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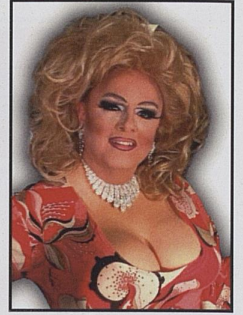
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That's What I'm Talkin' About

By Helena Handbasket



Even though the name of this article refers to what *I* am talking about, it is my deepest hope that my article this month will inspire and encourage all of *you* to talk about this one. I want you to have conversations with the people in your life and bring this topic back to our conscious awareness. On Monday, December 1, it will be World AIDS Day. The first global World AIDS Day was 26 years ago in 1988. The reason for this day of awareness is to provide an opportunity to gain knowledge and education about HIV and AIDS and learn how to put that into action. It is also a way to support and celebrate those living with HIV as well as commemorate those who have passed from the disease.

The theme this year is “Getting to Zero,” with the goal being zero new infections, zero discrimination, and zero AIDS-related deaths. There still is no cure, but it is 100% preventable.

I remember so vividly back before this had even been given a name and was referred to as “the gay cancer.” I can also remember a time when people would panic if they knew someone with HIV had eaten at the same restaurant they went to for fear of using the same fork or drinking from the same glass. It was

back then that wearing a red ribbon was making a statement to raise awareness about the urgency of the need to find a cure, or at least to learn how to best attack what was becoming an epidemic. Now when we see a ribbon it is often pink and is for breast cancer awareness, but it began in our community, loudly making the comment with a little red ribbon that ignorance and intolerance were not okay. And while people have gotten more informed of how HIV is transmitted and prevented, there are still good reasons why we must continue the conversation.

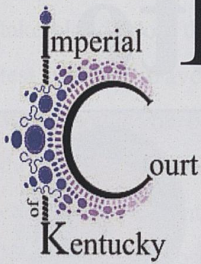
So, why aren't people talking about this anymore? One reason is that to discuss it one must talk about SEX and DRUGS, and this can be uncomfortable. Well, honey... talk about it! We already know you're having sex. Get over it. No one is judging you for having sex. How do you think you can educate yourself if you aren't talking about it? Those who are at highest risk of infection are men who have sex with other men, and trans-women (especially those of color). Young gay men are one of the most affected groups that is not getting the proper education, and this is amplified in rural areas. The rural areas of Southeast

Kentucky have the fewest reported diagnosed cases—“reported” being the key word in this statement. This is probably due to the stigma associated with having HIV. In rural areas most everyone knows each other, so people would often prefer to NOT know, rather than to be diagnosed and have everyone else know about it.

Every day, one person in Kentucky is diagnosed with HIV—however, there could be more than that who are infected but just not diagnosed. Someone is infected with HIV in the U.S. every 9.5 minutes, and as of June 30, 2013, there were 8,904 HIV infections in Kentucky. It is estimated that one in five people living with HIV don't even know they are infected. Every county in the state of Kentucky has reported diagnosed cases of HIV. Louisville still reports the most cases in Kentucky, with Lexington in second place, and Northern Kentucky is the area with the third most reported diagnosed cases. It is estimated that by 2015, the majority of people living with HIV will be over age 50.

The real message of this article is... GET TESTED! Gone are the days when the only method was by using a needle to

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Imperial Court of Kentucky News

By Christina Puse

Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays, everyone! The ICK would like to take a moment to thank the community for all its love and support over the past month. There have been quite a few events, and so many new faces that have gotten involved! Winter is right around the corner (although it feels like it's here already, brrr!), and the ICK has more events coming up that are sure to keep you warm as you head indoors to socialize and assist in raising money for Lexington's charities. It's time to grab those calendars again! You won't want to miss out on the fun shows scheduled for the Christmas season!



Wednesday, December 3, the ICK and The Bar Complex team up again as the ICK presents the Miss Mary Christmas Pageant. This annual event is a great time to kick back and get into the holiday spirit as you watch fierce queens battle it out for the coveted title of Miss Mary Christmas. There will be a \$5 donation at the showroom door starting at 8:30 p.m., and the pageant begins promptly at 9:30 p.m. Applications are still

available. For those who are interested or who knows of anyone interested in running, please contact the Reigning Monarchs, Tim Logsdon and Christina Puse.

Sunday, December 7, the ICK presents AVOL Kids' Christmas. Every year, the ICK receives a list of children, and their Christmas wish lists, from AVOL so that money can be raised to make sure that these children have presents under their trees on Christmas morning. This year, AVOL has 56 children that need presents (this includes clothes, toys, personal hygiene products, etc). There are also Christmas trees available to help sponsor the event, for \$1 a piece, at your local bars & restaurants (Crossings, Soundbar, The Bar Complex, Columbia Steakhouse on N. Limestone, and Lexington Diner). While you're visiting one of these establishments, please take a moment to purchase one of these trees to ensure that a child wakes up happy on Christmas morning! The fundraising show for this event begins at 9:30 p.m. with a \$5 donation at the door, which opens at 8:30 p.m., at Crossings Lexington.

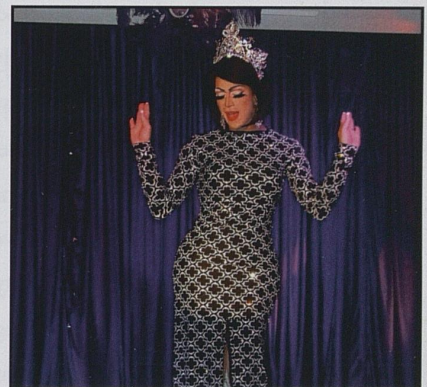
Wednesday, December 17, the ICK presents A Very Fairy Christmas! This event benefits the GLSO Pride Festival. During this function, you can enjoy entertainment from your favorite ICK entertainers along



with fabulous entertainment from the cast of the Gilded Cage Divas. Among the crowd will be the ever-popular Naughty Santa and his Elves! Be careful, though! You may end up on the naughty list! (Haha!) This event will be held at The Bar Complex. Showtime is at 9:30 p.m., and a \$5 donation will start at the showroom door at 8:30 p.m.

If you haven't done so, please take a moment and join the ICK on Facebook under The Imperial Court of Kentucky, and visit www.imperialcourtkentucky.org for more information on events and the organization.

Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night!



TransKyAdvocate



By Tuesday G. Meadows

Bobbie Thompson

“Be happy...be yourself...whoever you are...and allow others to be themselves, whoever they are.”

From her book *My Husband Looks Better in Lingerie Than I Do...Damn It*

Recently I had the pleasure of having lunch with Bobbie Thompson, a wife, a mother, a friend to many, a writer, and an ally to our local transgender community. Even though I had read her memoir that came out in February of this year, I still was not sure what to expect when I met her for the first time in Versailles, her home town. While we had lunch, we got to chat for a couple of hours about different subjects, but mainly about the Central Kentucky transgender community. I was not planning on writing about our lunch, or Bobbie for that matter, so I did not interview her or take any notes while we chatted. Instead, this was just a couple of girls chatting about what was on our minds at the time.

Bobbie comes across as a very warm human being, one who loves her spouse, Alana (a transgender woman), talks openly about all issues, says that she doesn't know everything about the transgender universe, and, perhaps most astonishingly, seems to be grounded in reality. Now, I have been a proponent of the trans community advocating for themselves. However, talking with her and learning of her connection to

the transgender community here in Central Kentucky, along with her obvious passion, caring, and honesty about what was going on, she helped teach me the important role of allies in the fight for transgender rights and equality.

Given that the transgender community is small, our allies can and do play an important role. Allies help the larger community recognize that we exist and we are their friends, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow church members. While listening to Bobbie speak, I could hear in her voice the struggles as well as the successes and triumphs, that, as an ally, echo my own experiences. Moreover, despite personal struggles, she still finds the time to champion transgender issues. She has attended the Southern Comfort Conference two of the last three years where she has gotten to interact with many trans folks on the national advocacy scene. We quickly realized that we both enjoy the work of the same people. She writes regularly for this publication and for several other national online outlets. She is very sensitive to our community and its ever-changing landscape.

Now, I know that many LGBTQ folks

here locally consider Bobbie not only an ally but also a friend. I have never heard anyone speak her name and then not smile and say, “I know her.” I hope someday I can call Bobbie and Alana friends, but right now I will call her an ally to me and my brothers and sisters here in Central Kentucky. In fact, I was thinking of the word “ally,” and it just did not seem like enough describing her for this article. When she first walked into the restaurant, I was sitting in the entryway waiting for her to arrive. As I am most of the time, I had my head down scribbling in my notebook when she walked up to where I was sitting. With the glass in the doors behind her all I could see was a figure standing over me with a glow behind his or her head. It looked like a bright shining angel with a halo was standing over me looking down. I later thought: maybe Bobbie is not just an ally, but an angel for all of us in the transgender community. We could use more allies and angels.

You may write me at tmeadows828@gmail.com or follow me on twitter at [@TuesdayM@trishgigi](https://twitter.com/TuesdayM). Now Tuesday is gone with the wind.



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take blood. Now there is a mouth swab test available to avoid the use of needles. Why should you be tested? Well, even though there is still no cure, there are effective treatments available to you. If you get diagnosed—the first step to healthy living is education. Before you take any drug, sit with an HIV counselor and learn what your options are and how you will benefit from the treatments available to you.

If you get tested and find that you are negative, don't think that one test is enough. Are you still having unprotected sex? If so, you should be tested every 3 to 6 months.

And remember, a person living with HIV that is undetectable still has a 4% chance of infecting someone if they are practicing unsafe (unprotected) sex. Remember, undetectable does not mean it has magically gone away. It means that you still have HIV but have a low viral load.

By adopting safe sex practices and taking care of yourself, you can have good sex in your older years... not just up to 35. There are many resources for you to obtain free condoms and lube.

No-fear sex is educated sex.


So, again... GET TESTED. And if you find that you have become infected, get treatment. If you have previously been

diagnosed and have fallen out of your treatment—get back into treatment.

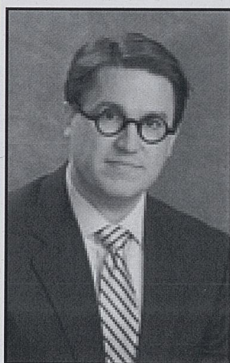
For more information, you can call the state HIV / AIDS Program at 502-564-6539, ext 4280. Other resources include AVOL (contact Blake), Moveable Feast (contact Terry), and the Health Department (contact John).

Why would Mamaw Helena write such a serious article? Because she loves all of you and wants nothing more than to watch all her babies grow up to be healthy, productive, happy, EDUCATED role models for the next generations.

Until next month... love ya'll!!!

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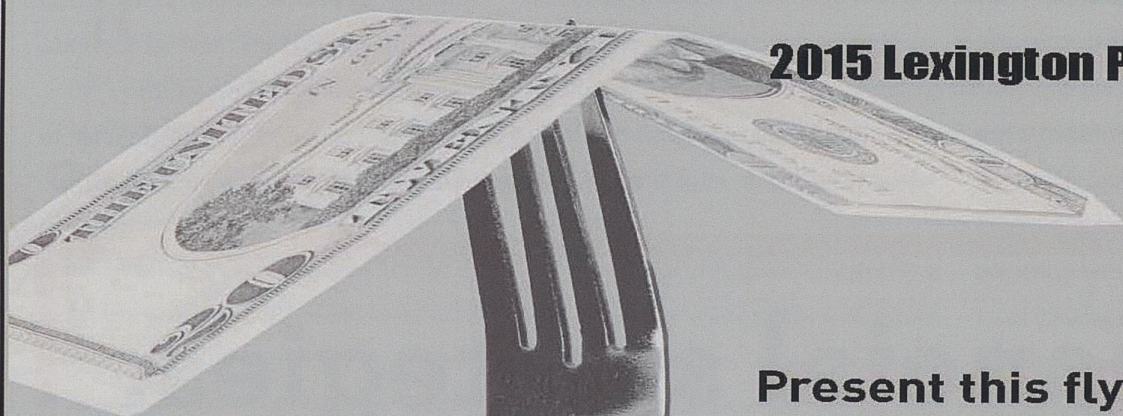
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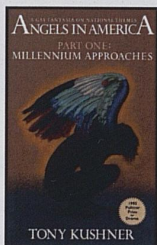
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Around The Library:

Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches by Tony Kushner


By Kristy Nowak



Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches, by Tony Kushner, is a Pulitzer Prize winning play about political and sexual

life in America in the late eighties. The play tells several interweaving and overlapping stories, often with two scenes on stage at the same time, showing the blending of modern politics and personal lives. One of the main stories is that of Louis Ironson, a gay Jewish man whose boyfriend of four years, Prior, has just been diagnosed with Kaposi's sarcoma (as a complication of AIDS). Louis struggles with the urge to abandon Prior as he descends into

illness and Louis himself wants to keep living and move forward. The other principal story is that of Joseph Pitt, a Mormon who is married to an emotionally disturbed woman. Joseph has spent his whole life denying that he is gay, and his relationship with his wife is breaking down as he struggles with his career and his attraction to Louis. Both Joseph and Louis are employees at the Federal Court of Appeals, and their personal stories are interwoven with political corruption—particularly Joseph's relationship to Roy Cohn, a character based on a historical figure. Throughout the entire story, there is the sense that something momentous is about to happen, symbolized by angelic voices, which provides a stark contrast to

the darkness of the story. Overall, this play is captivating, gritty, and surrealistic—involving split images, hallucinations, and magical connections between characters. The character portraits are compelling, and invite the reader/audience into some heart-breaking situations and choices. Some of its themes are not fully explored—for example, there is a sense that the political destiny of America is somehow tied to the distinct ethnic backgrounds of its citizens—but this idea is never made clear. Overall, it is a fascinating and frenetic piece of art and is highly recommended to anyone who is looking to explore LGBT drama. It can be found in the LIT-PLAY (literature: plays) section of the library. Come check it out! 

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Holiday Gift Ideas To Chew On



By Ranada West-Riley

If your family is anything like mine, it's large and in charge. Christmas always breaks my bank and leaves me with endless nights of worry while I wonder if I've gotten them all enough or if my gift was good enough. I have a family full of women: numerous aunts and a beautiful soul of a mother... So, I've contemplated clothes... No. Necklace medallions... No. Wait, shoes?... No. How about food and movie gift cards? Spa day? No, and no. For not much money, and very little time, you can whip up homemade treats guaranteed to wow, filled with love and artistry. Below are four of my favorites.

Honey Granola

- 1 container (18-ounce) old-fashioned oats (6 cups)
- 8 ounces sliced almonds
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1 cup light-brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup honey

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a large bowl, toss together all ingredients except butter and honey.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt unsalted butter. Stir in honey. Pour over oat mixture and toss to distribute. Spread granola onto a parchment-lined baking pan and bake, stirring occasionally, until oats are toasted and sugar begins to caramelize, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool completely on pan. Transfer to an airtight container.

Hibiscus Infused Vodka

- 8 pure hibiscus tea bags
- 4 750-milliliter bottles of vodka



Use a 2-gallon pitcher to combine 4 750-milliliter bottles of vodka. Steep hibiscus tea bags, tags removed, in vodka for 4 hours; strain.

To decant, use a funnel to divide the finished vodka among 4 clean 750-milliliter bottles, then seal with corks.

Whole Grain Honey Mustard

- 2 cups yellow mustard seeds
- 1 cup brown mustard seeds
- 1 1/4 cups white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 stick (6-inch-long) cinnamon
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

In a bowl, mix together mustard seeds, vinegar, crushed red pepper, and cinnamon stick. Cover and set aside at room temperature for 12 to 24 hours. Remove and discard cinnamon stick. Add honey and mix well. Using a mortar and pestle or food processor, blend three-fourths of mixture to a thick paste. Add reserved mixture and sea salt; stir. Spoon into sterilized jars.

Old Fashioned Peanut Butter Fudge

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar and milk. Bring to a boil and boil for 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter and vanilla. Pour over confectioners' sugar in a large mixing bowl. Beat until smooth; pour into an 8 x 8 inch dish. Chill until firm and cut into squares.



Marriage, Marriage Everywhere... Except For Here

By Chris Hartman

The drum is beating for LGBT freedom to marry across the nation, but the banjos in the bluegrass haven't quite caught the tune yet, though it's likely only a matter of time. Soon, the Supreme Court should take up a marriage case—potentially Kentucky's—and end the debate on marriage equality in America once and for all.

Many folks were deeply disappointed by the recent ruling by the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals against LGBT marriage in Kentucky, Michigan, Tennessee, and Ohio—the first U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to rule against the freedom to marry. The decision, however, was not unexpected and may well open the door to marriage equality across the land.

If any U.S. Circuit was going to get the marriage issue wrong, it was undoubtedly going to be the Sixth, which has had more than 80% of its rulings overturned in recent years by the Supreme Court. As dissenting Justice Martha Daughtrey wrote, the Sixth Circuit's majority opinion by Justice Jeffrey Sutton would make “an engrossing TED talk” but doesn't at all touch on the merits of the four states' arguments against LGBT freedom to marry. Specifically, Justice Sutton's ruling doesn't discuss the very real and concrete harms done to children of LGBT couples, who are unable to enjoy the same legal, medical, and tax protections as children of heterosexual married couples.

Rather than focus on the legal burdens placed on LGBT families by marriage bans, Justice Sutton muses on the best pathway to LGBT marriage—not by judicial fiat, he argues. He would rather see the “democratic process”—a popular vote, he means—determine the fate of our families, no matter how long it takes.

“I would've thought the best way to get respect and dignity is through the democratic

process. Forcing one's neighbors, co-employees, friends, to recognize that these marriages, the status deserves the same respect as the status in a heterosexual couple. ... If the goal is to change hearts and minds ... isn't it worth the expense? Don't you think you're more likely to change hearts and minds through the democratic process than you are through a decision by five justices of the U.S. Supreme Court?”

Regardless of his argument—and in many ways because of it—the Supreme Court will most likely resolve the issue, which it could do in a number of ways. Should they accept any of the four states' cases, they could rule to make marriage legal throughout the nation or preserve states' rights to define the institution, thus allowing Kentucky and others to continue denying marriage licenses and/or the recognition of marriages performed in other states.

Given the Supreme Court's great “day of indecision” recently, however, whereby it chose not to take up key marriage equality cases and opened the door to LGBT freedom to marry in more than a dozen additional states, conventional wisdom would suggest that our highest court is going to ultimately rule in favor of marriage equality, perhaps as soon as the summer of 2015.

Then one of the final chapters in our fight for LGBT civil rights in America truly will begin, as we work to address the disparity in legal protections that will persist despite marriage recognition. Even now, there are more states in which LGBT people can legally wed but may still be fired from a job just for placing a wedding photo on their desk.

Discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations against LGBT people is still very real and continues to be left to the will of individual states, regardless

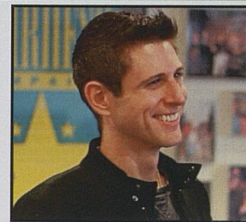
of what the Supreme Court's ruling on marriage will be. In Kentucky, 75 percent of our state's population lives someplace where LGBT discrimination is still legal, and a mere 24 of our 138 state legislators—or 17 percent—openly support anti-discrimination Fairness protections. Though we've made incredible progress in recent years by more than doubling the number of Kentucky cities with local Fairness laws, and nearly doubling the number of co-sponsors on Statewide Fairness legislation, we still have a long way to go.

We may not be able to affect the ultimate outcome of LGBT marriage in the courts, but we can stand up and effect change here in Kentucky right now. Action can be taken immediately by calling 1-800-372-7181 to leave a message with your State Representative, Senator, and Senate and House Leadership to support Fairness. Then we will need as many supporters as possible to join us as citizen lobbyists at the Capitol for our Statewide Fairness Rally & Lobby Day Wednesday, February 18. We'll begin with a lobby training at 8 a.m. in the Capitol Annex, lobby legislators until lunch, and then rally alongside hundreds of Kentuckians in the Capitol Rotunda at 1:30 p.m.

Folks can schedule an individual lobby day or RSVP to the Feb. 18 Rally by e-mailing Fairness@Fairness.org or calling 502-893-0788.

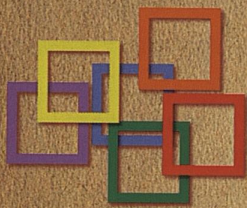
Let wedding bells ring throughout the courts and don't forget to stand up, speak out, and make your voice heard loud and clear for Fairness in Kentucky!

Chris Hartman is director of the Fairness Campaign, Kentucky's LGBT advocacy organization.



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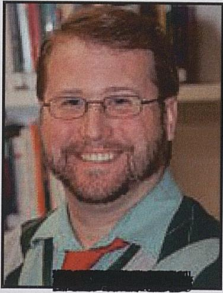
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By Chad Hundley

2015 Lexington Pride Festival Chair

With the holidays upon us, it is easy to let the hustle and bustle of the season stress and wear us out. I know that for myself, personally, with working at the Pride Center five days a week, participating in the Rainbow Bowling League, trying to stay active being on the Empress's Line of Descent for the Imperial Court of Kentucky, dealing with a teenage daughter, maintaining a relationship with my partner of eight years, attending as many fundraisers for our community as possible, and chairing the upcoming Lexington Pride Festival in June, things are bound to stress me out. Regardless of all that, I have to remember that everything I do, I have committed to myself; so then it doesn't seem as bad.

It is easy for everyone to focus on the end of the year, but let me assure you that there is a group of volunteers that have not lost focus on what comes after the end of the calendar year. With Pride 2015 just a little over six months away, we have been hard at work brainstorming new ideas and preparing to make this the most profitable, diverse, and memorable Pride this city has seen yet.

The sponsorship packets are out and being circulated for what we hope will be the largest group of sponsors thus far. Kat

Wilkie and her sub-committee are hard at work on contacting over 500 businesses and organizations. For more information on being a sponsor for Pride 2015, please contact sponsors@lexpridefest.org.

The Logistics committee and Vendor Liaisons have updated the vendor applications and they will be available and posted on January 1. I will guarantee that we will sell out very early, so get your applications in when they are released! You may contact Kira Goldade and Christi Wilson at vendors@lexpridefest.org with any questions before then as well.

Sarah Brown, Jessica Garner, and the Marketing/Advertising and Merchandising committees have tons of new ideas for Pride merchandise and making the Pride Guide more interactive, and the logo looks great!

On Sunday, December 14, Todd Ryser-Oatman and our Fundraising committee have organized a Dine to Donate at all four of the Lexington Applebee's from opening till close. Please, in the midst of all your holiday shopping, swing by and have lunch or dinner at one of the four Lexington Applebee's, and 10% of your bill will be donated to the Lexington Pride Festival. Make sure you tell your server that you are participating in the GLSO's

Dining To Donate so your ticket will be counted.

Also coming up on Wednesday, December 17, the Imperial Court of Kentucky will be hosting our annual A Very Fairy Christmas fundraiser starting at 8:30 p.m. at The Bar Complex. Please come out and support us in our endeavors. You will be able to take a picture with Sexy Santa, Ms. Claus, and some sexy elves, and watch a great Christmas-themed drag show put on by the Imperial Court. There will be a \$5 suggested donation for this event.

As always, I invite you to attend any of our planning meetings, with the next one being held on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the GLSO Pride Center. We are always needing new and fresh ideas and volunteers that are eager to help their community in any areas you wish to help. You can be involved as much as you want to be! We have an amazing group on the committee already and input from everyone else only makes it better! You can also contact me directly at chad@lexpridefest.org with any questions and I will be happy to speak with you! I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and be blessed!





November Pride Sub-Committee Meetings

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Upcoming Pride Sub-Committee Meetings

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE G.L.S.O.!

PFLAG Central Kentucky

PFLAG Central Kentucky meetings are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Michael's Episcopal Church (2025 Bellefonte Drive in Lexington). Typically, we have a program the first half, followed by our support group. We welcome members of

the LGBTQ community, their families, friends, and allies. PFLAG meetings are a safe, confidential setting where all are accepted and respected.



Gay Disability Support Group

If you are LGBT and have a disability, we would like to hear from you! Members of the LGBT community who are disabled face many different obstacles, and the GLSO would like to help. There has been interest in starting an LGBT Disability Group, and we would like to be in touch with you about this support group. Please contact the GLSO Pride Center at 859-253-3233 or email chad@glso.org for more information!



Are you:

Recently out of the closet? Or struggling with doing so? Feel like you can't cope with who you are? Struggling with acceptance at work? Or family? Had a bad break-up? Or lonely and just need to talk to someone? You are not alone!

Confidentiality, acceptance and respect are the words we govern ourselves by. Each week is unique depending on who shows up and what the needs are that night.

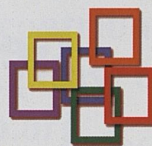


Join us for:

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To **HEART**

GLSO Discussion Group

Wednesdays
from 7-9pm

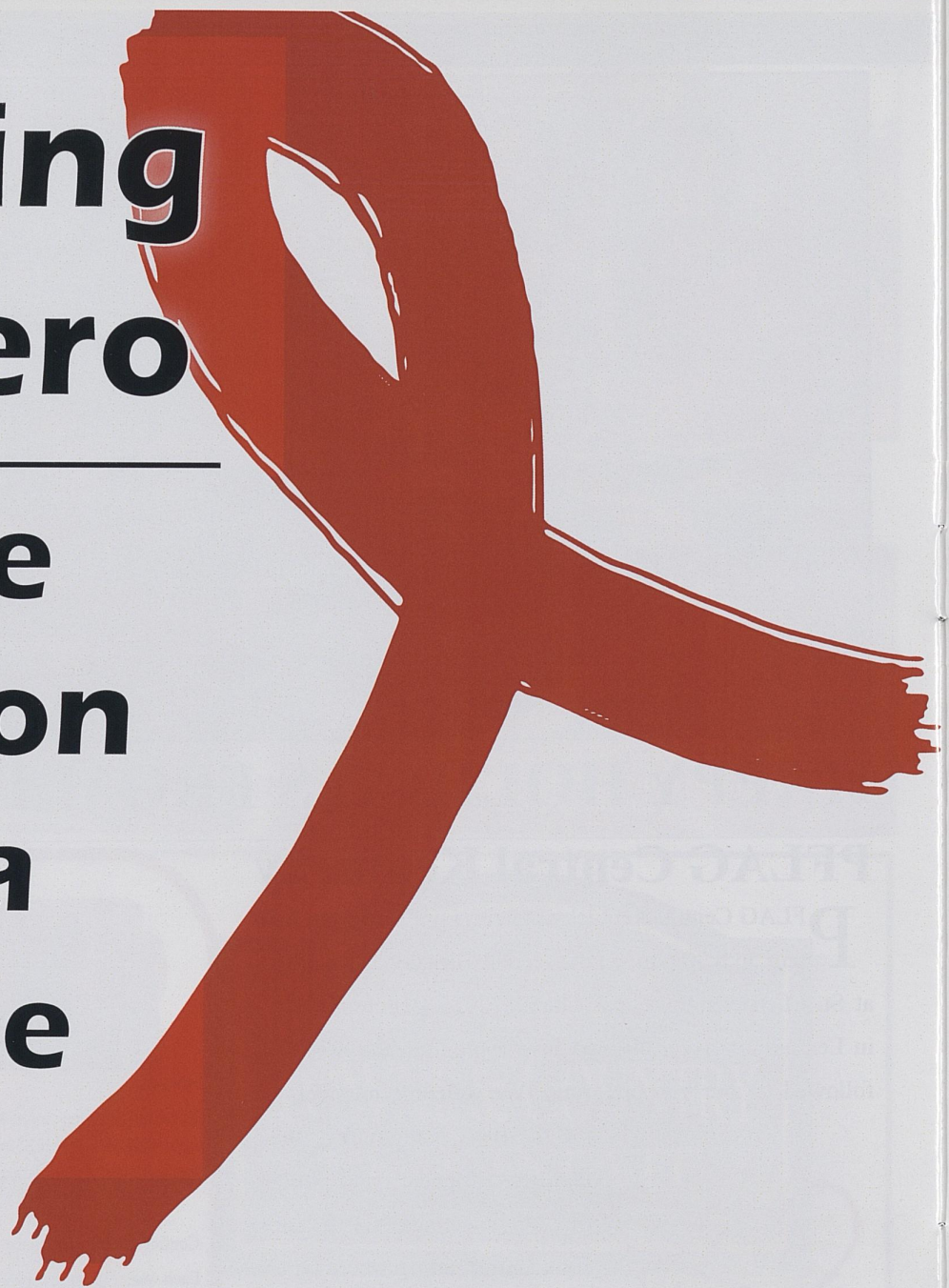


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By Bobbie Thompson
-aka Alana's Spouse-

What's That Mean?

I'm always seeking ways of getting information out about our books. One thing I've done is sign up for the free emails from RadioGuestList.com. The way it works is the emails are "calls" from online radio hosts seeking guests to have on their shows. I've worked up a "response" to the calls that I send to the host when I feel our information is pertinent to their show.

The subject line of my email response is, "Does our story fit your show?" And the first line of my message is, "I'm the supportive cis-gender spouse of transfemale, Alana Nicole Sholar." I then go on to introduce our books and share our contact information in case the host is interested in having us on their show.

This week I got a reply to one of my responses that said, "Yes, this would definitely fit our show... and I'd love to know what cis-gender means." I had to chuckle because it just reiterated for me how little non-transgender persons know about the terminology used within

the transgender community.

During this same week, Alana and I were interviewed by another online radio host who made several comments paring "cis-gender" and "transgender" persons together in the same sentence. One such comment was something to the effect that she "felt cis-gender and transgender persons deserve respect." That particular statement didn't send up any flags for me because I understood her to be saying that ALL people deserve respect... and I am in total agreement.

However, later in the interview she made a comment to the effect that she thought "cis-gender and transgender persons are too often mistreated." It was then I realized that she, too, was unfamiliar with the term "cis-gender" and was using it incorrectly in her conversation.

I simply said, "I believe you might misunderstand the term cis-gender, which means you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth—persons born with a male body identifying as a

male, and persons born with a female body identifying as a female."

We use words and assume the person we're talking to is going to understand, when often they don't. Just like every industry has its own terminology, like "bits" and "bytes" in computing, the transgender community has its own terminology. And often, just like only those in the computer industry understand the meaning of terms used within that industry, only someone who is transgender has a clear understanding of the many terms used in the transgender community. Actually, I've encountered some transgender persons who have confessed they are not familiar with certain terms... and they themselves are transgender.

And there have been times when I have said, "My spouse is transgender," and the person I'm talking to will give me a funny look and ask, "What's that mean?"



LINQ IS LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTORS

If you would like to be a regular LinQ contributor or submit an article or artwork for publication in LinQ, please contact the editor at:

editor@glso.org

Charitable Giving Pays Off ... For Everyone

Americans are pretty generous — in fact, 83% of us donated money to charitable organizations last year, according to a Gallup survey. And now that we're entering the holiday season, charitable giving well may be on your mind. Your key motivation for making charitable gifts, of course, is to help those organizations whose work is meaningful to you. However, by supporting these groups, you can also make life less "taxing" for yourself.

Specifically, by making charitable contributions, you may be able to receive some valuable tax breaks. To claim a deduction, though, you need to itemize your taxes, and you need to make sure that the organization you're supporting is qualified, from a tax-deductibility standpoint. If you're unsure whether a group is qualified, just ask to see its letter from the IRS. (Many organizations now post these letters on their websites.)

Here's how the charitable tax deduction works: If you give \$200 to a qualified charity, and you're in the 25% tax bracket, you can deduct \$200, with a tax benefit of \$50, when you file your 2014 taxes. Consequently, the net "cost" of your donation is just \$150 (\$200 minus the \$50 tax savings).

Of course, you are not confined to making cash gifts. In fact, if you

donate certain types of noncash assets, you may be able to increase your tax benefits. Suppose you give \$1,000 worth of stock in ABC Company to a charitable group. If you're in the 25% bracket, you'll be able to deduct \$250 when you file your taxes. And by donating the ABC stock, you can avoid paying the capital gains taxes that would be due if you had eventually sold the stock yourself.

Keep in mind that if you want to deduct your contributions for the 2014 tax year, you'll need to make your gifts by Dec. 31. One more reminder: Retain your paperwork. If you made gifts totaling over \$250 to any single charity — or noncash contributions of any items worth over \$500 — the IRS requires written acknowledgments for your contributions.

If you want to take a longer-term approach to charitable giving, while incorporating your gifts in planning for your estate, you might want to consider establishing a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you'd place some assets, such as stocks or real estate, into a trust, which could then use these assets to pay you a lifetime income stream. When you establish the trust, you may be able to receive an immediate tax deduction based on the charitable group's "remainder interest" — the amount

the charity is likely to ultimately receive. (This figure is determined by an IRS formula.) Upon your death, the trust would relinquish the remaining assets to the charitable organization you've named. This type of trust can be complex, so to create one, you'll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.

While the tax benefits associated with charitable giving are significant, they should not, ultimately, drive your gifting decisions. You should also consider the effect your gift will have on the other areas of your estate considerations — so make sure you communicate your plans to your family members.

In any case, though, be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the years to come. Your generosity will be a rewarding experience — for everyone.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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December Calendar & Telephone Directory

All meetings are hosted at the GLSO Pride Center unless noted with *

Monday, December 1

- World AIDS Day
- 7:00 p.m. Entre Nosotros (Between Us)
- 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League*
- 7:30 p.m. Sponsorships Sub-Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Tuesday, December 2

#GivingTuesday2014 GLSO Fundraiser

Wednesday, December 3

- 7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
- LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, December 4

- 6:30 p.m. GLSO Board Meeting

Saturday, December 6

- 7:30 p.m. TransKentucky Meeting

Sunday, December 7

- 2:00 p.m. Pride Fest IT/Web/Social Media Sub-Committee Meeting*
- 3:00 p.m. Pride Fest Advertising/Marketing/ Merchandising Sub-Committee Meeting*
- 6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball

Monday, December 8

- 6:30 p.m. Logistics/Vendor Liaison/ Volunteer Sub-Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League*
- 7:30 p.m. Sponsorships Sub-Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Tuesday, December 9

- 6:30 p.m. PFLAG Meeting*
- 7:00 p.m. HIV/AIDS Support Group hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, December 10

- 7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
- LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, December 11

- 6:00 p.m. Dine to Donate at bd's Mongolian Grill*
- 7:00 p.m. LOVEboldly Board Meeting

Saturday, December 13

- 9:00 p.m. Kentucky Bourbon Bears Board Meeting*

Sunday, December 14

- Dine To Donate at all Lexington Applebee's (LexPride Fundraiser)*
- 6:00 p.m. Imperial Court Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball

Monday, December 15

- 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League*
- 7:30 p.m. Sponsorship Sub-Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, December 17

- 7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
- LGBT Discussion Group
- 9:00 p.m. A Very Fairy Christmas (LexPride Fundraiser)*

FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Thursday, December 18

- 6:30 p.m. 2015 LexPride Planning Committee Meeting

Friday, December 19

- 7:00 p.m. Senior's Bistro (Potluck)

Saturday, December 20

Editorial Deadline for LINQ Magazine

Sunday, December 21

- 6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball

Monday, December 22

- 7:30 p.m. Sponsorships Sub-Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, December 24

LAST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH
CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Friday, December 26

KWANZA

Sunday, December 28

- 6:00 p.m. Imperial Court Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball

Monday, December 29

- 7:30 p.m. Sponsorships Sub-Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting hosted by AVOL*

Wednesday, December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	1-800-929-8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	1-800-999-9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859-967-9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859-277-1877
Council for Peace and Justice	859-488-1448
Discussion Group	859-253-3233
Fairness of Louisville	502-893-0788
Gay-Straight Alliance, Teens	859-266-5904
GLSO Pride Center	859-253-3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859-619-7521
International Gay Bowling	859-539-3058
Lexington Fair Housing Council	1-866-438-8617
Lexington Fairness	859-951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859-252-4931
Lexington Pride Festival	859-253-3233
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1-800-273-8255
PFLAG Central Kentucky, Inc.	859-338-4393
PFLAG Louisville	502-223-1323
SisterSound	859-806-0243
Social Services, Lexington	211

Community and Social Groups

Speaker's Bureau	859-266-5904
TransKentucky	cassiemt@yahoo.com
Transgender Youth Family Allies	1-888-462-8932
Trevor Lifeline 24/7	1-866-488-7386
United Way	859-313-5465

College Student Groups

Berea College ACE	859-958-3633
BCTC Gay-Straight Alliance	859-246-6365
Centre College BGLA	859-238-5332
EKU Alphabet Center	859-622-5041
EKU Pride Alliance	859-622-1027
Morehead State University	606-783-2071
TUnity (Transy)	859-445-3822
UK Gay-Straight Alliance	859-257-8701
UK OutSource	859-323-3312

**Don't see your group's events or contact information?
Email it to editor@glso.org and we will add you to our calendar!**

HIV/STD Testing, Services & Information

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL)	859-225-3000
Health Department, Fayette County	859-288-2437
Health Department, Woodford County	859-873-4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502-584-1254
Moveable Feast	859-252-2867
Northern Ky Region	859-341-4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859-323-5643

Religious Groups

Bluegrass United Church of Christ	859-233-0208
Embrace Fellowship	859-358-0580
Faith Lutheran Church	859-266-7621
First Presbyterian Church	859-252-1919
Hunter Presbyterian Church	859-277-5126
Lex Friends, Quakers	859-254-3319
Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church	859-255-1075
St. Martha's Episcopal Church	859-271-7641
Unitarian Universalist Church	859-223-1448
Woodland Christian Church	859-266-3416



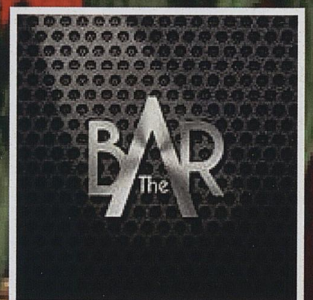
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A Very Fairy Christmas

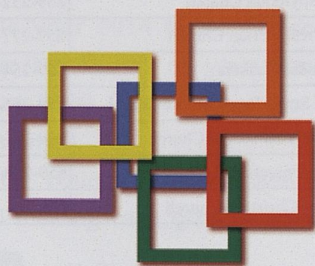
Wednesday, December 17th

\$5 Door, 8:30 P.M.

9:30 P.M. Show



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