contact Deaf Youth coordinator if you are interested in participating.

Lesbian Outreach

RAD is becoming a persistent supporter of greater access to Deaf Lesbian culture and community and is expressly devoted to the health and disability concerns of lesbians.

Interested in joining RAD?

There are two membership categories:

- Organization - \$150 per biennial,
- New Organization - \$60 per biennial
- Individual/Associate - \$25 per year

Member or Organization Application form can be found at our website under Membership at www.RAD.org or fill below and mail with payment to Larry Pike, RAD Treasurer, 1191 Grape Street, Denver, CO 80220. You or your organization will be contacted for additional information.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **zip** _____

Phone/Fax number: _____

Email: _____

- ___ Organization (renewal)
\$150 per biennial
- ___ New Organization (Never joined before)
\$60 for 1st biennial
- ___ Individual/Associate
\$25 per year

Places where RAD Conference was held at

1977 - Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1978 - New York City, NY
1979 - Cleveland, Ohio
1980 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1981 - San Francisco, California
1982 - Denver, Colorado
1983 - Chicago, Illinois
1984 - Montreal, Quebec, Canada
1985 - Washington, DC
1987 - Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1989 - Cleveland, Ohio
1991 - Dallas, Texas
1993 - Los Angeles, California
1995 - Montreal, Quebec, Canada
1997 - Kansas City, Missouri
1999 - New Orleans, Louisiana
2001 - Seattle, Washington
2003 - Orlando, Florida
2005 - Washington, DC
2007 - Atlanta, Georgia
2009 - Chicago, Illinois
2011 - TBA
2013 - TBA

Contact Information

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What is RAD?

The Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (RAD) is a nonprofit organization established in 1977. RAD has traditionally functioned as a social organization that has provided the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community (LGBT) members of the deaf and hard of hearing community with a safe place to meet, share information, and feel empowered. As the organization continues to grow and mature, the RAD focus has shifted more towards education and advocacy.

The deaf and hard of hearing community of today is much more educated and open-minded than that of the past. In the past, many deaf and hard of hearing people believed that gay people caused HIV/AIDS. That of course, was not true. As the Deaf LGBT becomes more visible, people are becoming more aware that Deaf LGBT people are really no different from other Deaf people. We are all diverse, just as the deaf and hard of hearing community is diverse. The only difference is our sexual orientation.

RAD assists individuals and organizations with their issues and/or concerns by providing information and referrals. They also support LGBT members by providing a "safe place" support and empowerment, education about health issues and homophobia, and advocacy for access at hearing LGBT events/conferences and LGBT rights.

Executive Board

President: Larry Pike

Vice President: Mich Gerson

Secretary: Steven Schumacher

Treasurer: Frank Folino

Members-at-Large Representative

International Deaf Leather (IDL)

Marc Burton

Deaf Queer Resource Center (DQRC)

Nanette Edwards

Gay & Lesbian Association of Deaf - East (GLAD-E)

David Rink

Deaf Gay & Lesbian of West (DeafGLOW)

TJ Sanger

Deaf Lesbian

Alicia Mascarenas

Deaf Bears & Cubs Organization (DBC)

Henry Carter

RAD Seniors

Alex Richey, Jr.

RAD Youth

Kriston Pumphrey

Standing Committee

RAD Webmaster - Henry Carter

RAD Historian - Dragonsani Renteria

RAD Pageant Coordinator – David Rink

English-French Documentation Translator –

Ricky Drake

Bylaw Committee

Mich Gerson, Bylaw Chair

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RADchapters/>



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