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Dancing The Night Away



Swing your partner round and round, pick her up and throw her down. The GLSO presents *Dancing The Night Away!* on Friday, October 2nd, 8pm to 11pm at The Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 1938 Stanton Way (just off of Newtown).

The evening will begin with the delectable DJ Pork Chop spinning everyone's favorite dance tunes from the 70's to the present. DJ Pork Chop's set will transition into a mini-Female Impersonation show as Ms. Robbie Bartlett prepares to woo us with her heartfelt crooning that soothes the mind and stirs the soul.

There is a \$15 cover charge and a cash bar. Refreshments will be provided. We will have a basket of rainbow glass art made by local artisans and gay allies Judy & Charles Phurrough to raffle off. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle. Please come out for a full night of entertainment and help support The GLSO Pride Center at the same time!

GLSO Variety Show

On Wednesday, October 14 there will be a fabulous variety show at The Bar to benefit GLSO. "That 70's Benefit Show" will feature talented members of our community in skits, dance, singing and more. Admission is \$6 at the door, \$9 preferred seating. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 9 pm.

Performances will include many of your favorite entertainers from last year as well as some new additions. Numbers include: The Rocky Horror Picture Show, The Village People, The Weather Girls, Donny and Marie, the Brady Bunch, The Roller Girls of Central KY, and a special tribute to Michael Jackson.

Performers include LaToya BaCall, Burley Thomas, Mary West, Alana and Bobbie, Kenneth J. Squires, Hunter Hayes, Eden Towers, Natalie Gaye, Keith (a.k.a. Sasha Grant), Josh Pack, Nicole Diamond, Sundae DeLarouge, Jennifer Grant, The KY River Queens, The Wildcat Cloggers and more.

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Next meeting Oct. 8,
7pm at the Pride Center.

**Imperial Court of KY
The Laramie Project**

Join the Court for its production of *The Laramie Project*, by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project. This play that features the thoughts and opinions of many of the residents of Laramie following the murder of Matthew Shepard. It will be at:

Natasha's Bistro Oct. 4 - 3pm & 7pm

EKU Oct. 9 - 7pm

Univ. of KY Oct 16 - 7:30pm

Morehead State Univ. Oct. 17- 7pm

At Natasha's and UK, the cost for non-students will be \$10. Students can attend the UK performance for \$5. The net proceeds will benefit the Matthew Shepard Foundation and the charities of the Court.

Diva of Darkness

The Diva of Darkness Pageant will be at Pulse Nightlife on Wed., Oct 28. Door opens at 8:30 and the pageant starts at 9:30. A \$5 donation is asked at the door. Net proceeds will benefit the charities of the Court.

YARD SALE

GLSO is having a Fall Yard Sale on Oct. 9, 10, and 11. It will be open from 8am to 3pm each day. Location: 3559 Lansdowne Dr., Lexington 40517. We are collecting donations at the Pride Center. Please call the Center at 859-253-3233 to arrange for pick up of large items, to drop items off, or to volunteer on the day of the sale.

Newsletter Team

We are looking for people to join the GLSO Newsletter Team. You don't have to be a professional. We only ask you have a desire to see the Newsletter excel at reporting the news and reaching the GLBTQ community.

Community News

Who Loves Ya By Karen Taylor

I'm assuming there are others out there like myself who have pondered the question from time to time, "Is God really ok with my being gay?" This is the first in a series of articles on that topic. I've wanted for some time now to start this dialogue and am looking forward to hearing from many of you.

Let me start by sharing a little about myself. I am 54, divorced, with 2 grown sons, and have been with my life partner, Lisa, for over 5 years now.

I was married to the father of my sons for 24 years. I didn't believe you could be gay and Christian. Plus, marriage was forever. I became a Christian at age 15, and have participated in several churches including Baptist, Methodist, and Assembly of God, as well as non-denominational churches.

Then, through a series of events, I realized my marriage was never meant to be and that there are times when divorce is not only the best thing but the right thing for all people involved. During that time period when I was becoming aware of this, I was attending an "ex-gay ministry" for help and support. Ironically, that is where I met the woman I plan on spending the rest of my life with.

Back to the question, "Is God really ok with my being gay?" Lisa and I struggled with that for about a year before we came to the conclusion that He was. Starting with the next issue, I plan to discuss some of the "key" verses used

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TransKentucky

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

While the group is not therapeutic in nature, there are many resources and individuals that can provide help with advice and insights from their own unique experiences. Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend meetings to gain understanding and be supportive of their loved ones. We also welcome supportive community members who have an interest in issues arising due to gender presentation, identity, and variance.

TransKentucky meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. We include cross dressers, transsexuals, gender queers, intersexuals, and others who do not fit the standard gender norms or who are questioning their gender. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For information contact TransKentucky@gmail.com or call 859-963-6606.

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against us. I would also like to include comments from you. You can send your comments and questions to lexington-glso@yahoo.com. I'm looking forward to some great conversations as I pray God's Love, Peace, and Joy for each of you.

SisterSound

SisterSound invites all women to join us for our new season. We are a non-audition chorus. Rehearsals are at 6 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 3220 Lexington Rd, Nicholasville (on Nicholasville Rd, 5 minutes from Fayette Rd, on the left).

For information, contact Patti Owens 859-806-0243.

Bluegrass Women's Network

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

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

To announce events and share information, the Bluegrass Women's Network has a private/hidden Yahoo group website. It is not listed in the Yahoo Directory, and can only be accessed by group members. If you are interested in joining go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/thebluegrasswomensnetwork/> and apply to join. Facilitators are Debby Hemstock and Lynn Matlock.

Esperanto Class Forming in Lexington

Ever want to learn a foreign language, but time constraints or lack of resources prevented you? Then, join this upcoming Esperanto class.

Esperanto is five to ten times faster to learn than a naturally "evolved" language. Just for starters, there are no irregular verbs and an absolutely phonetic writing system.

The vocabulary is mostly from western European languages, especially French and Italian, although people in non-Western countries also find it easy to learn. In use for more than 100 years, Esperanto has grown by leaps and bounds since the advent of the Internet, and there is a very large GLBT presence in the Esperanto community.


The language comes with its own community of very diversity-friendly people around the world, and is especially strong in China, Finland, Hungary, and Brazil. For more info on Esperanto, go to: www.esperanto.org and <http://www.esperanto-usa.org/>

For info on the upcoming course, email Patrick Buck at plbuck@earthlink.net or call him at 268-1640. Feel free to join the list where class announcements will be posted: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LexKyEsperanto>. Tentative plans are for ten one-hour meetings this fall over a ten-week period. There will be no charge for materials, and you are very welcome to join in!

Interweave

Interweave, a group for Unitarian GLBTQ people and Allies, invites everyone to a monthly potluck after church on Sunday, Oct. 18.

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Everyone, remember October is
National Coming Out Month.

We are a proud sponsor of the
GLSO newsletter

Be sure to come visit us on
Friday, November 20th at the
Downtown Lexington Hotel for
"Judy's Old Fashion Holiday Show",
a gay Thanksgiving celebration for
the whole community.

For event details, please visit
www.lexfair.org

Pride Center

Office Hours 10 to 3 M-F 389 Waller Ave. Phone 859 253-3233

What Happens Here

The GLSO Pride Center is a welcoming space where any organization in the community can hold meetings or events. In August, about 20 meetings were held at the Center. We have found this to be quite a bit higher than other LGBT Centers of comparable size.

We sponsor a number of support/social groups that meet here including some listed on this page. These groups welcome individuals who are coming out, looking for new friends, or needing a place to socialize outside the bars. We also have people attend that just love hanging out with others in this space. There is a lot of laughter, love, and support here.

We also house the Pride Library, welcome visitors, and provide information to callers. Please drop by, attend one of the groups, or plan an event here. A movie night or games night would be great.

Insight Group

Friday, October 2 at 7 pm

Pot Luck and a Movie

Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.

Dana is looking for someone willing to organize an Insight get-together on the third Friday night of the month. Contact him at 859-230-2428.

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Buddhist Discussion Group

A Buddhist Discussion Group will meet at the Pride Center on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 3 to 4:30. You do not have to be Buddhist to attend. In fact, we plan to talk about some of the small steps Buddhism has taught us that can make your life easier.

We plan to include practical topics such as how to improve your communication with others. In November we are planning to show a film featuring Pema Chodden. For more info, contact Jackie at jcobern@live.com or 859-402-4911 or Mary at 859-266-5904 or mary-crone@insightbb.com

Lex. Lyons Levi & Leather Club

Monday, Oct. 12 at 7 pm

Pride Center,

389 Waller Ave., Ste.100



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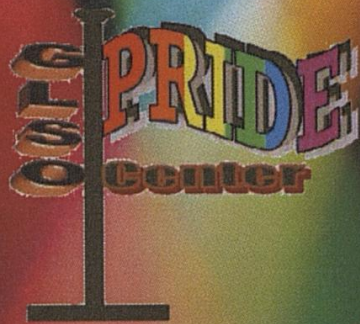
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Festival Logo Contest

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That Fabulous 70's Variety Show

A benefit for the



Special Tribute to
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Performance Num-
bers:

- *The Weather Girls
production
- *The Rocky Horror
Picture Show
- *The Village People
- *Sonny & Cher
- *Donny & Marie
- *The Brady Bunch
- *The Roller Girls of

Featuring the Talents Of:

Jennifer Grant

Alana and Bobbie
(encore performance)
Burley Thomas
Hunter Hayes
LaToya Bacall

Mary West
Stephanie and Mike
Michael Simmons
Eden Towers
Natalie Gaye

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Doors open 8p - Showtime 9p

The Kentucky River Queens
Wildcat Cloggers Encore
Phyllis Perkins
Carol Kimmey
Tressa Saum

General Admission \$6.00
Preferred Seating \$9.00

I'm Coming Out Lexington Fairness

The moments when you told your family, friends, co-workers or strangers that you were a member of the LGBT community are still vivid in your mind.

You were sitting in a living room, around a kitchen table or standing against a wall.

It was the holidays, a cruel summer, a dark and stormy night or a crisp fall evening.

There was laughter, tears, shock or awkward silence.

They were supportive, confused, empathetic, apathetic, hurt, or glad you finally figured it out.

Sharing these stories with anyone, whether they were happy or sad, can be therapeutic, entertaining and - most importantly - empowering.

Carrying the burden of the secret, you feel as if the weight of the world rests solely on your shoulders. But the first time you tell someone you're gay or transgender, it's freeing. You lose the fear and accept yourself a little more each time the words leave your lips.

But coming out is not just about making yourself feel better. It is part of something bigger. The riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York City were the start of the modern gay rights movement but the LGBT battle for acceptance spans centuries. When a person decides to no longer hide a part of himself from the world, it defies conventional wisdom and takes every LGBT person one step closer to equality.

For a long time, people hated gays because that's what they were taught. Then, they got to know one of us and their attitudes changed. It's probably

agreed that the late Harvey Milk said it best:

"I ask my gay sisters and brothers to make the commitment to fight. For themselves, for their freedom, for their country ... We will not win our rights by staying quietly in our closets ... We are coming out to fight the lies, the myths, the distortions. We are coming out to tell the truths about gays, for I am tired of the conspiracy of silence, so I'm going to talk about it. And I want you to talk about it. You must come out. Come out to your parents, your relatives."

It's easier to be who you are in the 21st century because there were millions of men and women who had the courage to stand up for themselves and their rights. In a time when being gay was illegal, one-by-one they left the proverbial closet, challenging the status quo alone and on their terms.

They weren't all like Harvey Milk. Most of them are not the subject of books or documentaries, but all are heroes. Their awe-inspiring strength is the reason our nation is having an open debate about gay marriage, domestic partner benefits, and adoption policies.

The legacy they left behind is the motivation behind National Coming Out Day, which is on October 11th every year. The day calls attention to - and creates a public dialogue about - LGBT issues. It also encourages those who are still "in the closet" to take a step outside... and it challenges all of us to stand up and be counted for who we are and not for what others want us to be.

October 11th will no doubt stir up memories of telling people a little something personal about yourself. If you don't have any stories to share, consider this

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The Imperial Court of Kentucky presents...

the Laramie project

A PLAY BY
MOISES KAUFMAN
& MEMBERS OF THE TECTONIC THEATRE PROJECT

OCT. 4TH Natasha's Bistro & Bar 2pm & 7pm

OCT. 9TH Eastern KY University 7pm

Oct. 16TH University of KY 7:30pm

Oct. 17TH Morehead State University 7pm

For more info contact emperor28ky@live.com

NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CHARITIES OF THE IMPERIAL COURT OF KENTUCKY
AND THE MATTHEW SHEPARD FOUNDATION

Diya OF Darkness

Wednesday, October 28th

Door @ 8:30pm Pageant @ 9:30pm

\$5 Donation @ Door

Pulse Nightlife

NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CHARITIES OF THE IMPERIAL COURT OF KENTUCKY

Terry Mullins Retires

After over sixteen years of service to GLSO, Terry Mullins has retired from our Board of Directors. We are tremendously thankful for his work with GLSO and the community. Terry joined the board in 1993. At that time, we met in the homes of board members. Terry introduced the idea of finding a more public place.

In 1995, Terry suggested sharing space with the Metropolitan Christian Church (MCC). Since he was also on their board, we were able to negotiate a deal and shared space upstairs from where the Pride Center is now located at 389 Waller Ave.

Terry became President of GLSO in 1997. When MCC moved downstairs, the Stonewall Networking Group gave us the money they had collected to open a Pride Center. So, we opened the first Pride Center in the upstairs space.

During his presidency, Terry also started ActOut, which has brought many great productions to our community. When MCC moved at the end of 2000, GLSO took over the downstairs office and constructed the Pride Center we now have. We hired our first employee, Ginger Moore-Minder. Terry stepped down from the Presidency in 2003.

Terry has worked for the GLBT community in other capacities. He started with Moveable Feast in Aug., 1998. That was two months before they served their first meals on Oct 3rd 1998. Terry became Executive Director of Moveable Feast in 2003. In those 11 years, they prepared and delivered over 250,000 meals and 90,000 grocery bags.

Terry served as president of the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Assoc., both the local chapter and the three state organizations, as Vice Moderator of the MCC

board, Vice President of Ebony Male, Chaired the Pride Committee for several years, and sat on the state Community Planning Group for AIDS Prevention for a number of years.

Terry won the Wasson Award in 1998, a community award given at the GLSO Awards Banquet. He also was awarded the James Herndon Lifetime Achievement Award from the Imperial Court of KY in 2006. This year he was given the Jennifer Crossen Out for Fairness Award, at the Fairness Awards Banquet.

We would say that we are going to miss him but with this record, it is clear that he will be working within the community for years to come. THANK YOU TERRY!

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day as your first step forward. It would make for the start of a good conversation: "I came out on National Coming Out Day in 2009."

Whether you choose to discuss those stories is not the issue. What matters is that you love yourself enough to say, "I'm gay" or "I'm transgender" and never be ashamed of it.

The National Equality March will take place in Washington, D.C. on October 10-11, 2009. For info see: <http://equalityacrossamerica.org/>.

If you do come out to someone and would like to share that story, send it to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com. We would love to print another series of coming-out stories. Our deadline for the Nov. issue is Oct 15, and we also will print stories in the following months so send them in anytime.

Shambhala Vision, Meditation and Community in Lexington

The vision of Shambhala begins with the understanding that all humans at the very ground of their being have basic goodness and wisdom. This vision, along with meditation practice and community, began to form in Lexington in the early seventies when a small group of five people begin meeting to practice meditation and to study the buddhist teachings that had only very recently been introduced into the United States.

The Shambhala teachings were brought to America by Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche, who had been trained as a leader and a teacher in his native Tibet until the time the Chinese invaded that country and some fortunate few escaped to India. He first studied at Oxford, in England, started a monastery in Scotland, and then married a young English woman before moving to America. When he started teaching in Vermont at Tail of the Tiger, he attracted a group of shaggy hippies who were interested in learning about Buddhism and meditation.

From that humble beginning, Shambhala has grown and now introduces programs in more than 170 centers around the world, welcoming anyone who is interested in learning how to meditate. These trainings are free of charge and people have free access to fully trained meditation instructors.

Meditation is a natural state of the human mind - at rest, open, and alert. The basic technique predates all religious traditions though used by each of them in one way or another. Meditation encourages our inherent qualities of stability, clarity, and mental strength to emerge. There is increasing evidence

from research in a wide range of scientific methods of the advantages and health benefits of practicing meditation. Many introductory programs are offered in addition to basic training in meditation in different regions of the world and different nationalities, to different religions and spiritual traditions, cultures, languages, ethnicities and races, as well as different ages, genders, sexual orientations, and differing physical, perceptual, and mental abilities. Spend some time exploring Shambhala throughout the world at www.shambhala.org

As much as Shambhala values diversity, what we all share is a desire to lead sane, dignified, confident lives. As a community, we are not perfect but it is the stated intention - and policy - to welcome everyone who enters. Of specific interest to readers of this newsletter is an international program called Queer Dharma which provides a safe place for our LGBTQ community to gather, listen, discuss, and encourage study, meditation and spiritual growth. www.queerdharma.org

Here is a link to a recent program in Chicago to give you an idea of what is available:

[http://chicago.shambhala.org/
program_details.php?
id=22937&cid=170](http://chicago.shambhala.org/program_details.php?id=22937&cid=170)

The Shambhala Center of Lexington is located at 315 W. Maxwell St. You can call 859-225-4183 for more information about their Center and programs offered there during the week, and also on Saturday morning.

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Spotlight on the Beautiful People...

By Helena Handbasket

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

Our October honor shines the spotlight on Eden Towers, who has been Duchess and Dowager and everything in between. Although she says she can't remember reigns, she was Empress 18, Miss Gay Lexington 19something, who remembers. Eden is from a quaint little town in southern Kentucky that she and Natalie refer to as Bountiful (aka: Stearns) but has been living in Lexington for about 20 years, more or less.

She shares her life with her partner of 18 years and her Schnauzer sent from Heaven, Prudence. After 18 years, she and her Jody are the poster children for being partnered. She says that what most attracts her to a man is his honesty, sense of humor, sexy eyes, and hot ass.

Eden
Towers



Eden has been performing for 14-15 years and her drag mother is Natalie Gaye. She doesn't have a favorite performer or song to perform. Instead, it changes as the night progresses... depending on her mood. When asked who designs most of her fabulous outfits she answered, "Me". Wow, talent on and off stage... you go girl!

"My most embarrassing moment on stage was while performing 'Be my Lover' by Labouche at A1A and I fell in a hole. It was fabulous." When asked what the biggest misconception or false rumor about her is, she said, "Most of the rumors are probably true. However, I am not a Bitch, I'm simply drawn that way."

HH... "So Eden, how would you finish this sentence... One of my dreams would be to perform with or in front of...?"

ET... "Tom Cruise. Duh. You did mean sexually didn't you?"

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Now for her favorite things (just like Oprah but you don't get anything free). "My favorite music to listen to is dance and/or pop music. My favorite color is red. My favorite movie is a toss-up between *The Color Purple* and *Steel Magnolias*. My favorite TV show is "The Simpsons". My favorite actor or actress is...well, I have a few: Betty Davis, Elizabeth Taylor, Jessica Lang, Susan Sarandon, Julia Roberts, Homer Simpson. I don't have a favorite book. I believe that if it is any good, they'll make it into a movie anyway... and I quote. My dream vacation would be a trip to Fantasy Island. I always wanted to go there."

And now for the more philosophical side. Q: If you were stranded on a desert island, the three people you would want to be there with you would be whom?

"My partner because he is so good at ignoring my bitching, Natalie because she is so fun to bitch with, and my mother because that would just be fun to watch."

Complete the following sentences:

The thing I would most want to be remembered for would be... "my undying ability to overcome evil and just have a good time."

The world would be a better place if... "everyone would worry less about what others are doing and more about their own misgivings. In other words, keep your mind on you."

I strive to make the world a better place by... "Doing just that."

HH: Eden, thank you for taking the time to do this interview and letting all of our community know you better. What I have learned through this interview is that your charm is genuine and that you have a wonderful sense of humor but you don't let it overshadow the more serious side of you. I'm glad to know you. Thanks again, girl.

*** If there is someone in the community that you feel deserves to be honored in this column, send your request to AdvicefromHelena@aol.com and let's be myspace friends. Look me up at http://www.myspace.com/helena_hanbasket

Study of Transsexuality Looking for Participants

Stephanie Budge, a doctoral student at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, is working on a research project to study the psychological process of transitioning for transgender-identified people (e.g., MTF transsexuals, FTM transsexuals, gender queer/gender variant, etc.).

The study consists of an online survey and will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. To qualify for the study, participants need to identify as transgender, be 18 or older, and live in the US. This study has been approved by the University of Wisconsin-Madison IRB #SE-2009-0403.

To participate go to: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PzE69GEIC9_2fRhWp139sr1w_3d_3d

If you have any questions or need info, please contact Stephanie Budge at budge@wisc.edu or at (608) 263-9503.

The Judy Show

This year's Fairness Awards, hosted by Lexington Fairness, experienced the joys and hilarity of THE JUDY SHOW. She got rave reviews from everyone who attended.

THE JUDY SHOW is coming back to Lexington! On November 20th, she will be performing at the Lexington Downtown Hotel. The show is sponsored by the Imperial Court of Kentucky, with proceeds going to Lexington Fairness.

JustFundKY

JustFundKY is committed to achieving equality for all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender citizens of KY. Over the last three years, they have had three successful events, raising funds to support their mission.

Their 2009 event, *A Night Out*, was held on September 12 at the KY Horse Park. As you can see in the pictures, everyone had a great time and the funds raised will probably bring the Fund to the half way mark. They are building towards a million dollar endowment, that can then be used to make grants to GLBT organizations.

JustFundKY was created in 2007 with the dual mission of reducing discrimination through high-profile public events showcasing the positive contributions of LGBT persons, and by funding the educational efforts of other organizations to increase awareness and understanding of the LGBT community. Mr. Cliff Todd of Louisville, KY offered a very generous matching grant to assist us in reaching our goal of a million dollar endowment -- Mr. Todd will match each dollar up to \$500,000. Just Fund Education Project, Inc. is a 501



March Madness
A non-GLBT Group
Performed for us

Pictures by
Russ and Ronn
Schneider-Smith

2010 Lexington Pride Festival "A Horse Of Every Color"

The theme for the 2010 Pride Festival has been chosen! To tie in to the upcoming Equestrian Games. Our theme is "A Horse Of Every Color".

Check out the festival web page (www.lexpride.org) to find information about the contest for best theme design. The winning design will be used by the festival committee in advertising, on t-shirts, on the program and more. Please spread the word to all artists you know as we would love to have a wide variety of artwork to choose from!

For your artwork to be eligible for the contest, it needs to be submitted by Sunday evening November 15th, 2009. The contest voting will then start on Tuesday morning Dec. 1 and run till the end of December. The Festival Committee will make the final decision on artwork, and the voting totals will be one of the major factors in the process.

Pride Festival Committee meet-

ings are at 7 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. Come to the Pride Center and see how you might get involved.

GLSO News OnLine

To receive the GLSO e-newsletter send an email to:

eglsonevents@yahoo.com.

Put "online newsletter" in the subject line. It is easy to unsubscribe.

The eNews will include information about activities in areas around Central KY which may be particularly useful to people who do not live in Lexington.

There is a request for a \$20 a year donation but you can receive the e-newsletter with a smaller donation or free.

October is GLBT History Month 2009

go to

www.glbthistorymonth.com

GLSO Needs Your Support

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_____ I am sending an additional contribution of \$ _____



GLSO Bowling

We had a great time at the bowling event in September.

The high score winners were Donny Hrdlicka and Rachael Oskins. They won rainbow bowling lapel pins like the one pictured above.

Norma Stine and Donny won free games by bowling a strike when the red pin was the number one pin in the set-up. We got permission to open the 50/50 raffle to other bowlers that evening. A straight person won the raffle, go figure. Hopefully we encouraged some positive feelings about GLBT people that night. Bowling is great fun and can lift your spirits, hope you will join us next time. Here are some comments from people who attended.

Rachel wrote in to us to say, "Bowling for (the) GLSO fund raiser was a lot of fun! I saw old friends & meet new friends. We had a blast & wished we could bowl longer. We laughed & supported each other & had a great time. I will wear the rainbow



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bowling lapel pin with pride. Thanks for the support I received from my teammates. GLSO, thanks for raffling off the tee shirts & wrist bands."

Donny the male high scorer wrote in to say, "We had a great time at the GLSO Bowling Fund Raiser. We had lots of fun bowling with friends & also meet some wonderful new people! We also enjoyed going out to eat with some of the group afterwards."

Norma said "My partner, Geri Liles, and I attended the bowling fundraiser and had a wonderful time. We both are retired from our jobs and now face physical disabilities as well as depression. At first we were skeptical about trying to bowl due to our physical impairments and were not going..

GLSO Yard Sale

October 9th, 10th & 11th

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Donations and Volunteers Needed

Contact the Pride Center 859-253-3233

...continued from *GLSO Bowling*

However, at the last minute we decided to go anyway. We are so happy that we went it lifted our spirits and gave us encouragement. The next day we even checked out a local bowling ally close to where we live. We also thoroughly enjoyed the comradely of all that attended the fundraiser.”

GLSO will have another bowling event soon. It is just too much fun.

Announcements & Shout Outs

The GLSO Newsletter Staff is interested in developing a page where we print announcements or community “shout outs” commemorating special anniversaries and other significant events in the lives of our readers.

We think it would be great if we could all share in the excitement of children being born or adopted, unions and marriages taking place, graduations and other accomplishments.

There will be a charge, perhaps per line or by size. We will print more details next month. Here is our first announcement to start us off:

**Russ and Ronn
Schneider-Smith**
are celebrating the
**Fourth Anniversary
of their marriage**

Census 2010

A Census policy has changed. In the past, if a LGBT person marked that they were married to a same sex partner, their answer was actually changed by census workers. There is no question that asks for our sexual orientation, just our relationship to the person or people we live with. This time, however we choose to identify our relationship, our answers will remain as written.

The census worker I spoke to at the Roots and Heritage Festival told me that President Obama made this policy change. We are being given the opportunity to be officially counted. I realize that many LGBT people may not feel safe to mark their forms in a way that indicates a same sex partnership. But I hope that many of us will take this opportunity to be counted.

The census has been one of the issues brought up by right wing radio and TV “personalities” as they talk about our government becoming socialist and increasingly invasive in our lives. It will be interesting to see if the fact that same sex partners will be counted as couples will become part of the right wing talking points.

A U.S. Census worker was found dead in Clay County with the word “fed” on his chest. No charges have been filed. People are fearful and angry.

I do not want GLBT people to become more fearful in response to such violence or to the negative and hateful comments that we hear too frequently. In fact, I want us to be less fearful, to be as out as we can be, to dispel fear in our families, communities, and work places.

GLSO will invite a Census educator to the Pride Center before the April census date. Having accurate information can help us make our individual decisions about how to identify ourselves on the census.

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You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We are at 1033 Industry Rd. Suite #5, off Winchester Rd. We are a liturgical church, our worship filled with ritual and our hearts filled with joy.

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The Unitarian Universalist Church

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Ours is a liberal religious tradition with room for many beliefs. Our congregation includes people who identify as Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Pagan, Muslim, Atheist, Agnostic, and Humanist. **Interweave will have its next potluck on Sunday, Oct. 18th after church.**



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859-559-7464

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