

- I. We are here today to help prevent a drop in ^{affordable} blood supplies for and by gay men.
- II. Due to current Blood Bank regulations, gay men, as a high-risk group for AIDS, are being asked to voluntarily screen themselves away from donating blood.
- III. Being unable to give blood, gay men will not be able to accumulate discount credits for blood. It's entirely possible (and we've already heard of one case here in San Diego) for a gay man to need blood transfusions because of an accident or operation, and face financial hardship. Blood costs are steep, and are increasing.
- IV. To provide a blood supply which is affordable, the Women's Caucus of the San Diego Democratic Club is spear heading an ongoing blood drive through the Blood Bank.
- V. Today, as "Blood Sisters," lesbians and women friends of the gay community are here in unity to, literally and symbolically, give "the gift of life."
- VI. Our blood will go into a Fund ^{account} established in the name of the San Diego Democratic Club, which is San Diego's largest gay political organization. It is open to both men and women of our community.

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III. Blaming the victims, and discriminating against over 10% of our population will not cure AIDS. Out of ignorance and fear, people are confusing medical conditions with social and economic conditions. AIDS is a medical condition which needs medical solutions.

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~~III.~~ (2) Many people are using AIDS victims and the entire gay community as scapegoats. ~~But it is not a disease -~~
~~like~~ → Gays and lesbians fear a loss of jobs, homes, and social activity. due to AIDS Hysteria.

III. Blaming the victims and discriminating against over 10% of our population will not cure AIDS. ^{However,} Objective medical research will.

~~IV.~~

IV. The "Blood Sisters" Drive has received tremendous support - proving that all of us, men and women, gays and straights, ^{can't} need to work together to deal with an absolutely horrible condition such as AIDS.

- ② Due to current Blood Bank regulations, ^{because of AIDS} gay men ^{as a hi-risk group for AIDS,} are being asked to screen themselves away from donating blood.

Being unable to give blood themselves, gay men currently cannot ~~participate~~ ~~contribute to any~~ ~~fund~~ ~~which would provide~~ ~~for themselves or their friends.~~ ^{accumulate} discount credits for blood. ^{individually} Thus, we can ~~on each~~ ~~other~~.

- ③ predict a time when a gay man might need blood transfusions because of an accident or operation, and face ~~extreme~~ financial hardship. due to the steep costs of blood + blood byproducts.

- ① Whereas we ^{too} as citizens, are concerned about the ^{overall} drop in the nation's blood supply, we are here today to ^{help} ~~prevent~~ ~~a possible~~ ~~problem~~ ~~for~~ ~~gay men~~ ~~in our community,~~ due to a drop in blood supplies for and by gay men.

This Fund ^{help out}

To prevent this from happening, The Women's Caucus of the San Diego Democratic Club, (San Diego's largest gay/lesbian political organization) is

- ④ spearheading an ^{ongoing} ~~club~~ Blood Drive. ~~to be used for~~ ~~that purpose~~ The Fund, ^{established} ~~will be~~ ^{in the name of the San Diego} ^{Democratic Club,} ^{San Diego} will be open to men & women of the gay community.

Lesbians are here ^{today} in ~~solidarity~~ unity as "Blood Sisters," to literally & figuratively, give the gift of life to other members of our community.

~~The Fund will remain open~~

Another major reason we are here publicly as lesbians and friends of the gay community is to combat the negativity ~~public image~~ aimed at all homosexuals because of AIDS.

AIDS is a medical ~~crisis~~ ^{condition, not a sexual preference based social condition}. Fear of AIDS ~~is~~ ^{has} creating massive situations where gays are being excluded from jobs,

Efforts should be aimed at isolating the specific medical ~~facts~~ facts about AIDS, ^{and} not in isolating ^{all} gays. ~~randomly~~ from jobs, homes, and social ~~standing~~ activities. ~~totally unconnected~~ ^{associated} ~~or~~ No one has guaranteed all heterosexuals ^{to prevent} ~~because of~~ herpes, VD, or pregnancy; and no one should guarantee ^{all} ~~gays~~ ^{to prevent} ~~because of~~ AIDS.

People need to stop panicking + trying to find a scapegoat. AIDS may ^{eventually} affect us all - we need to be kinder to its victims, who are dying, than blame them.

Trying to find a scapegoat will not cure AIDS.
Blaming the victims of AIDS will not cure AIDS.

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because of AIDS Hysteria, many people
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Many people are using AIDS victims and
the entire gay community as a scapegoat out
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