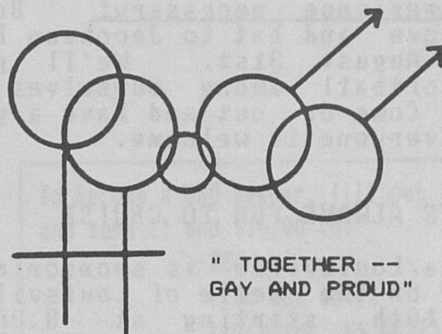


# GSO NEWSLETTER

LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION  
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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40511



" TOGETHER --  
GAY AND PROUD"

## CAN WE TALK? from the President of GSO

In an effort to continue increasing its services to the gay and lesbian community in Lexington, GSO is including special events monthly, directed at specific groups. In this way we hope to increase our services to many more people. We will not only continue to provide the general activities open to all, but will also try to include those who might not otherwise participate.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that recent activities have already been directed toward a variety of interests. The Wine and Cheese Party was for people who enjoy a quiet social evening. The Square Dance was planned to include as much of the lesbian and gay community as possible, and succeeded quite well. The GSO Gay Pride Picnic was for those people who are proud of their sexuality and are not afraid to gather publicly to enjoy a sense of togetherness. Free activities include Cards and Games, for a quiet evening, potlucks, as a social gathering, and volleyball, for a sporty time. No one will feel comfortable with all of these events, so pick out the ones that you think you might like and come on out and give GSO a try. Everyone is welcome!

Future events with tentative schedules include the following: Casino Night, Halloween Square Dance, Cornucopia (dinner/social), Field Trips (Natural Bridge, canoe trip, camp out, etc.). We are also discussing activities for parents and their children, and topics appealing to women. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, organize, or host an activity, please contact us by mail or phone: GSO, Inc., Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky 40575; Phone 231-0335 or 299-0352.

## GSO PHONELINE

We are happy to announce that the GSO phoneline will soon be back in operation. Anyone who would like information about our activities may call 231-0335 for a recorded message. We expect to have the phoneline manned two nights per week within the next two months. If you would like to volunteer for training to become a phoneline listener, please call 299-0352.

## MAILING LIST TO BE PURGED

We think you are still out there, but how can we really be sure? Due to the number of people who have moved or lost interest in GSO and the high cost to print and mail the newsletter each month, it has become necessary to purge our mailing list of outdated names and addresses. If you would like to remain on the GSO mailing list, please fill out the coupon below and mail it back to us OR, call Bill at 231-0100 and give him your current address. The October newsletter will be sent only to those names on the new list, so let us hear from you before September 15th.

NAME:	_____
STREET:	_____
CITY:	_____
STATE:	_____ ZIP CODE: _____

## SPECIAL EVENT AT LMNOP

Watch for posters at The Bar and LMNOP announcing a GSO special event to be held at LMNOP on August 21.

## SOFTBALL

No experience necessary! Bring your glove and bat to Jacobson Park Friday, August 31st. We'll play field softball among ourselves at 6:00pm. Come on out and have a good time. Everyone is welcome.

## ITS ALWAYS FUN TO CRUISE

Lambda/Louisville is sponsoring a "cruise" on the Belle of Louisville, August 10th, starting at 8:00pm. Boarding will be from the wharf at the foot of Fourth Avenue and River Road, the boat sails at 8:30 and returns at 11:30. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and it is BYOB, but no coolers will be allowed. Mixers, ice and snacks are sold on the boat. Housing can be provided for out of town guests, but requests for housing or advanced tickets must be made by August 1st. Tickets will also be available on the wharf the evening of the cruise. For more information, contact: Lambda/Louisville, Belle Cruise, Post Office Box 8415, Louisville, Kentucky 40208.

## SO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OWENSBORO?

The July 24th issue of the Advocate reports that the Owensboro Gay Alliance has started a speakers bureau to make presentations on gay life at various colleges and institutions in the Owensboro region. A spokesman for OGA reported that audiences so far have been respectful. Anyone interested in more information can contact the OGA at Post Office Box 951, Owensboro, Kentucky 42302.

## GSO YARD SALE

Just in time for fall housecleaning, GSO is having a yard sale. What better opportunity to dispose of all those unwanted 'treasures' that have been collecting dust and taking up closet space all these years? The sale will be on Saturday, September 8th at 378 Park Avenue. Please call Jim at 299-0352 or Bill at 231-0100 if you have any items you would like to donate.

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**STAND TOGETHER—  
WE ARE EVERYWHERE**

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## EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE by Paul Joseph and John

Lexington's Fourth of July Parade was highlighted by an original creation sponsored by Cafe LMNOP: a float loaded with local lovelies.

Outside The Bar a sizeable group gathered, despite the drizzling rain, to cheer, take pictures, and shout encouragement. When the float had passed down Main Street it seemed the parade was over - so many people came back through The Bar to see the float again, this time as it passed down Vine Street. The float itself was adorned with some of our finest Southern Belles in their best holiday attire. Several male escorts also rode along. The word "FREEDOM" emblazoned the rear of the float. Two or three people from the crowd at The Bar even went out and followed behind the float when it initially passed by on Main Street and they completed the entire parade route with the float.

Adding to the festivities, a Tea Dance was held at The Bar immediately following the parade and there was a County Drag Show at Cafe LMNOP. Also important to the celebrations; Chuck from Joe Bologna's won the waiter's race with his partner, Carroll. Chuck is a three time winner of the race, and came in second place once. (No other participant has ever won more than once) Chuck said, "Some of my customers have called me fast, now they know the truth."

## WEENIE ROAST

On Sunday, August 12th, GSO is sponsoring a weenie roast at Kingston Park. The cost for this event is three dollars and includes hot dogs, soft drinks and lots of marshmallows. The fun and games start at 4:00pm. To find the park, take North Broadway to Kingston Road (past the I-75 interchange), and turn left. The park is about one-half mile out Kingston Road. We will see you there!

# PRIDE

**Celebrating the  
Gay Experience**





Chuck and Carroll, winners of the Waiters' Race.

To become a GSO member, fill out this form and send it and \$10.00 to:

GSO  
P.O. Box 11471  
Lexington, Ky 40575

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



"Freedom" float, sponsored by the LMNOP, in the Fourth of July parade.

The GSO newsletter is published monthly by the Lexington Gay Services Organization Incorporated, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, Ky 40575. GSO is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide educational, recreational, social and referral services directly involving or relating to gay/lesbian people.

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Submissions for the newsletter are welcome. All submissions become the property of the Lexington Gay Services Organization, Inc. All submissions must indicate the full name and address of the author, although no byline will be published without permission of the author. Non-original material must indicate the source publication. Original material which contains names of persons must indicate that that person has given his/her permission for the use of his/her name in the publication. Anonymous submissions can not be accepted. The editorial staff has the right to alter submissions (including advertisements) to meet publishing requirements.

#### GSO Sponsors GSO

- \* The Stylists, 1641 Nicholasville Rd. 278-7481  
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- \* Lady Diana Hair Design, 508 E. Main St. 252-4595  
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Kentucky Theater, 214 E. Main St. 254-6010  
Brett Johnson Gallery, 144 Harrison Ave. 255-2124  
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- \* Fur'N Feathers, 2909 Richmond Rd. 266-0226  
Flowers By Don, 200 Southland Dr. 278-0555
- \* Mark Cross Productions, PO Box 25601, Lex. Ky. 40524

\* Ask about DISCOUNTS for GSO Members!!

#### POTLUCK

Sunday, August 7th is Brunch in the Park! This time we'll meet in Woodland Park at 1:30pm for brunch. Tennis and volleyball courts are available and swimming is open at the pool. Our last Brunch at Castlewood Park was so much fun we decided a repeat performance was in order. So, bring a dish, a blanket, and your friendly smile to Brunch in the Park.

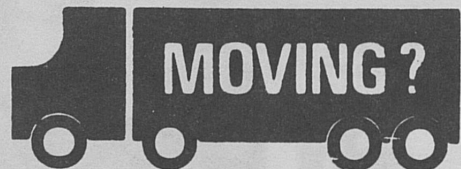
#### PICNIC IN THE PARK VOLLEYBALL Jacobson Park Shelter #5

The Picnic/Potluck and Volleyball are held in Jacobson Park on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, from 6:30pm until park closing. Attendance has been excellent and everyone has a good time.

GSO is supplying plates, utensils, soft drinks and ice. If you wish to join in on the potluck, please use the following charts in deciding what to bring (use the first letter of your last name to select what type of food you should bring). You don't have to play volleyball to come out and have a good time.

August 10	August 24
A-D Snack	A-D Entree
E-H Entree	E-H Bread/Buns
I-L Bread/Buns	I-L Vegetables
M-P Vegetables	M-P Dessert
Q-S Dessert	Q-S Salad
T-Z Salad	T-Z Snack

This event is free of charge. A small donation to help cover the expense of renting the shelter is requested, but not required. If you would like to contribute, just look for the Donation Jar. Any donation is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there.



Please send us your  
change of address  
before you move.



## A LESSON IN HISTORY

The Bar...how long has it been around? Of course, the location has had several names, but has it always been a meeting place for Lexington's Gay population? What did it look like before it acquired its neons, tivolis and "surprise pink" floodlights?

If you have ever wondered about the history of 224 East Main, you'll soon know. (And if you've never wondered - start now.)

Watch for "A Rendezvous With Our Past" in an upcoming newsletter!

## OFFICE SPACE NEEDED

GSO is in need of office space. The space would be used for the phoneline and GSO business/board meetings. If you have any information about a nice space, preferably free or at a nominal rent, please contact any board member or call Jim at 299-0352. Thanks.

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

If you would like to advertise in the newsletter, please send your ad copy and payment to GSO, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, Ky 40575. See the calendar for the newsletter deadline. Due to postal regulations, we reserve the right to refuse advertising due to content or space availability.

### RATES

Full Page	\$40.00
Half Page	\$25.00
Quarter Page	\$15.00
Eighth Page	\$ 8.00
Classified	\$ .05/letter (\$3.00 minimum)

## MORE FUN WITH JERRY

The Moral Majority has its show on the road again, this time invading San Francisco in time for the Democratic National Convention. This act, titled the Family Forum III, features the ever popular Jerry Falwell, decrying the spread of homosexuality, and his side kick Phyllis Schafly who attacked Geraldine Ferraro as 'an advocate of the radical feminist movement' and 'the personification of the abortion issue'. Now aren't you sorry you missed that?

## PRESBYTERIANS VETO ANTI-GAY RESOLUTION

Lambda Louisville reports that a resolution opposing an amicus brief filed by the Presbyterian Church in the case of Sam Dorr versus the First National Bank of Louisville has been voted down in a voice vote by the national church. Another resolution which was raised at the Southern Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville in support of Dorr's case, meanwhile, was voted down by the faculty at that school in a tie vote.

## LOUISVILLE'S GAY AND LESBIAN HOTLINE NAMED AS BEST

After a nation wide survey of Hotlines, the National Gay Task Force's CRISISLINE has named Louisville's Gay and Lesbian Hotline as the most informative and most helpful Hotline in the Nation. They felt the counselors were so well educated in phases of Hotline crisis counseling that they are referring all their after hour calls to the Louisville Hotline. To reach the Hotline, call (502) 637-4342.

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## DIGNITY/LEXINGTON

Being gay and having religious beliefs are incompatible, right? Many gay men and lesbians don't agree.

Christianity and Judaism, with few exceptions, have been largely unresponsive to the pastoral needs of lesbians and gays. Support groups, formed by gays, lesbians and their friends, exist within most denominations and in Judaism: Integrity (Episcopalian), Baptists Concerned, Lutherans Concerned, Presbyterian Gay Caucus, United Methodist Gay Caucus, Affirmation (Mormon), Beth Chayim Chadashim Synagogue, and Dignity (Roman Catholic).

Dignity was started by a Catholic priest in San Diego in 1968. He was concerned with the difficulties many gay and lesbian Catholics experience in integrating sexual expression with religious tradition.

Dignity/Lexington is one of more than 100 Dignity chapters throughout the United States and Canada. Louisville and Cincinnati also have chapters.

As members and friends of Dignity/Lexington, we work within the church to help meet the pastoral needs of gay men and lesbian in Lexington and Central Kentucky. Dignity works within the church to develop a more enlightened, sensitive theology of sexuality. Many of our members and friends are not Roman Catholic. Dignity/Lexington's next liturgy is Wednesday, August 1st at 7:30 pm in a member's home.

For more information, write: Dignity/Lexington, Post Office Box 1984, Lexington, Kentucky 40593.

## 5TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) 5th Annual Tournament will be held in Louisville during Memorial Day Weekend in 1985. Less than a year away, it will be the world's largest single gay sporting event ever, with nearly 1100 bowlers participating.

The IGBO Tournament will be sponsored and operated by the Bluegrass Classic Tournament Committee (BCTC), an affiliate of Lambda Louisville. The Annual Bluegrass Classic Tournament, usually held in February, will take a bye-year in order that the BCTC may prepare for this large event.

The BCTC presented their bid to IGBO representative from cities all across the United States and Canada. Included in the presentation were letters of support from Mayor Harvey Sloane, County Judge Mitch McConnell, the Chamber of Commerce and the Louisville Convention Bureau.

Other cities bidding for the tournament were Detroit and New York City. Louisville was selected overwhelmingly. Other cities that have hosted IGBO in the past are Dallas, Houston, Chicago, and this year Seattle.

## A NEW DAY

This is the beginning of a new day. I have this day to do as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever - leaving in its place something I have traded for it. I want it to be successful - not a failure, a gain - not a loss - in order that I shall never regret the price I paid for it.

## AIDS VIRUS 'QUITE HIGH' IN RISK GROUPS, CDC SAYS

Exposure to the virus that causes AIDS is 'quite high' among members of high-risk groups, but the chance of such people being afflicted with the disease is uncertain, researchers said.

The national Centers for Disease Control reported that antibodies against the AIDS-causing virus - indicating exposure to the virus - were detected in 65 percent of the 215 homosexual men attending a clinic on sexually transmitted disease in San Francisco earlier this year.

## 50,000 GAYS MARCH IN SAN FRANCISCO

In a festive, sign-waving march on July 15th, the eve of the Democratic National Convention, 50,000 gays carried banners demanding an end to discrimination and federal funds to combat AIDS. "We are not protesting. This is an affirmation of who we are, that millions of gays and lesbians are oppressed," said an organizer, Marc Virga. Police reported no serious trouble, although there was some pushing and shoving between the gays and a handful of fundamentalist hecklers along the parade route.

AUGUST 1984

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Do you have a birthday you would like to see on the calendar? Call or write and let us know.			1 7:30 Dignity Liturgy 8:00 Gay AA Room 186 St. Joseph's	2	3 Cards and Games. Call 231-0100 for time and place.	4
5 GSD Potluck 1:30pm, Woodland Park (231-0100). 4:00 Gay Al-Anon Rm 186, St. Joe	6 GSD Business meeting, 8:00pm Comp Care Center. Call 299-0352.	7	8 8:00 Gay AA Room 186 St. Joseph's Hospital.	9	10 6:30 Volleyball and Potluck in Jacobson Park, Shelter #5. Call 231-0100	11
12 4:00 Weenie Roast, Kingston Road Park. Call 231-0100. 4:00 Gay Al-Anon Rm 186, St. Joe	13	14	15 8:00 Gay AA Room 186, St. Joseph's Hospital 7:30 Dignity program/meeting. Call 266-2046.	16 Last day to submit items to appear in August Newsletter.	17 Cards and Games. Call 231-0100 for time and place.	18
19 4:00 Gay Al-Anon Rm 186, St. Joe	20	21 Special events at LMNOP. Watch for posters at LMNOP and the Bar.	22 8:00 Gay AA Room 186 St. Joseph's Hospital.	23	24 6:30 Volleyball and Potluck in Jacobson Park, Shelter #5. Call 231-0100	25 Tentative Date for Dignity Yard Sale.
26 4:00 Gay Al-Anon Rm 186, St. Joe	27	28	29 8:00 Gay AA Room 186 St. Joseph's Hospital.	30	31 6:00 Open Softball at Jacobson Park. 231-0100.	Entries on the calendar are free and are subject to available space.