# M/s Connections

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# Welcome to Our Newest MAsT Chapters

MAsT: Atlanta Central MAsT: Port St. Lucie





#### Where We Are!

See where our chapters reside!

# MAsT Happenings!

In the Southwest Region, MAsT: Dallas is sponsoring a Chili Cookoff in their community along with Texas Leather Productions. They hope to raise the awareness of MAsT and our presence in the local community. The cookoff is February 1st!

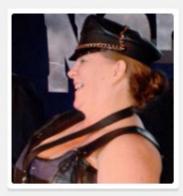




# Our Annual General Meeting is Soon!

March 15, 2020 12:00-2:00 pm Cypress Room

Our MAsT-International, Annual General Membership Meeting, AGM, will be held on Sunday, directly after the Key Note Brunch of <u>South Plains Leatherfest</u>. The AGM is the venue where representatives from MAsT chapters gather to discuss issues, share ideas and suggestions that help guide the current and future direction/goals of MAsT. Everyone is invited.







# Members Spotlight: Ms. Rhonda & Tomo!

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

Ms Rhonda and Tomo have been in an authority exchange relationship for nearly 13 years. We started as gradually increasing D/s over the first three years of our relationship development and have been Master and slave since then. We say and teach about "authority exchange" rather than "power exchange" where each person in the relationship maintains their own personal power and what is exchanged is authority over that power.

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

Ms Rhonda was one of the original members of MAsT: Sacramento founded in 2007. She has served as Director of MAsT: Sacramento and currently serves as Secretary. Ms Rhonda also served as Northwest Regional Representative for two years and most recently served on the Board of Directors of MAsT: International as Secretary for two years.

Tomo attended her first MAsT meeting at MAsT: Metro NY in 2008 and upon moving to California, became a member of MAsT: Sacramento in 2012. Tomo currently serves as the Director of MAsT: Sacramento.

Ms Rhonda and Tomo are both also members of MAsT: San Francisco.

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

MAsT, more than any other organization that exists in our leather community, provides a space for those of us who choose to live in a Authority Exchange Relationship. MAsT provides a structure and support of local chapters to provide opportunity for connection and discussion. MAsT also supports the growth of the the International Master/slave Contest and related regional feeders by enhancing growth and strength of the M/s community and its members.

#### What are some of the highlights in your authority exchange journey?

One of the highlights of our journey was Tomo moving from California to NY. It created an opportunity for growth in our relationship and a connection that did not have to include JetBlue airline!

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

One of the moments of struggle during our journey was Tomo moving from California to NY!!! While incredible, it also gave us challenges in learning how to make the move in a healthy way, manage Tomo's fear and stress with the many parts around the move, and create our new relationship now that we were not 3000 miles away.

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

Interesting facts... Ms Rhonda has 4 grandchildren and Tomo has 5 grandchildren!

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

Yes! People in new relationships - take your time to develop! We believe that many go too fast, surrender too much, take control of too much...too fast. We teach about and encourage people to focus on relationship development. New chapter directors, do more listening than talking. Learn about your members, what they need, and what would best support the group. Each chapter is different and does not need to be patterned off any other chapter.

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

Ms Rhonda: "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always." (Brad Metzler & various others)

<u>Tomo:</u> Jimmy Dugan from A League of Their Own: "It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great."

#### Anything else you'd like to add?

Thank you to all who have contributed to MAsT, members of the Board of Directors, MAsT chapter founders, directors and above all, the members who make MAsT so unique and incredible.



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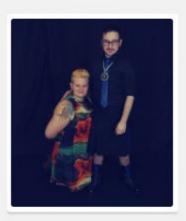
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Master Michael & slave rebekah

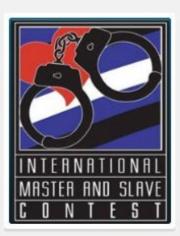
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Master Luke & His victor

2019 Southeast Master & slave Titleholders

Sir Edgar and slave raven 2019 Northeast Master & slave Titleholders

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The International Contest in 2020!

# MAsT Chat

We have an e-group for all MAsT members called MAsT Chat! Just email <u>koneko</u> with your name, email and which MAsT chapter you belong to and she will get you added!

And if you're already on there, please feel free to - chat! Ask questions, share thoughts and ideas! You have people from all around the world to connect with there!





# Our Regional Reps!

Australia and New Zealand: slave kim, Master Tag and Master Joe

as Regional Representative Emeritus

Canada: [Vacant]
Caribbean: [Vacant]
Central America: [Vacant]
Europe: Master Michael

Great Lakes: slave Iyon and Master Mactep

Northeast: Master Dante
Northwest: slave evelyn
Oceanic: [Vacant]
South America: [Vacant]

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Southeast: Master IceDog
Southwest: Lady Morgan

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