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The Lexington Lyons at 10!

Leather clubs empower our communities through the visibility of their service, whether that is through education and outreach, having notorious and/or educational runs, or by fundraising and being visibly known as a community benefactor.

The Lexington Lyons celebrate 10 years of service to the community with a banquet at the Lexington Radisson Hotel, this coming August 23.

Founded in 1998, there are 9 full members today and 11 Associates. The Lyons are humorously known as "the Leather Junior League" for being a down home group of folks from the Bluegrass State that share an interest in the leather/levi lifestyle. The group travels to events throughout the country while supporting organizations here at home and is recognized by an international presence as committed to bettering both our home community and the national and international Leather brotherhood.

Over the years, the organization has received local, regional, national, and international accolades and awards for its service work. Again this year, several members of the organization have been nominated to the community's highest award - The Pantheon of Leather, to be presented in Chicago this July. The club has also been nominated to receive the Pantheon's Small Club of the Year award.

Over the years the organizations membership has included many titleholders, including several Mr. Kentucky Leathers, Mr. International Rubber, Kentucky Leather boy, to name a few.

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Lexington Fairness Rolls Out the 4th of July

Lexington Fairness will build the annual Fairness float for the 4th of July parade. We are soliciting volunteers from all GLBTQ organizations to walk with or ride on the float. You do not need to be affiliated with any organization to join us. LexFair wants to see a massive crowd of people on or around the float.

This year the float will maintain the theme of the Pride Festival: *We Are Family*. The back of the float will have a faux house, and volunteers will make up representations of different types of families. We hope to make this the best LGBT float Lexington has ever seen. So put on your best walking shoes and come prepared to celebrate

Lineup will be on Midland Avenue starting at 12:30. Let's show our pride and have more people on our float than any other float in the parade. Let's let Lexington know that we're here and we're queer and we have allies! Remember to check out the LexFair booth while you are downtown.

The Lexington Lyons



Tenth
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Dinner
August 28

Pride Month Wrap Up

... As I write this, the last big week of Pride Month has yet to happen, but we know it was fabulous just the same. How could it be anything else? But then, the entire month saw record attendance at various events where people had great fun.

... Our outstanding success this year was transforming GLSO's traditional pride planning committee into a much larger and diverse group of dedicated people. Numerous organizations and creative individuals came together to plan Lexington's First Downtown Pride Festival. Find a list of the organizations and workers in the middle section. They did a fabulous job.

... The Court kicked off the month with Coronation, see page 4 for a summary of their weekend events. On June 5, GLSO hosted an art show that displayed works by a record setting number of local artists. Thanks to Sondra, Thomas and Burley for pulling the show together. We are particularly appreciative of the artists who displayed and, in some cases, donated their art as part of a silent auction at the Pride Festival.

... Moveable Feast's BBQ was great fun and a financial success. Ladies of the Court performed and their tips went to Moveable Feast. Insight showed the new film "Fabulous! The Story of Queer Cinema" at the Pride Center on June 20. Several church's had services celebrating their GLBTQ members.

... During the final week, The KY Theater was the scene of rainbow giddiness as many of us turned out in costume to watch and sing along with The Wizard of Oz. We are not in Kansas anymore!

... The Lexington Fairness Awards Banquet was another benchmark in our journey. The evening was a blast - read about it in the Fairness articles on page 8

... The Saturday Pride Festival was incredible. We are beautiful in our diversity. This celebration deepened our sense of community and strengthened our commitment to our common goals: equality, freedom to be ourselves, and honored for our many contributions to the world.



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Community News

Singles

The Singles are at it again, We are going to rent a room at the Radison for the Fourth of July. There will be a cover charge of \$40. a person. The room is on the Fireworks side so we should have a great view and we will stay cool. Everyone is asked to bring whatever they want to drink and a dish to share. If you drink to much you can sleep it off. The more people, the less cost so bring your single friends to join in. Contact Deb to let us know how many to expect. fun, fun, fun! Deb S. at 859-967-3263 or debs.5010@yahoo.com

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Creating Sustainable Funding for Nonprofits

Benevon trains and coaches nonprofit organizations to implement a mission-based system for raising sustainable funding from individual donors. This system ends the suffering about fundraising and builds passionate and committed lifelong donors.

Benevon is presenting a free workshop entitled Engaging Your Board in Creating Sustainable Funding. Tammy Zonker will be presenting on Thursday, July 10 from 8:30 to 10:30 at the Catholic Center, 1310 W. Main St in downtown Lexington.

If you would like to register for this session, please go to <http://www.benevon.com/IntroCalendar.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact Alaina Szlachta at 206-709-9400 ext. 132 or mailto:alaina.szlachta@benevon.com

Art House Movies

Davina and Kathy have started an Art House Movie and Discussion Group through the Unitarian Universalist Church. You do not have to be a church member to join us for an evening of independent film and discussion.

The group meets the first Thursday of the month to view a film at approximately 7 p.m. at the Lexington Green Movies 8 or the Kentucky Theater. Afterwards the group discusses the film at a nearby restaurant.

An e-mail listing the movie, theater and meeting time is sent the Monday before the group's meeting date. To be added to this notification list or for information, contact Davina at artemis427@yahoo.com.

**The GLSO Pride Center
needs your support. Please
subscribe - there is a form to
send in on page 14**

Bluegrass Women's Network

Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women of all ages. To receive emails about events contact debbywoman@gmail.com. They plan a variety of outings and women can choose to attend whatever is appealing to them. They have had several weekend camping trips, a party, attended soft ball games together, and supported the Downtown Pride Festival with money and volunteertime.

Lyons *continued*

Just in the last three years, the club has raised and disbursed over \$31,000.00 to beneficiaries across the country. They were instrumental in assisting the New Orleans AIDS Task Force in their rebound after hurricane Katrina. They fund meals for PWAs and their loved ones across Kentucky. They sponsor the state's GLSO and are a benefactor to not only our own AVOL but also Nashville CARES, the AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati, The AIDS Volunteers of Northern Kentucky, and two hospice organizations.

The members are continuing sponsors of the Leather Archives. They have been responsible for over \$7,000.00 raised for the Cleveland Leather Awareness Weekend charities. They sponsor the Leather Spirit retreat weekend here in Kentucky and host an annual party at International Mister Leather in Chicago that brings over 500 folks for a donation only taste of Kentucky hospitality party (bourbon included) as a kickoff for the weekend. Their cookbooks, filled with the best of southern hospitality, are available for order: (see the email address that follows if you are interested in purchasing one.)

Additional recent beneficiaries include The Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League of Washington DC, International Deaf Leather, and the Atlantic Bear Leather Festival weekend. The Lyons have consistently supported the Great Lakes Leather Alliance, Mister Kentucky Leather, Midstates Leather, Kentucky Leather Sir, and IDL titleholder's runs.

For more information on the Lyons Anniversary dinner, their upcoming annual yard sale and ongoing fundraisers and events ,email lexingtonlyonsll@yahoo.com, visit their web site at WWW.LEXLYONS.COM, snail mail Lexington Lyons L/L Club, Inc. PO Box 121 Lexington, KY 40588-0121, or call 859 468 6371.

The Lyons meet at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. every second Monday at 7 PM, and they invite you to join them in celebrating the diversity of our community.

Imperial Court of Kentucky Begins Reign 27

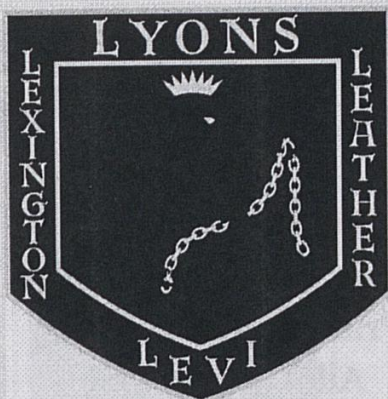
The Imperial Court of Kentucky concluded Reign 26 in early June with its annual Coronation Ball. Empress 26 Lawren LaMoore and Emperor 26 Brad Shepherd welcomed visiting courts and local guests to several events including the In-Town Show, Out of Town Show, the State Dinner, and an After Party at Bang Nightclub. The weekend culminated on Sunday, June 8th, with the Coronation 27: Wonka's Circus Trip.

Coronation was well attended by the community and visiting courts with nearly 200 attendees filling the Grand Ballroom at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. A circus and Willy Wonka themed opening production featuring many of the court's members and volunteers, wowed the audience. Several entertainers from visiting courts performed for the crowd as well and there were also final performances from Empress Lawren and Emperor Brad.

The annual elections of the court were held that evening. Incoming board members for Reign 27 will be Jason Asher, Louis Vite, Dary Royse and Brad Shepherd. They will join John Ridener, Richard Hembree and Donnie Royse, who were elected last year to 2-year seats on the board. Daryl Royse was elected to the newly created position of Parliament Member, who will represent the Imperial Court of Kentucky at the International Imperial Court Parliament. Donnie Royse was elected as the alternate for that position and they will both represent the Kentucky Court in San Diego later this year at the inaugural Parliament meeting.

Highlighting the evening was the election and crowning of the new monarchs for Reign 27. Eve St. Mychal was elected as Empress 27 and

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Lexington Insight

Lexington Insight will meet for our regular potluck on Friday, July 11 at 7 pm at the Pride Center. (No meeting on the first Friday since it is the July 4th.) We will then meet on the July 18th for movie night. Everyone is invited to join us for these meetings. For info call Dana at 859-230-2428.

TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals and others who do not fit the standard gender norms. We support each other by offering advice, resources and insights from our own experiences. This is not a therapy group.

Family, friends, and supportive community members are invited to attend to gain understanding of issues concerning gender presentation, identity, and variance. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For info and Lexington meeting place email TransKentucky@gmail.com



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... The Pride Center has been pretty much a mess for the last several weeks. But now the Pride Festival is over it is getting back to normal.(or as close to normal as we ever get.)

... This would be a great time for people to plan a games night, a movie night, or another fun activity for the community. Call Bill during office hours to see what nights are available. Tuesday and Wednesday nights are the only ones that are always booked. Some Sunday afternoons are open for activity.

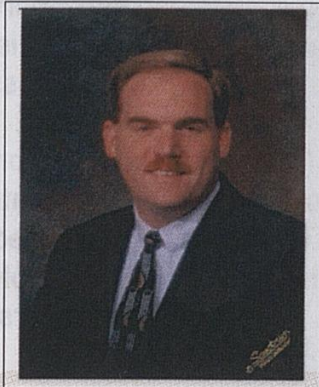
... This is also a great place to schedule meetings. You can also rent space for private receptions. In the past we have had numerous art shows and we are looking to dork with local artists again so give us a call.

**The August Newsletter
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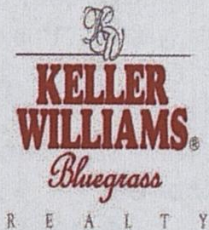
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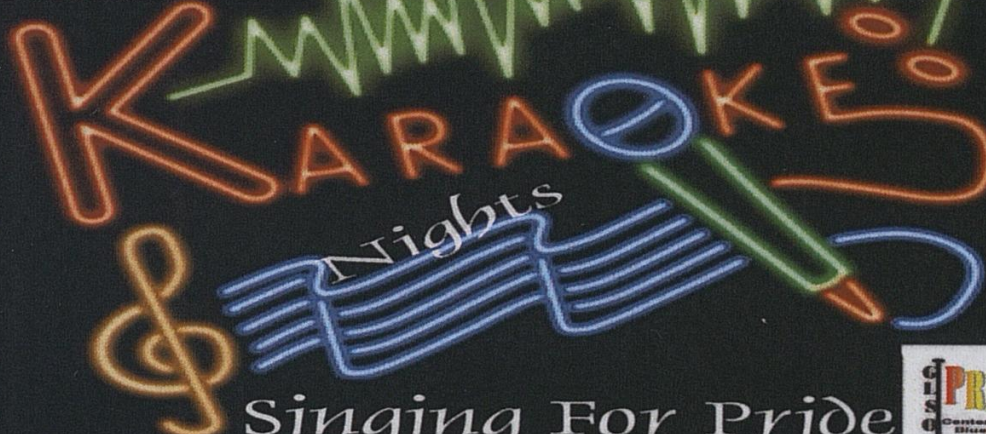
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of the month at 9:00 pm.

Imperial Court

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Daddy Wayne was elected as Emperor 27. They will be announcing upcoming events soon, with the annual Investitures Ceremony being the first major fundraiser of the year. At this event the new monarchs bestow titles and honors on the membership of the Imperial Court and announce their lines of descent for the year.

As of press-time, final figures and disbursements for Reign 26's

fundraising were being completed. An official announcement of results will be released once the numbers are complete. Reign 26 would like to again thank the community for its continued support and assistance with fundraising. Stay up to date with the court by visiting **t h e i r w e b s i t e** at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org or at myspace.com/imperialcourtofkentcky. New volunteers are always needed as well. If interested in becoming involved, contact the Board of Directors at ImpCtKy@aol.com.

Tidbits from LexFair *By Pablo*

Lexington Fairness wants to congratulate the city of Lexington on the best pride month Lexington has seen to date.

The Wizard of Oz at the Kentucky Theater kicked off four days of Pride. The Kentucky Theater has been an ardent supporter of the GLBT population, and people turned out in droves to see this iconic gay classic.

The Fairness Awards came next with a huge thunder of applause. Entertainers Robbie Bartlett, Ari Gold, and Trai La Trash wowed the crowds. Lady Bunny served as a true star, and Senator Scorsone delivered some eloquent words. The most endearing moment of the evening was surprising Jennifer Crossen by naming the Out For Fairness Award after her. The close of the show left people wanting more and looking forward to next year.

The end of the Awards was not the end of the party. The party continued the next day with Lexington's first ever pride festival in downtown. Fourteen pride banners hung high with pride around the city as the party consumed Cheapside

Park. Hundreds of people enjoyed varied performances, speakers, raffles, cornhole, and a dunking booth. Celebrations continued long into the night as festival goers filtered down to their favorite local establishment.

The month concluded with AVOL's annual AIDS run. AVOL celebrated a success as tons of people came out to run in an attempt to raise money for AIDS prevention efforts, testing, and case management. Besides enjoying a solid fundraiser, AVOL also showed off their new executive director, Mark Royse. That's right! AVOL took on Lexington's best pride month to date by introducing a new leader who will bring lots of new beginnings to a much needed community agency.

Lexington's pride month was awfully proud, and Lexington Fairness is shouting out many thanks and rounds of applause to all those who worked tirelessly to see it happen. Thank you organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and Lexington.

For the latest in LGBTQ, log on to www.lexfair.org. Shoot an email to info@lexfair.org to tell us what your impressions of Pride were. We want to hear from you.

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Our mission is to educate and serve the needs of the Kentucky LGBT community. Thanks for helping us make a difference in the lives of those in need.

***Congratulations to our new Monarchs
Emperor 27 Daddy Wayne and Empress 27 Eve St. Mychal***

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Pride Festival Planning Committee

These energetic, enthusiastic, passionate, visionary and PROUD people participated in planning and creating the Lexington Downtown Pride Festival 2008. They came c representatives of many of our community's finest organizations. They gave up as many as 16 Saturdays, from March 15th to June 28th to make this festival happen. Everyone participated in the lively discussions and often electric debates, and followed through with the hard work that helped shape and create the synergy that made Lexington's Downtown Pride Festival a truly extraordinary event.

- Ginger Moore-Minder (GLSO) Chair of the Festival Planning Committee; "Head Cheerleader"
- Samara Baker (GLSO's GSA) - made the original suggestion to have a Pride Festival downtown and recruited various organizations/persons to participate; "Cheerleader"
- Aaron Baker, Secretary of the Festival Planning Committee; Wristbands
- Sondra Mellott (GLSO) Treasurer of the Festival Planning Committee, Organizer of Logistics and Procurement; "Cheerleader"
- Thomas Collins (GLSO) Booth/Vendor Coordinator, Contract Management; "Cheerleader"
- Jane Minder (GLSO) Volunteer Coordinator
- Pablo Brown (Lexington Fairness) Entertainment Co-Coordinator; Media spokesperson
- Terrell Kowal (AVOL) Entertainment Co-Coordinator
- Jonathan Barker (Lexington Fairness & QX.net) TV, Radio, and Web Advertising; Organizer of Fairness Award Banquet
- Andrew Tan (Lexington Fairness) Designer of Official Festival Logo, Lexington Pride Website and other Festival Graphics; Organizer of Fairness Award Banquet
- Mary Crone (GLSO and GSA) Media spokesperson; Created Program, flyers and ads
- Teri Mosier (Kentucky Stonewall Democrats) Created press releases; Managed publicity; Contract development; Tickets
- Leea Haarz (Lexmark GALE) Developed fundraising plan; Coordinated Lexmark photo booth; "Cheerleader"
- Brian Slate (AVOL & Coldwell Banker) Fundraiser; Silent Auction; Speakers; "Cheerleader"
- Harold Keutzer (Cincinnati Pride Alive) Pride Festival Consultant
- Burley Thomas (Lexington Fairness & G3) Silent Auction; Publicity; Volunteer recruitment; "Cheerleader"
- Russ Draper and Donny Hrdlicka (D&R Gifts) T-shirts; Silent Auction display; "Cheerleader"
- Dennis Wheatley (LexFayCity Health Department) Organized Health Department Health Fair
- Dana Wallingford (GLSO & Lexington Insight) Volunteer recruitment
- Ann Malcom, Coordinated knitting of Pride Afghan, common sense ideas
- Bill Chandler (GLSO), Organized mini Pride Festival Idol Contest, continual updates of fest info to GLSO web site
- Donny Royse (Imperial Court)
- David Hutcheson (Imperial Court)
- Debby Hemstock & Lynn Matlock (Bluegrass Women's Network) Publicity; Volunteer recruitment
- Virginia Morman, Sponsor contacts; Publicity
- Melissa Caldwell, "Cheerleader"
- Karen Stormbringer, Raffle; Cheerleader
- Liz Wilhelm (Sistersound) Entertainment
- Joan Welch (Just Right Farm)
- Gayle Kelly, Sponsor contacts; Giveaways
- Corrine Keel (UKGSA)
- Zach Schultz (UK GSA)
- Anusha Hall (AVOL)
- Joe Hill (LexFAYCTY Health Department)
- Paul Sikkema (Insight)

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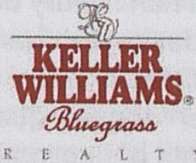
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Rediscovering Our History GLBT Publishing in the Nineteenth Century

By mary crone

How long has positive material about LGBT people been openly published? Where are the newsletters, books, poetry and articles that make up our history? We have a rich history but, no doubt, more has been destroyed than we know. Several of the articles or lists I found in my search to answer these questions started their accounts of publications in the second half of the Nineteenth Century, ignoring earlier work. They were also Eurocentric, which has limited what I can write about at this time.

We clearly have written about ourselves for centuries. Sappho wrote poetry about women loving women on the Isle of Lesbos in 580 BC. Much of her work was burned. Perhaps a topic for a later article.

German activist Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, a pioneer of the LGBT rights movement, was one of the earliest published authors of gay related material in Europe. Ulrichs came out publicly in 1860 when he published books about same-sex love and gender variance. Ulrichs coined the term *Uranians* to describe people with a range of gender expressions and same-sex desires. He considered himself "a female psyche in a male body".

The word "homosexual" first appeared in German in an 1869 political pamphlet by Karl Maria Kertbeny (the pseudonym of Karl Benkert) to protest the inclusion of sodomy statutes in the constitution of a unified German state. (the legal antecedents of the infamous Nazi Paragraph 175)

In the 1890s, Havelock Ellis and John Symonds co-authored the first English medical text book on homosexuality, Studies in the Psychology of Sex, Volume 2: Sexual Inversion. They used the term

"inverts" and stated that homosexuality was not an illness, criminal activity or immoral. The book was suppressed and in 1897 a bookseller was prosecuted for stocking it. Ellis is sometimes said to be the person who first used the term 'Homosexual' but he said "(It) is a barbarously hybrid word, and I claim no responsibility for it." In addition to supporting inverts, Ellis supported a woman right to use birth control (considered radical at the time), the need for eugenics to build a better human race, and sexual freedom for adults. Eugenics became a cornerstone of Hitler's reign something unforeseen by Ellis.

Ellis married Edith Lees in 1891. Lees was an English author and proponent of women's rights. She was openly in relationships with women and did not live with Ellis for most of their marriage. This "open marriage" was the central subject in Ellis's autobiography, *My Life*. A number of books authored by Havelock Ellis including the ones listed here are available on Amazon. Some of them are new editions of his work. Indicating that they are still relevant The most expensive book found in my search was by "Stories and Essays, 2 volumes, " by "Mrs. Havelock Ellis" (yours for \$325).

Among the earliest publications addressing GLBT issues was a scholarly journal dedicated to the study of homosexual concerns published in 1899 by Magnus Hirschfeld. *Jarhbuch für sexuelle Zwischenstufen*, the first journal for the study of issues of interest to homosexuals. Hirschfeld collected materials concerning human sexuality from around the world. However, Hitler's rise to power included the ransacking of Hirschfeld's institute. One of the most famous pictures of Nazi book burning was one taken as every book in Hirschfeld's collection was burned as his Institute was smashed.

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Hirschfeld nevertheless had an impact on other people writing about and researching human sexuality. In the United States, Kinsey based some of his research on Hirschfeld theories and published articles.

Although often published in academic journals, Ulrichs, Ellis and Hirschfeld were read all over the world. People who knew they were different were hungry for new ways of understanding themselves. The following article about Radclyffe Hall demonstrates the connection between their scholarly research and the growing number of authors who used their ideas in poetry and fiction.

Radclyffe Hall

The Well of Loneliness

Marguerite Radclyffe Hall was born in England in 1880. She grew up in some isolation from her parents but her father's wealth provided her with a means of support as she created a life for herself as a writer. Her first publications were books of poetry and a number of poems were put to music. They were quite popular up until the time of the First World War.

In 1907 Hall met and fell in love with Mabel Batten, a well-known amateur singer who was 51 and married. After Batten's husband died they set up residence together. Batten gave Hall the nickname John, which she used the rest of her life. Mabel died in 1916.

Hall described herself as a "congenital invert", a term taken from the writings of Havelock Ellis and other turn of the century sexologists. Hall had relationships with many women throughout her life, possibly including American blues singer Ethel Waters. Lady Una Troubridge was her most consistent friend and love, Una named three of Hall's books including *The Well*

of Loneliness.

Hall's first novel was *The Unlit Lamp* published in 1924. It told the story of Joan Ogden, a young girl who dreamed of establishing a home with her friend Elizabeth and studying to become a doctor. Hall described how intolerance and social isolation made Joan's life miserable. The book was long and depressing and did not sell well.

Two years later she published *Adam's Breed* (1926), which became her most critically acclaimed novel. The story concerns a Italian headwaiter who struggles with his identity and eventually gives away his belongings and lives as a hermit in the forest. The book's mystical themes have been compared to Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha*. It sold very well and won two significant prizes, Prix Femina and the James Tait Black Prize, a feat previously achieved only by E. M. Forster's *A Passage to India*.

Hall is best known for *The Well of Loneliness*, the only one of her eight novels to have a character that identified as an invert. Because of the success of *Adam's Breed*, Hall believed that her growing audience would be willing to read a story about a masculine female who was an appealing and sympathetic person. Self published in 1928, the book was immediately banned in Britain due to its lesbian theme even though it was not sexually explicit. The book was allowed to be sold in the United States after a long court battle.

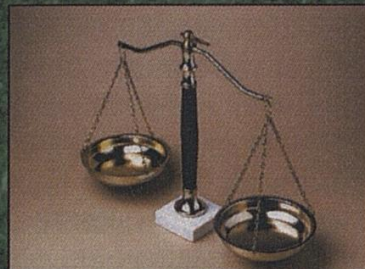
The novel concerns a girl born into a wealthy English family at the turn of the century. Her father, Sir Phillip, desperately wanted a boy and names his daughter Stephen. Sir Phillip sees that his daughter is different and seeks to understand her. He reads Karl Ulrichs theories and gains an understanding of his daughter. (This is one of the ways that Hall used the work of sexologists to explain her characters and educate her readers.)

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Stephen grows up to be a masculine woman who identifies as an invert. She falls in love but feels compelled to forsake the woman she loves in order to protect her from a life of ostracism. We might consider this internalized homophobia today, but for the time period it was a realistic ending.

The Well of Loneliness sold more than 20,000 copies its first year and paved the way for other works with lesbian themes. Through this book, Hall was successful in educating and influencing public opinion about women loving women. For years, it was one of the only books available for women struggling to come to terms with their sexual orientation. Today, some people feel that Stephen is best understood as a transsexual character. Indeed, Radclyff Hall might have considered herself transsexual if alive today. *The Well of Loneliness* is number seven on a list of the top 100 lesbian and gay novels compiled by The Publishing Triangle in 1999.

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Ohio Lesbian Festival

The Ohio Lesbian Festival will be on Saturday, September 13 at Frontier Ranch in Kirkersville, OH. Kirkersville is 30 miles east of Columbus. The festival is open to All women: lesbian, bi, trans, or straight. For information go to www.ohiolba.org or contact LBA, PO Box 82086, Columbus, OH, 43202 email webmistress@ohiolba.org

Frontier Ranch is rustic, though comfortable and private. There is a covered seating area for 700 in front of the stage, but you may wish to bring along lawn chairs or blankets since seating fills up quickly. There is plenty of available space to set up chairs near the stage. There are flush toilets and port-a-janes (including accessible ones), picnic tables, a food concession, and large grassy areas for sports and workshops.

The gates open at 11 am for general festi-goers. The night stage will end at 11 pm, but the after party will start then and continue until 2 am. The merchant area will be open for sales from 11 am to 6:30 pm.

This is a one-day festival with no on-site camping available. Look on the web site for public and private camping sites as well as local motels.

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Q... Dear Helena, My girlfriend of 2 years wants us to become parents. I haven't wanted children in the past but I am willing to consider it. Hopefully I'll warm up to being a parent. What do you think?

HH... There is a lot to consider when thinking of being a parent, with any couple. Make sure she knows how you feel. If you really are willing to consider it then make sure you mean it when you say it. Children can be a lot of work but they can also provide the most wonderful life moments and life lessons that you could ever imagine. As long as you go into it with an open mind and let go of any preconceived ideas of parenthood then you'll be okay. Your relationship should be very secure and stable before either of you consider this step. Would that make you the "baby daddy" or "baby mama"?

Q... Dear Helena, What do you think about California legalizing gay marriage? Will it last?

HH... I think it is about time someone gets their head out of their a** and realizes that the constitution pertains to all people in this great country. I think it is a great thing and it's time has come. I only hope that other states get smart and start to follow their lead. I heard that it is going to boost the California economy by millions of dollars by all of the people flocking there to tie the knot. Even Obama has recently been quoted as having said that he thinks that marriage is between a woman and a man but he is in favor of same sex unions and he thinks that those unions should have all of the same rights as married couples. I can't read the future so I am not sure if this will last or not. Of course, I am hopeful. If it doesn't last this time, I still believe in humanity and I choose to believe that people will let go of their own prejudices and realize that this is the right thing to do. Are you listening Mr., Mrs. and Ms. Politician and Law Maker?

Q... Dear Helena, What is your favorite mixed drink and why?

HH... I can honestly say that I like almost anything with vodka in it... or rum, or gin, or bourbon, etc. I am a mood drinker. I determine what cocktail I am going to enjoy by what mood I am in. I love a good mojito on a hot summer day. I like a nice creamy white Russian in the evening sometimes. I am always in the mood for a nice fruity martini, usually preferring the sweet to the tart, although sometimes I like a good martini like I like my sex, extra dirty. Kenny sometimes sets me up with one of my favorites, a Pixy Stick Martini, and Roger often hits me with his sweet shot concoction dujour. And, in my opinion, Phillip still makes the best CFM Punch. I guess you can say that I am an equal opportunity drinker. And remember, the bigger your tips, the better the drink. I said TIPS...not tits (although I would be just fine either way).

Q... Dear Helena, On a recent trip to Ft. Lauderdale, I saw a lot of middle aged gay men at the bars. Why don't we see many middle aged men at the bar here in Lexington?

HH... Your guess is as good as mine. I have noticed this myself. When I go out of town, I see more middle aged and older fellas than I do here in Lexington. If you have a good answer email me and let me know. Maybe we can answer this question next month.

BTW... Come by and say hello on July 4th after the big parade. I'll be there at The Bar to give love to all you sweet babies. Come on over and hug mama. I'll be the big girl in the red, white and blue dress. <Wink>

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Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us for church at Pastor Cori Wood's house on Sunday's at 11am. We usually go out to eat after church to a local eating establishment for fellowship. If you would be interested in visiting us please contact Pastor Cori at 421-5859 or e-mail:

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Unitarian Universalist



Church of Lexington

859 253-3233

The Unitarian Universalist Church will have services at 10 am until the middle of August. We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates the lives of our LGBT members. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd., just before Man-a-War.

In June the UU Church Board approved the establishment of gender neutral/ family bathrooms in our front lobby. By providing bathrooms that can be used by anyone, individuals who think their gender presentation may be confusing to others will not have to worry about which bathroom to choose.

The board also approved a new sign to be posted in front of the church saying "Civil Marriage is a Civil Right, we support equal marriage rights for same sex couples." We plan to have a public ceremony when we hang of the sign in July

Our community is a diverse group of individuals with beliefs that cover the spectrum of liberal religious theology. We are Buddhists, Pagans, Christians, Humanists, and more.

Estrogen Fest

On the weekend of July 25 - 27, Estrogen Fest II will be held in Commerce, Michigan. This year's Fest celebrates empowering women, collaboration, and reuniting with nature. For information see www.thegodmothers.org.

For ten years the Godmothers have led encouraged us to transform our cities, neighborhoods, and individual lives. This year we are raising funds to build a safe, fun playground for elementary school children residing in Detroit.

This second annual event is being held at Proud Lake Recreation Area in Commerce Township, Michigan. Proud Lake is 35 minutes North West of Detroit. It is a private secluded area along the Huron River, featuring the private "V.I.P. Lodge" which can sleeps up to 50, a conference center and The River Hawk Café. Enjoy fabulous food, friends and music surrounded by nature at its best!

Fabulous local and nationally known women entertainers will perform on the outside stage, and in the cafe'. During the day, the grounds will accommodate a market place, a variety of workshops, and nature activities. Come out and enjoy a weekend of musicians, artists, free thinkers, food and fun.

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The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival will be August 5-10. To see the performance schedule, ticket costs, etc. go to www.michfest.com. This festival can change your life. I believe that every lesbian should go at least once in their lives. Straight women enjoy it also.

You can actually get on to the land on Monday, Aug. 4 at 1 pm. The line on Monday will be long; we get in line at 6 am and get through the gate at 3:30 or 4. Some people get in line at 3 am. On Tuesday, gate opens at 8 am and there will not be much of a line.

Why do people want to wait in line rather than go on Tuesday? They want to sign up for workshifts before the best ones fill up, they want to get their tent or their collection of many tents set up, or they just yearn to be "home" as soon as possible.

One thing that I will not miss this year is a production of the Vagina Monologues with Alix Olson directing. Marga Gomez, Staceyann Chin, Elvira Kurt and Alex Olson will perform. Musicians that will be performing include Ferron and Bitch, BETTY, Ubaka Hill, Laura Love, Holly Near, Chix Lix Flix, and many more.

Provincetown Women's Week

October 10 - 19

... This year marks the 24th Annual Women's Week in P'Town. This is a different way to be in GLBT space - in that there will also be of vacationers there.

... Choose the events you want to attend and pay individually - which makes it more expensive than festivals. There are comedians, musicians, plays, whale watching, sunset cruises, great restaurants and more. A beautiful place to be in the fall. For information go to www.womeninnkeepers.com.

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HIV/AIDS Info/Services:

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