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Letter from the President

By Aaron Baker,
Contributor

A Happy New Year to our GLBTQQIA community! As the confetti settles to the ground, it is traditionally a time to reflect back on the year that has passed and look forward to the year before us. For the GLSO, this has been an eventful year. We were out in the community throughout the year, putting on events to raise money for our Pride Festival. The festival itself was our biggest yet, and we heard lots of feedback, both positive and negative. As a nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to listening to our community. As a result, there were a lot of changes at the GLSO at the end of this year.

As we move forward this year, we're going to be making even more changes. If you have any suggestions for the direction that you'd like to see the GLSO go, please give us your thoughts. We can't serve the community unless we know what the community needs!

Here are some of the things we are already committed to doing this year. Starting at the end of January, our Gay Straight Alliance for Youth (GSA) will be conducting the Youth Empowerment Project. This is a series of workshops designed to transform the young people in our community into our future leaders. The project is supported by a grant from Just Fund KY, as well as matching funds raised by the Imperial Court of Kentucky. If you know a youth member of our community who isn't involved with our GSA, encourage them to attend.

In addition to the Youth Empowerment Project, we also have regular GSA meetings every Tuesday night at 7pm at the Pride Center on Waller Avenue. Thanks to the generous help of our youth mentoring volunteers, we've also begun having Fun Night for the youth every third Friday of the month. While our normal GSA meetings provide a supporting environment for the youth to discuss what is on their minds, the Fun Night is just a time to get together and talk, play games and watch a GLBT-themed movie. Because these Fun Nights hap-

pen at our Pride Center, it's a safe place for kids to be themselves and enjoy the company of others in the GLBTQQIA community.

Of course, our youth are always busy planning an event. Following on the heels of our successful 2011 Pride Prom and Halloween dance, the youth are planning a Valentine's Day dance for February 10th at the Unitarian Universalist church. Our youth dances are always a good fundraiser for the youth, as well as providing a positive, fun environment for them to enjoy just being themselves and dancing the night away!

The youth aren't the only ones with plans for this year, though. Our annual Pride Festival, now in its fifth year, is scheduled for June 30th, 2012. The Pride Committee this year has made it their goal to reinforce the family-friendly nature of our festival, while putting on just as big of a show as last year. Expect to see lots more activities for kids and families, with just as much visible pride from our community as you've come to expect every year! That's the plan for the Lexington Pride Festival 2012: Bluegrass Family Pride. If you want to help in the planning, come to our planning meetings, every second Thursday at the Pride Center at 7pm.

There's plenty more still in the works as we start this new year, but expect to see a new way to make your tax-deductible donations to your favorite charity, the GLSO. We've been listening to suggestions from the community, and we're going to make it easier than ever to support the community that supports you!

Finally, I want to present our new executive committee. Starting in January 2012, I have the pleasure of serving as President, alongside our new Vice President, Jesse Howard. Tommy Brodbeck is leading the charge to secure our financial stability as our new Treasurer, and expanding from his role as Pride Festival Chair, Paul Brown is our Secretary. Along with the rest of our vibrant and engaged Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your continuing support for the mission of the GLSO.

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The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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What Are We Afraid Of?

By Pastor Karen Taylor,
Contributor

There is a lot of fear going on around us these days. Fear of our foods and their source, fear of what lies ahead in terms of our economy, fear of losing our jobs, and the list goes on. The Bible tells us that perfect love cast out fear. Perfect meaning mature. You have probably heard the acronym for fear: false evidence appearing real. Henry David Thoreau once said, "Nothing is so much to be feared as fear." It can paralyze you from moving forward and more often than not, it is a false concern, or at the very least a concern that doesn't materialize. There was a time in my life that fear ruled me. I was afraid of everything. I couldn't drive in Lexington for fear of getting lost. I couldn't go into a restaurant or movie theater for fear of what people would think of me being alone, I was afraid of being destitute, afraid of commitment, you name it I was afraid of it. It wasn't until I was delivered from a spirit of fear that I was able to live. The Bible has much to say about fear and most of it has to do with fear of the Lord. Don't let that throw you off because it doesn't mean fear as in frightening, but rather reverence. One cool thing about both Greek and Hebrew is that they have several different words to communicate more clearly what they are trying to say. We love pizza, our mother, and Dances with Wolves, but in Greek they have a different word for each of those different types of love. Same with fear, we have the one word but they have several. Let's take a look at some of those verses.

Psalms 111:10a "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;" I looked the word up in my concordance to learn that the Hebrew word is "yiraw" and means reverence. So to revere the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The book of Romans tells us that as Christians we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear but rather the spirit of adoption. The word fear in this text comes from the Greek word "phobos" where we get our word for phobia, irrational persis-

tent fear. There is so much in this one verse I'm not sure where to start. For one thing, when we accept Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, we are adopted into His royal family. We become joint heirs to the King. There is nothing we need to fear because we have the power of the King of the universe at our side, watching our back, looking over us all the time.

1 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment." I totally understand that there seems to be times in our lives when everything looks to be falling apart. It all seems hopeless, no way out, but we must never forget that God is always, 24/7, fighting for us. It's not that we won't have hard times, but that when they hit we can know that all will work out in time because the creator of the universe is in control.

Hebrews 6 tells us that the Lord is our helper and that we have nothing to fear. There is absolutely nothing man can do to me that God isn't there supporting me, helping me, bringing me through "it". The only thing we need to fear or have tremendous respect for is God because He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, and if He is on our side who or what do we need to fear? Nothing or no one.

So if you are currently experiencing some kind of fear, whether it be fear of losing a job, fear of not finding a job, whatever, you can know, right here and now, that if you give yourself to God He will take care of you. Not that it will work out necessarily like you think it should or would but rest assured He will take care of you. If you would like prayer support please call me 502.545.6355 I will be more than happy to pray with you.

Remember to attend church on Sunday. It's the time during the week you can get refreshed, uplifted, supported by Christ and fellow believers. If you do not have a church home, come join us at Open Arms of God Ministry. We meet in the Pride Center on Waller Ave every Sunday at 10:30. God bless you this week and throughout the month.

Domestic Violence in Same-Sex Relationships

The signs and symptoms of abuse within lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) relationships are similar to those of other forms of domestic violence. They may include physical violence, sexual assault, and emotional and/or psychological abuse. LGBT victims of domestic violence face unique challenges. Abuse may be minimized or discounted due to myths and assumptions regarding persons identified as LGBT. For example; the following are false assumptions:

- Women cannot rape.
- Men cannot be battered or raped.
- Same-sex relationships are always equal in power.

To exert power and control, the abuser may:

- Threaten to reveal the sexual orientation of the victim to friends, family members, employers, church community, and law enforcement officials.
- Infect or threaten to infect the abused partner with HIV/AIDS.
- Threaten to tell others that the abused partner has HIV/AIDS.
- Minimize or justify abuse by stating that it cannot be domestic violence because it is a same-sex relationship.
- Make the victim feel shame about sexual activity or gender identity.

Domestic violence is a crime regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Individuals do not have to be in a married relationship to be a victim of domestic violence. In Kentucky, Domestic Violence means physical injury,

serious physical injury, sexual abuse, assault or the infliction of FEAR of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, or assault between family members or members of unmarried couples. You do have the right to file for an emergency protection order. We can help.

The Brenda Cowan Coalition for Kentucky is offering a domestic violence support group for members of the LGBT community. The group will start on January 23, 2012 at the GLSO pride center. The meeting will start at 7pm and last for one hour. For questions, please call Samara Baker: 859-276-4457 or email: sbaker.bcc@gmail.com. You are not alone!



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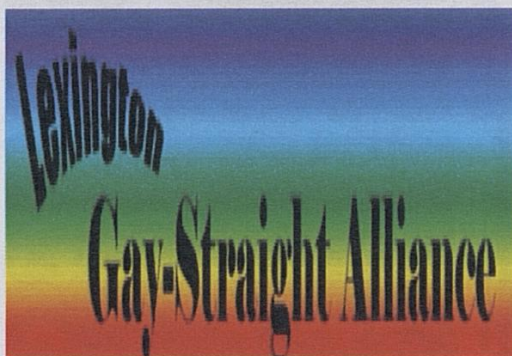
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GSA Valentines Dance

By Mary Crone,
Contributor

The Gay Straight Alliance is having our first Valentines Dance on Feb 10 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. We will be in need of chaperones again. This time please contact Aaron at aaron@glso.org to volunteer. We will need people to work several shifts inside the building and out. We could also use someone to organize the kitchen and serve food. Although we don't plan to get excessive with decorations, we could also use someone to assist an adviser by staying late, helping with clean up, and making sure all of the teens are picked up. You will not be signing up to work the entire time.



GSA is also beginning our Youth Empowerment Project in January with sessions on every other Saturday or so through March.

We have a lot planned for the youth and are excited about the number of teens interested. We so appreciate JustFund for giving us the grant that is making this possible. Thanks also to all of you who have made financial donations to support the GSA and the Empowerment Project.

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"It's a New Day" for SisterSound

SisterSound has lots of new things to celebrate: new year (their 16th), new director (Rob Vanover), new rehearsal space (Centenary Methodist Church), new concert venue (Tates Creek Presbyterian Church) and lots of new music and new faces.

Join the Sisters as they promote the "new day" theme with "A New Day", "Bad Day", "It's a Lovely Day Today" and "One Fine Day". They'll travel south with "Me Island", "Matilda", "It's Too Hot to Samba" and "Grumble Too Much" and round out the concert with several new numbers and some favorites as well.

So, gather up family and friends, shake off the post-Christmas blahs and join SisterSound for their winter concert on Saturday, January 14, 2012, 7:00 pm, at Tates Creek Presbyterian Church, 3900 Rapid Run Drive (Man O' War Blvd east of Tates Creek Road). Tickets are \$10/\$5 (age 5 and under) and are available from SisterSound members or at the door. See you there!



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Saturday January 14, 2012, 7:00 pm

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Tickets are \$10/\$5 age 5 and under

Contact SisterSound: <http://sistersound.org/>; info@sistersound.org;

PO Box 4544, Lexington KY 40544 or call 859-806-0243

ICK 30 Years Strong by ShotZ, Contributor

The Holiday Spirit is sometimes hard to find in the hustle and bustle of the season. However, the Imperial Court of Kentucky found a way to help each of us find it, AVOL Kid's Christmas!

Each year we host this heart touching show to provide presents to the children of families living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS. This past Holiday Season, unfortunately, the list of children and families that needed assistance grew and we were provided with the biggest list we have ever received from AVOL. We are proud to report that with the support of our community we were able to provide gifts for every child on our list! Brava Lexington!!!!

We have several new shows coming up for you in January. First up on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Campbell House Bogart's Lounge we will be hosting, for the second year in a row, the Inner Diva Pageant. This is unlike any of our other pageants, our biological female friends get the opportunity to be a "queen" for a day. These ladies, with assistance from local drag artists, will be transformed into "queens" and compete to see who has the best, "Inner Diva." Interested and/or know someone who is, contact Empress XXX ShotZ at shotzwithaz@live.com for more details.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky is widely known for our drag queens and philanthropy, but our organization consists of both sexes, all sexual orientations and all gender identities! In other words, we welcome the community!

This year we will be hosting a contest for the first time for our Drag King brothers in the community!

The "King of Drag" contest will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at Pulse Nightlife. Come see your favorite Drag King compete to be named the King of Drag! Don't miss what is sure to be an amazing contest! If you are interested in competing or know someone that is, contact Emperor XXX Fred Worsham at fworsham@gmail.com for details.

Our last show of the month will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Campbell House Bogart's Lounge. This show simply titled, "Monarchs Ball", will highlight the past and current Monarchs of the Imperial Court of Kentucky. Our organization has a rich history in the Bluegrass and we are proud to present this show which will highlight 30 years of fundraising and community support! Our College of Monarchs is a living history of the Imperial Court and each of these Reigns have dedicated their time and energy to their community. We hope to see you at Monarch's Ball to help us honor 30 years of dedication and commitment to community service.

The membership renewal grace period has begun! If you are a member of the Imperial Court of Kentucky and you did not renew your membership in December 2011 please see a member of the Board of Directors or the Reigning Monarchs to renew.

Memberships were due December 31, 2011 but we allow a grace period of one month so that you now have until January 31, 2012 to renew without a lapse in your membership. You may also email us at info@imperialcourtkentucky.org for more details on how to renew, deadlines or how to join for the first time!

As always, join us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all fundraising endeavors and opportunities to support the community with The Imperial Court of Kentucky.



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In an effort to add even more services through the Gay Lesbian Services Organization, we are opening our pages to the community in the form of classified advertisements. All classifieds should be directed through the Pride Center and should be short but contain the basic information of who, what, when, where, cost, etc.

For personal protection, inquiries can be directed to the Pride Center so your personal information will not be published. For more information or to place a classified ad in our next edition, please contact Chad at chad@glso.org or call 859-253-3233. Deadline for all submissions to the GLSO Newsletter is January 20, 2012.

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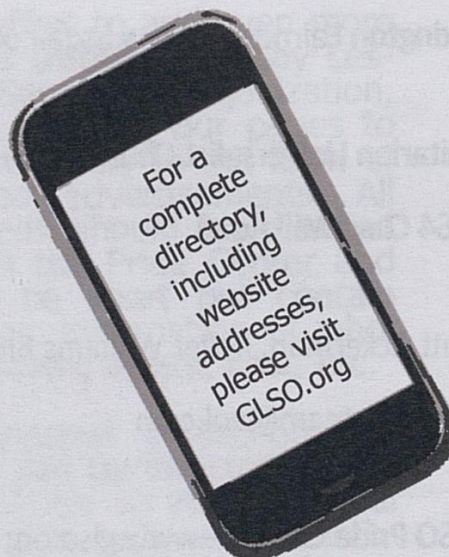
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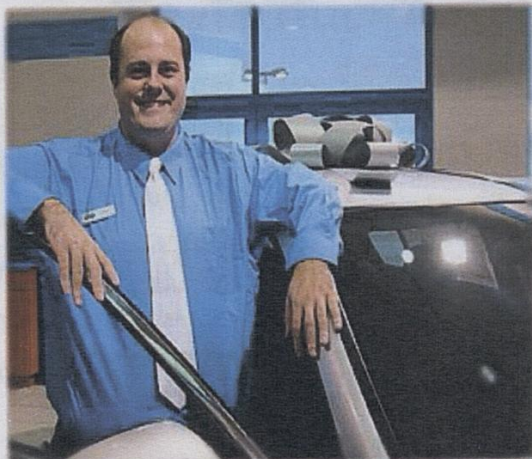
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