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Meet the New Editor of GLSO's LinQ

Dear LinQ readers,

I sincerely hope you enjoy this edition of LinQ and all those to come. This edition marks a change in editorship from Marc Blevins, who is taking a new job and can't devote as much time to editing a magazine (we wish him well), to Christopher Bauer. Christopher moved here from Miami, Florida around a year ago with his partner and fellow GLSO board member Roberto Abreu. Christopher is a corporate attorney, and Roberto is earning his PhD in Counseling Psychology at the University of Kentucky. The handsome couple plan to marry in New York City in August and honeymoon in Europe.

Christopher has proven to be a solid trooper in his time in Lexington. He joined the Lexington Pride Festival committee and took on one of the most difficult roles: co-chairing logistics with Kat Wilkie. The duo executed the

role with smashing success! The GLSO board, of which Christopher recently became a member, feels confident handing LinQ over to his stewardship due to his dedication and the fact that prior to becoming an attorney, he spent ten years as a graphic designer.

As the job of editing the magazine represents a gigantic task, Christopher has partnered up with Ann Malcolm. She will do copy editing on all pieces submitted to LinQ, while Christopher does the display and design. Ann is a long time resident of Lexington and has been a huge advocate for LGBT issues. In fact, Ann served as the second chair of the Lexington Pride Festival and goes down in Lexington Pride history as a successful chair who helped grow the festival from its early seedlings into the massive tree it is today. Ann is married to Theo Meacham, who co-directs Company Q, a queer youth theater group that excels as one of the several programs offered under the



auspices of GLSO. We thank both of them immensely for their hard work and service in making Lexington and the planet Earth a better place for LGBT people and their allies.

Together, Christopher and Ann will grow and evolve LinQ. Personally, I believe they will move unstoppably, and I am waiting anxiously to view the magic they will create. Please join us in congratulating and wishing Christopher and Ann well on this new endeavour.

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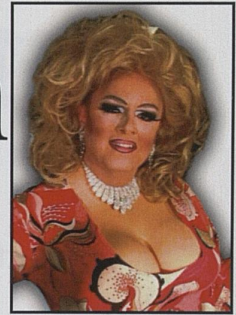


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That's What I'm Talkin' About

By Helena Handbasket



HUMOR

Family. That is a word that sparks emotion each time someone hears it. But did you ever wonder why? Think about it... It is a word that means something different to each and every person; partly because the meaning of the word for many people has metamorphosed into something completely different than it used to be.

So, what does family look like? There was a time that to be considered a family, there had to be a mommy, a daddy, a couple of kids, and usually some sort of house pet. Of course, we can look to TV to see many models of different families: *Leave It to Beaver* (the title still makes me giggle like a school girl), *The Waltons*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Brady Bunch*. They were the perfect families, where any challenge could work out fine by the end of the 30 minutes or 1 hour episode. But have you noticed that, as the world has changed, so have many of the TV shows' views of what a family looks like? Shows such as *Good Times* took us to the world of J.J. Evans and the struggles that he and his family faced. Then there was the Davis family where a widower (with the help of Mr. French) took care of Sissy, Jamie, and Buffy. (I wanted to believe that Mr. Davis and Mr. French were silently lovers.) And what about *The Courtship of Eddie's Father*, where Bill Bixby taught us that a divorced

single man could raise a son? We also had *Different Strokes*, where Mr. Drummond and his daughter took in two inner city youths to love and raise. This changed the face of family on TV. Then came the '80s, and enter the families that we all wanted to be part of, such as *The Huxtables*, or the ones on *Dallas*, or *Dynasty*, *Knots Landing*, or *Falcon Crest*. They were examples of seemingly perfect families with lots of drama going on each week. And for me, *Dynasty* introduced the first believable gay character that I remembered, when Steven came out as gay. Every gay man I knew was watching that night. It was like Christmas. The only gay character I remember before him was Jody, played by Billy Crystal on *Soap*, where he played a cross-dressing homosexual. How scandalous!

Fast forward to present day, and the shows that we thought we would never see. We see families like the Dunphees and the Pritchitts on *Modern Family*, where the relationship between Cal and Mitchell is just as valid and accepted as everyone else in the family. In shows like *The New Normal*, we see two men in a loving commitment with each other take in a single mother and her daughter. Don't you agree that this too would qualify as a family? (I hated when they cancelled that one.)

The way I define family is any persons

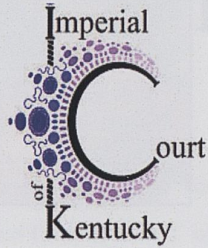
who share a commonality such as a common living space or even just their common life experiences on a regular basis. Sometimes the commonality is only that there is blood relation. But in today's world, it can be your church family, or that chosen family – those that you have taken into your life and your heart that you can't see your life without.

I have been blessed to have so much family. There are my relatives, who I love and cherish in spite of our differences; there is my church family that I get so much love from and know I can go to if I have a need; and there is my chosen family of those friends that are close to me – that I carry in my heart. In each case, these folks are all my family and I cherish them in my life.

Recently, I have had the joy of reconnecting with one of my nephews. He has opened his heart and his life up to me and started to share his own life experiences this far in his journey. He has introduced me to his life partner and now he has also entered into my heart and has become family. And, although they are on their way to California to begin their new adventures together, I know that I will be in their hearts and they will be in mine. Once again my family has grown and the blessings continue. I am so thankful.

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Imperial Court of Kentucky News



By Christina Puse

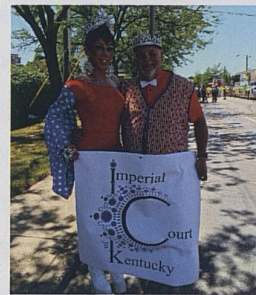
Greetings everyone! We hope that you have had a great summer so far. The ICK has been out and about within the community doing our best to meet everyone and continue to build friendships, old and new. At the beginning of July, the ICK teamed up with Lexington Fairness to march in the Fourth of July parade. Not only was it one of the best turnouts that's been seen in a while, but Lexington's community seemed to enjoy the LGBT section of the parade! Afterwards, the ICK held an event at Crossings Lexington entitled, "Celebrating our Gay Independence!" This was the first year that the ICK has ever held an event on Independence Day, and what a great turnout we had! Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted in raising much-needed funds for our charities. With that being said, Reign 33 is continuing our endeavors for the community with a few upcoming events for the month of August. If you haven't already, go ahead and get your calendars ready to jot these dates down. You won't want to miss out on these great events!

Our Dowager Monarchs, Her Imperial Majesty, Empress 22 and 32,

J.D. Vaughn, and His Imperial Majesty, Emperor 32, Patrick Thompson, have a great event scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, at Pulse Nightlife. There will be a \$5 donation at the door starting at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. Please join them and the rest of the ICK for a great night of entertainment and memories to last!

Sunday, August 17, the ICK will be hosting its annual Investitures event at Bogart's Lounge. Every year the ICK bestows titles to its members and friends alike, to recognize those who do so much for our community. This formal event is a night not to miss! Come on out and enjoy a night with ICK Royalty, friends, and family. There will be a \$5 donation at the door at 7 p.m., and the event begins at 8 p.m.

As the summer is coming to a close, children everywhere are preparing themselves for the return to school. Some families with children may have already started their school shopping, but for those families that don't have the means to, the ICK and the community steps in to provide some assistance. On Friday, August 22, at Crossings Lexington, the ICK will be hosting a AVOL Kids



"Back to School" show to raise funds for children of AVOL who do not have the supplies to

get them through the school year. Prior to this event, there will be AVOL Kids "Back to School" supply flyers available for \$1 each for those of you who would like to help us start this fundraiser early. Look for these flyers, available at one of your favorite bar establishments. Last year's Back to School event was spectacular, and this year, the ICK hopes to make it even better! All the festivities and fun begin at 9 p.m. We hope that you will join us and help bring joy to so many children in need for this new school year to come.

We hope to see you all out and about and look forward to spending these fabulous times with our community! For more information about the ICK's events, please visit our website at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org or visit us on Facebook under Imperial Court of Kentucky.



TransKyAdvocate



By Tuesday Meadows

An Introduction

This is my first regular feature column here in LinQ. The focus of TKA (TransKyAdvocate) will be on the transgender community here in Lexington and Central Kentucky. Each column will focus on a different subject to be shared with the larger LGBT community, such as the personal stories, celebrations, and struggles of our transgender neighbors. Like any community, the transgender community in Lexington is a very diverse group. While we celebrate that diversity, it can make it difficult for people to understand us or even understand each other. I hope that, by sharing these stories, bridges between all of us can be built and crossed. With more understanding, we can all have a better, louder, and more effective voice, both here in Lexington, and in the rest of Kentucky.

Since this column will be about personal stories, let me first share my own. I go by the name Tuesday. I am a male-to-female (MTF) transgender person. (As an aside, please don't say "transgendered person," it makes it sound like I had an accident.) I am a

lifelong resident of Kentucky, a parent, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, a trans-feminist, a Christian, and I am married to a wonderful woman.

I believe in equality for everyone, women having reproductive (and other) control of their own bodies, standing up for what you believe in, forgiveness, and inclusiveness. I believe that how each of us personally identify is more important than what happens in our bedrooms or what happens to be in our pants. I love politics, but unlike politicians, I find myself continually evolving on the political scale. I believe that everyone has a right to their own opinions, as long as they are not harming others. However, I also believe that there are many dangerous opinions that can be used to harm or even kill members of the trans and LGB communities, and therefore I have little tolerance for hate speech and slurs, even when they have been "reclaimed."

My interests include cooking, baking, shopping, reading, running, fishing, and watching football, basketball, and horse racing. I do not believe that any activities are inherently masculine or feminine.

Most evenings I watch television and read at the same time (yes, I may have a bit of ADD). My favorite movie of all time is a Western, *Silverado*, but I also like many of the newer movies as long as they tell a great story. I even liked *Frozen*; I see parallels between my struggles with my journey and Anna's search for her sister after she ran away because of all the trouble that she had caused. If you go back and watch it, you might look at it differently. I know, I know: "Let it Go," Tuesday!

My name came from a book used for naming babies, and sometimes my transition feels like I was just born. Before you ask, I was born on a Thursday, but I liked the name Tuesday. Naming or renaming ourselves is a big part of our transition. Some choose to take our birth name and use a masculine or feminine version of it. Others take a name that our parents say they would have named us had we been assigned a different gender at birth. Some find our names elsewhere. Tuesday is my third attempt to name myself and the one that feel the most right. The first I used for

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2014 Pride Festival Raises The Bar!

By Chad Hundley

The Seventh Annual Lexington Pride Festival was held Saturday, June 28, 2014, at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza in downtown Lexington. It was by far the biggest celebration of its kind here in Central Kentucky to date. Many have said that our festival was the best in its offerings of vendors, entertainment, and fun for all ages, from five to ninety-five. This year's festival drew national and international attention through Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and even sources such as MTV, with the help of our headliner, international recording artist Dario. We were even trending on Yahoo three times throughout the day. Some in the area were unfamiliar with



Dario before he appeared at the festival, but he has quite the resume, performing with acts such as Destiny's Child, Ariana Grande, Beyonce, and



Katy Perry, to name a few. Taking Dario and his crew back to the airport on Sunday evening was a sad "see you later" for those of us on the committee who got to spend time with them, as we learned what amazing individuals superstars can be.

Lexington Pride Festival continues to excel, putting our stamp on Central Kentucky as "The Best Party in Town" with the talents of Josh

Zuckerman, the band Kung Fu Grip, March Madness Marching Band, the Lexington Ballet, SisterSound, Louisville Gay Men's Chorus,

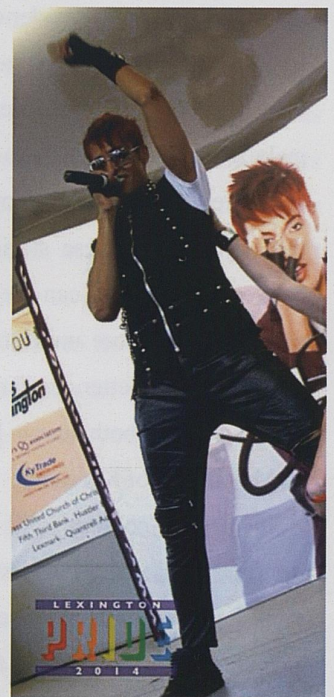
DJs Ea, Brady, and Crowe, and the fabulous entertainers during our drag shows! We also had Erin Davies and the famous Fagbug make an appearance on Saturday, and The Kentucky Theater was proud to present the third official public screening of her sequel, "Fagbug Nation," on Sunday.

Over 80 vendors and non-profit organizations participated in this year's event as well. Among them were numerous corporate sponsors such as Macy's, Whole Foods Market, UPS, Subaru, and Cash America. There were many religious,

equality, retail, college, and non-profit organizations as well. We can safely say that it was an absolutely fantastic day for everyone involved!

The Pride Festival committee wishes to thank everyone who attended, helped to spread the word, and volunteered, and those who continue to support us. A very special thank you goes out to our Rainbow Sponsors: Crossings Lexington, SoundBar, and West Sixth Brewery, and to the Gay and Lesbian Services

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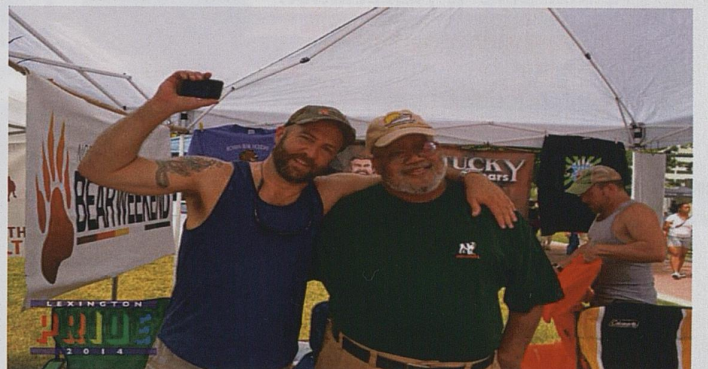
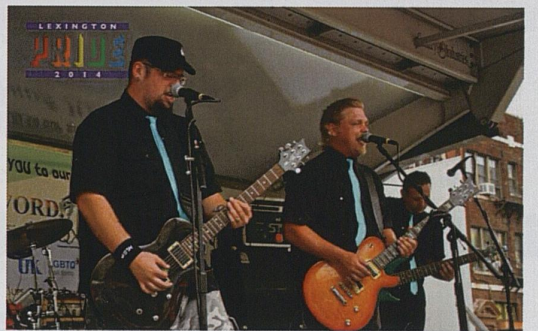
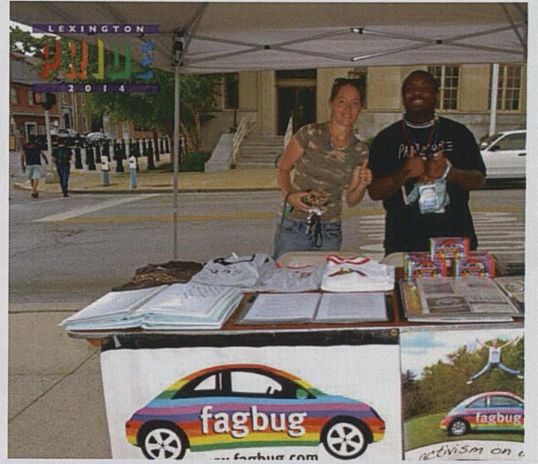
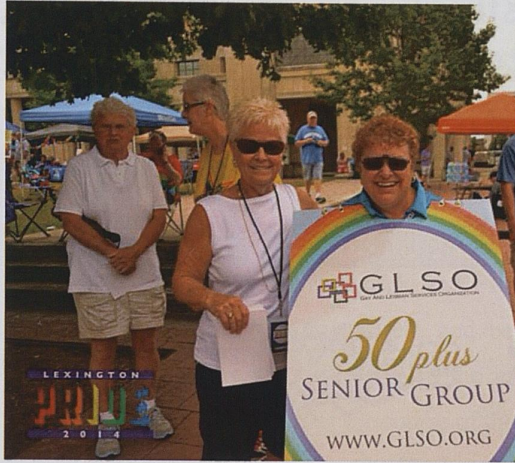
Top: Miss LexPride Mya St. James & Mr. Lex Pride Colton Bacall perform for their subjects. Bottom Left: Josh Zuckerman belts out a tune on his fiddle. Above: Headliner Dario fires up the crowd.

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Organization (GLSO) for hosting the festival!

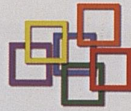
To be part of the committee planning next year's festival, please attend the election meeting for new positions at the GLSO Pride Center at 389 Waller Ave, Suite #100, Lexington, KY, on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 6:30pm, or contact chad@glso.org for more information.

Let's keep the Pride going all year long! 🏳️‍🌈



From Top, Left To Right: Ginger Moore-Minder with members of the GLSO Seniors Group; Erin Davies and one of her volunteers at the Fagbug Booth; Lexington Pride Festival Committee being introduced on stage (Chad Hundley, Jacob Boyd, Kat Wilkie, Christopher Bauer, JP Johnson, Donovan Jefferson, Roberto Abreu, And Sarah Brown); Kung Fu Grip jams; Friends strike a pose: Taking time out for a picture at the Kentucky Bourbon Bears booth; Volunteers helping out at the childrens' activities area; Members of the March Madness Marching Band cheering in all of their regalia.

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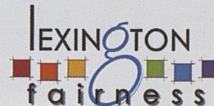
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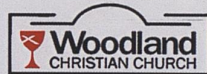
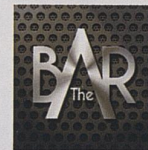
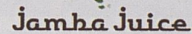
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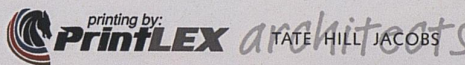
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Around The Library: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky



By Amy Retucci

Meet Charlie. He's an introverted and intelligent teen growing up in Pittsburgh, PA, in the early '90s. The book unfolds via letters from Charlie to an anonymous person. Charlie talks about the tumultuous start to his high school experience and how

he is trying to move on from the trauma of his past. Despite being a wallflower, Charlie meets Patrick and Sam, step-brother and step-sister, and begins to involve himself more in the moments of his life. Over the course of the school year, Charlie is asked to his first Sadie Hawkins Dance, the trio performs with others during a showing of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and Patrick's relationship with a closeted member of the football team is made very public. They become infinite by driving through the tunnels of Pittsburgh in the back

of a truck, to then emerge on bridges over the Allegheny River. Charlie is ultimately able to recognize the demons of his past and realize that they do not control him. He is able to step off the sidelines and live an infinite life. This novel is a wonderful example of how crazy and beautiful coming-of-age is. Chbosky also strived to show the value in all people, independent of age or sexual identity. This book can be found in the YA Fiction section. Come check it out!



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Superfoods: Super Healthy

By Ranada West-Riley



We are an aging nation. Yeah, I was 20 once and thought I'd never be 40-something or older, but here I am. I wish I had known then what I know now. Superfoods are the way to go, instead of continually bombarding ourselves with processed and fast foods. I've begun a journey with this myself, as I write this article; I'm learning the benefits of cooking with these foods or using them in smoothies and green drinks, and truly, these foods are only advantageous for us. Just a small change in diet is all that is needed for healthier bone and muscle density, as well as for brainpower, weight loss, and a host of other benefits. Following are just a few Superfoods and their properties.

ALMONDS – Almonds protect against Type II Diabetes, make your heart happy with potassium, increase brainpower, aid in weight loss, and are rich in Vitamin E.

ARTICHOKES – As long as they're not in a cheesy dip, these tasty little things are great for fighting cancer, heart disease, and high blood pressure, due to the large amounts of antioxidants they contain.

BEANS AND LENTILS – These are filled with antioxidants and a ton of protein and are high in fiber, aiding in digestion and muscle health.

GARLIC – This tasty morsel aids in lowering cholesterol, helps lower blood pressure, and even kills unhealthy bacteria in the body.

HOT PEPPERS – Add a few of these to your salad and see what happens! Better digestion, immune system boost, and better circulation and digestion are just a few things these fiery friends can offer.

KALE – Kale is super for vision health as well as a plethora of other things. It may even help combat cancer,

especially breast cancer.

KEFIR – This is like a drinkable yogurt with antioxidant properties. The benefits include improved digestive health and a stronger immune system.

QUINOA – This grain seems to be all the rage right now. It's naturally gluten free and high in fiber, aiding in digestion.

SWEET POTATOES – This is the way to satisfy your sweet tooth! They're a healthy carb that helps with energy, and are rumored to help elevate your mood and keep your bones healthy and strong.

WILD CAUGHT SALMON – Omega-3 is the essential benefit of wild caught salmon (farm raised is fatty and I simply won't eat it). Vitamins B3 and B12, which aid in metabolism and energy, are also benefits of this wonderful protein.

SEASAME SEARED SALMON WITH SPICY ASIAN GLAZE

6 oz Wild Caught Salmon

Juice of 1 Orange

2 tbs Sesame Oil

3 tbs Rice Wine Vinegar

1 Small Red or Green Chili Pepper, Thinly Sliced

2 tbs Reduced Sodium Soy Sauce

2 tbs Olive Oil

1 tbs Grated Ginger

- Combine all marinade ingredients. Add salmon and turn to coat. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 30 min. Remove salmon from marinade, reserve marinade. Sprinkle salmon with salt and pepper.

- Heat oil in a skillet. Add salmon skin side down and cook 4 min. Turn salmon and cook 4 min. or until just opaque in center. Transfer salmon to a platter. Cover loosely with foil and keep warm. Discard any drippings from skillet, add marinade, and cook until thickened and syrupy. Drizzle glaze over salmon and sprinkle with cilantro.

- Serve with Brown Rice and Vegetable Medley of steamed carrots, broccoli, and red onion.





SISTERSOUND

SisterSound Begins 19th Season with Picnic/Rehearsal Startup

SisterSound, the Lexington Women's Chorus, is ready to start its 19th season! We will be kicking things off with a Prospective and Returning Members Picnic on Sunday, August 24, at 6 p.m. The picnic will be held at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection Pavilion, 3220 Lexington Road, Nicholasville (on the left side of outbound Nicholasville Road between Brannon Crossing and Kohl's Shopping Center). If you are female, at least 18 years old, and have thought about singing with SisterSound, come to the picnic and meet other SisterSound members. We are a non-audition chorus, and if you can match pitch with those around you, we want you singing with us.

If you can't join us for the picnic, rehearsals for the 2014-2015 season begin on Sunday, September 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at:

Centenary United Methodist Church Choir Room, 2800 Bates Creek Road.

Need more information?

Give Patti a call at (859) 806-0243

PFLAG Central Kentucky Meeting


PFLAG Central Kentucky meetings are held 6:30pm to 8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Michael's Episcopal Church (2025 Bellefonte Drive in Lexington). Typically, we have a program the first half, followed by our support group. We welcome members of the LGBTQ community, their families, friends, and allies.

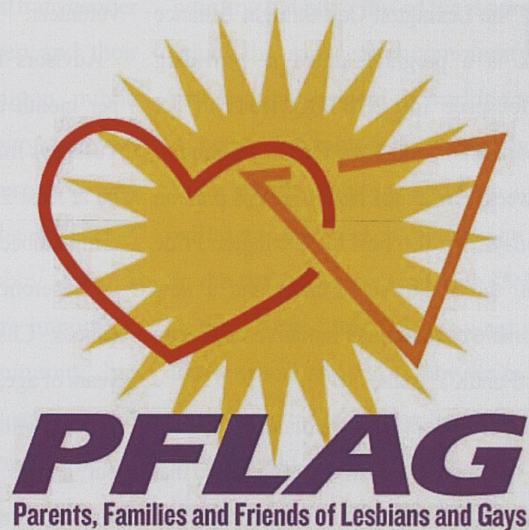
On September 9, a representative from the Fayette County Schools will address LGBTQ issues and services within the public school system.

On October 14, a couple will share their personal journey in loving, respecting, and supporting their gay son.

On November 11, our speaker is Derek Penwell, minister, professor, writer, activist, and head of Kentucky Faith Leaders for Fairness. (PFLAG is not is not a religious or church-affiliated organization; however, we recognize that faith and faith leaders have a significant impact at a personal

and societal level.)

We welcome LGBTQ individuals, their family members, friends and allies. PFLAG meetings are a safe, confidential setting where all are accepted and respected. 





By **Bobbie Thompson**
-aka Alana's Spouse-

June. School's out and thoughts go to family vacation, which is exactly the thought we had. My son invited us to vacation with him, his girlfriend, and their kids. We took him up on his offer and decided to meet them at a condo in Marco Island, Florida.

Traveling can make any person apprehensive, but I found that traveling with Alana, my transgender spouse (see www.myhusbandlooksbetter.com), caused me to have concerns over our safety... especially Alana's safety. After all, we were going through Tennessee, Georgia, and to deep southern Florida. I don't think folks in the South have much of a reputation for being transgender-friendly. I imagined the possibility of awful things happening as a result of us just having to stop to get gas along the way. I wondered if she would

look "man enough" to not draw unwanted remarks or even harmful attention.

But I decided I had to let go of my concerns, just be ourselves, and go with the intention of traveling safely and enjoying a fun vacation with family. I couldn't let unfounded fears stop us. We had absolutely no problems along the way, met with the rest of the family, and had a wonderful time together.

The following weekend, after we returned home from vacation, was pridefest weekend in Lexington. We got up that morning anxious to head to Lexington, but could tell it was going to rain. Alana, of course, loves to be all "decked out" whenever she gets the opportunity, but "decked out" and "rain" don't really go together. She decided to attend dressed casually: no wig, and very

little makeup. Then I began having different concerns. Only this time I wondered if she would look "woman enough" to not draw unwanted remarks. Unfortunately, transwomen can receive such hurtful remarks when their appearance doesn't seem to be what others expect.

Again, I decided I had to let go of my concerns, just be ourselves, and go with the intention of enjoying the pridefest. And again, we had a wonderful time.

As I look back these experiences and the concerns I had, I realize I was worried about what someone else might think. But then it dawned on me: *Does it really matter what someone else thinks?* In both situations, just being ourselves was the right thing to do...and that's what we should all do: just be yourself.



Concerns

Lexington GSA Needs You

By **Robert Cardom**

The Lexington Gay-Straight Alliance is a program aimed at providing a safe space for LGBTQQ teens to get support, learn, and have fun. In addition to our weekly meetings from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, we also host the Lexington Pride Prom, the Halloween Dance, and a new leadership development initiative funded by a JustFundKY grant.

LexGSA is looking for volunteers to help us to maintain and grow our program so that we are responsive to the evolving needs of our teens. There are several opportunities to

volunteer:

Advisors facilitate at least one meeting per month at the GLSO Pride Center on Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Advisors must be at least 24 years of age and submit to a criminal background check.

Chaperones help us to offer inclusive dances. Chaperones must be at least 24 years of age, submit to a background check, and be willing to fill in as needed during our dances. Chaperones often take turns helping students register, serve food in the refreshments areas, and patrol the dance

floor.

Local school GSAs often ask us for speakers on a range of topics ranging from healthy relationships to career development and living as an LGBT adult. Speakers must be available during the afternoon, when most school GSAs meet, and must submit to a background check.

Are you interested in getting involved with LexGSA? Email Robert Cardom at Robert@glso.org. All new volunteers will be required to attend a weekend orientation to be scheduled in August.



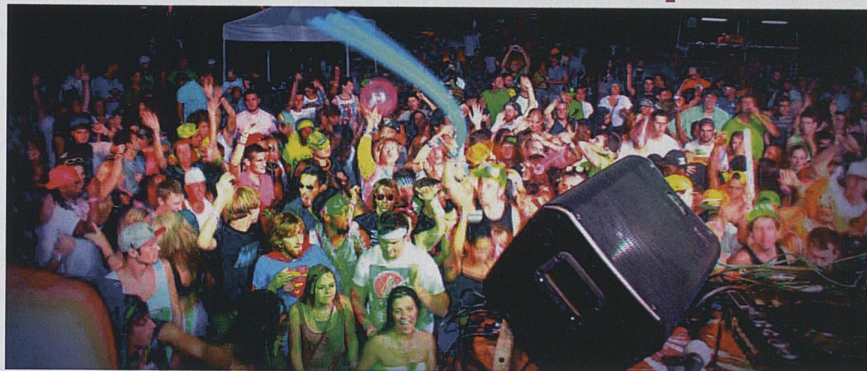
Neon Jungle Set to Rock Lexington

NeonJungleisLexington'spremier electronic dance music festival, ranging in genres such as House, Electro, Trap, Dubstep, Drum and Bass, Live P.A., and so much more! Neon Jungle brings together a collaboration of artists from all over the United States, as well as showcases some of the most talented regional acts. Musicians and other forms of artists come to shine in the form of physical art and dance.

Last year's high number of Fans has pushed us to look for a different venue of larger capacity. This years event will be held at Whitaker Bank Ballpark. With its elegant ground and great stadium, with seating for 15,000 patrons, we feel that

all will experience comfort and safety as well as the best show possible! Over the course of two days, Friday, September 5, starting at 6 p.m. through Saturday, September 6, some of the finest acts, from Miami to Los Angeles, will rock both the old school patrons and the young

and fresh. You must be 18 years old and up to attend. At ticket price's lower than any nearby festival, Neon Jungle is a complete win for any festival goer. For more information and ticket sales please visit www.neonjunglelex.com.



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many years, the second for only a few months, but I still kept searching until I saw this name. It felt right from the beginning, and I knew that Tuesday was my name. Renaming oneself has tremendous power, and I feel that this is my real name. The other names are dead names, even though it may take a while for friends and family to start using the new name.

I have met a lot of very progressive people who have not understood transpeople or why we transition. My mission is to shed light on a community that is almost invisible, to educate and enlighten the rest of Lexington on what we are about. At the same time, this column will not be "Introduction to Trans 101." I would rather look at issues in depth than answer the same questions repeatedly. That's why there's Google! We are a very small minority and do

not have much of a voice in Kentucky. I plan to help change that. We have a lot of work to do, and I am hoping that together we can work more effectively within and with the much larger LGB community.

Topics I plan on covering will include, but are not limited to: workplace discrimination, healthcare, "Gender Dysphoria," violence against transgender people, transgender children and their parents, attitudes in Lexington, public restrooms and trans misogyny, religion, politics, dating, and any current events that affect us, such as the SCOTUS ruling in the Hobby Lobby case. I hope to hit subjects that are important, not only to the trans community, but to Lexington as a whole. I am hopeful that, with a little effort from all of us, Lexington and the rest of Kentucky can become a beacon for everyone. I will

never "out" anybody; the only names that I will ever use are mine and any public figures who are already "out." I will use the term "friend" to identify everybody else.

I am not a journalist, a trained researcher, a scientist, or a doctor. I am just one voice of many voices, one advocate among many advocates, pointing out just a few of the issues about which the transgender community cares and looking forward to working toward a better Lexington. I wanted you to know a little about me and I am sure we will get to know each other much better in the future. As the Goo Goo Dolls say in their song, "Iris," "I just want you to know who I am." You may write to me at tmeadows828@gmail.com and I am on twitter at [TuesdayM@trishgigi](https://twitter.com/TuesdayM@trishgigi). Now Tuesday's gone with the wind.



GLSO Announces New Membership Program

Many of our frequent supporters ask if we have a membership program that allows them to make a recurring monthly donation so that they can provide the same level of support for the GLSO's community programs without having to spend time writing a check every month. We actually do have a GLSO Membership program, available in the form of an annual or monthly donation with benefits, that starts this month.

Our goal at the GLSO is to support the LGBT community, but we cannot do it without your support. When you support the GLSO, you are supporting your community.

As many of you know, providing the

programming that the GLSO provides requires a constant influx of donations.

- The majority of our donations cover the costs of running Central Kentucky's only Pride Center, costing close to \$2,000 a month.

- The Pride Center provides the base from which we publish our LinQ magazine.

- The center houses Kentucky's largest lending LGBT library with over 1,700 titles.

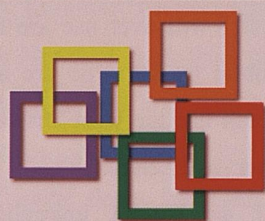
- In addition, we provide a meeting place for the Pride Festival planning committee, Company Q Theatre Ensemble, TransKentucky group, Hispanic Discussion Group, Senior PRIDE, weekly Wednesday evening

Discussion Group, Imperial Court of Kentucky, LOVEboldly, and the Gay / Straight Alliance for youth.

Without your donations, these programs and groups would suffer and/or be without a meeting place. Below are the Membership Levels and Benefits Tiers. Please share it with your friends and family.

To participate in this program, please visit our website at www.glso.org/membership or call the center at 859-253-3233

You can also continue to donate as you always have, by making one-time donations by check or online on our website. Thank you for all the support you provide.



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*FREE 2015 Lexington Pride Festival T-shirt

*Subscription of LinQ magazine mailed monthly to your residence

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\$750

*Name on Website

*Name on Banner (Shared Pride Banner with GLSO)

*One month Sponsorship in LinQ Magazine (Includes an article and full page ad)

All Donor's Names will be included in the July 2015 Issue of LinQ Magazine as GLSO Supporters.

Free Merchandise will be given as donor fulfills the level of commitment

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Strike! Rainbow Bowling Begins on September 15th!

Sometimes, life is better when you hit a strike. No, I am not talking about being rejected after you ask your crush out on a date. I'm talking about Rainbow Bowling! The Rainbow Bowling League was brought back to life in January, with the support of the Lexington Gay Sports Commission. During the first season, approximately 40 individuals enjoyed fellowship, competition, laughter, and lots of fun.



Rainbow Bowling has people of all abilities. Some participate just for fun;

others compete for the top spot.

The Fall League will officially begin on Monday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m., with a meet and greet. On the first



night, you will have a chance to meet and mingle with fellow bowlers, learn your handicap, and meet the league directors. Teams are comprised of four people. Official competition will begin on September 22. The season lasts for 12 weeks, with a final four tournament at the end for the top four teams. All games are bowled at Eastland Bowling



Center.

If you do not have a team, never fear! People will be able to gather at the meet and greet and form teams.

League directors are President Daryl Lyons, Secretary Jim Prince, Treasurer Nicholas Adkins, and Communications Director Stephanie Oghia.

When: September 15

Where: Eastland Bowling Center

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Who: You! Be There!



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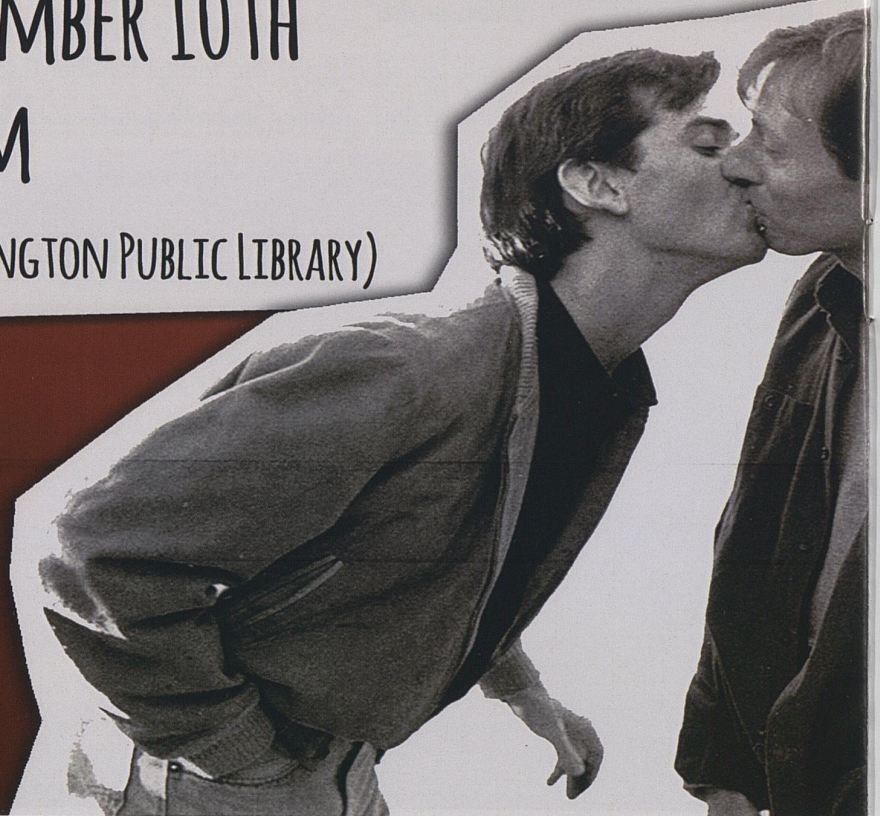
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August Calendar & Telephone Directory

All meetings are hosted at the GLSO Pride Center unless noted with *

Saturday, August 2

1:30 p.m. GLSO Fundraising Committee

7:30 p.m. TransKentucky Meeting

Sunday, August 3

2:00 p.m. Neon Jungle Planning Committee

3:30 p.m. Company Q Theatre Ensemble Practice

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, August 4

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, August 7

6:30 p.m. GLSO Board Meeting

Saturday, August 9

9:00 p.m. Kentucky Bourbon Bears Board Meeting*

Sunday, August 10

11:00am Mr. Bluegrass Leather Contest Prep Workshop

3:30 p.m. Company Q Theatre Ensemble Practice

6:00 p.m. Imperial Court Meeting

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, August 11

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Tuesday, August 12

6:30 p.m. PFLAG Meeting*

7:00 p.m. HIV/AIDS Support Group hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, August 13

7:00 p.m. LGBT Discussion Group

Friday, August 15

7:00 p.m. Senior's Bistro (Potluck)

Saturday, August 16

1:30 p.m. GLSO Fundraising Committee

Sunday, August 17

2:00 p.m. Neon Jungle Planning Committee

3:30 p.m. Company Q Theatre Ensemble Practice

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, August 18

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, August 20

All Day Editorial Deadline for LinQ Magazine

7:00 p.m. LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, August 21

6:30 p.m. GLSO Strategic Planning Meeting

Sunday, August 24

3:30 p.m. Company Q Theatre Ensemble Practice

6:00 p.m. Imperial Court Meeting

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, August 25

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 p.m. LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, August 28

4:00 p.m. UK Welcome Back Student Cookout*

6:30 p.m. LexPride 2015 Elections

Saturday, August 30

1:30 p.m. GLSO Fundraising Committee

Sunday, August 31

3:30 p.m. Company Q Theatre Ensemble Practice

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	1-800-929-8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	1-800-999-9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859-967-9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859-277-1877
Council for Peace and Justice	859-488-1448
Discussion Group	859-253-3233
Fairness of Louisville	502-893-0788
Gay-Straight Alliance, Teens	859-266-5904
GLSO Pride Center	859-253-3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859-619-7521
International Gay Bowling	859-539-3058
Lexington Fair Housing Council	1-866-438-8617
Lexington Fairness	859-951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859-252-4931
Lexington Pride Festival	859-253-3233
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1-800-273-8255
PFLAG Central Kentucky, Inc.	859-338-4393
PFLAG Louisville	502-223-1323
SisterSound	859-806-0243
Social Services, Lexington	211

Community and Social Groups

Speaker's Bureau	859-266-5904
TransKentucky	cassiemt@yahoo.com
Transgender Youth Family Allies	1-888-462-8932
Trevor Lifeline 24/7	1-866-488-7386
United Way	859-313-5465

College Student Groups

Berea College ACE	859-958-3633
BCTC Gay-Straight Alliance	859-246-6365
Centre College BGLA	859-238-5332
EKU Alphabet Center	859-622-5041
EKU Pride Alliance	859-622-1027
Morehead State University	606-783-2071
TUnity (Transy)	859-445-3822
UK Gay-Straight Alliance	859-257-8701
UK OutSource	859-323-3312

Don't see your group's events or contact information?
Email it to editor@glso.org and we will add you to our calendar!

HIV/STD Testing, Services & Information

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL)	859-225-3000
Health Department, Fayette County	859-288-2437
Health Department, Woodford County	859-873-4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502-584-1254
Moveable Feast	859-252-2867
Northern Ky Region	859-341-4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859-323-5643

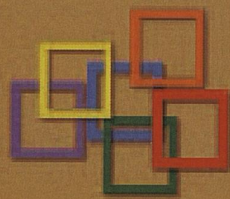
Religious Groups

Bluegrass United Church of Christ	859-233-0208
Embrace Fellowship	859-358-0580
Faith Lutheran Church	859-266-7621
First Presbyterian Church	859-252-1919
Lex Friends, Quakers	859-254-3319
Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church	859-255-1075
St. Martha's Episcopal Church	859-271-7641
Unitarian Universalist Church	859-223-1448
Woodland Christian Church	859-266-3416

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