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Lexington Pride Idol 2006

You have one, possibly two more opportunities to be a contestant in the Pride Idol Contest. We have set an additional date for aspiring singers to participate at **Crossings on Friday, May 12 at 10 pm**. Bring a \$10 registration fee and karaoke music to sing with. We will also have some music available. You have a great chance to be selected for the Semi-Finals as we have a number of slots open.

All preliminary winners will move up to the **Semi-Finals** which will be held at the Kentucky Theater (State side) on **Wednesday, May 16** at 8 pm. If we do not have 20 people who have qualified for this round, we will open the semi-finals to additional contestants. We suggest you call Bill at the Pride Center (859 253-3233) between 10 am and 3 pm weekdays to see how many slots remain open after the May 12 preliminary.

The Semi-Finals were a lot of fun last year so please come to listen and cheer on your favorite singer. Contestants will be judged by Steve Johnson, a Robbie Bartlet and Homer Tracy who will select ten individuals to compete in the Finals at the Pride Picnic on June 11. Everyone at the picnic will then vote for the next Pride Idol.

ANOTHER NOTE PRESENTS "LET'S GO!"

Another Note invites you to join them on a musical journey Saturday, May 13th at 8 p.m. at Woodland Christian Church. A \$12 suggested donation at the door will contribute to the proceeds donated to Moveable Feast. "Let's Go!" features music about travel, discovery and our journey through life.

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SISTERSOUND SPRING CONCERT

Spring is finally here and it is time for Part Two of SisterSound's Tenth Anniversary Concert Series. **Ten Years of Whine, Women, and Song Part II** will be on Saturday, May 20th at 8 pm, at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets are available from SisterSound members or from Mendy Daniels at 268-3089.

Our anniversary year started off right with a sold out crowd for our January concert. The audience response was phenomenal as the chorus performed favorite songs from concerts over the last ten years.

And now there's more! This concert promises to be at least as entertaining with a mix of old favorites and new, including "1,000 Grandmothers", "Big Dogs, Music and Wild, Wild Women", "Rainbow Connection," and of course, "Let The River Run".

SisterSound has a record number of chorus members this season. With over 40 voices, our sound has never been more impressive. So, get your tickets now and join us on May 20. The Singletary Center Box Office will also have a few tickets, but do not depend on there being tickets available the night of the performance.

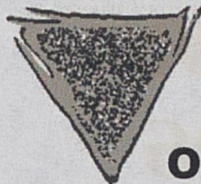
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"This concert is a reminder that life is a journey rather than a destination," says Steve Johnson, musical director of the group. "There is so much to be learned as we travel through our lives, especially during this time in history"

Another Note is a volunteer men's choral ensemble established in 1997. The group strives for musical excellence while enjoying fellowship and a commitment to helping others. 100% of the profits from Another Note concerts are donated to designated local charities. For more information call Steve Johnson, (859) 233-1730.

CommUNITY: Grand Opening and Art Exhibit By Lindsay Mattingly

This Pride month get ready to celebrate the birth of a new Pride Center and to embrace the idea of community. June 1, 2001 marked the date that the Pride Center of the Bluegrass first opened its doors to provide a safe, nurturing place for members of the LGBTQ community and our allies.

This year on June 1st between 7 and 9 pm, we will commemorate a new look for a new center by holding a Grand Opening reception. Volunteers at the center have been busy painting away to make the atmosphere a little more fun and inviting. Come see the beautiful results! This open house celebration will also feature works of art from artists in your community. The works will be exhibited for the whole month of June and selected pieces will be available for purchase.

A new look is only the beginning of the

the progress we intend to make at the Pride Center. As the only pride center in Kentucky, the GLSO's mission is to meet the needs of our community. In order to do so, we have started a new campaign to reach out to our community members and get your opinions on what you want from your Pride Center.

Plans are being laid to hold a Community Forum and invite everyone in the community to come express their ideas. See next month's newsletter for more details about the forum that will be held on Saturday, July 8th. Until then, please join us on Thursday, June 1st from 7-9pm as we salute the creativity of our community and celebrate the new look of our Pride Center. Food, wine, and friends will be provided!

Community News

Bluegrass Fairness Derby Party

Bluegrass Chapter will celebrate the Kentucky Derby with a party at Windy Knoll Farm. The event, May 6th from 3 to 8, will cost \$5 per person, and people are encouraged to bring food for a potluck. Bluegrass KFA looks forward to a fun and refreshing afternoon.

It is important that KFA and its supporters participate in events that are more entertaining and light-hearted so that the LGBTQ community can demonstrate that it may have suffered a few bruises, but it is strong, and it will survive. So, bring your friends out and be prepared to kick up your heels and share some laughs.

See page 8 - 12 for an update on KY Fairness Alliance news or go online to www.kentuckyfairness.org.

Rainbow Families

Lexington's only GLBT parenting group, Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) is gearing up for a fun spring and summer. For updated information about RFOL check our Yahoo Groups forum: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rfolky>. Future events include a date at Chuck E Cheese. You can also contact Cheryl at 523-3083.

40+ Club

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and younger friends) who attend a variety of activities together. We usually meet the second Sunday of each month at the Pride Center for planning. Please contact Ginger at 859-253-0061 or ggclr@yahoo.com for information about our next meeting or to be added to the mailing list.

**Imago Relationship Workshop
offered by Jessica Bollinger
details on page 14**

Miss Derby Pride

The Imperial Court presents the annual Miss Derby Pride Pageant on May 3rd at the Bar Complex. Doors will open at 8:30 P.M., with the show starting at 9:30 P.M. Cover is \$5, with proceeds benefiting the charities of the Court. Wear your best Derby Hat, get hopped up on Mint Juleps, and place your wagers on who will gallop off with the coveted crown of Miss Derby Pride.

Sierra Reign

Crowned Entertainer of the Year

Imperial Princess Royale 24 Sierra Reign was crowned Entertainer of the Year before a packed crowd at the EOY Finale held at The Bar Complex on March 29th. Congratulations to Sierra, Alyssa Williams, Sabrina Nicole, and Carmen Alexxis for raising over \$3000 during the EOY series.

Coronation Events

The Imperial Court of Kentucky invites you to Coronation 25: A Mythical Night in the Castle of Darkness and Light-- Celebrating the Silver Jubilee the weekend of June 2nd-5th.

Friday, June 2nd will be the In-Town Show featuring your favorite local entertainers. The show will be held at Spirits Lounge inside the first floor of the Radisson. Doors will open at 8:30 P.M. with the show starting at 9:30 P.M. Cover is \$5. Cash bar available.

Saturday, June 3rd's activities kick off with the State Dinner in the Spirits Lounge. Cocktails at 5:30, dinner and awards at 6 P.M. Tickets are \$25 for dinner. Cash bar available.

Following the State Dinner will be the Out-of-Town Show, also in the Spirits Lounge, featuring entertainers from

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Coronation Events ...continued

across the country. The show will start promptly at 8:30 P.M. Cover is \$5, cash bar is available.

At 11 P.M., the Court will host All World Video's Male Review at a location to be announced. Cover for this show will be \$5. Visit the Court's website at <http://www.impcourt.org/kentucky> for up-to-date Coronation weekend details.

Sunday evening, June 4th, is the 25th Annual Coronation Ball, featuring the election of Empress and Emperor 25 and the Board of Directors, incredible entertainment, Hors D'Ouevres and a cash bar. Doors open at 5:30 P.M., with the opening production at 6 P.M. Tickets are \$15, and available at the door.

Proceeds from all events go to the charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky--including Moveable Feast Lexington, The Kentucky Fairness Alliance, AVOL, and the Pride Center of the Bluegrass/GLSO.

Quirk Café & Coffee

Quirk Café & Coffee, owned by Laura Joans and Sherry Patys, is located on Main Street in downtown Midway Kentucky. We have live music in the café on Tuesday nights from 5:30 to 8 pm with occasional Friday night concerts in the Thoroughbred Theater next door.

On Tuesday May 9th **Loir O'Connor** will join us with original and pop vocals with acoustic guitar. **Sally Hammitt** will play on May 23rd. Information about other Tuesday night musicians is available at www.kygallery.com/quirk or by calling (859)846-4688 (local). We have also hosted Wishing Chair and The Bats. On Tuesdays the cover is \$1.00 and our full menu is available. Reservations are suggested!

We are always looking for other artists to play in the café or the theater. If you perform or have a group and would like to book a great venue, call Laura at (859) 230-1705.

Kick off
PRIDE MONTH

COMMUNITY:

An Art Exposition
and Reception

Thursday, June 1st 7-9 p.m.

GLSO Pride Center 389 Waller Ave.

to Commemorate a NEW look
for our Pride Center.

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SATURDAY, MAY 6 4 - 8

\$5 DONATION TO BENEFIT FAIRNESS

Pride Center News

389 Waller Ave. 859 253-3233 Mon. - Fri. 10 - 3 Sat 10 - 2

PRIDE CENTER OPEN IN ADDITION TO HOURS ABOVE

Wed Evenings 5 - 7 Thursdays 3 - 7 & 2nd Saturday Feb 11 6 - 9

Drop by for a chat, visit the Pride Library, or join one of the activities groups below.

Pride Center Activities

Pride Month Meeting

Monday, May 1 7:30

There will be another meeting later in May, call the Pride Center for date and time or to let us know of an event you would like to sponsor.

Lesbian Movie Nights

Thursdays May 4 & 18 7 pm

We vote on a movie to watch- bring along your favorite to share with us.

Lexington Insight

Every Friday night - open to all

Pride Center 7:30 pm

DISCUSSION GROUP

EVERY WED. 7 PM OPEN TO ALL

JANE: LADYJANEKY@YAHOO.COM

40 + Women

**Please contact Ginger at
ggclr@yahoo.com for information.**

Second Saturday Nights

May 12 6 - 9 pm

Queer as Folk, 3rd season
new boxed set, DVD,
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Call Sarah 859 608-7828.

Pride Reading

This year our Pride Reading will be held at the Pride Center on Saturday evening, June 17 from 7 to 9. Everyone is welcome to attend - readers - singers - listeners.

Readers - we would love to hear your poetry, short fiction, or non-fiction writing. Perhaps this is the place get feedback on your coming out story or even a "letter to the editor" you have been thinking of writing. Performance poetry would be fun!

Singers, please bring your guitar or whatever and share some of your original songs with us. Listeners - come support a friend or come to make some new friends. We always have a good time so please join us at the Pride Center.

Volunteer Awards Banquet

The Volunteer Awards Banquet will be on Sunday, June . Nominations for the Wasson and Rainbow Community Service Awards are now being taken. These awards are for the individual (Wasson Award) and the community groups (Rainbow Award) that through volunteerism has done the most for our community in the last year (or more)

Anyone can nominate a person or a group for these awards. Write a short paragraph saying why you think they should win, and send to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com or bring it by the Pride Center. We will post them on our web site: www.glsopc.org.

Everyone in the community can vote by coming by the Pride Center during the first week of June. Dates and times will be printed in the June issues of this newsletter. The winners will be announced and honored at the Pride Banquet.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky Presents...

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WEDNESDAY

MAY 3RD

9:30 P.M.

THE BAR COMPLEX

DOORS @ 8:30

SHOW @ 9:30

\$5 COVER



Easter Month Keeps KY. Fairness Association Hopping

KFA celebrated Easter with a series of trials and triumphs. First, let's accentuate the positive: the legislative season ended April 12th without HB 236 getting signed into law. KFA rested easier at the defeat of the bill that would have effectively eliminated all existing local fairness policies. In fact, no bill detrimental to LGBTQ persons made it out of committee. No one even bothered to submit a bill banning the ability of GLQTB persons to adopt. Furthermore, the statewide fairness bill enjoyed a record number of sponsors.

To celebrate these victories, KFAers earned a little relaxation and some hard-earned visibility at the governor's Easter egg-roll. Christina Gilgor, executive director of KFA, accompanied by her partner and children, participated in the event. She reports that three gay families came to the event wearing Hawaiian leis, and two heterosexual families asked to wear leis to show solidarity and support.

Of course, the legislative season's ending does not mean that KFA gets an extended vacation. The QTBLG community suffered some major setbacks in April. Governor Ernie Fletcher signed an executive order that stripped BTQLG people of protection in state employment. As he signed the order that reversed former Governor Paul Patton's inclusionary clause, Fletcher proudly proclaimed the day Diversity Day.

The irony sucker-punched many Kentuckians across the entire state. To add a clichéd insult to injury, Fletcher contended that his administration was not discriminating but merely following federal guidelines, as if his administration were the textbook example of following federal guidelines. Fletcher's handiwork has reinforced a second-class citizenship of LGBTQ Kentuckians and turned Diversity Day into something more akin to Day of the WASP. Assuredly, KFA will not sit back

and applaud Fletcher's actions but will develop strong campaigns in the coming months to battle such bitter and blatant discrimination, ignorance, hatred, and fear.

Also in April, KFA focused on another issue: Jason Johnson's expulsion from the University of the Cumberland for being an out-and-proud homosexual. The school's administration intercepted Johnson on his way to class about three weeks before the end of the semester and informed him that he would be expelled that day and would receive F's for all of his classes despite his status as a dean's-list student.

Unfortunately, the University of the Cumberland is a private institution that can implement such egregious policies. In mid April, Johnson's lawyer and the University reached an agreement that will allow Johnson to submit his final assignments and earn the grades he merits.

While KFA certainly rejoices that Johnson's academic standing will not be jeopardized, it is still creating responses to this reprehensible discrimination because the issue at hand delves much deeper than Jason Johnson.

The proposed state budget allots \$11 million to the University of the Cumberland to develop a pharmacy school. KFA does not approve of the allocation of tax dollars to religious institutions. Such allocations represent a clear violation of the separation of church and state. Representative Kathy Stein and Senator Ernesto Scorsone have asked the governor to use his power of line-item veto to revoke the funds allocated to the University of the Cumberland.

KFA director Christina Gilgor personally delivered more than 400 letters to the governor's office demanding that he veto that part of the budget. In addition, KFA, in conjunction with the Kentucky Collegiate Coalition, hosted a rally April 19th in Williamsburg, KY.

Kelli Persons, chairperson of the Kentucky Collegiate Coalition, approached KFA about helping with the rally. She says that "KCC members support Jason and all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students in Kentucky." *continued on page 12*

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Seeking a Diverse Congregation.....223-1448

Kentucky Fairness Alliance

Bluegrass Chapter.....806-4114

Windy Knoll Farm

Riding Lessons, Trail Riding, Boarding.....299-7410

Quirk Café and Coffee.....859 846-4688

Railroad Street in Midway

Debra Hensley Insurance.....276-3244

1513 Nicholasville Rd.

Lexington Lyons619-3650

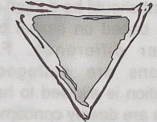
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Ky. Department for Public Health.....1 800 420-7430

HIV/AIDS Branch

GLSO Newsletter Calendar MAY 2006

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
Visit us on the web at: www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103 9p ICK Miss Derby Pride @ The Bar	Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-2p & 6p-9p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 3p-8p Bluegrass Fairness Derby Party @ Windy Knoll Farm Derby Day
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal 6:30 Imperial Court Mtg-PC	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103 6p-7p Comm. Forum Mtg. 7p Lexington Lyons-PC	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103 9:30 Pride Idol @ Crossings	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 6p-9p Second Saturday Film-PC
10:30 a St. Mychal's SoulForce (Jamie 230-5625) 2p 40+ Women's Group-PC 4p Integrity @ St. Michaels 6p SisterSound Rehearsal Mother's Day	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103 Newsletter Dead-line	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 8:00 Pride Idol Semi- Finals @ Kentucky Theater	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-2p 12 noon- GSA (call for place 266-5904) 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 8p SisterSound In Concert Armed Forces Day
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA
Discussion/Speaker(Call for
Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for
Location) 278-7103
- Fridays:**
7pm- Lexington Insight
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA
(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Saturdays:**
2pm Narcotics Anonymous
278-7103
- Sundays:**
9:00am & 11am - UU Church
Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass. St. Mychal The Marty
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @
Landsdowne Presby. Church.

Bi-weekly:

- 6pm - The Imperial Court
SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625
7:00pm Lesbian Movie Night

Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:**
7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (4th Mon.) **New Date**
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

- Sundays:**
2pm -Women 40+(2nd. Sun)
4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun)
4pm- Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC

Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call

KY Fairness ...continued from page 8

No student should be denied access to an education based on sexual orientation or any other difference. Fair-minded Kentuckians are outraged that any discrimination is allowed to happen in our state. We are deeply concerned that other students in Kentucky and elsewhere will have to face the fear that their right to an education and to be themselves is in jeopardy."

Hailed as a success, the rally featured speeches by Senator Scorsone, the Reverend Al Pennybacker, Christina Gilgor, Jason Johnson's boyfriend Zac Dreyer, and students from at least six different universities.

As of press time, the budget issue rested solely in the hands of Governor Fletcher. Rep. David Williams of Burkesville held his own rally to encourage the governor not to veto the University of the Cumberlands allotment, yet, despite Williams' pressure, KFA looks to Fletcher to uphold constitutional law and veto that money. Sadly enough, Fletcher may once again pander to his demographic, allowing that money to go through to the University even though he daily bemoans the fact that the budget is stretched too thin.

Gilgor and KFA are preparing to confront this allocation of public funds.. KFA will do all that it can to make sure that the road to the University getting that money is chock full of speed bumps and potholes. Gilgor is developing a legal team and strategy to present a legal challenge based on constitutional law. Several lawyers have expressed interest in participating in this legal challenge.

So, what is on the horizon for KFA? Besides the struggles in the political arena, the Bluegrass Chapter will celebrate the Kentucky Derby with a party at Windy Knoll Farms. (see pge 3)

For anyone who wants the latest news or information on how to become active, one can find up-to-date KFA material at www.kentuckyfairness.org, or one can call 1-866-205-3239.

Research Participants Sought

Researchers at the University of Kentucky and University of Memphis are looking for participants for a new online survey about experiences related to the debate over the recognition of civil marriage rights for same-sex couples.

This is a study of the attitudes and experiences of gay, lesbian, bisexual, same-gender loving, and same-sex partnered persons regarding the debate over recognition of civil marriage for same-sex couples. The study is being conducted by Ellen Riggle, Ph.D., & Sharon Rostosky, Ph.D., at U.K., and Sharon Horne, Ph.D., at the Univ. of Memphis.

The purpose of this study is to document attitudes and experiences at several points in time in all states. Our hope is that the findings from this research project will contribute to an understanding of the experiences of GLB and same-sex partnered individuals in the United States during these times.

If you are 18 or older and a U.S. citizen, please consider participation. The survey will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete. The deadline to complete the survey in order to enter a drawing for gift certificates is June 15.

To participate in the survey, go to www.coe.uky.edu/surveyor/?Survey=JuneSurvey. If you have questions or would like more information go to www.prismresearch.org or email e.riggle@prismresearch.org.

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Donny Hrdlicka & Russell Draper

Derby Party

at Windy Knoll Farm

3263 Cleveland Rd

Take Winchester Rd. to Cleveland , turn left. Windy Knoll's driveway is on the left, just past the church.

Saturday, May 6 3p to 8p

Place your bets and enjoy the festivities-
Bring food and drinks for a pot luck feast

Please Donate \$5 for admission

Brought to you by
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(859) 806-4114



Telling Our Stories

We are beginning a series, of personal stories: coming out stories and other accounts of how being in some way outside of societies norms has been experienced by you in this particular place and time. History is not just what historians write about the past, it is the letters, documents, works of art, a variety of images and artifacts, and stories left behind by the people who lived their lives often without a thought as to how their lives will influence people in the future. Our stories are the original sources out of which "history" will be written.

GLBTQ people look for and find evidence that people like us have been present in every time and place. We are often particularly drawn to the personal stories of people who came before us.

The GLBTQ people that follow us (who no doubt will have new concepts and language to refer to themselves) will also be curious about how we identified ourselves, what our struggles were, and how our stories may give new meaning to their lives.

So, send us your story. It can not be too long to fit in the pages of this newsletter, but you could perhaps refer people to a longer account that you have posted somewhere on the internet. We may need to edit so give us some way of contacting you. Send to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com or to marycrone@insightbb.com.

Here is our first story:

Jackie's Story

When we are born, most of us are immediately labeled as either male or female. Babies that are intersexed, whose sex is not easily determined, are assigned a label because our society is "sure" that you have to be one or the other. But, no one knows at that time what gender we will identify as later in life. Each of us as individuals through our personal life experiences decide if we identify as male, female or perhaps as neither or both.

We are also all assumed from birth to be heterosexual. Fortunately today there is

more help for young people as they realize they do not fit into societies expectations for them. But, it is still a struggle for many of us. I hope my story may help other people who are trying to figure out who they are.

I came from a broken family and I did the traditional chores done by the male members of the family. Such as mowing grass, and washing the car. I was dressed as a boy and encouraged to play sports and "boyish" games. I became a full fledged tomboy.

My best friends were boys. I didn't like playing with girls unless it was to beat them up. We built clubhouses, played army, ball, and worked on our bikes. My grandmother joked sometimes and called me her grandson in front of her friends.

I was one of the first girls on an all boys baseball team. When the other mothers stood up and screamed for me to get off the field my grandmother stood up and told them to shut up. There was only one other girl in the league. I believe she enjoyed playing against me as much as I enjoyed playing against her. We were proud of making this small step in our little town.

One time a girl thought I was a boy and I went along with it to the point of going into the boys bathroom with my friend, who was a boy. We were seeing how far we could carry the joke. I ended up giving her my phone number and talking to her several times on the phone, but I never saw her again. I thought it was pretty funny.

I didn't know at that time that I was gay. I didn't even know the category existed. I did have three boyfriends in school, none really did anything for me though. However, I was in love with different female teachers. I got my heart broken several times when their boyfriends or husbands would show up.

When I was 15 my family got spilt up even further. I was sent to an emergency shelter in Louisville, KY called Brooklawn. I met two counselors

there named Carla and Donna who turned out to be partners. I was real troubled by what was happening in my family and I had problems dealing with it all. Of course at 15, I was also coming to terms with my sexual desires.

I ran away from the shelter after breaking my hand. Carla and Donna came out looking for me and I remember thinking "Wow, nobody has shown they cared that much for me before. Here are two strangers and they care enough to go looking for me on their own time."

So I came back and the three of us talked. I told them I had been upset and confused about how I felt about a girl there. They asked me if I thought I might be gay. I said I didn't know what that meant. They told me, with honesty that does not happen very often even today.

I thought to myself "Yeah, that is what I feel." I actually had a crush on Carla at that time, but I could never tell her. I stayed in contact with Carla and Donna for a while and they introduced me to my first lover.

My first relationship was a long distant love relationship. She was a few years older than I was, but she was well experienced. I'll never forget her. Who forgets their first loves? They show you a world that you thought you had dreamed about. Once you are into the relationship it goes way beyond any of your expectations. When the relationship ends you think to yourself there will never be another love in my life. You're half way right. There will never be another one of them, but you will love again..

If anyone knows Carla and/ or Donna, or if they come across this article, please contact Jackie Cobern through the Pride Center at 253-3233. Thanks.

The GLSO Web Site

www.glsopc.org

**updated frequently - check it
out for Pride Month News**

Couples Relationship Workshop "Getting The Love You Want"

Jessica Bollinger, LCSW and a trained Imago therapist, is offering weekend workshops on: **May 12 - 14, June 16 - 18, and July 28 - 30.** She will be co-presenting with her life partner, Cathy Wieschhoff. Imago "Getting the Love you Want" workshops can transform your relationship. They are appropriate for new couples, for peoples who want to revitalize their relationship, and for couples who are in conflict.

The workshops include brief lectures, movie clips, music and opportunities for private reflection and sharing with your partner. Jessica creates a safe space in which to learn. Your work with your partner will involve pairing off from the group at various intervals during the weekend. Share with the group only that which feels comfortable.



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The Fee is \$700 with a \$50 discount for registering 30 days in advance. If you refer another couple who both registers and participates with you at the same workshop, you will receive a \$200 rebate after the workshop. Two such couples will bring you a \$400 rebate.

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Relationship Workshops ..continued

If after participating in the entire workshop, you believe the experience was not beneficial to you and you give written notice to the presenter within an hour after the end of the workshop, your money less \$150 for materials will be refunded to you within five business days.

For questions or to register, phone Jessica at (859) 552-6533, or e-mail: jessica@imagoconnection.com.

National Women's Music Festival

The National Women's Music Festival is returning July 6 - 9 2006 at Illinois State University in the Bloomington - Normal area of Indiana.. You can sign up for their email list at wiaonline.org. Get the latest updates, performance schedules, available workshops, and other fun information. Receive notification of the early, early bird rates, and registration information before anyone else.

Email info@wiaonline with any questions. Want to join our snail mail list? Send your address to the same address. .

Wishing Chair

Kiya Heartwood and Miriam Davidson of Wishing Chair have been nominated for two OutMusic Awards: Best CD by a Duo or group for "Underdog" and Best Out Song for "Outlaw Wedding." Kiya's song "Bully Circus" will be featured in the summer issue of SingOut! Magazine. Miriam's book, Teach Yourself to Play Accordion, has just been released by Alfred Press.

You can check out their schedule of concerts at www.wishingchair.com. If you missed their concert at Quark café in April, you will have another chance to see them

Deadline for Newsletter is always the 15th of the month.

The newsletter will be put together between the 15th and the 20th the next three months. (June, July, Aug)

So be on time or be left out!

What's In a Name?

A federally funded conference on LGBT suicide was held earlier this year in Portland, Oregon. It was organized by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center of Newton, Mass with funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) part of the Department of Health and Human Services. It was originally titled "Suicide Prevention Among Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Individuals.

Brenda Bruun, a Bush appointee and project manager within SAMHSA, requested that the words "gay," "lesbian," "bisexual" "transgender" and "gender identity" be removed from the conference material. Ms. Bruun suggested the organizers use "sexual orientation."

Ron Bloodworth, a conference organizers reponded: "Sexual orientation is inadequate. Everyone has a sexual orientation. But this is about GLBT people. In addition, trans people differ from others in terms of sexual identity, not sexual orientation. Unless you use an accurate term, the people you are trying to reach don't recognize themselves and don't attend."

The name change was not the only thing the Administration called for. It also wanted a session on faith-based suicide prevention. "We find this behavior on the part of our government intolerable," Bloodworth wrote in an e-mail to colleagues that called for the government to "end this shameful marginalization of an already marginalized at-risk population."

Steven Fisher of the Human Rights Campaign also commented: "It is unconscionable for politics to get into the way of life and death health care for LGBT young people."

SAMHSA was flooded with complaints about the name change. Spokesperson Mark Weber said the name change was "only a suggestion". But, when pressed about how "strong" the suggestion was made, Weber replied: "Well, they do need to consider their funding source."

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Religious and Spiritual Resources

Integrity

Integrity is excited to announce a new group specifically for young adults ages 18 to 30. Gen Y Integrity will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Join us on May 14

Our regular Integrity meetings will continue on the second Sunday of every month at 4 pm. In April that will be on the 9th. We have lively discussions about everything from current events to spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave, between 6th and 7th, parallel to N. Broadway. Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves.

Our services are unprogrammed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or none. We do not have a creed.

We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in equality and work to improve the lives of all people.



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Jubilee Fellowship ...continued

We meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am. Sunday School happens before worship at 9:30 on Sunday and we hold a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm. We accept prayer requests sent to us by phone or email. Do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood with any concerns or questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

St. Mychal The Martyr

The mission of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish is to provide a church that welcomes all people because of their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

We invite you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic

Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. For info visit : stmychalthemartyr.org.

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email kypadre@aol.com.

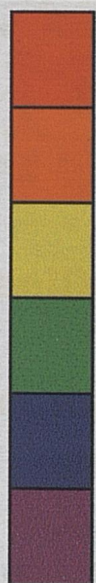


Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation. We do not just accept our GLBT church members, we celebrate their lives and advocate for equal rights. Our Pride Month worship service is scheduled for June 18.

We are a church that honors many spiritual traditions. There are Yoga classes every Monday night and Sunday Sanga, a Buddhist discussion group, meets at 10 am every Sunday morning. We invite you to attend our worship services, Sundays at 9 and 11 am. and to our Adult Religious Exploration classes and discussions on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9.

. As part of our national organization, the Office for Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns offers many resources including a same sex marriage guide with outlines for several different marriage or union ceremonies. Check it out at uua.org, under Programs and Services.



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Anonymous HIV Testing:

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HIV/AIDS Info/Services:

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 Lexington Health Dept. (Julie).....288-2362
 HIV/AIDS Legal Project.....502 584-1254
 HIV Support (Somerset).....679-7478 or 678-5814
 Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat).....606 864-3776
 or 888 425-7282
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 www.moonshinebears.com
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