

The GLSO NEWS March 2007

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KY Fairness Alliance

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance and the Fairness Campaign welcomed hundreds of allies to the Capitol Rotunda on February 22 for *Kentuckians Value Fairness*. More than 100 fair-minded Kentuckians lobbied their legislators in the morning, and over 200 joined the afternoon rally to let legislators know that they will not stand for discrimination.

At the rally, Christina Gilgore announced that KFA has been selected by the national Equality Federation and the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund for their statewide Political Action Committee Project. For details, see page 8.

Karaoke Nights

Tuesday Night is Karaoke Tunes-days in the Gilded Cage Showroom of the Bar Complex, hosted by Bill "Melater" Chandler. For every dollar you tip, you get one raffle ticket and a chance to win a door prize. Winning tickets are drawn between performances.

This event is a weekly fund-raiser for the GLSO Pride Center. You can help make it a success simply by coming out and singing a song or supporting those who do. You can bring your own music or sing one of the songs on the CDs we have there. Plans are being made to add Bingo games to the Tuesday night fun.

Drop by the Center anytime, visit the Pride Library which has books, videos, DVDs, and CDs that can be checked out. We are located at 389 Waller Ave, contact us at 859 253-3233.

www.GLSOPC.org

Join The Imperial Court of Kentucky on Tuesday, March 20th for three events in the course of one evening.

Three Times The Fun

The evening starts at 7 p.m. at The Bar Complex with a reception commemorating the release of our new greeting and post cards featuring images from previous calendars as well as never-before-seen outtakes. Post Cards are \$10 per set and greeting cards are \$15 for a set of 20. They will also be available at the next event of the evening:

The 11th Annual Falsies Awards at The Kentucky Theatre. Doors open at 8 p.m. with the ceremony starting at 9 p.m. Join us as we honor the best in gender illusion and community service. Rest assured kings and queens (and perhaps even Dreamgirls) will continue to win awards during this awards season. There will be special live entertainment and we will be adding three new members to our Hall of Fame--Chevenne. LaToya BaCall, and Karen Kollette. Tickets are \$10 at the box office, with all proceeds benefitting the charities of the Imperial Court. Make sure to get there early as this proves to be a very popular event, and we have had to turn folks away in the past.

The final event of the evening is an After-party in The Bar Complex's Gilded Cage showroom just after the Falsies are over. There is no cover for this event

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Wishing Chair

On March 31, Wishing Chair will be playing at Natasha's Bistro, 112 Esplanade, in downtown Lexington. Music will be starting at 9 pm; the cover charge is \$7. Natasha's has great food, so plan to enjoy dinner or dessert as you listen.

Miriam and Kiya are on the road, dodging snow storms and playing music around the country. Kiya has been writing some great new songs for a new CD that is in the works. Miriam keeps adding more instruments to her current arsenal. It's not unusual to find piano and bouzouki in the shows now.

Kiya has also been working on a new songwriting and publishing website, www.kiyaheartwood.com. She will be coming out with a CD, with selections from her early years, previously found on her two solo records and her CDs withStealin' Horses. Look for it by late spring.

There are only a few of some of the earlier Wishing Chair titles in stock So, they have decided to do a compilation CD of their older catalog including Singing with the Red Wolves, Undisputed Country, Ghost of Will Harbut, Dishpan Brigade and Crow. They plan to put a couple of new songs on as well to give listeners a taste of what's to come.

If you would like to suggest your favorite songs, they will try to include them. They'll even entertain your ideas for a title for the new CD. Go to their web site at www.wishingchair,com.

Winshing Chair has again been invited to many summer music festivals. A full list will be on their web site. Two lesbian Festivals where you will be able to enjoy their music are: The National Women's Music Fest (IL) www.wiaonline.org July 5 – 8 and The Michigan Womyn's Music Fest (MI) www.michfest.com in early August.

PRIDE MONTH PLANNING MONDAY, MARCH 19 7 PM AT THE PRIDE CENTER

Everyone welcome to attend You can pick one project to work on & you don't have to attend meetings to help. call mary 266-5904

Community News

Bluegrass Women's Network

Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women of all ages. Debby and Lynn are building a list of women who are interested in receiving emails about events. They have set up a Yahoo group to make it easier to e-mail announcements. If you want to be on the list, contact them at debbywoman@gmail.com.

In My Shoes: Stories of LGBT Students

On March 6, from 12:00 – 1:30, *In My Shoes* will be presented on UKs campus. A panel of college and high school LGBT students will share their stories about coming out to themselves and others and how they experience being LGBT. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the panel. Contact Ann Dills at ann.dills@uky.edu for more information.

T-Shirt Sales Support Pride Prom

Students from local high schools and teens that attend the GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth are planning a Pride Prom to be held in June. The teens are selling these t-shirts for \$18 to raise money for rent and decorations. The t-shirt has a regular neckline - not the neckline pictured here. The message you are seeing is on the back of the shirt. The Front has the words "Love Thy Neighbor" in small print. Call Mary Crone to place an order (266-5904)...

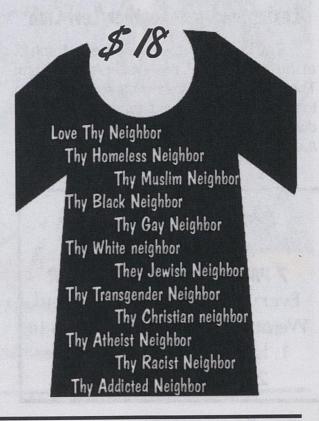
We have ordered shirts for people who have already talked to us and those will be available by Saturday, March 10. Come by the Pride Center between 10:30 and 12:30. We also have some short sleeve black shirts in various sizes and a few long sleeve shirts to sell.

Fundraising Brunch

On Saturday, March 24, from 11 am until 2 pm, Mia's Restaurant will be the site of a Brunch Fundraiser to benefit Moveable Feast, Lex. Lyons, and the Imperial Court The event will hosted and conducted by Mr. Kentucky Leather, 2007, Bill Howard and the Lexington Lyons Levi Leather Club. Raffle and door prizes will be available as well. Cost of the brunch will be \$10-to \$12 depending on menu items selected.

Moonshine Bears Basket Contest

The Moonshine Bears of Kentucky will hold their annual Best Basket Contest Saturday, March 31 at Tryangles in Louisville. We will judge baskets during the Bear 411 Meet And Greet Nite, between 10 pm and 2:30 am. A \$50 cash prize will be offered for the Best Basket. The winner will be announced at 2:30. There is a T-shirt Auction planned and raffle and door prizes will be awarded.



Voices of Kentuckiana Concert Stomp Your Foot: A Celebration of

American Composers

Voices of Kentuckiana will present their annual spring concert, on Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th at 8 p.m. at the Clifton Center, 2117 Payne St., in Louisville.

The concert will include songs that hold special meaning such as Stephen Foster's "Camptown Races" and perennial favorite, "My Old Kentucky Home." Stomp Your Foot will also feature tributes to George Gershwin and Rodgers and Hammerstein, plus selections from West Side Story, Avenue Q, and the current hit musical Wicked.

Tickets for each concert are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. For tickets or more information, go to www.voicesky.org, or call The ChorusLine,

ActOut

The next ActOut play will be *The Paris Letter* by Jon Robin Baitz to be directed by Homer Tracy. Tryouts will be advertised in an upcoming newsletter. The play will be

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons will meet March12 at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoys the Leather /Levi Lifestyle. For more info visit

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Everyone welcome to attend We are seeking individuals to

- 1. help organize the raffle
 - 2. host a movie night

Keith Elston: Family Law

Keith Elston has openeda family law office in Lexington (see ad page 7) He specializes in family law for OUR families.

Keith is a former President of the GLSO and helped organize the Kentucky Fairness Alliance and the Bluegrass Chapter of Fairness.

He was hired by the American Civil Liberties Union in 1995 to start a new ACLU chapter in North and South Dakota. He also worked for the ACLU in New Mexico, and was the executive director for Outright Vermont, an LGBT youth advocacy group based in Burlington, Vermont. He graduated from Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa, in May 2005. He and his partner, Mark, live in Shelbyville. See ad on page 7.

Dress and Gender Alliance

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance (also known as the Diversity in Gender Alliance) meets on the first Saturday of each month at a private location. For information email Cassie at cassiemtf@yahoo.com.

Lex DGA is a peer support group for anyone that transcends gender norms. This includes transsexuals, intersexuals, cross dressers, drag kings, drag queens, gender queers, and people who are unsure what their gender identity might be. This is not a therapy group but we offer

One World Films see more info on page 15

March 11 - Normal, Sunday, 2 & 4:30 p.m., Central Library Theater, GLSO Reception A MTF trans person transitions in small town America.

March 15 - My Brother Nikhel,

Thursday, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. KY Theater. A young man with a promising future has to tell his family that he is HIV+.after he is arrested for having AIDS. (India)

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Pride Center Activities

Games Night Saturday March 24 7 to 9 pm

DISCUSSION GROUP

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Lexington Insight

Pot Luck and Discussion Group **Pride Center** 7:00 pm In February we will be discussing:

- 1. Queer writings: GLBT literature
- 2. If you were granted 3 wishes, what would they be?
- 3. Depression: the GLBT epidemic
- 4. Safer Sex: What you need to know
- 5. The Bible: History meets the present

Saturday Singles Movie Night Feb. 10 7 pm All Singles are Welcome

If you would like to join the singles email list call the Pride Center at 253-3233 and leave your email address or call Jackie at 971-3315 for more information.

ALSO, Join us for Games Night March 24, 7 pm

FIX YOUR CREDIT

A small working group is forming now, seating is limited. The group will be led by a financial expert. Clean up credit, make a financial plan, reduce debt, work toward home ownership, return to school, open your own business, or set other important Group accountability, knowledge sharing and more. First group will meet on March, 10, at 1 pm at the Pride Center. Pre registration is required. To sign up, send an email to Ev at bestway@insightbb.com. There will be waiting list for future classes. Don't wait, start today to make a positive change.

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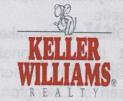
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Kentucky fairness Alliance Hosts Successful Rally

On Thursday February 22nd, the Kentucky Fairness Alliance hosted a large rally in Frankfort to demonstrate support for statewide fairness and for equal healthcare access for all. Nearly 200 supporters of GLBT issues convened in the capital to let legislators know that they will not stand for discrimination.

The day started promptly at 8 a.m. with lobby trainings. 110 people signed in for training and the chance to go talk directly with legislators. Small groups of people walked the capital building searching for their district legislators so as to lobby against SB152, HB10, and HB48, all three of which would prohibit domestic partner benefits. Responses from legislators ranged from very supportive to negative. Whatever the response, the sheer number of people marching the halls increased visibility and sent a loud and clear message: Kentuckians Value Fairness.

At 1pm the day climaxed with the rally in the rotunda. The rotunda filled with supporters and members of the press to listen to Rep. Kathy Stein, Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, and Sen. Ernesto Scorsone. A series of guest speakers including the Rev. Al Pennybacker kept the crowd roused and energetic.

Other rally speakers told the assembly about their personal experiences with discrimination. Among them, Jennifer Crossen of Lexington talked about being shut out of her partner's health insurance, Andy Free of Elizabethtown recalled being denied an apartment rental because of his sexual orientation, and Rev. Todd Ekloff of Louisville, a straight ally, shared his experience of being fired from Kentucky Farm Bureau after he took a public position supporting marriage equality.

Gilgor closed the rally by announcing the Kentucky Fairness Alliance's selection by the national Equality Federation and the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund for their statewide Political Action Committee Project. Our selection into this program by two prominent national organizations indicates that they see the value of our work in Kentucky and they know their assistance will strengthen our efforts. Gilgor ended her comments to great cheers from the crowd.

The day went exceedingly well and was a massive success. However, the work is not over. Some legislators still do not support statewide fairness and would readily deny domestic partner benefits. These legislators are hearing from constituents in their districts who do not believe in fairness, but they are not hearing from those who do.

Everyone needs to express his or her support for fairness directly to his or her legislator especially if that legislator is antifairness. It is the duty of every single person to let the legislators know that GLBT people exist in every corner of this state and that they will not settle for second-class status.

Obviously, many people have to work and cannot go to the capital on a Thursday afternoon, but everyone can make a phone call to his or her legislator; every single person can write a letter to his or her legislator. Legislators do read answer phone calls and do read their mail and do pay attention. Every person has the power to use his or her voice and make a difference in Kentucky.

For the latest news and ways to get active or donate to these efforts to get fairness, visit

www.kentuckyfairness.org

For information on help finding out who one's legislator is or how to contact that legislator, call 1-866-205-3239.

For information on the local chapter in Fayette County, go to

www.bluegrassfairness.org

Any one of these resources can give people the information and the tools to use their voice and make Kentucky a fair place for all of its citizens.

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GLSO Newsletter Calendar March 2007

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

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Tuesdays: 7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) 9pm - Karaoke Tunesday @ The Bar Complex

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:

Sundays:

9:00am & 11am - UU Church Worship Services. 10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr. 6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.

Bi-weekly:6pm - The Imperial Court
SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625

Monthly Activities:

Mondays: 7:30pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (4th Mon.) 7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

Saturday:
7pm -LexDGA 1st Sat.
7pm- Singles Support 2nd Sat.

Sundays:

4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun) 4pm- Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)



Lorena A. Hickok

Rediscovering Our History: Lorena Hickok by mary crone

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I intended to write an article about the intimate relationship between Eleanor Roosevelt and reporter Lorena Hickok but after researching the life of Hickok, I decided that she deserves an article that focuses on her life work. The fact that she was intimately involved with Eleanor is a fascinating part of her life but should not be the only reason we remember her. She was a ground breaking journalist, one of the first women to work successfully for the Associated Press, and she had an impact on the direction of our national policy through her relationships with Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Lorena Hickok was born March 7, 1893, in Wisconsin, to Addison Hickok, a buttermaker, and Anna Wiate Hicko, a dressmaker. She had a tumultuous childhood with a violent father that beat her and her sisters. Addison Hickok also had trouble keeping a job and moved the family frequently as he sought work. Lorena's education was disrupted as she traveled from school district to school district. She was reportedly thrown out of the house by her father at age 14. She worked as a "hired girl" for a couple of years until her mother's cousin took her in and saw that she finished high school.

She attended Lawrence College but was ridiculed by her classmates and flunked out after one year. She was hired as a

society editor for the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, the only position thought suitable for most women. In an unfinished autobiography, Hickok explained how she overcame the customary sex discrimination at several papers she worked for: "I'd build myself up solidly with the city editor by volunteering for night assignments, get into trouble with some dowager who would demand that I be fired, and finally land on the straight reportorial staff, which was where I had wanted to be from the beginning."

After a several reporting jobs, she was hired by Thomas J. Dillon, the managing editor of the Minneapolis Tribune. He recognized Hickok's talents, tutored her, and offered her assignments rarely given to women, including politics and sports. "The

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started an eight year relationship with Ellie Morse. They moved to California together and Hick tried writing fiction for a short time. Her skill at news reporting did not transfer to this style of writing and she was quickly dissatisfied. When her relationship with Ellie ended, Hickok moved to New York City to continue her news career.

Old Man," as Hickok called Dillon, taught

her the "newspaper business, how to drink

and how to live." She was often referred to

as "one of the boys." It was in this job that

During her time in Minneapolis, Hickok

she became known as Hick.

In 1928, the Associated Press hired Hickok to write feature stories for its wire service. Quickly making a name for herself by covering dramatic stories like the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, Hickok surpassed her male colleagues and won the coveted right to have her name appear as a by-line atop her articles. Hickok was described as looking like one of the boys, wearing men's clothing, smoking cigars, and playing poker with the other AP reporters. Today, she is still recognized as one of the most successful women to work for the Associated Press.

Hick became a White House correspondent in 1928. In Washington she met Eleanor Roosevelt who had recently been appointed as Director of the Bureau of Women's Activities by The Democratic National Committee. Her husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR), was elected as governor of New York that November, Hick avoided Eleanor because she knew that stories about a Governor's wife would be considered "women's news". She wanted to be considered a "front page" reporter.

Several years later, Hick was assigned to cover the soon-to-be first lady during the 1932 presidential campaign. Hick conducted a series of interviews with Eleanor that introduced her to a wider audience and laid the groundwork for her political activity during her husband's presidency.

Once in the White House, Hick recommended that Eleanor hold press conferences with women reporters only. She also encouraged Eleanor to do her own writing for the newspapers. The resulting syndicated daily column, "My Day." published from 1935 to 1962, dealt with subjects far out of the range of conventional first lady's concerns. The column allowed Eleanor to reach millions of Americans with her views on social and political issues, current and historical events, as well as her private and public life. These were the first steps in Eleanor's successful redefinition of the role of the first lady as a public figure and a newsmaker independent of her husband

n 1933, Hick left the Associated Press because she felt she could no longer be objective when covering the Roosevelts. Eleanor recommended that Harry Hopkins, head of FDR's Federal Emergency Relief Administration, hire her to investigate the living conditions of Americans struggling to survive during the Depression. For three years, Hick traveled across the country and provided detailed reports on New Deal policy, living conditions, and politics to FDR, Eleanor, and Hopkins. An astute observer, Hick talked to governors, tenant farmers, labor leaders, children working in the fields, social workers, homeless transients, and former press colleagues and wrote about their lives

In 1983, Hickok's reports to Hopkins and Eleanor were brought together with photographs of Dorothea Lange and Walker Evans, in One Third of a Nation, considered to be one of the best records of the Depression. David Kennedy, Professor of History at Stanford University says "Lorena Hickok was a singularly gifted witness to the calamity of the Great Depression. ... she stared long and hard into the human face of America's greatest economic failure and social catastrophe."

In 1941, Hickok moved into the Whitehouse with the Roosevelts when

she took a post in Washington working for the Democratic National Committee as executive secretary to the Woman's Division. During this time she formed an "intense friendshp" with the Honorable Marion Janet Harron, a United States Tax Court judge ten years her junior. After the judge's death in 1972, her papers were found to contain love letters to Lorena, beginning in March 1942.

In 1945, poor health forced Hick to resign from political life. She moved into Val-Kil, Eleanor's home in Hyde Park. Hick and Eleanor co-authored Women of Courage, a portrait of women political leaders, and in 1962 Hickok wrote Reluctant First Lady, a biography of Eleanor. Roosevelt.

After Eleanor's death in1962, Hick gathered the letters the two had written to each other and, with Anna Roosevelt's permission, destroyed the ones she considered too explicit. A selection of their letters can be found in Roger Streitmatter's 1998 book Empty Without You: The Intimate Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena

Hickok. We have a copy of this book in the Pride Library and it will be the basis of an article about Hick and Eleanor next month.

Hickok died in 1968. She is remembered as one of the first and best nationally syndicated woman reporters of the Twentieth Century. She had meaningful influence on the Roosevelt Presidency and helped formulate policies that supported Americans during the Great Depression, A lesbian worth honoring.

Miss Bar Complex

Friday, March 2 at The Bar

Pride Library

Do you have a Pride Library card? A reminder - If you have changed any of your information: address, phone number, or email, call the office and leave new info for Jane with Bill (253-3233) or email it to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com. Let us know how you prefer to be contacted.



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Powwow Highway Sunday, March 4 2 & 4:30 p.m., Central Library Theater

Two men of the Northern Cheyenne tribe go on a complex quest. Buddy Red Bow is a Vietnam veteran and social activist whose sister has been framed and jailed in New Mexico. Buddy and his friend Philbert Bono take Philbert's decrepit old Buick "war pony" on a long road trip that makes some unexpected stops along the way. The two friends come to understand their past, fight for their future, and appreciate their differing styles as warriors on the Powwow Highway.

Only Human (Seres Queridos)

Spanish with English subtitles (85 min.)
Thursday, March 8: 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.,
Kentucky Theater

When Leni comes home to introduce her fiancé Rafi to her idiosyncratic Jewish family, everything goes smoothly until the lovers reveal that Rafi is Palestinian. "Only Human" warmly addresses some of today's most salient issues: the meaning of family and community in an ever-shrinking world and the challenges and consequences at stake when cultures clash within our very homes. Reception sponsored by the Myers Family.

Normal Sunday, March 11: 2 & 4:30 p.m., Central Library Theater, GLSO Reception

After being married to Irma for 25 years, Roy tells his wife and their pastor that he is a woman and plans to pursue sex reassignment surgery. Irma struggles to understand her husband as he begins to change his appearance at home and then at

work. Their two children are also affected by their father's transformation. This film does a good job of portraying some of the reactions of people who are confronted with gender transformation in a friend or loved one. Tom Wilkinson and Jessica Lange star. Reception sponsored by Gay Lesbian Service Organization.

My Brother. . . Nikhil

Thursday, March 15 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Kentucky Theater

In Goa, India in the early 1990s, Nikhil Kapoor is the state swimming champion and a hero to his community. His father, Navin Kapoor, has raised his son to be a sportsman, a dream that he never achieved for himself. Then the unthinkable happens: Nikhil is arrested by the auth-orities for being HIV-positive. The drama unfolds as the family falls apart, friends desert him and Nikhil is cast out by society. Only his sister Anamika and friend Nigel stand by him in his fight for dignity and acceptance.

Winner of Audience Choice Award, Milan Film Festival, 2006.

<u>Hidden Warriors:</u> Women on the Ho Chi Minh Trail

Thursday, March 29 7 p.m Kentucky Theater, Reception

This film is part of the UK Gender and Women's Studies Spring Film Series. Director Karen Turner, a specialist in Vietnamese history, will introduce her film and talk about her recent trip to Vietnam.

"Hidden Warriors," a collaboration of American and Vietnamese film makers, tells the stories of the North Vietnamese women who maintained and defended the strategic Ho Chi Minh Trail after 1965. Their military service in a heavily bombarded area of Vietnam, and their experiences after the "American War" are revealed through interviews and archival footage. Reception sponsored by the Council for Peace and Justice.

Religious and Spiritual Resources

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship has a new meeting location, St Mychal the Martyr located at 1350 Eastland Dr, Suite #5 in Lexington. Eastland Dr. is off New Circle Rd one black North of Winchester Rd. Once on Eastland Rd, take your first left. It is "Inside" New Circle. It is in row of small offices behind Mi Mexico near New Circle

We are meeting on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for Bible Study. On Wednesday,, March 7 we will be starting a 12 week curriculum based on John Bever's book, *Driven By Eternity*. Devotional aids to use during this study will be provided to those who register in advance. Call 859 514-5518.

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love.

If you have questions about our fellowship, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood a 859 514-5518 or jfellowship@windstream.net. We have a big vision and a big God. There is room for

Integrity

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

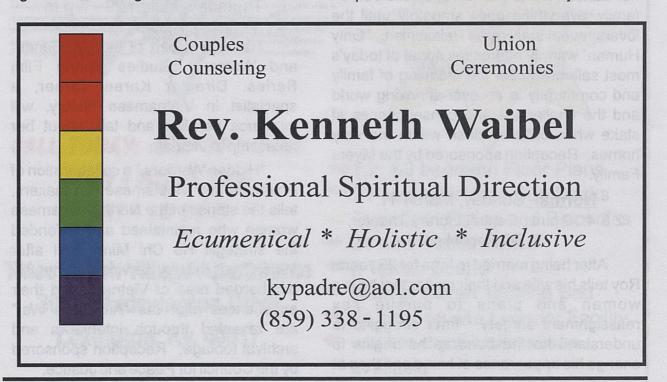
Integrity is a support group for gay and lesbian Episcopalians that meets on the second Sunday of each month, which will be March 11 this month. The gathering occurs at St Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte Drive (between Tates Creek and Nicholasville Roads) at 4 pm.

All GLBT people over the age of 18 (younger with parental consent) are welcome to attend. For more information please call 859 243 0998 or email at stmintegrity@yahoo.com. St Michael's is also a welcoming congregation toward gays and lesbians with services each Sunday at 8, a more contemporary service at 9, and a more traditional service at 11:15.

Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30am. We are located at 649 Price Ave., between 6th and 7th just west of North Broadway.

Quakers have no clergy or sermons, we sit together in silence until someone is led t speak from that silence. Please join us.





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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington has worship services every Sunday at 11 am. We are a Welcoming Congregation, we do not simply accept GLBTQ folks within our church community, we celebrate their lives and actively support their work for equal rights.

Every Sunday morning there is a Buddhist meditation at 9 am, followed by a Buddhist discussion group (Sanga) at 9:45 in the Allen House next to the Church. Rev Cynthia Cain and Rev. Gary Bennet will also be offering classes before church.

Interweave, the GLBTQ and friends group, will have lunch out on the third Sunday of eah moth, March 18 We often go to the Goods Foods Cafe on southland Dr. For more information, call mary crone at 266-5904.

St. John's Unitarian Universalist

St. John's Unitarian Church in Cincinnati is truly a welcoming Congregation. St. John's has an Interweave organization that allows GLBT's to express their spirituality, as well as socialize and do activities together. Please pay us a visit.

St. Mychal The Martyr stmychalthemartyr.org

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

You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 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. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain 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.

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The Positive View Part 2: Belonging to the GLBT Community By Dr. Sherry and Dr. Skippy

Coming out is often an on-going and sometimes difficult process, but many experts believe that coming out is important to individual well-being and positive identity. Reaching out and connecting to the GLBT community can be an important part of the process. For example, just by reading this newsletter, each one of us connects to our vital, active, local GLBT community. Although there is much diversity within the GLBT community, there are also some similarities of experience that serve as a basis for community building and social support.

When asked about the positive aspects of being a lesbian or gay man, "belonging to the GLBT community" was one of the most common themes mentioned. For example, gay male participants wrote, "great community - lots of support and fun with other gay men and lesbians" and, "a real sense of community and support from other gay men and lesbians who can understand the ups and downs of what it's like to be gay in our society - who can be a surrogate family and share your joys as well as your disappointments."

Another gay man wrote, "Being an out gay man also creates instant networks. When moving, I can always join the GLB chorus and have an instant social group." Other gay men wrote, "helps me create a unique fraternity among men like myself" and, "When I first came out, it was the discovery of a community (friends, boyfriends, social scene, politics) that really was empowering."

Lesbian participants wrote about, "membership in a diverse community" and, "I find the gay community (men and women) to be an incredibly diverse tribe ... you can draw strength and positive energy from it and utilize those tools to improve yourself and build a better and more understanding society." Many lesbians also wrote

specifically about the support of the "lesbian community" or the "women's community." For example, one lesbian participant wrote, "I am always supported, both by my partners and the larger women's community in my artistic, activist, and academic endeavors."

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Another lesbian submitted, "lesbian communities: both the social connection and a kind of intangible sense of power and empowerment in being a part of a large group of very capable, independent, and creative women."

We are social beings and social support is crucial to our psychological well-being and perhaps even to our physical health. For gay men and lesbians, and bisexuals and transgender persons, finding that support in the GLBT community is important to a positive view of ourselves. Think for a moment: How has the GLBT community had a positive impact in your life? How might you become more connected to the community and thus gain and provide the kinds of support that enhances life satisfaction?

For more information about our work, go to www.PrismResearch.org. Dr. Sherry is Sherry Rostosky, PhD, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology at UK. Dr. Skippy is Ellen Riggle, PhD, Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science at UK. This series is based in part on: Riggle, E.D.B., Whitman, J., Olson, A., Rostosky, S.S., & Strong, S. (2007). The Positive Aspects of Being a Lesbian or Gay Man.

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