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Singing for Pride Karaoke Nights

Tuesday Night is Karaoke Tunes-days in the Gilded Cage Showroom of the Bar Complex, hosted by Bill "Melater" Chandler and DJ B.T.J. (Boi Toi Jeff). There are now door prizes you can win by tipping the performers. For every dollar you tip, you get one raffle ticket. Winning tickets are drawn between performances.

This event is a weekly fund-raiser for the GLSO Pride Center. You can help make it a success simply by coming out and singing a song or supporting those who do. You can bring your own music or sing one of the songs on the CDs we have there. Friends and other audience members will be encouraged to tip.

The tips help support the GLSO, the Pride Center, and all our projects including Pride Month. Everyone is invited to our first **Pride Month organizing meeting on Mon. Feb 18 from 7 to 9 at the Center.** See page 6 for other GLSO events. Drop by the Center to visit the Pride Library which has books, videos, DVDs, and CDs that can be checked out. We are located at 389 Waller Ave, contact us at 859 253-3233.

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Kentuckians Value Fairness: A Day of Action in Frankfort

For years supporters of KY Fairness have come to Frankfort to lobby their legislators. This year, we're getting everybody there on the same day, Thursday, Feb 22. **Kentuckians Value Fairness** will raise the voice and visibility of fair-minded Kentuckians and make a powerful statement about our commitment to a fair Kentucky.

We'll start the day with a get-together at 8 am to train those folks who want to meet their legislators one-on-one. We'll provide you with talking points and all the materials you'll need to have a successful visit with your elected official.

After those meetings (which we'll set up in advance), we'll re-convene at 1 pm in the Capitol Rotunda to Rally for a Fair Kentucky. If you believe in fairness for everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, you should join us for the rally.. Information about the bills that have been introduced, is on page 8.

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Michael Thompson
by *Marlon W. Austin*

When Michael Thompson died January 1st, 2007. Lexington lost a hero. Not the kind who sacrifices their lives on a distant battlefield or serves in uniform. No, rather one of the more innocuous heroes that goes unnoticed about their calling, but with no less resolve than most battle hardened veteran.

Michael's heroism was to see a few simple needs and fill them. His dedication to the nutritional requirements of HIV/Aids patients, his commitment to their good care, and the compassion of human contact for people often isolated by their condition became examples of courage and altruism at its highest. His joy in his work was as infectious as his devotion. It inspired innumerable others to give of their time and selves to help the organization he founded, Moveable Feast.

I've had the pleasure of knowing Michael since 1975. My admiration for him, for his amazing talent as an actor and his humanitarian activism have grown with the passing years. My love for him as a friend and mentor has increased exponentially. He made me want to be a better man.

The last role I saw Michael perform was that of "Peanut" in ActOut's production of "Southern Baptist Sissies." Peanut is a barfly whose parting line is a little advice to a young man: "Don't turn out like me!" Unlike Peanut, I wish all young men and women would turn out like Michael Thompson. I hope they'll find the happiness that he did in the action of helping others.

Michael has gone to a better destiny I know, leaving his great organization and compassion as proofs of his passing. There will be no statues raised, no great honors will be accorded, but the world is a better place because of him. His memorial will be the continued work of Moveable Feast and the people who benefit from its services, both the patients and the care givers. His desires to fill a few simple needs will help fulfill the needs of countless people before it is through, if it is ever through.

**"Goodnight Sweet Prince! May Flights of
Angels Sing Thee to Thy Rest"**

M. W. Austin, Co-founder Imperial Court of KY

Community News

Bluegrass Women's Network

When the over 40s social group ended last year many women missed the opportunities to attend events and dinners together. Debby and Lynn are now ready to organize another such group. It will be called Bluegrass Women's Network and is open to women of all ages.

They are building a list of women who are interested in receiving emails about events. They have set up a Yahoo group to make it easier to e-mail announcements. If you want to be on the list, contact them at debbywoman@gmail.com.

Miss Gay Valentine

The Imperial Court of KY presents the Miss Gay Valentine Pageant on Wednesday, February 14th at The Bar Complex. Cover is \$5, with proceeds benefitting the designated charities of the Imperial Court, including Moveable Feast, GLSO, AVOL, and Fairness. Grab your valentine sweaty and join us for a evening of great entertainment.

T-Shirt Sales Support Pride Prom

Students from local high schools and teens that attend the GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth are planning a Pride Prom to be held in the spring. The teens are selling these t-shirts for \$18 to raise money for rent and decorations. We are ordering some short sleeve black shirts in various sizes. We have a few long sleeve shirts and can order white shirts and long sleeve shirts if you would like to pre-pay.

The t-shirt has a regular neckline - not the neckline pictured here. The message you are seeing is on the back of the shirt. The Front has the words "Love Thy Neighbor" in small print. Call mary crone to order (859 266-5904) or come by the Pride Center on a Saturday in Feb to buy a shirt.

Gender and Women's Studies Spring Film Series

The film series hosted by UK's Gender and Women's Studies started in January. Its February film, *Ruthie and Connie: Every Room in the House*, is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 pm at the Gaines Center's Bingham-Davis House, 218 E. Maxwell.

In 1959, Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurts were married mothers of young children, living in a working class Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn. In 1974, they left their husbands, moved in with each other and turned their entire worlds upside down. This documentary tells their story in an honest and intimate manner that helps to illuminate the larger social issues involved.

After the film, Melanie Otis who's academia research has focused on LGBT issues, will lead a discussion. This film won audience awards for "Best Documentary" at gay lesbian film festivals in New York City, Los Angeles and Toronto, Canada.



DOWAGER TURNABOUT EXTRAVAGANZA

The Imperial Court of KY presents a Dowager Turn-About Extravaganza on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Gilded Cage Showroom of the Bar Complex. Doors open at 9 pm, show time 9:30, admission \$5

This special Turn-About event will be hosted by His Most Imperial Emperor XXIV, J.C. Lewis and Her Most Imperial Majesty Empress XXIV Phoenix Gaye. It will feature performances by individuals from the community who have not been seen in drag for many years or have never done drag.

The special guest list of entertainers will include the talents of Bill Chandler, aka Angel and the heavenly Boys, 1st seen performing for Lexington's MCC's Dragin' for Jesus Show. Terry Mullins, aka Gertie May Noe, GLSO Advice Columnist, in a recreation of one of the funniest drag routines ever performed on a Lex. stage.

Also making his drag debut, M.C. Donny Perry. Other performers include Her most Imperial Majesty Empress XXV, Sierra Reign as a Boi named Brad, Empress XV, Paul Johnson, plus Burley, Lou Snow, Jimmy Rogers, and Eric Dunn.

This unique ensemble of talented individuals are sure to bring you an evening of entertaining drag that you won't soon forget. Mark your calendar now!

This event is dedicated to the memory of former Imperial Court board member and dear friend, Michael Thompson, aka Pamona Freeway.

FIX YOUR CREDIT

Pride Center Money Group Now Forming
email Ev at bestway@insightbb.com
read more on page 6

PRIDE MONTH PLANNING
correction of front page info
MONDAY, FEB 19
7 PM AT THE PRIDE CENTER
Everyone welcome to attend

Keith Elston: Family Law

Keith Elston is opening a family law office in Lexington in the coming months. (see ad page 7) He specializes in family law for OUR families.

Keith is a former President of the Lexington Gay Services Organization, and helped organize the Kentucky Fairness Alliance and the Bluegrass Chapter of Fairness.

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

Dress and Gender Alliance

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

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

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

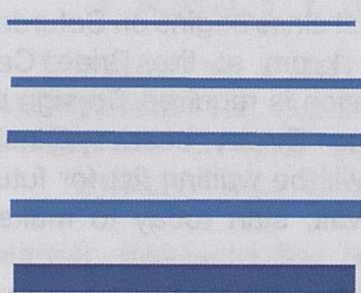
The Lexington Lyons will meet Feb 12 at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoys the Leather /Levi Lifestyle. For more info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

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Lexington Insight

Pot Luck and Discussion Group

Everyone is welcome to attend
Please join us on any Friday night
Pride Center 7:00 pm

Gay Straight Alliance for Youth

Ages 15 - 20

Call Mary for info 266-5904

Saturday Singles

Feb. 10 7 pm

All Singles are Welcome

If your single and tired of being alone, come to our monthly meeting on the second Saturday Night at 7 pm. In February that is on the 10th. We talk about our lives and often plan an activity for later in the month. Bring your single friends along, we are always looking for new people. If you have any suggestions for the group please let us know.

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

FIX YOUR CREDIT

A small working group is forming now, seating is limited. The group will be led by a financial expert. Clean up credit, make a financial plan, reduce debt, work toward home ownership, return to school, open your own business, or set other important goals. Group accountability, knowledge sharing and more.

First class begins on Saturday, February 10, at 1 pm at the Pride Center. Pre registration is required. To sign up, send an email to Ev at bestway@insightbb.com. There will be waiting list for future classes. Don't wait, start today to make a positive change.

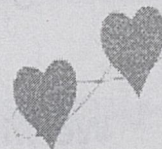
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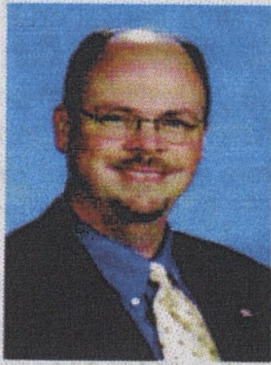
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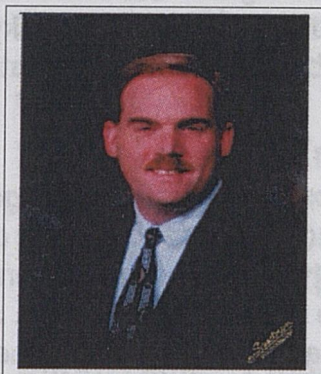
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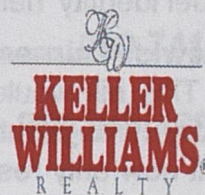
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Paul Brown

Although this legislative season is a short one, the Kentucky Fairness Alliance is taking it very seriously. The bills that KFA will be supporting and those they oppose are listed below.

KFA hosted its first lobby training in Lexington on Jan. 10th. Several participants said the training was informative and gave them insight as to the issues on the table for 2007's legislative season. Wes Wright, Fairness Legislative Liaison, hosted six additional trainings around the state. If you were not able to attend one of these sessions, you can still learn the basics on

February 22 in Frankfort.

KFA hopes to attract between 200 and 500 people to the state capital on Feb. 22nd for a Day of Action. The day will start at 8 am with training where you will be given talking points. You will then have the opportunity to meet with legislators and express ideas and opinions. At 1 pm, we will gather in the rotunda for a Fairness Rally.

KFA asks that everyone who believes in a fair and just Kentucky come out and show their support. This is a great opportunity for fair-minded Kentuckians to stand up and be counted. For the latest information about , go to www.kentuckyfairness.org or call 1-

GLBT Related Bills Introduced to the Ky State Legislature

Equal Healthcare Access Ban (HB 48)

Sponsored by Stan Lee, this bill would prohibit Kentucky's state colleges and universities from offering equal healthcare access to all coupled employees, regardless of marital status. It would overturn the University of Louisville Board of Trustees' decision to include unmarried employees in the university's health insurance plan, and take coverage away from families who entered the plan on January 1, 2007. **We Oppose this bill.**

Anti-Fairness Bill

This bill targets gay people for discrimination by tearing down existing protections against discrimination for LGBT people in Metro Louisville, Lexington/Fayette County, and Covington, KY. It would also prohibit other cities and counties from enacting Fairness ordinances, restricting them from passing civil rights protections beyond those already in Kentucky law. Kentucky law doesn't protect people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity neither does Federal law. **We Oppose this bill.**

Statewide Fairness Bill

This bill would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity throughout Kentucky in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit. Right now only residents of Louisville, Lexington/Fayette County, and Covington, Kentucky are protected by city ordinance against discrimination. No one should be fired from a job, denied an apartment, turned away by a restaurant, or refused credit simply because they are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. **We Support this bill.**

Hospital visitation Bill

This bill would allow any adult hospital patient to designate another individual to be treated as a member of the patient's family with regard to visitation. **We support this bill.**

School Bullying Bill (HB 64)

This bill, sponsored by Mike Cherry, provides school districts with tools for dealing with harassment and intimidation against any student, including young people who are targeted because of their perceived or actual sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. **We Support this Bill**

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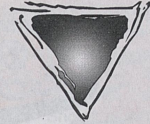
Levi and Leather Club

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HIV/AIDS Branch

GLSO Newsletter Calendar FEBRUARY 2007

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



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call

Weekly Activities:

Mondays:
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA
Discussion/Speaker (Call for Location) 278-7103

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





Wednesdays:
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

Fridays:
7pm - Lexington Insight
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

Saturdays:
1pm - Fix Your Credit

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

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

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Monthly Activities:

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

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

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

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February 22 8 am - 2 pm

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Wednesday, February 21, 2007

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Sunday, Feb. 11: 2 & 4:30 p.m.

The World According to Sesame Street
Central Library Theater, Reception 3:45pm

Feature-length documentary about the challenges of producing international versions of Sesame St. in Kosovo, Bangladesh, and South Africa. Premiered at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival

Thursday, Feb. 15 @ 7:30 pm

Cape of Good Hope

South Africa, Central Library Theater
Reception after the film

A witty and sensitive exploration of race, class and faith in contemporary South Africa, *Cape of Good Hope* interweaves several storylines. Emotionally-guarded Kate runs an animal shelter and employs Jean-Claude, a scientist-refugee from the Congo with a talent for taming vicious dogs and rebellious kids. A Muslim couple face difficult choices that test both their faith and love for each other. Other members of this Cape Town community add to the diversity of this drama about life in a multi cultural city.

Sunday, February 18, 2 & 4:30 pm

Been Rich All My Life:

Featuring The Silver Belles

Central Library Theater Reception 3:45 pm

This documentary is an admiring portrait of the Silver Belles, a troupe of veteran

Harlem tap dancers now between the ages of 84 and 96. The film includes clips of the women's glory days, dancing at the Apollo Theater and the Cotton Club, and working with band-leaders like Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington. Shown in celebration of Black History Month.

Thursday, Feb. 22 @ 7:30 p.m

Paradise Now

Palestinian Territories/Palestine,
Arabic with English Subtitles,
Central Library Theater

Paradise Now follows two Palestinian childhood friends, Saïd and Kaled, who are recruited as suicide bombers. Their commitment to the cause wavers, as they listen to a variety of opinions. Nominee, 2006 Academy Awards, Best Foreign Film.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 3:30 p.m.

Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion

Worsham Theater, UK Student Center

Ten years in the making, this award-winning documentary is an epic story of courage and compassion. The film makers traveled extensively in Tibet, India and Nepal. China's invasion and occupation of Tibet is powerfully chronicled through personal stories, interviews, and archival images never before seen in film. subtitled

Thurs. March 1, 5:30 and 7:30 pm

The Clay Bird, Bangladesh, subtitled
Kentucky Theater

The Clay Bird is set in East Pakistan during the late 1960s, before the democratic state of Bangladesh was formed. The film poses a single overriding question: should religious faith be based on fear or on love? *The Clay Bird* touches on themes of religious tolerance, cultural diversity, and the complexity of Islam.

Coming in March

March 11 - Normal: A M2F trans person transitions in small town America.

March 15 - My Brother Nikel: A young man with a promising future has to tell his family that he is HIV+. (India)

African American History Month Keith Boykin: Black and Postgay

This year for Black History Month we have chosen to share some of the writings of Keith Boykin. First, a brief introduction:

After graduating from Dartmouth in 1987, Boykin spent a year and a half working for the Michael Dukakis for President Campaign. He then entered Harvard Law School, where he realized he was gay and came out on campus. (Senator Barak Obama was also at Harvard Law School at this time)

Upon receiving his law degree in 1992 Keith joined the Clinton/Gore Campaign. When Bill Clinton became President, Boykin became a Special Assistant to the President and the highest-ranking openly gay person in the Clinton White House. Boykin helped to organize and participated in the nation's first meeting between gay and lesbian leaders and a U.S. President.

In an article in The Advocate in 2001,

Boykin wrote about the next period in his life this way:

"By 1995, I had become a full-fledged 'gay activist,' a term I now despise. I left the White House, wrote my first book, and signed on as the first executive director of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. For the next three years my sexual orientation consumed my identity. Everyone from the grocery store clerk to the FedEx man seemed to know I was a gay public figure.

"Since 1998, I have discovered a more comfortable and peaceful place in the "postgay" world. While I still write columns and give speeches about race and sexuality, I no longer consider myself an "activist," and I have carefully avoided accepting any leadership positions in gay organizations. I no longer feel compelled to stay informed about every "gay issue," and I rarely attend GLBT political or fund-raising events. I still support the GLBT struggle, but my sexual orientation identity is now more social than political.

The logo for Tates Creek Village features the name in a stylized, cursive script. 'Tates Creek' is written above 'Village', with the 'V' being particularly large and decorative. The text is set against a background of horizontal lines, resembling a musical staff.

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"I have also evolved racially in the past 10 years. I started out deeply ensconced in the (white) GLBT communities in Boston and San Francisco and then moved to Washington and became active in black GLBT causes. I have since limited my financial contributions solely to black GLBT organizations and causes.

"But I still feel more comfortable as an individual than as a member of any political group. My friends and I joke that we are "postgay" because we have found a space where our sexual orientation neither limits nor identifies us. But we also feel liberated from the whiteness of the GLBT movement and unthreatened by the self-perpetuating white images generated by the mainstream GLBT community. We have moved on from white gay America and found our own space. My greatest contribution today is simply to live my life as who I am.

In an article available on his web site, Keith wrote about white male dominance and privilege in our country.

"White males make up just 38% of US population, yet they account for 82 % of the Forbes 400 (folks worth at least \$275 million), 77 % of Congress, 92 % of state governors, 70 % of tenured college faculty, almost 90 % of daily newspaper editors, and 77 % of TV news directors. So this Black History Month, spare me the four weeks of self-congratulatory speeches. Don't try to appease me with inane rhetoric on how far we've come when we still have so far to go. Don't try to make me forget that white men, a minority, still run this country. Don't insult me with 28 days of attention only to be followed by 337 days of neglect.

Boykin's first book, *One More River to Cross: Black and Gay in America*, was published in 1996. His second, *Respecting the Soul, Daily Reflections for Black Lesbians and Gays*, published in 1999, won the Lambda Literary Award. In this book, Boykin tops each page with a quotation such as this one:

"If the African American Community is to thrive and prosper, it will require the

talents and commitment of all its members, regardless of their sexual orientation." *Maxine Waters*

Boykin then writes his thoughts in relations to the quotation. :

"Black culture has been shaped by the poetry of Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, Audre Lorde, and June Jordan. The music of Jhonny Mathis, Billy Strayhorn, Nona Hendryx, and Me'shell Ndege'Ocello. The literature of James Baldwin. The popular fiction of Alice Walker and E. Lynhn Harris. The fashion design of Willi Smith and Patrick Kelly. The activism of Angela Davis and Bayard Rustin. The political savvy of Barbara Jordan. The gospel music of Reverend James Cleveland. And the theater productions of Lorraine Hansberry and George C. Wolfe. All of these same gender-loving women and men have helped shape and define who we are as a people, and we bear responsibility to value those who have enriched our community."

Boykin ends each page with a affirmation. On this page he says "We're making a difference in the world."

His third book is *Beyond the Down Low: Sex, Lies and Denial in Black America*. We would welcome the donation of any of these books to the Pride Library.

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Religious and Spiritual Resources

Integrity

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Integrity is a support group for gay and lesbian Episcopalians that meets on the second Sunday of each month, which will be Jan. 14 this month. The gathering occurs at St Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte Drive (between Tates Creek and Nicholasville Roads) at 4 pm.

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

Jubilee Fellowship

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

Circle. It is in row of small offices behind Mi Mexico near New Circle

We are meeting on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for Bible Study. Starting on March 1 we will be starting a 12 week curriculum based on John Bever's book, *Driven By Eternity*. Devotional aids to use during this study will be provided to those who register in advance. Call 859 514-5518.

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

If you have questions about our fellowship, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood at jfellowship@windstream.net or call 859 5514-5518

Quakers

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

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington

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

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

Rev. Lisa Davison from the Lexington Theological Seminary will teach a class on Women of the Bible starting on Wednesday February, 7.

Interweave, the GLBTQ and friends group, will have lunch out on February 13. We often go to the Goods Foods Cafe on southland Dr. For more information, call mary crone at 266-5904.



St. Mychal The Martyr stmychalthemartyr.org

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

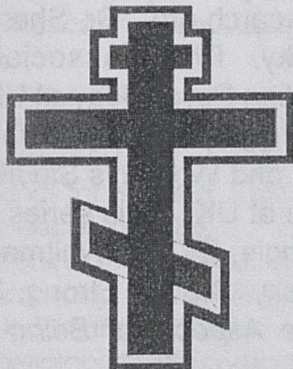
You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church.

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We welcome readers to submit personal stories or essays to the newsletter. We will publish them in this section called **Readers Write**. We may need to edit so include contact information.. Send to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com or to marycrone@insightbb.com. It will help if you put *newsletter* in the subject line. If you want it printed in a particular month, be sure to get it to us by the 15th of the previous month.

Chapter 1: The Positive View

By Dr. Sherry and Dr. Skippy

A few weeks after the November 2004 election, Skippy was taking a walk with her neighbor, Sue. Members of the GLBT community in Kentucky were very disappointed, sad, and angry (and a whole lot of other emotions) after the passage of the anti-marriage amendment. As they walked, talk turned to the negative impact of the public debate and passage of the amendment on minority stress in the community.

Seemingly, negative messages about gays and lesbians were all around and the stigma against same-sex relationships had just been enshrined in the state constitution. Sue asked, "What are the good things about being a lesbian (or gay man)? I want to hear about the positive aspects of being gay."

Being good scholarly researchers, we decided to conduct a survey, asking gay men and lesbians to, "Please tell us what you think the positive things are about being a [gay man/lesbian or man-loving-man/woman-loving-woman]?" Within a couple of weeks, 553 gay men and lesbians in 45 states had responded to an online survey. With Joy Whitman (DePaul Univ.), Amber Olson (Univ. of Denver) and Sue Strong (EKU), we analyzed the responses and discovered 11 themes representing positive aspects of being a lesbian or gay man. Over the next year we will present those positive themes in this newsletter.

Sadly, a few people who responded to the survey perceived nothing positive about being lesbian or gay. And some told us that being gay or lesbian is neither positive nor negative; "it just is" or it is "just who I am." But over 500 gay men and lesbians had plenty to

say about their perceptions of what is positive.

We were somewhat surprised at how many respondents wrote to thank us for simply asking the question. Many admitted they had never pondered this question before. Sometimes just by asking the "right" question, we can begin a transformative process. Discussing persons of color, Constantine and Sue (2006) have offered that pride in one's race and ethnicity and the experiences of oppression, "sharpen and hone their survival skills to such a degree that these skills are now deemed to be assets" (p. 235). The same may well apply to GLBT persons in facing adversity, we may transform that experience into personal growth.

So take a few moments today to think about what you find to be positive about being a lesbian, or a gay man, or bisexual, or transgender, or queer, or whatever self-identification you wish to choose. Feel free to share your thoughts with us by emailing e.riggle@prismresearch.org. While we asked specifically about being a lesbian or gay man, we believe that many of the themes apply to other members of our community and we are continuing our research to explore this.

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

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