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Jimmy Carper

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Jimmy Carper 00:01

Powerful love David Sarita that was for Allison. Birthday time. Yes, it's birthday to

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Happy Birthday, Dallas.

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Jimmy Carper 00:11

We're back with Jim Savini. And Chris Robinson.

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Great. Thanks, Jim talking about about Louis, we can we lose? Louie, let us entertain you if for those who have not been in attendance before, you need to try to make this millennium year there. I said it again, Millennium year one that you do attend?

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Absolutely.

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Well craft. Tell us a little bit about the history of Louis, how did it you know, kind of come about?



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Well, actually, as we had discussed earlier, Louis started 27 years ago. It was started by the clubs here in Houston, the social clubs. And this was started in such a way that they found that there were people that were coming from New Orleans, that were maybe not ready to quite quit partying after what Ash Wednesday and fat they want to continue, they wanted to keep going. So they found the reason for Louis and called it let us entertain you. These people came from New Orleans and from other places in the state and the nation to come here and party after Mardi Gras. And that was the major reason for Louie becoming.



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So each year, it's grown. Oh, incredibly, incredibly,



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yes. I don't know exactly what the attendance was the first couple of years. Of course, that was just when I first started coming out. So I wasn't that aware of what was going on back then. But at any rate, it has grown just by leaps and bounds.



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Well, what are some Yeah, what are some of your attendance figures? For the past year,



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actually, the attendance figures I have this past year, which was our largest ever was in 1999. We had 799 registered people. Those people consisted from 29 states in the nation, and five foreign countries. You backtrack 1998. We had 797 from 26 states, and also five foreign countries. 97. We had 567 people. So we had quite a drop there. That was from 22 different states and five foreign countries. 96. We had 508 95. We had 504. So you backtrack 10 to 15 years, and you're probably talking two to 300 people. So it's been steady. And oh, yes, incredibly, every year it has gone up.



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What are you thinking about this year for attendance



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this year, we have planned to have a minimum of 800 registration. It's very possible that we'll have more than that. We're only we're only supplying 800. So if you haven't registered at this point in time, you do want to get your registration in, because that will be the limit.



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Can they register on the website?



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Absolutely. Okay, here. Absolutely. We have a Louis website that's given to us by one of our members. It's www.members.aol.com backslash mo tarde, Mo T AR DTX backslash HCC dot HTML. And you can pull that up, you will find a schedule of events that will be taking place during Louis as well as you can download the application for Louis. You can mail that in, you can you can email it back to us. There's a number of different ways you can get in contact with us.



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I always thought it was a good opportunity to meet some people I met someone from Germany. Absolutely good friends that that now live in Atlanta. They were living in San Antonio at that time. So you really do meet a lot of interesting people



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met some meet some incredible people. I have met so many different people, not only from the United States, but also from Europe. In the past several years, we have had people from as far away I guess the furthest has been from Melbourne, Australia. Several years ago, we had a group called the Jaco Roos from Melbourne that were here.



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That was a great movie.



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And that that was they were a great group. Unfortunately, they haven't been able to attend every year, but we'd love to have them again, if they're listening. We'd love to have any one of them.



Jimmy Carper 04:31

And they may be listening. After ours is now live on the web real time at let's see, here's the address. HTTP semi colon bbaw Kpf T dot split rock.net and you can listen to us live anywhere in the world



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are great. I didn't even know that it's new. Now. But none of my computer though, is pretty slow.



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Well, then good. Maybe some of the people that have attended in the past from Canada and from Spain, Austria, England, many from Germany, maybe all of those are listening as well.



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So hope so. Well,



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I guess the important thing is your hate to bring this up, what is the cost of Louis,



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all the cost of Louis, it's just phenomenal. It just phenomenal. Of course, Louis, as I said, was put on for our out of town guests to come and participate every year. So therefore, it's free to our out of town guests, as long as you have a driver's license or some type of an identification that qualifies you of being outside of Harris County, you pay nothing



Jimmy Carper 05:42

for and let me tell you, if you're from Houston and want to participate, it's not



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that expensive. No, it's not. It's only \$15 per individual. Amazing. Absolutely. And that does include all of the things that we mentioned earlier, the cocktail parties, the dinners, the snacks, the brunches, everything, that's a lot and the entertainment, and yeah, price for for many actually last year, we had to go up to \$15. It was \$10. Prior to that, I



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thought it was always



Jimmy Carper 06:12

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talking about all the cocktail parties, and drank and I mean dinners and snacks and all of that. I don't drink but it's still a good deal. Absolutely. Even if you just go to Rich's for the show,

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yes, the closing show fit. All right. It's kind of incredible that y'all can pull this together. When you really think about it. This is one of Houston most biggest events, and

 J Jimmy Carper 06:40

especially for out of town people, whatever it may be the the big event for out of town people I think,

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is probably Saturday, probably so yes, you

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know, we do have important leather events throughout the year. But this one, when you really think about the attendance to throughout all the nation in the world, actually. And for the number of people that did you get registered? It's incredible.

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To many of the leather events throughout the nation in the in the past several years. And if you just bother to mention the word Louis and San Francisco, Chicago, New York or DC, you'll find someone that knows what you're talking about. I promise you,

 J Jimmy Carper 07:23

it's nice that we were able to show that Houston hospitality. Absolutely.

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So was there. I wanted to say to the listeners, if you had any questions, please give us a call and leave Dave, your question. At 713526 KPFT 5265738. Yes, I always have to look it up.

 J Jimmy Carper 07:45

I've been here a while.



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Well explain Correct. Some of the mechanics behind Louis event like for instance, you have to I'm sure contact all these host bars and things. How does this happen? Well, actually



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the way the host bars are contacted. The clubs that are HCC oriented clubs are members of HCC have a home bar per se, where they hang their color Absolutely. Where they hang their colors. They participate in their different functions called 40 fives Of course, the BRB Lancers at Mary's in LA is that the rip cord now there's a few clubs that don't have an actual bar that they hang their colors at but they still participate in the different bars. That of course, those particular bars that that have home bars, or that are home bars of the of the different member clubs are more or less grandfathered in. Okay, those are the ones that get first dibs on presenting cocktail parties at their bars.



J Jimmy Carper 08:50

I was looking at the schedule, I don't think he could fit another cocktail party. Yeah, that's



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a lot. It's, yeah, you at this point in time, if we had to fit into any additional cocktail parties, we'd have to start cutting down on the cocktail party times and we try to allot an hour per club, and it gives you a little rest time in between cocktails as well. So which is is well needed after a certain period of time.



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And there are always some interesting ones like I'll forget some blue there was a some sort of blue one. I think I remember years ago. Yeah.



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I remember that



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Margarita or something.



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I was trying to remember whether that was really really wonderful or whether it was an I can't remember. I remember the cocktail though, Jim. I do remember it. I think it was pretty good. I can't remember who did it but I



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can't remember sorry, but is always something interesting. And always the food the food is great. Absolutely. And again, run us through some of the things that you're going to do with the with the food.



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Well, on Friday night we're going to have food by provided by Mary's Saturday morning food by EJ is going to be breakfast or brunch at the ripcord Saturday afternoon, the Imperial Court and the record will supply food and the Imperial Court does put together all of this. It's not catered. They do that individual. Yes, yes. And that's quite a spread. And of course at the BRB on Saturday night at seven o'clock, we'll start the barbecue dinner, which will be done by the Maris barbecue.



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That's always great.



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That's great is just wonderful. Then following on Sunday, the brunch at riches which is always catered as well, and always just wonderful.



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I'm sure years ago when they were doing all these food events. They didn't cater initially did they know



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they didn't as a matter of fact, I can remember many years ago when I first became a part of the cult 40 fives. Rick Holman was the chairman of HCC and was for many, many years he was a Texas writer from way back. And I believe Rick now is living in thinking in Wyoming or Montana somewhere up north and cold country. Oh, yeah, he does come back. He does come back on on a regular basis as often as possible to Louie and two different runs here in the in the state. But Rick and his lover at that point in time, I can remember what start many, many months ahead. And they would go and buy briskets and food and different things when it was

on special freeze this stuff, and they would barbecue it at their leisure. After they barbecue it, they put it back up. And they prepare this in February for the 234 100 people however many guests we had that's incredible. They literally cooked it themselves. Well, that's

 J Jimmy Carper 11:52

I mean cooking for 400 people, I can imagine that they would do that. And now you

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understand why we have a character. Yeah.

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Really be no way you could do that. Now I know.

 J Jimmy Carper 12:02

And I'm thinking, you know, gosh, I mean, you can spend this whole weekend having fun meeting people from all over the world, and never have to spend a penny going out to eat anywhere. I mean that with the brunches and the dinners and breakfasts and Exactly,

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exactly, there should be no reason for you to have to go and purchase food. Absolutely. And to give you an idea, we're we're approximately two weeks out from the event at this point in time. And as of today, I was I was told by our secretary treasurer who's my right arm and I have to give a big plug because without Chris Patterson's hell yes, there is no way I could do what I do is chairman and represent these these clubs, I promise you, Chris is is just as a good job. Just an outstanding member of of HCC. He informed me that we have 363 registered guests at this point in time, and we are two weeks out now this is about average for right now. And so we have every anticipation that we will fill the 800 Well, on your way to 800. Absolutely. As as it would have it, most of our local people don't register until the weekend of the run. Which is which is fine. Sounds like gay man. Yes, but you know, and we welcome them to come in to register and participate. And so you know, that gives us an idea of approximately what we're going to have as far as guests and I definitely think will will sell out again.

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When you register, what do you typically get, like for your registration, when

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you register you, of course, get your your entire schedule of events, all of that you have a run pin, which there are only 800 Run pins this year. So get in early or you won't get your rent.



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Absolutely get there for that early registration,



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Thursday. And then also, what has become a tradition over the years is a run packet. The run packet can consist of anything from advertisements from local organizations to to run schedules for different runs throughout the nation, actually, that you can participate in from one year to the next. It's just it's a wonderful packet of information.



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That packet if you're receiving is like an assembly line to put these things together.



Jimmy Carper 14:24

I'm a member of a new organization called G cam, the Gulf Coast archives and museums were trying to to you know, save and save our history. And I know that we at the last minute we all got together and said yeah, yeah, we need to do this we need to let people know and you know, got a brochure printed up and and got it into I believe Bruce Reeves was instrumental in doing that and getting it in that in that



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mail out. Because as you're putting together when you think about it, 800 Yeah, that's a lot. That's a lot pieces of paper.



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Exactly. And it's it's at the same time, it's extremely organized as it is, it still can be a nightmare if it's not put together properly. And I, it's the largest meeting of HCC. And it's always the meeting prior to Louis. This particular year, we had a little bit of confusion from some of our participants because it was as as early as three weeks, I believe, this year prior to the event. So therefore, a few people didn't get their stuff in and time unfortunately. So our packets maybe not quite as large this year as it has been in the past. But that's, that's one of those unfortunate things. It just happened when



Jimmy Carper 15:43

you've heard Yeah, when you've got to do that. That's a big job. Exactly. You can't wait till the last minute to do something like



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that. Exactly. And, and for everyone's knowledge, we always have our ACC meetings on the third Wednesday of every month, it does rotate from host bar to host bar. So you'd have to find out just exactly which bar it was, and for that particular month, but you can always bet on the fact that we will be the third meeting prior to Mardi Gras will be the stuffing event. And many times we are around the bar at the BRB, and we have as many as 50 to 60 people stuffing each individual item in the envelope. And it takes us all of maybe an hour. Well, because you get so many people. Yeah, exactly. Exactly. And it just runs like clockwork, well, how would



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if someone wants to get something attached into the packet? What is the procedure for that?



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Actually, we try to get people to give us the literature and the things that they want to stuff prior to the first of February if possible. Of course, I have never known anybody to be on time in my life. That just wouldn't be the gateway. Oh, you're right. But you know, most people do try to get their stuff into us. And we have people that come in the night of the stuffing, I do take upon myself to proof everything before it does go in the envelope and make sure everything is up to caliber and within reason. And at that point in time we take hold of it and just put it all together.



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Absolutely. What are some of the closing things you want to talk about with Louis?



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Well, actually, there's so many different facets of Louis, and if anybody has not participated in Louis in the past, please come out and do participate. Find out what it's all about. The clubs in the city have put together and supported the community for so many, many years. And I have sat back in the last several years and watched a couple of our clubs that just don't have the manpower that they used to have. And it really is very saddening, because these clubs are the backbone of part of Houston, skijoring University. That's absolutely and if we don't continue these clubs, then you know, we're losing something here they are tradition. Absolutely. And that is one of the best ways to be able to see where part of our roots are. In the gay community. I



Timmy Carter 18:26



Jimmy Carper 18:20

know. Yeah, I know, a lot of the clubs really suffered a lot with the epidemic. Oh, absolutely. But it seems that it's it's kind of there. We're we're building back up again. Yes,



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we're building back up. But I'm sensing that there's some apathy out is there. And we need to get people to get involved and to be active in their in their organization. Don't let the other guy do it. You got



Jimmy Carper 18:52

to do what's right. And we're looking for young blood.



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I understand if a lot of people know there's a tradition of pinning.



Jimmy Carper 19:00

I wasn't going to bring that up. But I'm glad you did. Because I've always been kind of interested in this.



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I knew y'all were gonna do this to kind of like I told them membership earlier this year. I said, you know, we've gone without guidelines for a number of years. Why do you do this during my administration? I was happy to do it. Yes, pinning. It's it's, it's something that goes down in history with the clubs. It truly does. I'm sure most of you have seen club members throughout the bars in the state in the nation that have pins all over their vests. Well, these pins are acquired through pinning and pinning can be done a number of different ways number of different ways



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traditional and non traditional.



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Absolutely,



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yes.

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I'm thinking of an old movie then eyes thin ice.

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Well, hey, additional painting I'm not

J Jimmy Carper 19:58

gonna go too far on what The a three week we can get. Yeah, we can talk about

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traditional painting. I'll leave a little room for imagination.

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But it's a very intimate. Absolutely.

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Absolutely. And it's another dying art as a matter of fact, oh, well, it's not done nearly as often as it should be. Absolutely. All right. It could be Ah, yes.

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And what's the non traditions

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and non traditional is of course, just exchanging pins with different clubs for your VAs. Also, if you've been to one of our runs, I'll go back to this as far as the traditional pinning, you will see people prior to putting their pins on their vest. They might have them on different strategic places on their jeans. Yeah. Okay. Yes. What does that mean? Well, that is part of the traditional pinning.



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It's part of our hospitality. Absolutely.



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Absolutely. And I'll let I'll let



J Jimmy Carper 21:00

ya well, you know, it's a good good way to get to know people. You know, that you've just met or, or,



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or people that you want to meet? Yes. Actually,



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that were excellent icebreaker. Yeah, so we're doing this very well here.



J Jimmy Carper 21:14

I remember doing my own sort of pinning. When I was we did a cocktail party with the switchboard one year and all the members of the switchboard who were participating in it wore rainbow colored lays it the flowers were in the six different rainbow colors. And one gentleman for out of town really liked the lay I was wearing and asked if he could have it. And and so he I gave it to him, but he had to work for yes, he did. Yes, he did. Well, actually, he was I didn't put it around his neck.



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Okay, well, you know what they say about lays once you have one, you got more. Right.



J Jimmy Carper 22:02

That's right. And I was glad to show Houston hospitality that year. It was fun, that it was actually what



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it's all about. Yeah.



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Certainly, yes. Well run through again, credit, the registration, where that starts so people can make sure that they sign up here



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and attend. You bet. And initially this year, we're starting to pre registration at the outpost at 8pm. They're gonna go from Thursday, March 9, yes. Correct. That is taken to 10pm. This is their first their first opportunity with Iuid. Their first participation. We're real happy to have them this year. And looking forward to it on Friday at 8pm from eight until 12pm will be registration at Mary's and one thing I neglected to say earlier if we have not reached our 800 registration by Friday night at 12pm we will reopen registration at EJ at 10am Oh on Saturday Okay, so that's something I didn't neglect to add and but if it is needed if we reach our 800 goal on Friday night, then we will not have registration even though you'll still be there for I will definitely be there. Absolutely. But there's no more registration Zack,



J Jimmy Carper 23:15

which means I don't get the wrong pin. You got it and a little packet of goodies. Right? Okay. It doesn't mean that can't you know,



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all they can still participate? Yeah, absolutely. And that's that's something even though we had 799 registered participants last year and that did not include the people that attendees from out of town and local people that did not register that still attended the cocktail parties and went from bar to bar with us and and you know, continue to support



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the clubs. Well, great. So no one has an excuse not to make Louis this year.



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Absolutely not. Let's hope everyone comes out and



J Jimmy Carper 23:55

yeah, it's a lot of even if I'm telling you even if you don't drink, which I don't do, it's still a lot of fun and you meet people from all over the like all over the world. That's the



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key you really do and you will converse with these people on a regular basis. You really will.



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Absolutely and especially nowadays since there's so much email Oh yeah, I've met people all over and continue to keep in touch with them for that reason. And when you meet people with Louis it's just incredible the amount of friends and and and participants that you you keep up with from year to year.



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Great I also want to say Chris You Are you work for Black Hawk leather to say that yeah, what what's your position there?



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Well, actually I'm in sales and I help with the manufacturing I'm I'm a tailor by trade so I do a lot of the sewing and, and, and different design work for Black Hawk NATO need if you need a pair of jeans or chaps or whatever, come see us. Okay, where



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are you here? Have



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you Actually we have two locations now. Originally if everyone remembers we started out in the venture in bar down on Main. And now we have opened a second location at 3814. South Sheppard.



Jimmy Carper 25:12

Now that is right around by Star pizza, right? Yes. Correct. Right



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around the corner from Star. Okay. Yes.



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So you got to take the road back behind it. I forget the name of that.

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If you go down between 59 diner and star pizza and to the dead end at Lexington and take a left, go back up to North Sheppard, where it's going north on Shepard 59 It's only on your left hand side right next to the comic bookstore at a bicycle shop there. It's a strip center, right? exactly Yeah, yeah. We'd love to have y'all come by and see our new shop. Yeah, lots

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of room there, too.

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You bet. You bet. Good. Good. And we do do all of our manufacturing there too. So you can actually come in and watch everything being made,

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which is very unique. No kidding. We had Kim here last night. Right? That's right. Talked about the facility, the events that they had, because it was their anniversary.

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Right. And the grand openings. Exactly. We just had our Grand Opening actually last weekend.

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Well, good luck. Great. Thanks.

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Appreciate that. Well, Chris, thank you so much for being here. Thanks for

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having me.



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And everyone has got to see and attend Louis weekend. Absolutely. It's a it's a



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must. must do. Okay, let's



J Jimmy Carper 26:26

go to a little piece of music now. Sounds good. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see. How about a female singer right now? Juliet. Juliet is a a black female bodybuilder. Ooh. And this is her latest called a rogue Amazon. And you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station. No Blaze for must be read from no Blaze father power ride is? No, it's not that I want to be strong. Juliet, Juliet. Amazon.



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I hadn't heard her before. But she's really good.



J Jimmy Carper 27:22

She is she's very good. And it's talking about being a strong woman. Not a bad thing to be.



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I'd like to talk about Jim a couple of upcoming leather events here was kind of going through the leather journal. That's a good source of information, even though they do have a lot of typos. But that's okay. Well, I'm listed in there. And of course, they didn't spell my name. And they said that the contest they gave it the wrong name. So Ouch. But it happens. Where do you get the leather journal, you can pick the leather journal up at most participating leather stores like Black Hawk, leather, leather by boots. Leather forever, also has copies of those that come out each month. And he goes through some of the leather contests that go on throughout the entire nation, and it's just pages you'd be surprised what what happens in one month. You know, even here in Houston, you can imagine with all our benefits, there's all these shows that go on there. One thing that's going on is of course, international Mr. Leather is coming up may 25 through the 29th in Chicago and that's always real good. This will be the last year that they have it at the Congress hotel. And that's always been a big focal point for the leather men up there and leather women and if you get a chance head on up there to Chicago may 25 through the 29th have an 800 number 1-800-545-6753 That's a number that they can call for packet information. travel information



J Jimmy Carper 29:01

is my it's my understanding I may be wrong or may be right that there's a very large leather

community in Chicago



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very large and you know, something I wish Houston to me has a you know, a lot of gay and lesbian people. And just unfortunately the leather community is is just not as large as it is in like say Chicago or the Northeast. It has a very large leather community. You



J Jimmy Carper 29:28

know why? Chicago is like the big city in the state.



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Okay, everything's drawn to it



J Jimmy Carper 29:37

right here. We've got Dallas Houston, Austin, San Antonio. So you know,



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Orleans, so it's



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all of that together. We have a huge ruckus.



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But it is incredible. I have a website at WWW dot I am RL let's international Mr. Mr. Leather err.com So I mrl.com Okay, that mission there has something interesting coming up in Dallas, April the 28th through the 30th. It's the boys training camp to they had this last year boys training camp. And this is really interesting they go through for someone who's kind of a submissive interested in this. They go through the protocol, the history, they go through training for the subs domestic service, how to do dress and presentation. Of course, safety is stretch, you bet. Boot black leather care. And this this year, they're gonna have Joseph beam, who is the Executive Director of the leather archives and museum. And he's kind of the old guard master, he's going to be presenting some courses. So if anyone is interested in boys training camp to they can call area code 214. That's in Dallas 5283865. That's the leather by boots in Dallas in get arranged for that in April 28 to the 30th. Great. So that's kind of

interesting. They're having another interesting case in the paper. Last year, about mid part of last year in San Diego, California, there was a play party, a leather play party. That was the busted by the police.



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And you're kidding, no,



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the members were arrested, again charged with lewd conduct. And the first couple of members they've started trying and all have been jury is announcing unanimous decision that they are not guilty. Good. So again, this is kind of important and keep safe and always play safe. You bet you bet. Enjoy yourself. It's



Jimmy Carper 31:55

always just kind of boggles my mind that that police departments have to waste their time on monitoring what adults want to do in pub. And in private.



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That was a comment in one of the jurors made. They said that the case was weak. And this was a waste of time.



Jimmy Carper 32:19

Yeah, I think so too. You know, we're talking about consensual stuff, as we always talk about it in the leather field. And I don't get it. I just don't get it.



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I don't either. Hey, I want to tell you about next month's guest I'm gonna Yeah, I'm gonna have the Mr. Prime choice. 2000 contestants here. Oh, boy, you gotta be able to smell that test. Someone's choking. They're strong.



Jimmy Carper 32:46

No, no, this is this is this is a wonderful, wonderful contest. It one of my favorites. Because it it points to that you don't have to be 20 to be a contest winner. And that, you know, there's, there's, there's,



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it's good. It's a contest for men over for, again, the contestants that I haven't used and Craig Rutherford, Jim Benton, and David Haines and you really need to support these guys are doing fundraisers in and about the community the next few months. That's right, you need to support them for the prime choice contest coming up in mid April, April 14, and 15th. So they're gonna be here next month and talk about that array. And that's wonderful looking, looking forward to it should be good, good.



J Jimmy Carper 33:32

Good. Jim. It's been great having you here again with extreme leather line and I look forward to it every month.



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Great. I'm looking forward to it too. Okay, everyone, keep it safe.



J Jimmy Carper 33:43

See you next month. Thank you. You've been listening to after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station, Big Daddy j is standing right behind me. Ready to start out. Our fabulous blue Sunday. And so let's see. I'll give you a little bit. The music in the background you're listening to is called pride by John Gilbert. Leave it and we'll talk to you. We'll see you we'll communicate with you next week.