

# Power Lines

## The Board's Corner



Oh my it's already February! This year sure started off with a bang. I have caught wind of a bunch of great things in the works, events, parties and oh yes, babies. With all of the old friends to catch up on and new friends to meet how could one be bored.

In the event category is the Bash. If you haven't heard by now, the planning is running full speed ahead. Reservations are picking up speed, we have information on the Payment Plan up on the website. We have given you a lot of options here to choose from. With any luck by the time you read this we will finally have the credit card option working. Oh how those little gremlins of banking can gum up the works.

Gazelle has been busy planning for another year of great workshops. Some of the things she has in mind run the gamete from Boot Blacking and Leather Care to Bondage, Spanking, Needle Play and Fire Play. While she did say that some of the classes were spoken for, others are looking for someone to enlighten us as the presenter. Is that someone you or someone you know? Is there someone you know who does the greatest class? Drop by the website and check out the Workshop page for a longer list of the suggestions and drop her a line. Gazelle what is this class about Play Issues for People Over 40?

While you are looking over the new registration information and workshop information take a minute to pop over to the Volunteer page. Sandy has some great opportunities for those of

you who can spare some time. Volunteering can be fun and a good way to meet new people and make some new friends.

This year looks like a great year for vendors. We had many more great vendors apply than we have space for. We are having a tough time making this decision. We'll be posting those that will be at the Bash on the Vendor page as they confirm. Look for some old friends and some new folks with some new and exciting things to sell.

Speaking of commerce, there are some great opportunities for companies to advertise in the program or to become a corporate sponsor. This is a great way for a business to reach the Orlando BDSM community. If you, your company or someone you know would like to become a sponsor or advertiser drop by the Bash section of the web site. Lilone has all the information listed on the Sponsor and Advertising pages.

Trident of Central Florida will be back again this year as the Official Charity. Last year Trident collected over \$10,000 at various leather events, \$2400 of it right here at the Bash. I had the honor of attend the disbursement party in December and I can tell you there wasn't a dry eye in the house as the checks were handed out to the local organizations. You can look forward to the Master/slave auction and 50/50 raffles again this year. Who knows what new things they will have for us this year.

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Moving away from the home front a little, the St. Augustine Munch is now meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. Check the BDSM Calendar page for listings of all the Florida Munches and Groups. If you don't see your group listed drop us a line.

I had a fun weekend in Tampa recently and got to see all my west coast friends at Edwin's after the Tampa Munch party. He had about 150 or so friends at a nice club with plenty of play space and plenty of good friends. I love it when it takes thirty minutes to get in door. Edwin says yes he going to do it again dates and times TBA.

Two people it was particularly good to see were slvbunnie and mystral both are expecting. Watch out MastrNico and Thor, the black and blue dippers are just around the corner.

*Written by Rick*  
**Orlando Munch Board Member**

## What it means to be Ma'am.....by Karen Matroni

"Ma'am, all I want to do is be of service to You." Sounds familiar, doesn't it? But the real surprise to most people is that, in many ways, the Ma'am is in service to Her property. This contradiction in terms is the cornerstone of being a Dominant. I will be discussing Lifestyle, 24/7 Dominance and submission. These concepts don't necessarily apply to all situations or relationships, as each one is unique. However, I feel that the philosophy behind this style of Dominance is valid and affirming to those living this Life.

The "stereotypical" image of a Ma'am is a Woman who is in control at all times, who never lifts a finger, who is always waited upon hand and foot and all that is needed is to accept the adoration and service of the multitudes of submissives that line up at Her feet. Well, nothing could be further from the truth. No submissive comes perfectly trained. And more importantly, a submissive is a person, not an animal. The human psyche is infinitely complex and to think that being in service is all a service-oriented submissive needs to be fulfilled is a gross neglect. The needs of a submissive should never be discounted. These include the basics such as food, clothing and shelter, which can be provided by either Dominant or submissive. But needs go beyond the physical to include the emotional and spiritual sides of life as well.

In many ways, the Dominant is looked to for guidance in numerous aspects outside of the Dominant/submissive sphere. In that respect, a Dominant is also a teacher. If a submissive constantly needs to be told what to do, especially if that task has already been explained multiple times, a Dominant is not doing Her job. The old adage "The failure of the student is the failure of the teacher" holds true. The rule I strive to live by is to leave the submissive with more skills than they had at the beginning of our relationship. And I'm not just referring to service and submission skills. Financial planning, budgeting, getting along with co-workers, how to prepare a meal and serve it properly, general etiquette, the importance of honesty and integrity and other significant but abstract concepts. The list could go on forever. The conversations regarding these issues are as important a part of training as a discussion on how to properly kneel.

When a Dominant takes on the responsibility of a submissive, it's not just about service and play. To excel it takes commitment and dedication to the person who has given their service freely and whose service has been accepted. It takes organization and

the ability to follow up on tasks assigned and completed. It takes patience, love and understanding. And above all, it takes a commitment to Yourself. The personal education, evolution and growth that comes from the journey to self-actualization is the most important aspect of being a Dominant. Teacher, know thyself.

As a Dominant, One should always strive to live up to the expectations placed on the submissive. I personally keep a chore schedule and if I do not have a submissive in My service, I complete the chores. I need to know that what I have assigned can be completed in the time allotted. Also, the structure and schedule are integral to running a Household. If there is no structure in place, how will the submissive know what is expected? If the rules are not clearly established, how is the submissive to know what to do? I read Ms. Christina Abernathy's wonderful book "Training with Ms. Abernathy: A Workbook for Erotic slaves and their Owners". It was truly an inspiration. Ms Abernathy gives very detailed instructions on how to create a Household Manual. I personally sat down and started My Manual when I fished the book. Included is everything from a grocery list and dry cleaner information to Household Rules for submissives and how to feed and care for My animals. It is a constant work in progress and one that helps Me to better understand how I feel My Household should be run. Many times, a Dominant just says "the house needs to be cleaned" or "dinner is promptly served at 7:00 p.m.". Instead, the specific chores need to be listed and in specialized instances, such as how to care for silver, the cleaning steps should be spelled out. Time management should be taught if the skill is lacking in the submissive so that she can succeed and have dinner ready right on time. However, in no instance should the submissive be given a huge manual and told to memorize it at once. Every rule that is in the Manual should be explained to the submissive. Especially difficult or complicated tasks should be demonstrated, if needed. And always, ALWAYS, a submissive should be given detailed feedback on their performance. How else will they learn exactly how You want something done?

A few notes on punishment, reward and correction. I personally do not use pain play as punishment for everyday mistakes. I may enjoy a scene where the submissive has been intentionally set up to fail, such as putting a toy back in the exact proper place when she did not know where it was to begin with, and then punish her with her full knowledge that it is a role-play scenario. However, if a certain task is not done, I

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prefer to use a corrective measure that is more likely to produce the desired effect the next time. Use simple behavioral psychology and aversive conditioning to make the submissive want to avoid punishment. The realization that bad behavior does not get rewarded will come swiftly. I personally like to use essays for this purpose. Not only does this encourage correct behavior, it also educates at the same time. For example, a girl in service to Me needed to carry a certain medication at all times. I didn't check for a while and then I did a spot check at a restaurant. As she did not have the medication with her, I had her write a 1,000-word essay on her medical condition. Not only did this drive the point home, the research she did for the essay allowed her to learn more about her condition. On the other hand, for a mistake that has been made repeatedly (such as a gay boy mistakenly calling Me "Sir" a number of times) I prefer the Bart Simpson method- writing "I will not call Ma'am a Sir" a hundred times or more. It is a pointless, boring exercise but it certainly does get the point across. Needless to say, the mistake rarely happens again. I have used these two techniques multiple times with a great deal of success.

Although there are many, many more aspects that should be discussed and expanded upon, the scope of this essay will of necessity be truncated. I will finish by explaining a very important rule. A Dominant must always be willing to learn from their submissive. Feedback is a valuable educational tool. If the Dominant never receives feedback, how will She know how She is doing? This is one of the submissive's most important tasks. If the concept of integrity is still fuzzy around the edges, it is up to the submissive to ask for clarification. If a Dominant gives an order contradicting another order, the submissive must respectfully request a resolution to the discrepancy. A Dominant is not infallible and mistakes will always be made. Therefore the Dominant and the submissive must be willing to communicate honestly and non-judgmentally at all times. One of the most important lessons I ever learned came from a submissive. She made Me realize that a submissive needs to be of service and as a Dominant I needed to accept that service. Before this time I had been a bit uncomfortable with others doing things for Me. This girl in service to Me asked to please let her be of service to Me. She told Me that when I did things for Myself it was negating her place as a girl in service. It was as if a light bulb went off in My head. I finally understood the yin-yang duality of the service aspect of Dominance and submission.

This all sounds like a lot of work for a Dominant who has someone willing to service every need, doesn't it? Being a Dominant is by definition being a person of service and sacrifice. In order to receive, you must also be willing to give. This Lifestyle is not a one-dimensional scenario detailed in an erotic story. It is, first and foremost, about honor. Honor of the commitments We make, the power We hold and the lives that are put into Our hands. Honor the Lifestyle, Honor your submissive and most importantly Honor Yourself. If You do not respect Yourself, You will never be able to become an effective Dominant. As My Sir and Mentor always says, "Take care of the property". And that property is You.

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**Love, Life and Leather**

## ATTENTION

Dear Community,

The Tampa Munch will be having a special event during March's Munch and future Munches to come. Stu, a pillar in our community, is going through some tough times. For those of you who do not know Stu, he is the owner of Leather Master Leathers. Stu has been battling Multiple Sclerosis and Diabetes for many years. Unfortunately his MS has come out of remission and his medical costs are rising. At the next munch, we are having a 50/50 raffle for Stu. The money raised will go to Stu to help offset his medical costs. Currently, Stu is wheelchair bound and is having to adapt his car as well as his home. Insurance does not cover this, as well as, the strips Stu uses to check his blood. Any little bit will help.

If you have any contacts with the medical field, and are able to help Stu with the adapting process, as well as, the strips he uses to check his blood or any other medical need, please let us know and we will get you in touch with Stu.

Stu knows that we are doing this for him, and is very touched to know how much our community loves and supports him.

Yy and Edwin

# Psychology of BDSM

## Rituals

Is D/s a form of therapy? Some say yes, some say no. Personally I believe it is a very practical and healthy form of therapy, especially for tension and stress relief. In this month's column I am going to focus on rituals and the calming and security one can gain from them.

Rituals have meaning; they have depth and can be used in many ways. Rituals can signify special events, they can be used to enter into the "lifestyle domain" and they can be used as reward and/or punishment.

The collaring ritual—I have never witnessed a collaring ceremony or ritual that was not significant, beautiful and meaningful to those who were the primary participants as well as those who were honored to be invited. The collaring ritual is a promise. A promise to accept, love and teach for as long as the Dominant and submissive is together. Sometimes the signing and witnessing of the contract between the two parties accompany this ceremony. There are as many different variations on this ceremony as there are variations of people. Psychologically, if you participate in this type of ritual, you will find security and a sense of belonging once you have committed formally to train or be trained. With the snap of a lock or the signing of your name, everything comes into focus. If you'd like to share your experiences, you can send them email to [plinespsych@hotmail.com](mailto:plinespsych@hotmail.com).

Rituals used to enter the "lifestyle domain" also vary. By lifestyle domain, I am speaking about those couples who do not live 24/7 or do not live with their Dominant or submissive or for any other reason do not get to spend a lot of time together. This ritual can be used for both individuals to enter into their "headspace" or their role. It can be as simple as entering the space of the Dominant and kneeling for your collar or as complex as a couple defines their own practices. This ritual can include lighting a candle and reciting a pledge or set of lines designed to "turn off" the rest of the world and your outside life and "turn on" the power exchange.

I use rituals in my life to enter and exit many different spaces. I use a ritual in my dungeon every time someone enters. The first time a submissive enters my dungeon they are given the rules verbally, and they must repeat them back to me. Every subsequent time that they enter, they must again repeat the rules. This way I am sure that My rules are remembered and

embedded into the psyche of the submissive. This is the turning over of power and the beginning of our exchange.

Comments, questions and feedback can be sent to: [plinespsych@hotmail.com](mailto:plinespsych@hotmail.com)

\*\*I may use your comments in subsequent columns so if you would like to remain anonymous, please state that in the body of your letter.

## Ooopsie of the Month

This month's oopsie was sent in by a dear friend of mine. The scene is set: these are two male participants in a scene designed to get to the base animal instinct in both of them. This was a cleansing scene, a scene meant to get down to the basic roots of both parties; these scenes can be the most intense type of exchange we can give one another.

During the scene, as the top was flogging his bottom with his soul, and the energy was charged with the essence of their beings, the bottom grabbed the flogger. The top, going on instinct and surprise, pulled on the flogger to regain control of it. The bottom let go...leaving the top to pinwheel, fall and skid across the floor. This was definitely not funny at the time, but as he relates it to me now, he can laugh and enjoy the memory of the incredible scene and the silliness of one event. I'm sure that is something that he won't let happen again!

**We finally have it done!!!**

**All of the payment options are now  
online and ready to go for the  
Orlando Bash 2002**

**Payment Plans  
Credit Cards and Checks**

**Visit our website and take a look  
at all the juicy details.**

[www.orlandomunch.com/bash2002/registration.htm](http://www.orlandomunch.com/bash2002/registration.htm)

## Interested in advertising or being a sponsor for the Bash

### BASH PROGRAM ADVERTISING INFORMATION

#### **Back Outside Cover**

Size: 5.5 x 8.5

Cost: \$300

#### **Front Inside Cover**

Size: 5.5 x 8.5

Cost: \$250

#### **Back Inside Cover**

Size: 5.5 x 8.5

Cost: \$250

#### **Facing Back Inside Cover**

Size: 5.5 x 8.5

Cost: \$200

#### **Full Page**

Size: 4.5 x 7.5

Cost: \$150

#### **Half Page**

Size: 4.5 x 3.75

Cost: \$75

If you are considering purchasing a cover space, please contact lilonefla at [lilonefla@aol.com](mailto:lilonefla@aol.com) to make sure it has not already been sold.

### POWERLINES ADVERTISING INFORMATION

#### **Full Page**

Size: 6.5 x 9.25

Cost: \$100

#### **Half Page**

Size: 6.5 x 4.63

Cost: \$75

#### **Quarter Page**

Size: 3.25 x 4.63

Cost: \$40

#### **Business Card**

Size: 3.25 x 2.3

Cost: \$30

#### **Submission Instructions**

Formats saved in the following programs are acceptable: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Paint, Adobe Photoshop Version 4, Adobe Illustrator version 7

Please do not send ads or images for ads off of the web as they are low resolution (72 dpi) and look blurry and very bad in print. Your ad should be in print ready resolution (at least 300 dpi) to look clear when printed.

All advertising info needs to be sent to:  
[lilonefla@aol.com](mailto:lilonefla@aol.com)

### BASH SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

**Platinum** \$1000 - You will receive a full page ad in the Bash program, a full page ad in the Bash month (June) Powerlines, a banner on the Munch website for 6 months. We will stuff in our party packets any flyers, magazines, advertisement and give-aways your company provides. Also we will hang up to 3 banners that your company provides in our 2 hospitality suites and in the main ball room.

**Gold** \$750 - You will receive a full page ad in our Bash program, a 1/2 page ad in the Bash month (June) Powerlines, a banner on the Munch website for 3 months. We will stuff in our party packets any flyers, magazines, advertisement and give-aways your company provides. Also we will hang 1 banner that your company provides in the main ball room.

**Silver** \$500 - You will receive a 1/2 page ad in the Bash program, a 1/2 page ad in the Bash month (June) Powerlines, and a banner ad on the Munch website for 1 month. We will stuff in our party packets any flyers, magazines, advertisement and give-aways your company provides.

**Bronze** \$250 - You will be listed in our Bash program, in the Bash month (June) Powerlines and on our website as a Corporate sponsor. We will stuff in our party packets any flyers, magazines, advertisements and give-aways your company provides.

If your company or group would just like to send flyers there is a \$25 fee. Your company or group will need to provide the flyers.

If any company would like to provide give-aways, such as condoms, lube samples, etc we will gladly accept them. For this type of donation we will list your company in our Bash program and Bash month (June) Powerlines

Please advised that we are planning for an attendance in the range of 500 participants.

Checks for ads and/or sponsors need to be made out to OLI and can be delivered by you or mailed to:

OLI  
P.O. Box 740803  
Orange City, Florida 32774-0803

If they want more info on Bash sponsorship please contact:  
[dreamer@totcon.com](mailto:dreamer@totcon.com) or [lilonefla@aol.com](mailto:lilonefla@aol.com)

# THE SIXTH ANNUAL ORLANDO BASH 2002

## JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> – JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**EVENT ACTIVITIES**

- Vendor Fair with vendors from all over Florida and from around the country!
- Two days of Seminars and Workshops, featuring top presenters from the scene.
- The Fourth Annual Master/Mistress/slave auction, to raise money for a local charity.
- Two delicious dinners & Our Fetish Fashion Show
- Three nights of incredible play in almost 4,800 sq ft of dungeon space, including male and female only play spaces!

**PACKET COST (DOES NOT INCLUDE HOTEL)**

The cost for all three nights is an incredibly low \$140 per person if reservations are received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002. The party price increases to \$155 per person for reservations received from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002. We are also offering a two-night package, Friday and Saturday nights, for \$107 per person if reservations are received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002, and \$117 from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The hotel has given us a discounted rate of \$77 per night for the standard oceanview room (including tax). Hotel information will be given upon receipt of the reservation form and full payment.

*Note: The Bash will handle all room reservations and assignments in the event room block.*

**REGISTRATION**

Send in the registration form below, regardless of method of payment. Indicate if you want your confirmation sent to your email or home address by checking the appropriate box. Online registration & payment will be available soon.

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**Make check or money order payable to: O.L.I./Orlando Bash DO NOT SEND CASH!**  
**Mail form & payment to: O.L.I., P.O. Box 740803, Orange City, FL 32774-0803**

Contact Name (Please print):			
Organization Affiliation (if any):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone :	<input type="checkbox"/> Email:		Number Attending:

Full Legal Name	Name to be listed on Badge	T-shirt Size

(\$10 per shirt - S, M, L, XL/\$12 per shirt - 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Room Preference:  Smoking  Non-Smoking

Pricing Information:	Before 3/31/02	After 3/31/02	Quantity	Subtotal
<b>3 Night Packages per person</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>		
<b>2 Night Packages per person</b>	<b>\$107.00</b>	<b>\$117.00</b>		
<b>Room 3 Nights, @\$77 per night</b>	<b>\$231.00</b>			
<b>Room 2 Nights, @\$77 per night</b>	<b>\$154.00</b>			
<b>T-shirt Charge (no guarantee of correct size after April 19<sup>th</sup>)</b>				
<b>Registration Deadline: May 1, 2002</b>			<b>Grand Total</b>	

# FLORIDA BDSM CALENDAR

## FIRST MONTH EVENTS

### FIRST FRIDAY

Miami Munch

Email: [rareamber1@aol.com](mailto:rareamber1@aol.com)

Website: <http://miamimunch.tripod.com/miamimunch/>

### FIRST SATURDAY

Clearwater Munch

Email: [mastersquest@mastersquest.com](mailto:mastersquest@mastersquest.com)

Website: <http://www.mastersquest.com>

Palm Beach Munch

Email: [palmbeachmunch@yahoo.com](mailto:palmbeachmunch@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://www.ds-arts.com/palmbeachmunch>

Tallahassee SSC Munch

Email: [tallymunch@hotmail.com](mailto:tallymunch@hotmail.com)

Website: <http://www.tallyssc.com>

St. Augustine Munch

Email: [vipercommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:vipercommittee@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://www.viperbds.com/>

## SECOND MONTH EVENTS

### SECOND SATURDAY

Tampa Munch

Email: [Intreegue@aol.com](mailto:Intreegue@aol.com)

Website: <http://www.tampamunch.org>

Panama City PEP

Email: [MzDecadent@aol.com](mailto:MzDecadent@aol.com)

### SECOND SUNDAY

Sarasota Munch

Email: [sarasotasociety@yahoo.com](mailto:sarasotasociety@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://www.sarasotasociety.com/>

## THIRD MONTH EVENTS

### THIRD FRIDAY

Daytona Beach Munch

Email: [Daytonaflmunch@earthlink.net](mailto:Daytonaflmunch@earthlink.net)

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/daytonaflmunch>

### THIRD SATURDAY

Ft. Myers Munch

Email: [WhypDancer@aol.com](mailto:WhypDancer@aol.com)

## FOURTH MONTH EVENTS

### FOURTH SATURDAY

Gainesville Munch

Email: [patti\\_lynn@hotmail.com](mailto:patti_lynn@hotmail.com)

North Palm Beach Munch

Email: [ladykuanvin@worldnet.com](mailto:ladykuanvin@worldnet.com)

Orlando Munch & OPEX

Email: [dreamer@totcon.com](mailto:dreamer@totcon.com)

Website: <http://www.orlandomunch.com>

### FOURTH (or last) SUNDAY

DSSG

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Website: <http://www.dssglive.com>

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### Schedule for Upcoming OPEX Meetings

Topic	Date
Rick On Paddling	March
Karena On Rope Bondage	May
MsVirgo On Electric Play	July



## Call for OPEX Topics

Have you seen something done in a scene and would love to know how to do it? Ever wanted to talk to other Dom/me or subs just to ask questions or get a little advice? Or maybe you want to learn more about the Leather lifestyle you are apart of. We welcome each and every one of you to attend OPEX.

OPEX is a BDSM discussion and support group dedicated to education, exploration and explanation of the BDM lifestyle. The information that most people coming into the lifestyle get about BDSM is not generally very accurate or positive.

OPEX meets the fourth Saturday of the month at the GLBCC located at 946 N. Mills Ave., a few blocks north of Colonial Drive in Orlando (Hwy 50), from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

OPEX is open to anyone interested in learning more about the BDSM lifestyle. If you have a specific topic you would like to see discussed or demonstrated at an OPEX or if you know of something that others might be interested in talking or learning about, please write [lapetimort@aol.com](mailto:lapetimort@aol.com) with your request or suggestion.

## Announcements

The **ORLANDO MUNCH** meets on the 4th Saturday of the month. Location is the Gator's Dockside Restaurant on Semoran (436) and Hoffner, north of the airport. Time is 2-5 PM. Please, no fetish or scene wear at the restaurant.

**OPEX**, the Orlando Power Exchange, a Pansexual Discussion Group, will meet on Saturday, March 23rd, 11AM to 1PM. The location is at GLBCC. **The address is 946 N Mills Ave.** The topic for March will be Paddling presented by our own Board Member Rick.

**Orlando Munch Message Board** – If you haven't been by the Orlando Munch web site (address over on the left), you might not know that we have our own Forum. Poke your head in and leave a message!