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## *In Touch*

"By the time I get through with all the things that I really admire about people, what they do with their private parts is probably so low on the list that it is irrelevant." - The Late, Great Paul Newman

### AIDS Walk update!

Volunteers, staff and board members came together on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 to strut their stuff at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual AIDS Walk for Life. After a light gathering of refreshments and games, the ASAAP team walked over to the Church and Wellesley starting point of the event and registered for the day's march. The ASAAP team was clearly visible with their brightly coloured team sign and Executive Director, Firdaus Ali, leading the team proudly in her lime green ASAAP t-shirt. This year, the walk finished with a tribute to those we have lost in the battle against AIDS

by commemorating a moment of silence at the AIDS Memorial located in Cawthra Park – a landmark for Toronto's Queer Community. The team retired after the walk for some refreshments and downtime at the office and in typical ASAAP style, began making plans for next year's walk.

Thanks everyone who participated, and we hope to see a bigger team next year!

### Board-staff retreat

ASAAP's Board-Staff retreat took place the weekend of Sept. 19-21. By the shores of Lake Couchiching, the dedicated team of 16 delved into the information it was given by a variety of focus groups (including one made up of 8 of our awesome volunteers---thanks for participating!). From the work done in small group and plenary sessions, ASAAP has begun to develop a strategic plan to be put into practice over the next 3-5 years. Details of our plan will be finalised in the coming weeks and will be presented at our AGM in November. All in all, a very successful weekend!



# Besharam! Condom stuffing!

*The good old Shameless dance party is in  
need of your monthly L-O-V-E*



Besharam, that venerable party at Fly Nightclub, has another night of fabulousity on Oct. 3 with *Nuit Brune!* Join MSM Outreach Coordinator Vijay at the office at 9:00 for an awesome evening of outreach. Come out and be *Brune* with the ASAAP Besharam team--- condom outreach, slide shows and so much more!

Although we received some help from the condom stuffing fairy (actually some U of T students on a mission) we still have a great many condoms to sort through and get organised. So I'd like to have a condom stuffing on **Thursday Oct. 16, from 4:00-6:00** in the office. Please come by anytime in there if you can make it!

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*Good-bye summer, hello—oh no, just more rain*

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