



Bill Hoeppepner

International Leather boy 2008
Mama's Sugar boy
Pantheon of Leather Man of the Year 2009

Bill was introduced to the Leather Community in 1993 in New York City. At that time the community was still galvanized by the AIDS Epidemic. The philanthropic nature of the leather community was what immediately drew him in and is one of the many things that still inspire him today.

Bill became an associate member of The Philadelphians MC and at that time began his work as a volunteer for non-profit organizations, supporting the community through fund raising. During his volunteer career, bill was the Co-Founder of Positively Sober, a Ft. Lauderdale support group for sober people living with HIV/AIDS and in 2007 helped to create Clean Sober Leather (CSL), an online support group for sober leather men and woman struggling with staying sober today in the leather community. He is proud to have been able to support local and national organizations through fundraising events including: The Leather Archives & Museum, Chicago, Illinois; Equality Florida; Care Resources, Miami, Florida; Tuesday's Angels, Ft. Lauderdale; Hospice of the Florida Keys; Project Link of Ft. Lauderdale; Kids in Distress; Toys for Tots; National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He has served as President of the Board for Bound South, Inc./The Leather Masked Ball, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he served on the Board of Directors for Lambda Men's Brotherhood for 5 years. Bill is one of the founding members of the South Florida boys of Leather and a founding member of the South Florida Minotaurs where he currently serves as President.

As an active member of the South Florida Leather Community, bill created the EDC (Enforced Dress Code) night, a monthly event at the Ramrod, Ft. Lauderdale, was engaged with Beyond Leather in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida as Contest Director for the Florida and SouthEast Leather Sir/ boy Community Bootblack Contest for four years. He served as Producer/Director of the Mr. Ramrod Leather Contest for 6 years. Bill also served a member of the Executive Board for F.L.U.I.D. (Florida Leaders United in Diversity) as well as a board member for International Leather SIR/boy Community Bootblack/Leather Heritage LLC and Director of the International ILS/b ICBB Contest for 5 years.

Over the past eight years he has served as a judge on numerous panels for Leather Contests across the country including: Mr. Ramrod Contest, Mr. Gulf Coast Florida Leather; Eastern Canada Leather SIR/boy; NorthEast Leather SIR/boy; SouthWest Leather SIR/boy; California Leather SIR/boy; Western Canada Leather SIR/boy; Great Lakes Leather Alliance; Central Plains Leather SIR/boy and Mid-Atlantic Leather SIR/boy, Mr. SECC Contest (Southeast Conference of Clubs), Mr. Code Leather, St. Petersburg, Florida and had the honor of serving as a Judge for The International Mr. Leather Contest, Chicago Illinois, 2011. He has served as MC for numerous contests and event and has had the privilege of working with and coaching a number of contestants in their preparation for Local, Regional and International Competitions.

Bill is honored to have received The Pantheon of Leather Man of the Year 2009 Award at IML 31, been recognized twice at the local SAL Awards as Leather Person of the Year and was welcomed into Mama's Family where he was personally pinned by Mama Sandy Reinhardt as Mama's Sugar boy. This journey has given him people he will always call friends and others who have become family.

Bill has held the Titles of:

Mr. Ramrod 2006, Ramrod Bar, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida International Mr. Leather 2007, 2nd Runner Up Florida Leather boy 2008, International Leatherboy 2008