

A Special Appeal to Our Members

The American Association for Single People was created in 1999. It was formed by two visionaries who saw the need for a nonprofit organization to educate and advocate equal rights and fairness for millions of unmarried Americans.

Lloyd E. Rigler had the money and experience with marketing. Thomas F. Coleman had the ideas and experience with the issues. Both were committed to ending marital status bias.

Coleman gave up his 30 year law practice and became Executive Director of AASP. The Rigler Foundation supplied the seed money necessary to launch the organization and to see it through its first few years.

And then Rigler died in December 2003. In January 2004, Coleman met with those who took charge of his foundation and learned that they did not share Rigler's vision or have his commitment to equal rights for unmarried Americans. Foundation grants are now limited to arts organizations.

As a result, staffing has been trimmed to two paid positions: Executive Director and Administrative Assistant. Work is now done out of a home-based office. A few volunteers help with the quarterly mailings. Technical assistance also is provided by a volunteer. Although the organization is not yet running on "fumes" we are operating on limited reserves.

Despite this financial hardship, we have been visible and vocal in our quest for equal rights and fairness for everyone regardless of marital status or household configuration. With all of the national attention on "marriage, marriage, marriage" our efforts are needed now more than ever.

Most of our members have donated modest amounts to the organization: most give \$10 or \$25 per year. Although more than 3,000 people have made donations over the past five years, we now have about 1,000 current paid members. One does not have to be an accountant to do the math. The organization can not survive very long unless current members increase the level of their donations and current members get others to join the group.

And so we make this special appeal to you to: (1) renew your membership if you are up for renewal; (2) give an extra donation even if it is not time to renew; (3) increase the level of your membership; (4) give gift memberships to your friends; and (5) get a few others to join our organization.

Remember that we are a nonprofit tax exempt organization and so your donations are tax deductible. Please help us not only survive but thrive and grow. Send us your donation via postal mail or through our website with your credit card.

Send this page back to us with your donation

Here is my renewal donation for \$ _____
 Here is an extra donation for \$ _____
 Here are gift membership donations for \$ _____
\$ _____ Total amount of donations enclosed
 check is enclosed / donation by credit card
credit card: expiration date _____
number _____
Your name _____
Your address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please send the following premiums:

- to me / to gift member(s)
 don't send premiums, keep the money for your work
 \$25 regular member entitled to lighted key chain
 \$50 supporting member also receives t-shirt (size ____)
 \$100 benefactor also receives a book (list sent to you)
 \$250 leader gets all premiums plus monthly updates

Please send me _____ brochures to distribute.

Gift memberships:

#1 (include contact info for recipient)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

level of membership gift: \$25 regular member

- \$50 supporting member \$100 supporting member
 \$250 leadership circle \$10 e-member (no print materials)

#2 (include contact info for recipient)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

level of membership gift: \$25 regular member

- \$50 supporting member \$100 supporting member
 \$250 leadership circle \$10 e-member (no print materials)

I would like to host a gathering of single people in my area