

# M/s Connections

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MAsT CHAPTERS!

MAsT: San Jose, CA

MAsT: Fort Collins, CO

MAsT: Columbia, SC

MAsT: Fayetteville, GA

MAsT: San Diego, CA

## MANY THANKS TO MASTER JOE AND SLAVE KIM

Master Joe and slave Kim will be stepping down as Chapter Director and Secretary of MAsT: Melbourne at the end of 2020 after nine years of service. Many thanks to them and their efforts as the leadership of MAsT: Melbourne. They will be missed.





## WELCOME TO MASTER DANTE AMOR!

Please join us in welcoming to the board Master Dante Amor, our new MAsT Assistant Membership Director! We're confident he'll be a great addition to the team!

## A NEW RESOURCE FOR MAsT CHAPTERS!

### MAsT DISCUSSION TOPICS

Introducing a new resource: MAsT Discussion Topics! This resource was created as a source of topics for MAsT chapters to use if they wish. It includes topics, guiding questions that can be used, and reference when available. Open the Google Sheet and click on a topic! If you'd like to submit a suggestion, feel free to [email koneko](mailto:koneko)! Thanks goes out to Dr. beth, JJ, and Master Wes in their help on this project! Click on the link below to access it.



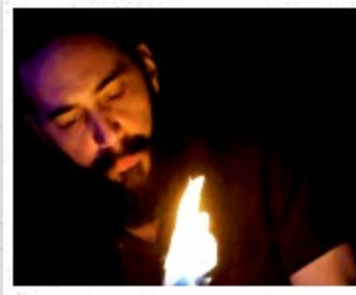
**MAsT Discussion Topics**

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)





SLAVE GAIA AMOR



MASTER DANTE AMOR



SLAVE SARAH AMOR

## MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT: HOUSE AMOR

**How many years have you been in a power exchange relationship?**

**Master Dante:** I have been formally active in the lifestyle for 20 years, and owner of Slave Gaia for 15, a polyamorous M/s relationship by design from its inception. This expanded into an inclusive triad when Sarah Amor joined our household, being collared in April 2019 after 18 months of service.

**How long have you been a MAsT member? What are your role(s) in MAsT?**

Master Dante is currently serving as the Co-Director of MAsT: Metro NY, the Northeast Regional Representative, and Assistant Membership Director for MAsT: International, Inc. Slave Gaia is Secretary of MAsT: Metro NY, and Slave Sarah heads Operations for MAsT: Metro NY. Dante and Gaia have been members for four years, Sarah for two.

**What benefits have you found being a member of MAsT?**

**Master Dante:** Maui, Hawaii and Johannesburg, South Africa had no active MAsT chapters when we lived there. When we finally made our way to MAsT: Metro NY we slaked a deep thirst where we hadn't even known we were parched, finding kindred spirits we could discuss real world M/s dynamics with in a meaningful and impactful way. MAsT provides a critical forum for support, edification, and fellowship with other like-minded individuals. Through MAsT, we have built lasting friendships, found community, and greatly expanded our chosen family.



**Slave Sarah:** A sense of belonging, community, and opportunity to be of service to others! At MAsT I have learned, laughed, cried, and been nourished in ways I never expected.

**Slave Gaia:** We have an extended family because of MAsT that supports each other through thick and thin. We have come together for members that needed financial and emotional support, and MAsT taught me that there is a place for everyone. MAsT expanded my support network exponentially over the years, introducing me to an ever widening circle of people who see, hear, understand, and support my slave heart and that is simply priceless.

**What are some of the highlights in your power exchange journey?**

**Slave Sarah:** Attending our first MsC together with so many others like me and learning how to do this thing we do with veteran members of the community.

**Slave Gaia:** Having a beautiful public collaring ceremony as a family in the Carter/Johnson Library at MsG was a beautiful highlight for us. Another was being part of the first ever Anon M/s conference in Rhode Island.

**Master Dante:** There has been no greater highlight for me than collaring Slave Gaia and Slave Sarah and seeing them blossom over the years. Other notable highlights have been serving the M/s community in so many ways like being asked by Sir Guy to assist him in leading MAsT: Metro NY, by Master Rodin to step up as Northeast Regional Representative, being invited by Master D and Slave Passion to be featured presenters for the 5th anniversary of The M/s Gathering, followed by the Master/slave Conference, and the inaugural AnonM/s conference in RI.

**What's a low moment in your power exchange journey and how did you recover or what did you learn from it?**

**Slave Gaia:** Being outed and estranged from my biological family. I learned that I could count on Master to be there through all of life's moments, good or bad. He has never strayed from his commitment and has taught me that being his slave is a calling that is noble and pure.

**Slave Sarah:** Living long distance for the first couple of years. We all worked together tirelessly to include each other in our days through ritual, communication, and love.

**Master Dante:** Almost losing Slave Gaia a few years ago due to medical challenges taught me how very precious each day we have truly is and reinforced that our M/s dynamic is not defined by what we *do* for each other, but who we *are* to each other.



### **What's an interesting fact about you that most people don't know?**

**Master Dante:** We own over 2,500 board games.

**Slave Gaia:** I love Broadway musicals and Shakespeare plays.

**Slave Sarah:** I have done taxidermy!

### **Do you have any advice for people new to power exchange relationships or new chapter directors?**

**Slave Sarah:** Find your community and lean on them. Learn to accept help. Give your time and energy to those who need it when asked.

**Slave Gaia:** Take it slow and negotiate as an equal. Remember as a slave, you are not giving up your power, you are ceding authority and you need to know you will be safe and respected.

**Master Dante:** Don't go it alone. While each relationship is unique, the challenges we face are not, and peer support is invaluable. Be vulnerable. Ask questions often. Truly listen with an open heart. Recognize that leadership can come from both sides of the slash. For new chapter directors? See the previous answers, *they are just as applicable*.

### **What's your favorite quote and why?**

**Slave Sarah:** "Let us toast to animal pleasures, to escapism, to rain on the roof and instant coffee, to unemployment insurance and library cards, to absinthe and good-hearted landlords, to music and warm bodies and contraceptives... and to the 'good life', whatever it is and wherever it happens to be." - Hunter S Thompson

**Slave Gaia:** "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Dr. Maya Angelou

**Master Dante:** "A leader sees greatness in other people. He nor she can be much of a leader if all she sees is herself." - Dr. Maya Angelou

**Master Dante:** Our heartfelt thanks to all those who work hard to make MAsT what it is, the Board Members, chapter leaders, facilitators, every member who attends sharing their hearts, and most of all the tireless volunteers who model the service that is at the heart of our relationships regardless of what our roles or identifications may be. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time via [email](#) or on [Fetlife](#). And please check out our [Leather Legacy event on September 5th](#).

## WHERE ARE OUR MAST CHAPTERS? CHECK OUT THE MAP!



MAsT Chapters - Google My Ma...

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

Locations of all MAsT Chapters!

## WE HAVE MAST STORE UPDATES!

[Check them out HERE!](#)



## THE TITLEHOLDERS

This year, all contests after March were canceled due to the pandemic.

South Plains Leatherfest made the decision to have their next International M/s Title Contest in 2022.

Check with your local contest to see what decisions are being made for your state &/or region.

\*May we all be safe and healthy.



## MAST CHAT - JOIN US!

We have an e-group for all MAsT members called MAsT Chat! Just email [koneko](mailto:koneko) with your name, email and which MAsT chapter you belong to and she will get you added! And feel free to post thoughts, ideas, questions, whatever you'd like to share across the MAsT family!



## CONTROVERSY AND CONVERSATIONS

This year has not been an easy road and multiple, difficult conversations are happening. They need to, too. As always, we respect each chapter to do what is best for their members and their community. We recommend that every MAsT member take time to listen, learn, and be present as we have hard conversations together. There's a lot to take in, a lot to learn and a lot to reflect on. Please be open to BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) community members and listen to their words as they are going through some extremely difficult times. Be open to what we might learn. And calmly have those much needed conversations - being afraid of difficult conversations has never been our way in MAsT. We can do this.

## YOUR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

**Australia and New Zealand:** [Master Tag](#) and Master Joe  
(Regional Rep. Em.)

**Canada:** [\[Vacant\]](#)

**Caribbean:** [\[Vacant\]](#)

**Central America:** [\[Vacant\]](#)

**Europe:** [Master Rodin](#)

**Great Lakes:** [slave Lyon](#) and [Master Mactep](#)

**Northeast:** [Master Dante](#) and [\[Vacant\]](#)

**Northwest:** [slave evelyn](#) and [\[Vacant\]](#)

**Oceanic:** [\[Vacant\]](#)



South America: [\[Vacant\]](#)

Southeast: [Master IceDog](#) and [\[Vacant\]](#)

Southwest: [Lady Morgan](#) and [\[Vacant\]](#)



## YOUR MAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chief Executive Officer: [Ms Suzan](#)

Director of Operations: [Master Michael](#)

Secretary: [slave passion](#)

Financial Officer: [Master John](#)

Regional Representative Director: [Master Michael](#)

Membership Director: [Master Rodin](#)

Marketing Director: [Master Bill](#)

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