

# The MAY 2010 GLSO News

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## *SISTERSOUND CONCERT*

SisterSound will be presenting "Puttin' on the Ritz, Part II" on Saturday, May 22, at 7 pm at Providence Christian Church, 101 Providence Way, Nicholasville. (directions below) The evening promises to be a fun one with lots of familiar songs and some new ones as well. Music will include From a Distance, Little Shop of Horrors, Can't Help Falling in Love, Razzle Dazzle, and Big City Beat.

Admission is \$10 and tickets can be obtained from any SisterSound member or at the door. Voluntary donations of non-perishable food items for God's Pantry will also be accepted.

To find the church, drive out Nicholasville road to Brannon Crossing Shopping Center. Turn into the shopping center and continue a little past the movie theaters. The church is on the right across from Clark Legacy Center. Parking is available at the church or in the Central Baptist Clinic Parking

## *Moveable Feast Belmont Bar-B-Que Belmont BBQ for Moveable Feast*

Moveable Feast is having their 4th Annual Belmont BBQ on Saturday June 5th. It has quickly become the most fun you can have with your clothes on. Every year it keeps getting bigger and bigger; it is the place to be on the 1st Saturday in June.

This year there is more entertainment than in past years. There will be Club Dub and Payback (you'll love 'em) playing music for you. Other entertainment includes:

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## *Imperial Court of KY*

The Imperial Court of Kentucky invites you to the finals of the Entertainer of the Year Competition. On May 5 the winners and first runners up from The Diva of Darkness, Miss Mary Christmas, Miss Gay Valentine and Miss Derby pageants will compete for the title of Entertainer of the Year and will receive a Command Performance at Coronation 29. It will be held on Wednesday, May 5. Watch for more details.

Imperial Court is gearing up for Coronation 29. Lexington has been chosen as the host city for the 45th Anniversary of the International Court System. Three Nations will come together under one roof as we celebrate 45 years of fundraising. Keynote Speaker will be Stewart Milk, Founder of the International Court System, Empress I Jose', The Widow Norton, Queen Mother of the Americas Nicole the Great and Co-Founder of the Mathew Shepard Foundation Judy Shepard.

More information about Coronation weekend can be found on page 8.

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**SisterSound Presents**

# **Puttin' On the Ritz**

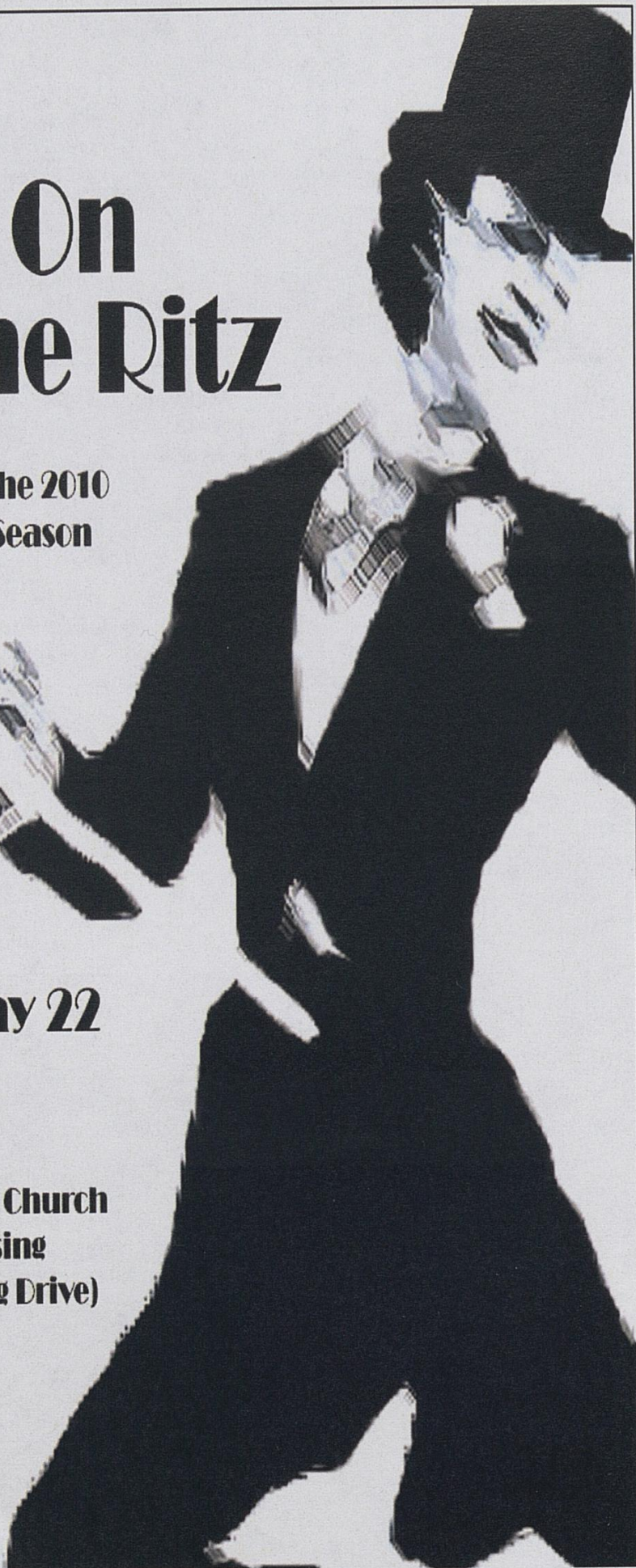
**Part II of the 2010  
Concert Season**

**Saturday, May 22  
7:00pm**

**Providence Christian Church  
in Brannon Crossing  
(on Brannon Crossing Drive)**

**Tickets: sliding scale  
starting at \$10.00**

**[www.sistersound.org](http://www.sistersound.org)**





# Community News

## Moveable Feast Belmont Party

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Ladies from the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass, a fire dancer, the Squash Beetle Dancers, a Tarot reader and more. In addition, there is entertainment for the kids.

The food is free with admission and there will be a cash bar credit cards accepted. And oh yeah there will be a horse race to watch on the big screen TV.

The event starts 4 pm at Conoid Farm, 2492 N. Cleveland Rd. Drive out Winchester Rd. to N. Cleveland and turn right (NOT left like your going to Windy Knoll). Conoid is the first big three story anti-bellum mansion on the left. You can't miss it. The balloons at the gate will give it away, not to mention the huge tent in the yard. For tickets call 252.2867 or 253.3233, the prices in advance are \$25 for singles or \$45 per couple and \$35 flat at the gate.

You can't beat a day in the country at a beautiful estate with tons of entertainment. Come out and enjoy and help Moveable Feast pay for their own home.

## Miss Pride of Lexington

The Lexington Pride Festival will be having its first annual Miss Pride of Lexington Pageant on Thursday June 17, at Pulse Nightlife. The entry fee is \$40. Anyone wishing to participate can get an information packet/application from Orvis at jamor1@insightbb.com, Dennis at dennis@glso.org, or Jessica at jessica@glso.org. The winner will receive a crown, cash prize, and more! All proceeds benefit the Lexington Pride Festival.

## Passing: Fashioning Drag Performance

May 7 & May 8 at 10pm  
\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

View the artistry, theatre and mystery of the most elaborate drag performance in recent state history. As part of the exhibition, *Passing: Fashioning Drag*, Lexington Art League welcomes you to Buster's Billiards & Backroom for a two-night event. Both shows will feature celebrated designer Patryq Howell's couture creations on regional and national marquee drag queens.

Sponsored by Doctor Nick Kouns, in partnership with the Imperial Court of Kentucky and Lexington Fairness. Supported by Buster's Billiards & Backroom and Mia's. Busters, 899 Manchester St.. More info online at [www.lexingtonartleague.org](http://www.lexingtonartleague.org).

## Alternate Selves Exhibit

April 23 - June 26

Alternate Selves explores the transformative power of costume and investigates issues of personal identity through disguises, adornment, garments, and masks. Themes of culture, gender, memory and history emerge as compelling avenues for reflection providing us a view of what can be seen when intentionally hidden.

Loudon House 209 Castlewood  
Gallery Hours:

Tues - Fri, 10 am - 4 pm  
Sat & Sun 1 - 4 pm

Longer articles on page 8 and 10

## PFLAG

PFLAG Lexington continues to meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. May 2nd's meeting will be at the Center from 1-3p. May 16th's meeting will be at Rochdale Room at Good Foods Market & Café.

If you have questions or need more information, please visit [pflaglex@blogspot.com](mailto:pflaglex@blogspot.com) or feel free to contact Sandy at [pflaglex@gmail.com](mailto:pflaglex@gmail.com) or 859.388.4393. All forms of correspondence is entirely confidential.

## LGBT Bereavement Care Study

Social Work graduate student is seeking participants for a class research project. If you are an LGBT person of any age who has lost a partner to death, you may be eligible to participate in a student research study exploring the barriers to mental health care and spiritual resources for LGBT persons. Participants will be interviewed privately by the student investigator. All information will remain confidential. Those interested please email Lori O'Connor, [Laocon0@uky.edu](mailto:Laocon0@uky.edu)

## Research Study

Alicia Fedewa, a UK faculty member in the School of Psychology. Is conducting research on children being raised by one or more LGBT parent. She is focusing on teens ages 14 through 18. She will be interviewing them at the Pride Center at various times convenient to the participants.

Parents can talk to Alicia before giving their consent; a consent form will be provided. Teens will fill out a questionnaire that will take about an hour. The teens will be given a gift card to Best Buy as a thank you for participating. There will be information provided concerning follow up counseling if any of the participants would like to talk to a counselor.

Alicia can be reached at email [Alicia.fedewa@uky.edu](mailto:Alicia.fedewa@uky.edu) or 850-257-9338

## Bluegrass Women's Network

The Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women who identify as lesbian. Membership is free and there are no obligations. We use a Yahoo group website to announce and coordinate our events; it's not a chat group. If you don't have access to a computer, that's ok, we also have a phone list.

Members plan a variety of activities such as potluck dinners, plays, movies, parties, card games and whatever else we manage to dream up! Members choose those activities that are appealing to them. Our goal is to enrich our lives with great friendships and memories of good times spent together.

To announce events and share information, the Bluegrass Women's Network has a private/hidden Yahoo group website. It can only be accessed by group members. Interested in joining go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/thebluegrasswomensnetwork/> and apply to join. Facilitators are Debby Hemstock and Lynn Matlock.

## *TransKentucky*

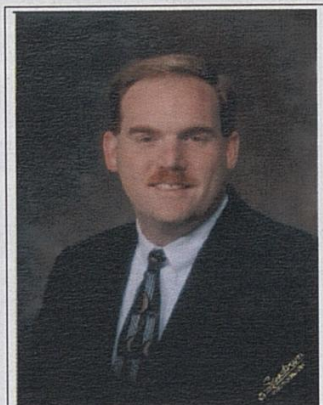
TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. The group provides a safe place for transgender individuals and people who feel they do not fit into the standard gender norms to express their true selves.

While the group is not therapeutic in nature, we can provide information, advise and share resources from our unique experiences. Family and friends are encouraged to attend meetings to gain understanding and be supportive of their loved ones.

TransKentucky meets the first Saturday each month at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. Meetings are free. You may dress however you feel comfortable. For more information call 859.253.3233.

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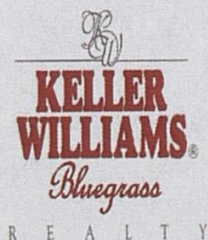
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Next meeting Sunday, May 9,  
1pm at the GLSO Pride Center  
389 Waller Ave., Suite 100  
Lexington, KY 40504

### **Young Adult Group**

First and Third Sundays at 5 pm  
Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.  
Tyler: [trumpetbnddork@gmail.com](mailto:trumpetbnddork@gmail.com)

### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

Every Wednesday at 7pm  
Pride Center 389 Waller, Ste. 100  
**All Are Welcome**

### **Lex. Lyons Levi & Leather Club**

Monday, May 3, at 7 pm at  
The Pride Center,  
389 Waller Ave., Ste. 100.

### **Insight Group**

Friday, May 7— Potluck  
Friday, May 21 — Games Night  
Pride Center 7pm.  
Josh at [beautifulsouls78@aol.com](mailto:beautifulsouls78@aol.com)

### **PFLAG**

Sunday, May 2, 1—3  
Pride Center  
Sunday, May 16, 1 - 3  
Rochdale Room at Good Foods Café.

### **Newsletter**

#### **Submission , Inquiries, & Comments**

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# Imperial Court of Kentucky

## Coronation 29 Events

••• Friday, June 4 •••

*In-Town Show*

••• Saturday, June 5 •••

*45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala*

*Jose Honors Awards*

*Out-of-Town Show*

••• Sunday, June 6 •••


*Coronation 29 Curtain Up!*

*Spotlight on the Imperial Stage*

*A Black Tie Affair*

••• Monday, June 7 •••

*Victory Brunch*



*Curtain Up!  
Spotlight on the  
Imperial Stage!*

## Lexington Art League Partners with Lexington Fairness Alliance and the Imperial Court of Kentucky

The Lexington Art League is pleased to announce the selection of Lexington Fairness and the Imperial Court of Kentucky as partners for its upcoming exhibition cycle *Passing: Fashioning Drag* and *Alternate Selves*. As partners, these organizations will work with LAL to illuminate the long-standing culture of drag and explore how issues of identity are managed as a society and individually.

Drawing on the rich history of drag in Central Kentucky, *Passing: Fashioning Drag* includes a gallery exhibition and two nights of drag performances. The exhibition highlights the art of drag costuming through photographs by Kremena Todorova and Kurt Gohde and gowns made by Lexington designer Patryq Howell

"These exhibits, which deal with identity and the transformative power of costumes, create an opportunity for LAL to establish non-traditional partnerships," said LAL Development Director Stephanie Pevec.

"LAL's upcoming exhibitions celebrate the richness of our culture and honor the creative contributions of our community's gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and trans-gendered members," said Jonathan Barker, a Lexington Fairness volunteer and owner of QX.net, which has been a long-time supporter of LAL's *Nude* exhibit. "We are delighted to be a part of this exhibit and to be working with LAL on this innovative programming."

Nicole Diamond, Empress of the Imperial Court of Kentucky and a well-known Lexington performer, added, "As a member of the drag community, I am excited that LAL is presenting the artful aspects of the work we do to mainstream culture."

## Imperial Court June Events

The Imperial Court of KY is proud to host the 45th Anniversary Gala and 2010 Jose Honors Awards during Coronation 29, the first weekend in June.

Nicole the Great, Queen Mother of the Americas and the International Court Council, invite you to an Imperial State Dinner Celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the International Courts System Canada, Mexico and the United States. The Keynote Speaker will be Stuart Milk. One highlight of the evening will be the Presentation of the 11th Annual Jose Honors.

Join us on Saturday, June 5 at the Lexington Downtown Hilton Hotel, formal attire or uniform is required for this history making event. Emperor 8 Terry Straub and Imperial Crown Prince 8 and 9 Dale Lee Hodge will be recognized at this event as one of the 10 Royal Couples being recognized throughout the International Court System. It is an honor to have this local couple recognized for their 21 years together at this gala event. Visit our website for additional informational and to purchase tickets.

Additional Weekend events include:

Friday June 4,  
In Town Show and Awards  
Saturday, June 5  
Out of Town Show at The Loft  
Sunday, June 6  
Coronation 29 - Curtain Up!  
Monday June 7th  
Victory Brunch

An in-town passport priced ticket is available for all events from any board member, Empress Nicole, or Emperor Wes. You will not want to miss any of these events. More details about Coronation will be available in May.



The International Court System's



Empress Nicole  
Queen Mother  
of the Americas

Empress  
Joss  
The Widow  
Norton

# 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

June 5, 2010

Lexington, Kentucky



International Court Council  
[www.impcourt.org](http://www.impcourt.org)

## Celebrating the Fashion of Drag

On May 7 and 8, you have the opportunity to experience *Passing: Fashioning Drag*. This event, organized by the Lexington Art League (LAL), displays the couture fashion and craft of drag costuming. You can enjoy a night filled with the excitement and entertainment from some of the best drag performers around at Buster's Billiards and Backroom at 10 p.m.

Drag performers have a long history in Kentucky. We are blessed to have one of the most influential and effective Imperial Court charter members right here in Kentucky. The Imperial Court of Kentucky provides outreach to the homophile community of Kentucky, organizing numerous events and fundraisers throughout the area. The organization contributes all proceeds to other LGBT-oriented organizations. So, it is no surprise that LAL has chosen both Lexington Fairness and Imperial Court of Kentucky to be partners in the *Passing: Fashioning Drag* events.

Lexington is also blessed to have an extraordinary costume designer, Patryk Howell. Howell creates one-of-a-kind designs to drag performers across the country, including showcase fashion events. His outrageous and creative designs enable many performers to express their individuality and entertain their fans.

The *Passing* exhibition began in 2008 when the Kentucky Oral History Commission funded twenty oral history interviews intended to record stories from and document the lives of Lexington's drag queens and kings. Artists Kremena Todorova and Kurt Gohde took photographs soon afterwards to accompany the oral histories. Since that time, the artists have made *Passing* "an ongoing tribute to Lexington's queens and kings that also aims to remove some of the social barriers sur-

rounding the gay community in Kentucky."

The purpose of this exhibit and event is to help the community understand the concept of "passing" and showcasing the transformative power of costumes, while exploring how issues of identity are managed as a society. Coupled with art located at LAL's Loudon House, *Passing* and another exhibit, *Alternate Selves*, look at ways society examines and understands the portrayal of identity. In addition to the events at Buster's and the ongoing *Alternate Selves* exhibit at Loudon House, LAL has compiled a large amount of contextual programming, including ARTalks, Fifth Third Fourth Fridays, a film screening and other events.

Now is your chance to explore costuming, expressions of individuality and the art and craft involved in drag performances. By attending the shows at Buster's on May 7 and 8, you also help provide assistance to Lexington Fairness and Imperial Court of Kentucky. LAL has pledged to donate 30% of ticket sales to these shows to both LGBT organizations. We hope you can help support the community by attending the shows and the remaining exhibit events.

For more information on *Passing: Fashioning Drag* and *Alternate Selves*, visit [www.lexingtonartleague.org](http://www.lexingtonartleague.org). There is also information at:

[www.lexfair.org](http://www.lexfair.org) and

[www.imperialcourtkentucky.org](http://www.imperialcourtkentucky.org).

**Newsletter Deadline  
For June Pride Edition  
Saturday, May 15**

**GLSO Beach Vacation Raffle**  
**Pawley's Island South Carolina**  
**Sat. Oct. 2 - Sat. Oct. 9**



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Music & Fun

June 5th, 2010

4:00PM

Conoid Farm

2492 N. Cleveland Rd.

Live Music

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Visiting artists from  
The Imperial Court of Kentucky  
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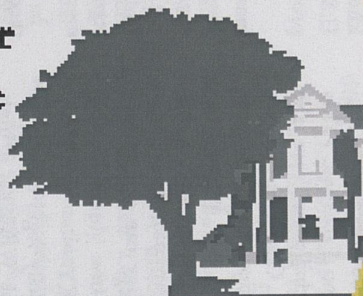
\$45 per couple

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## **LGBT Rights Legal Progress**

*mary crone*

We sometimes get discouraged in our work for full civil rights and justice for LGBTQ people. It is important to acknowledge the progress we are making. Here are some current legal cases.

### **The University of the Cumberland**

On April 22, The Kentucky Supreme Court struck down the KY legislature's 2006 attempt to give \$11 Million in state funds to the University of the Cumberlands to build a pharmacy school. They based their decision on the fact that the Kentucky Constitution prohibits state money from going to a "church, sectarian or denominational school."

Jason Johnson was expelled from this University in 2006 because he disclosed he was gay on Facebook. This initiated a legal challenge from the Kentucky Fairness Coalition. Since Cumberlands justified Jason's expulsion on the fact that they are a Christian school that does not accept out GLBTQ students, the court was clearly right to say that they can not receive public funds.

### **Jackson County, KY**

Another Kentucky legal case is in the news. Chyenne Williams, a high school student, was assaulted by three girls from her high school. As we go to print, the police in Jackson Co. have arrested the three perpetrators and are investigating. They may not consider this a hate crime but the judge that hears the evidence and designate it as such.

Williams turned on her cell phone video during the assault and her family believes that this recording should prove that she was targeted for being gay. It is unclear how the perpetrators will be charged. Watch for more information.



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### **Proposition Eight**

Two well know lawyers, Theodore B. Olson and David Boies, who represented opposing sides in the 2000 Bush v. Gore election challenge, filed a lawsuit in federal court last year. Their case argues that California's voter-enacted ban on same-sex marriage, known as Proposition 8, violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection and due process.

An estimated 18,000 gay couples married in the months preceding the passage of Proposition 8, which changed the California constitution to say marriage can only be between a man and a woman. Those marriages are still legal but no other couples can legally marry in California.

Olson hopes the suit will go through the California court system and end up being heard before the U.S. Supreme Court. A favorable ruling there would allow gays and lesbians to get married in every state, just as the Supreme Court's 1967 ruling in *Loving vs. Virginia* case outlawed prohibitions on interracial marriage.

There are national GLBT organizations and activists that think that the time is not aright to go to the federal level. Olson. Says: "Both David and I have studied the court for more years than probably either one of us would like to admit. We think we know what we are doing."

Boies agreed: "Reasonable minds can differ, but when you have people being denied civil rights today, I think it is impossible as lawyers and as an American to say 'No, you have to wait, now is not the right time.' I think if we had done that in prior civil rights battles, we would not be where we are."

Chad Griffin, a gay political consultant and former aide to President Bill Clinton, said he approached Olson about taking on the case last year when the California court rejected several challenges and upheld the state's gay marriage ban. "For even one couple to live through even one more day in state-sanctioned second-class citizenship is too long," Griffin said.

Watch for this case as it moves through the legal system in California and then hopefully on to the Supreme Court. Keep up to date by checking one of many web sites such as:

[www.marriageequality.org](http://www.marriageequality.org)

[www.repeal-prop-8.org](http://www.repeal-prop-8.org)

## Boy Scouts

In the past, the city of Philadelphia provided a Boy Scouts of America (BSA) chapter, the Cradle of Liberty Council, free rent in the city's historic district. However, after the chapter adopted the membership policies of the national BSA group, the city told the Cradle of Liberty Council that they must revise their policy, pay rent for the space or vacate.

The BSA policy bars membership to atheists, agnostics, and gays and lesbians. This was judged by the city to be discriminatory. The Cradle of Liberty Council sued, arguing that the city requiring the chapter to change its policy was a violation of their First Amendment right to free speech.

The Humanist Legal Center, the Unitarian Universalist Association and other nonprofits filed an amicus brief in this case arguing that any organization that discriminates in its member-

ship can not demand public subsidies including free meeting space.

In their statement to the court they said: "If the Boy Scouts want to continue to maintain their discriminatory policies they're free to do so, but without government benefit. Or they can revise their policies and continue to enjoy free rent."

## Christian Legal Society

Another current case, this one before the Supreme Court, involves the Christian Legal Society, a national association of lawyers and law students and the University of California Hastings College of Law. The Society welcomes all law students, but requires its voting members and officers to sign and adhere to a statement of faith, which includes abstaining from acts of sinful nature, such as adultery and homosexual conduct.

The University has refused to give official recognition to the Christian Legal Society. That recognition entitles student groups to some school funding and use of the school's facilities and e-mail notification system. The law school refused to give official recognition because Christian Legal Society's bylaws did not comply with the religion and sexual orientation provisions of the school's non-discrimination policy.

The student chapter contends that the school violated its First Amendment rights of association, free speech and free exercise of religion when it refused to give student group formal recognition.

I believe that in the first half of this century, GLBTQ people will achieve equal legal rights and be accepted by most people in our country. These legal cases are part of the picture, but so is our willingness to be increasingly visible. Each of us contributes to our progress every time we identify ourselves as LGBTQ. Keep up the good work!

## Spotlight on the Beautiful People...by

Helena Handbasket.

### Your Photo Here

This column shines the spotlight on people in the community who deserve recognition. Beauty is not always skin deep and these "beautiful people" either devote their time and energy to a worthy cause or just plain make our lives better by entertaining us. Either way, it is time that they are recognized for their talents and efforts.

For the month of May, my choice of who to shine the spotlight on might surprise you. Why? Because it IS you. That's right... YOU. It is people like "you" who add so much value and joy to our community. Each of you has different gifts to offer and different perspectives from which you view the world around us. It is all of those different visions and special gifts that spread so much energy throughout our little niche of Lexington.

Think of all of the things that you do to lift up the gay community in our city.

Maybe you sit on a board of directors for an organization that offers people assistance with things they otherwise might not receive. Maybe you own a business and you stand up and refuse to let your employees or customers be tormented, ridiculed, or discriminated against. Maybe you hold a public office and serve quietly from your office. Maybe you put out fires or protect us all against violence on the streets (insert YMCA dance move here).

Maybe you don't have a position like those above. What you do is still just as important. Maybe you make a conscious choice to frequent gay owned businesses so that they prosper. Maybe you deliver meals to people who might not eat without that delivery that day. Maybe you've been out for 50 years and you share the history of what it used to be like to be gay in America with our younger gay brothers and sisters.

After all, if we don't know where we have been, then we can't see where we are going. (Taken from my book, "Words of Wisdom from Miss Helena Handbasket" - available at bookstores near y- someday).

Maybe you attend special events, such as Imperial Court functions and tip the performers, knowing that

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## Pride Prom 2010

The GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth is hosting the fourth annual Pride Prom on May 28. The theme this year is *Time Travel*. High school

groups are designing tables in the style of specific time periods.

There will be a meeting for adult chaperones in late May. Contact mary at 859 266-5904 or email [marycrone@insightbb.com](mailto:marycrone@insightbb.com) if you can donate food or be a chaperone.

### HARVEY MILK POSTAGE STAMP CAMPAIGN

Join the Imperial Court Council in a campaign to create a Commemorative U.S. Postage stamp in honor of Harvey Milk. There is a Facebook group known as "Honor Harvey Milk with a U.S Postage Stamp." It had close to 9,000 members.

They originally hoped to have the stamp by May 22, 2010 which would have been Milk's 80th birthday. It will not happen by then, but it is still a possibility in the future. Join the group!



Art by  
Jeff Leff

*Helena cont. from pg. 16*

every dollar goes toward helping the community in one way or another. (Of course, in the spirit of full disclosure, you know that, as one of the gals who participates in those shows, it especially touches my heart.)

It was just July of 2008 that I made a decision in my life to do more to help my community. I feel that if life has blessed you with a good life and good friends then you should give something back. That is why I became involved with the Imperial Court of Kentucky. Since then I have heard people share many different opinions about what they think of the court. I have listened to what has been said - and agreed and disagreed with some of what you have said and I have come to the conclusion that the court is just like we all are. Not one of us is perfect and the court isn't perfect either.

However, the intent of the court is to do good for our community -and a lot of good is done through the dollars that the court brings in. This year alone has broken all previous fund raising records, already having raised nearly 75 thousand dollars and I am proud to have been a part of that.

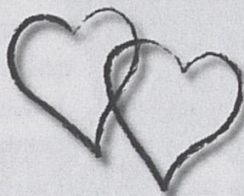
Coronation XXIX (29) is coming up in the first week of June where a new reign will be chosen. I hope all voting members of the court will come out and vote for those who they want to see representing the court in the coming year. (see page 8 for info)

Full disclosure again... Miss Helena Handbasket will be on that ballot for Empress and would love your vote and support. Being the next Empress of the Imperial Court of Kentucky would afford me the opportunity to stretch my arms out a little wider and spread the love that the court has to offer.

Whatever you do to make life for all of us here better, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am old enough to re-

member a time before Will and Grace, Queer as Folk, and the new sitcom, Modern Family where two guys are raising the baby they have adopted together. I remember a day before there was little or no public acceptance of being gay. We have a long way to go but "we've come a long way baby".

Please come join us for Coronation 29 and also make plans to come out for the Gay Pride celebration as well at the end of June. Win or lose, Miss Helena will see you there! Thank you again for your continued love and support. Love y'all.



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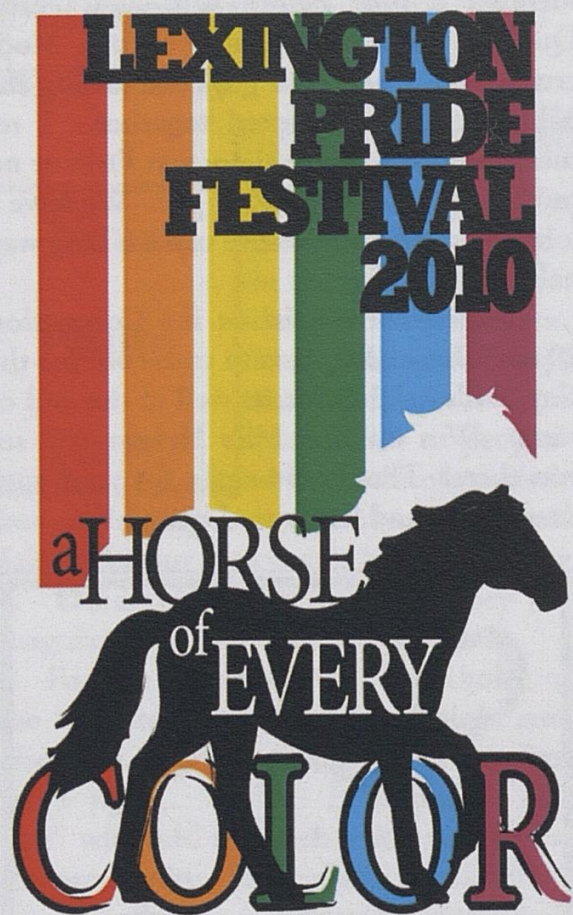
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### Dorothy Irene Height

Civil Rights activist Dorothy Irene Height died on April 20th, 2010 at the age of 98. There are a number of prominent African



American civil rights allies to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community – including Corretta Scott King, Julian Bond, and John Lewis. Height was a major supporter of LGBT rights but her contributions were not as often noted or honored.

Dorothy Height became politically active for African American civil rights in the 1950s. She was the only woman on the stage when Rev. Martin Luther King made his “I Have a Dream” speech.

Height got a lot done in her lifetime, exhibiting indefatigable energy in championing race and gender civil

rights, including voting rights, anti poverty programs, health issues including AIDS. She walked the halls of the US Congress for 65 years.

Height understood that black families and communities could nei-

ther be whole nor healthy without championing gay civil rights for its LGBTQ community.

When African American ministers vehemently denounced the gay liberation struggle, Height told the audience at the 1997 Human Rights Campaign National Dinner, which was honoring her civil rights work: “Civil rights are civil rights. There are no persons who are not entitled to their civil rights. ... We have to recognize that we have a long way to go, but we have to go that way together.”

We can honor her by following her example, by standing up for equal rights for ALL people.

## Who Love's Ya Karen Taylor

"A life without surrender is a life without commitment." Jerry Rubin

I hope that at least a few of you reading these articles are beginning to see yourself as God sees you. We all need to take a step back from those fiery darts and huge stones that some misinformed people throw at us. Turn to God and ask, "I understand how they see me, but how do You see me?" Then you will have a totally different view.

Colossians 2:10 tells us we are complete in Christ, that we have everything we need. If you back up a little to verse 6 we are encouraged to walk in Christ, we have received Him into our lives so walk in what we know to be true. We are encouraged to be rooted and built up in Him and to stand strong in our faith. Then we are told to not let ourselves be cheated by man's philosophy and empty deceit based on their traditions. Because in Christ we find the fullness of God and are made complete.

When I think back to how many years of my life I spent following the traditions of a given denomination, I shudder. We must turn to Christ for direction and truth. He is the One who has the answers to all of life's troubles. Never take the words of anyone, including myself, without searching the scriptures for yourself.

Second, we see in the scripture that there is no condemnation in Christ. (Romans 8:1) As Christians we are free from God's banishing judgment because we have been saved from such judgment through accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. His blood covers us and cleans us, setting us free. Therefore, any condemnation you have experienced through the institutional church is wrong.

There is a difference between condemnation and chastisement. God's chastisement/correction is good and

needed for growth. Condemnation does nothing but make you feel less than everyone else. Totally the opposite of what Christ wants you to feel.

Next, being in Christ makes us a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17) When we step out in faith and announce Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, at that moment we become someone new. It is at this point that we begin a new walk with Jesus. Our new look on life will bring changes, but it doesn't happen over night.

Reading the Bible and hanging out with our Christian brothers and sisters go a long way in helping us to develop into the man or woman God created. The devils intent is to steer us away from Christ and he has so many different ways he can do that. But if we stay focused on the Word and connected to fellow believers we stand a much better chance of defeating any attempts of Satan to rob us of God's perfect plan for our lives.

Finally, as a new creation in Christ, we are to act with tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering (willingness to hang in there for long periods of time), bearing with one another and forgiving one another. (Colossians 3:12) Jesus told his disciples that this kind of behavior will identify you as His children to the world. Granted it is not always easy, but it is what we should strive for each and every day.

I would like to conclude with quoting the following scripture, Colossians 3:14-17, "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms

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### *Who Love's Ya ...cont. from pg. 19*

and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

As always feel free to ask questions or provide comments at [articles@glso.org](mailto:articles@glso.org) I pray that God's peace and love will rule your heart each and every day.



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Our mission statement: We are called to reach those who have been wounded by the church with the love and grace of Jesus Christ, to proclaim liberty to those who have been held captive to the false idea that we can not be gay and Christian, and to proclaim God's love to all. We pledge our love and commitment to Jesus Christ and to one another, that we might be the beacon of light to everyone in the greater Lexington area, with specific focus in the GLBT community.

## **Ahava Center for Spiritual Living**

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The Unitarian Universalist Church  
3564 Clays Mill Rd.

The Unitarian Universalist Church has worship service at 11am each Sunday. We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates our GLBT members. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Road, just inside Man O' War. Please pay us a visit.

**Interweave, the GLBTQS support group, will be meeting on Sunday, May 16.** We will meet at The Goods Food Café at 12:30. We will try to be in the Rochdale Room.

The U.U. Church now has two gender neutral bathrooms, that can be used by everyone. Interweave requested this change in order to create a more welcoming space. This provides an option for people who are transitioning, who's gender is not obvious, and for parents who want to take their child into a bathroom with them.

Unitarian Universalism has a liberal religious tradition with room for many beliefs. Our congregation includes people who identify as Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Pagan, Muslim, Atheist, Agnostic, and Humanist.

There is a Humanist Group that meets regularly at the Church.

### Available at GLSO Pride Center

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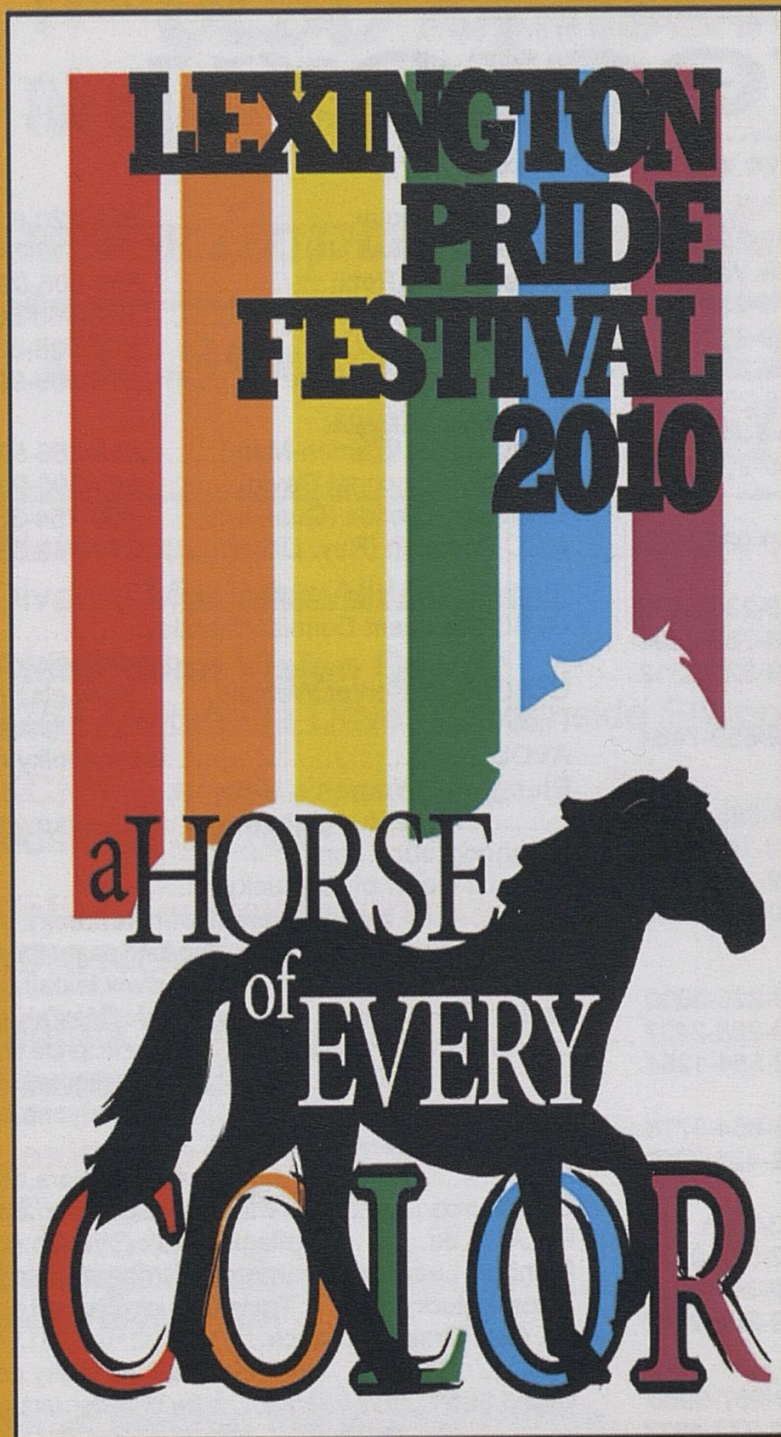
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