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"Home for the Holidays"

Lexington Men's Chorus.

Think friends and family, fireplaces and holiday decorations, or snow and caroling. This season you can find all that with one stop shopping--the Lexington Men's Chorus holiday concert "Home for the Holidays." On Saturday, December 11 at 8pm and again Sunday December 12 at 3pm in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts, LMC will kick off it's 10th Anniversary Season with a festival of song.

The concert will be a mix of traditional carols, not so traditional tunes and holiday favorites. As part of the yearlong celebration of its' 10th Anniversary, LMC will sing some of their favorite selections from previous holiday concerts. Long time supporters of LMC will remember the powerful "Betelehemu" with drum accompanment, the plaintive "Christmas Without You" by our own Brian Throckmorton and the soulfull "Hallelujah" from years past.

Additional highlights include:--"In the Bleak Mid-Winter," directed by Richard Giles, LMC's new Assistant Director, --"Alleluia," a moving piece for a capella men's voices by Randall Thompson, --"Christmas Salad," Brian Throckmorton's clever homage to almost ...Continued on page 3

SisterSound "UNFORGETTABLE"

Prepare to jive, swing, rock and roll as SisterSound opens its 5th season with a look back at the unforgettable music of the century. A very different format than in past Decembers, this concert is guaranteed to chase away the winter blues with dance hits, radio classics, show tunes, anthems for social change, and soulful pop. We will also be welcoming Wishing Chair as our special guest.

The "Unforgettable" concert will be on Sat., Dec. 18 at 8 P.M. in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center on UK's campus. SisterSound is under the direction of Caron Tandy, interim director. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 seniors/students, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased from the Singletary ticket office (257-4929) or from chorus members. SisterSound will be raffling off a beautiful "cosmic" double-wedding-ring quilt as a fundraiser.

SisterSound is a non-auditioned women's chorus aimed at fostering diversity and community while doing something we love--singing. You don't have to be a diva to participate; the focus is learning and working together to share our music with the community atcontinued on page 2

World AIDS Day

**For persons living with AIDS
For their family and friends
For those in the healing professions
For those who are afraid or angry
For those who wish it would go away
For all who seek
God's healing power**

A Service in Remembrance and Hope for World AIDS Day will be held Wednesday, December 1, 5:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market Street, Lexington. The service will be followed by a Candlelight Vigil to the courthouse grounds. Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington AIDS Ministry.

Of the 5,484 Kentuckians who have been diagnosed with HIV and/or full-blown AIDS since 1982: 1,385 are living with full-blown AIDS 2,514 are HIV+ but have not developed AIDS. 1,585 have died. The total HIV and AIDS cases reported in the United States as of 12/31/1998 is 688,200. Join us in remembrance.

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The Lexington
Men's Chorus



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Unitarian Universalist Holiday Invitation

At this time of year, some of us yearn for a religious community, or perhaps a simple spiritual moment, even if we have left the religion of our childhood behind for good reasons. If this is true for you, or if you are looking for a spiritual home, we invite you to attend the Unitarian Universalist Church sometime during this month. We are a collection of diverse individuals with a variety of beliefs, who come together for fellowship, stimulating conversation, celebration, music, and opportunities for social justice work. Services start at 10:45.

On Dec. 5, our new minister Rev. Cynthia Cain will preach on "Expectations", a theological issue and, at this time of year, a practical challenge. What do we expect from life and why? Should we expect anything? We will be sharing a First Sunday Lunch after the service so bring a dish if you can or be our guests.

On Dec. 12, the choir will be singing parts of Handel's Messiah, accompanied by a string quartet. Interweave will be having its holiday pot luck luncheon after the service at about 12:20. Join us.

On Dec. 19, the service will honor the Solstice. Last year, children presented a traditional nativity scene; this year they will participate in honoring the Four Directions, an older, earth based tradition.

On Christmas Eve, Friday 24 at 5 pm, we will have our traditional Christmas candle lighting service with carol singing and good cheer a plenty. The service after Christmas is often in honor of Kawanzaa. Please join us in celebration.

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large. SisterSound is a member of GALA, an association for Gay and Lesbian choruses, but welcomes women of any orientation. For more information visit our web page at <http://www.geo.cities.com/Wellesley/Gazebo/7788>. Come on out on December 18 and join us as we say "Bye Bye Blues" and hello to unforgettable fun.

BARNEY FRANK

In a witty and often biting speech, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank urged gays and lesbians to go beyond rallies and marches and work within the political system. Frank "came out" half way through what has now been ten years in the U.S. Congress.

Politicians "don't care if you're not voters," he said "The National Rifle Association is the most influential political organization in the country, and I don't remember the last time they had a demonstration or parade." Frank emphasized that paying attention to detailed political planning and personal lobbying is how we will eventually become successful. (I would say that this worked for Fairness!)

Frank believes that the religious right is scrambling to find ways to oppose equal rights for gays and lesbians because overt discrimination is no longer acceptable to the general public. Popularizing terms such as "Defense of Marriage" is one way they have of making their positions sound reasonable. "If they were honest, they would call it the 'We Don't Want Two Lesbians to Live Together Act,'" Frank said. "Defense of Marriage? It's like the old V-8 commercial. As if this act didn't pass, heterosexual men all over the country would say, (smack) 'I could've married a guy?!' "

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every Christmas carol ever written, "I Saw ___Kissing Santa Claus," as only Fourte, LMC's quartet can twist it, "Cold and Fugue Season," a novelty take on a Bach fugue performed by Sweet Evening Breeze, and "Ta-Da" a new commissioned piece by Brian Throckmorton about life holding promise and the evolution of the spirit.

Tickets can be purchased through the Singletary Center Ticket Office at 257-4929 or from any chorus member. Adults are \$12, senior and student \$10 and child under 10 \$6. Season tickets subscriptions at a 20% savings are still available by calling Shelby at 231-0090.

Leigh Angellique's "Your Choicel Awards

On Wednesday, December 8th, Leigh Angelique will once again be presenting awards to some of Lexington's most talented entertainers and bar employees. The show and awards ceremony will take place at Crossings on Limestone. Awards will be given in various categories including Best Stage Performance of the Year.

A fabulous collection of entertainers will be on hand. Ashley Kruijz, Rayna Starr, Cassie Carlisle, Karen Kollett, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Trene', and Latoya Bacall will be featured. Admission is \$3 and the show will begin promptly at 9pm. Start the holiday season off right, join Leigh Angelique and Crossings for this spectacular event.

GAMES NIGHT

The Metropolitan Community Church (LMCC) will be having games night on Friday December 3, starting at 7 pm. Please bring your favorite game and a snack. It is always free of charge and will be at the Pride Center, 387 Waller Ave. ending at about 11 PM. For more information contact Tomás Wayne Edison at 606-226-0978 or at twedis99@aol.com.

Interweave

On Sunday, December 12 Interweave will be having second Sunday lunch at the UU church after the service (about 12:20.) Members of Interweave and friends are invited to bring a dish and join us for pot luck. This Sunday service is dedicated to the singing of Handel's Messiah so music lovers should arrive by 10:45

A number of lesbians and straight women will also be gathering for the Women's Spirituality Group Solstice Ritual on Friday, Dec 17. We will be having a pot luck supper at the home of Mary Crone. Call for directions.

Miss 'Mary' Christmas

Deck the wigs with boughs of holly.

Fa la la la la la la la la

Fill the season with some folly.

Fa la la la la la la la la

Don we now, our gay apparel

Fa la la la la la la la la

Yes folks its that time again for the only Christmas Pageant to feature creative Christmas-wear. Held December 8 at Club 141 for the third year in a row, this contest has become a bit of a

favorite among the pageant circuit. Its a contest where you can have some fun.

Miss "Mary" Christmas began during reign 16 and has been a good time ever since. This year, an added feature of the show will be a toy drive for Toys for Tots. Bring a new toy for the drive, and you will get a discount of \$1 off the admission. The discount will probably not save you money in the long run, but it may make a child's Christmas a bit more merry.

Discrimination Project

The GLSO Discrimination Project has been well administrated by Jeff Jones for many years. He is now turning over the collection of data about discrimination to the Human Rights Commission. Jeff serves on the commission. They will take calls, answer questions, and compile data. Please call them if you are ever discriminated against. We need this data when people ask why we need legal protection as a specific group of people.

Discussion Group

The GLSO Discussion Group is marking its one-year anniversary in December. We will be meeting every Wednesday night in December, except the 22nd. We will definitely be discussing how to get through the holidays with family and friends. Come out to the Pride Center on Wednesday nights at 7:30 for some good talk, support, and laughs. Call Jane at 389-7698 for details.

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Movable Feast is in great need of people to deliver food. Call 252-2867

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Social Concepts

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Then see in the Millennium with a New Year's Eve party. Don't stay at home on a night like this. The party will start at 8pm and go until we've seen the New Millennium in in style. This will be BYOB. Contact Ginger at 389-7698 or gg40504@hotmail.com for details and directions.

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**"Multiple Voices:
Diverse Identities in the
Queer Community"**

Marshall University's 10th Annual Pride Celebration and 1st Annual National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Conference will be hosted by The Marshall Lambda Society and The Marshall University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Outreach Office. Dates are April 6 - 8, 2000 Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Keynote Speakers include: Best Selling Author and witch, Starhawk; Two-Spirit, Clyde Hall; and Poet, Jeff Mann

A Call is extended for individual papers, multi-paper sessions, round table or group discussions, panels, films, or performances that explore some aspect of the conference theme: Multiple Voices: Diverse Identities in the Queer Community.

We especially encourage submissions on the following broad topics:

- Queer Theory
- Queers and Rural America
- Queer Politics
- Ethnicity, Sex, Gender, and Race Issues in the Queer Community
- Queer Activism
- Queer Spirituality
- Queer Scholarship

Perspectives that take on an interdisciplinary approach are encouraged.

The program committee also strongly encourages proposals for entire sessions based on a central issue or theme. Multi-paper presentation sessions should include no more than four presenters.

Individuals and groups are limited to submitting two proposals for consideration.

PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE:

A cover sheet with the title of presentation, presenter's name, address, affiliation, e-mail address, phone number, fax number, and a

one-paragraph biographical sketch. For panels or multi-paper sessions, include the names, addresses, and biographical information for all participants. Include a description of audio-visual needs or any other special arrangements, 10 copies of a one-page abstract of panel or presentation. Abstracts for papers or presentations that are selected will be published in the conference program.

Proposals must be received no later than January 15, 2000 Please send proposals to:

Conference Proposals
%The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
Outreach Office
Marshall University
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Huntington, WV 25755

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"Share The Care

How to Organize a Group to Care for Someone Who Is Seriously Ill"

by Mary Crone

Sometimes a book comes into your life at just the right time. This is the case with "Share the Care" by Cappy Capossela and Sheila Warrnock. These two women along with ten others came together to care for a terminally ill friend and worked together well for three and a half years. Out of that experience, they have written a wonderful guide for how to help without burning out.

For most of us, there will be a time in our lives when someone we love is faced with a serious illness whether it is AIDS, cancer, chronic illness, or simply old age. Often we want to help but are not sure how. Some of us throw ourselves into the task with great energy but become exhausted. The emotional stress of being a caregiver is often difficult to handle.

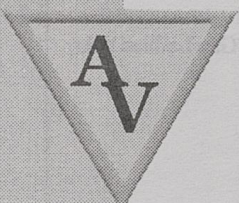
This book acknowledges the difficulties and suggests ways in which a group of people can come together to organize the care giving process. Some of the Topics covered: Assessing a sick person's needs, agenda for an initial meeting, exercises to help people express their concerns, forms that will be useful, difficulties that may arise, and so forth. There is a lot of wisdom in this book.

A group of us have used this book as we have organized to support Linda Laporte who has Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (beginning at age 15). In the last two months we have had three meetings, developed up to date lists of medications, recruited "floaters" who can help run errands, had helpful conversations with her biological family, gotten her into a new pain management program, and seen her through two illnesses. Because we divide up the tasks, none of us have become burned out.

There are many other benefits to working in a group. Each of us has our own area of skill and knowledge to offer. Difficult decisions can be discussed and jointly made thus relieving some of the stress. And when Linda had to be hospitalized, doctors and hospital staff were impressed when we handed them well organized information and legal health care surrogate documents.

Linda appreciates our work and feels we have improved the quality of her life. It is a great relief to her to know we are making plans ahead of time so that a crisis is less likely to occur but if one should, we will have procedures in place to deal with it.

We will always be open to having other people join us in this endeavor. We have a list of floaters, people who can be available at times to run errands or to visit with Linda. If you might be interested you can call Mary Crone (266-5904) or Linda Laporte (266-9748) for more information.



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FRIENDS OR WHAT?

by ReINETTE F. Jones

"Hey Jackie, somebody's knocking!"

"See who it is Brenda. If it's a woman, let her in."

"What do I look like, the damn butler? I'm a guest in this shanty, answer your own door. What kind of a Christmas party are you suppose to be throwing?"

"Brenda, you said you were going to help."

"Help does not include butler services. Someone is knocking at your door, Madam!"

"Screw you Brenda."

"Is that a promise?"

Jackie answers the door. "Merry Christmas. I'm Jackie. Glad you could make it. Please come in. This is my butler, Brenda. May I get you something to drink?"

"That's ok Jackie, I'll get drinks for these wild women. This is my cousin Phil and her sidekicks C.J. and C.J. Glad you all found the place. Come on into the kitchen. Hey Jackie, someone is at the door again."

"Nice to meet all of you. Brenda, may I speak to you for a moment?"

"Sure thing Jackie, but don't you think that you should get the door first?"

No. Ok, I'll get the door and you get the drinks. I'll be right back ladies."

Brenda answers the door.

"Hi. I'm Brenda the butler. Please come in and join the party."

"Not yet."

"Excuse me?"

"I'm going to wait out here in the hallway for my friends. You see, I, umm..., I don't like to go to parties by

myself because it gives the impression of desperation. I've got a girlfriend and we've been together for 3 weeks now. She's going to meet me here. I just knocked on the door to make sure that I had the right apartment. By the way, my name is Blue."

"Wow Blue. Colorful name. Would you like a drink while you wait?"

"Not yet."

"OK. Knock again when you're ready, Blue." Brenda closes the door.

"Brenda, who was at the door?"

"It was Blue."

"Ok Brenda, I'll bite. Blue who?"

"Honest Jackie, it was a woman named Blue. She said that she wanted to wait outside for her friends. I'm not pulling your leg. Go see for yourself if you don't believe me. See there, she's knocking on the door again."

"Why didn't you ask her to come in and wait. I just don't understand you sometimes Brenda. This had better not be one of your off brand jokes."

Jackie answers the door. "Hey! Vickie, Kay, Wanda, and Rochelle. Merry Christmas. Come on in. Brenda will get you something to drink in the kitchen. Would you like to come in also?"

"Not yet."

"Are you Blue?"

"Yes, I am. I already told your girlfriend that I'm waiting for my friends. But I will take something to drink now. Would you be a sweet and get me a glass of cranberry juice mixed with orange juice and some sparkling water, please? Do you have any mints?"

"Sorry Blue, you will have to come inside if you want refreshments."

"Not yet."

"Alright. And by the way, that other woman is not my girlfriend." Jackie closes the door.

"Brenda! Brenda! Get over here. I need to talk to you."

"Jackie, believe me, there was a woman out there. She said that her name was Blue. She didn't want to come in. I did not invite her and I do not know her. I will never know her."

"Shhh, keep your voice down. She's still out there loitering in the hallway. She seems to like you, so will you go try to convince her to either come in or get lost. I don't want the neighbors to see her hanging around. There's the door again. Please Brenda, will you do this one favor for me?"

"First I'm the butler, now I'm the damn bouncer. It's your party, you get rid of her. Are you going to get the door?"

"Alright already! Why don't we both get the door?"

"Sure Jackie, I'll be your backup. Chicken!" Jackie and Brenda answer the door.

"Hey! It's Mykavera and the gang. Come on in. Merry Christmas."

"Hi Brenda. Hi Jackie. Our friend Blue will be back in a minute. She went down the hall to ask your neighbor something. I think she went in the last door on the left. It looks like a full house in here."

"Sure, sure, come on inside. Brenda made some of those cute creme sandwiches. Help yourself, they're in the kitchen with the drinks. I'll be right in."

Jackie pulls Brenda outside the door and closes it behind them. "Brenda, we have been friends for a long time and I am asking you as a friend to please go down the hall and

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get that Blue chick out of Ms McGutherie's apartment. Hog-tie her if you have to. Now, I would do this myself, but you know how Ms McGutherie hates my guts. And I do not want to get evicted from my apartment because some strange party guest knocked off a neighbor. If you will do this, I will owe you big time. Name it and it's yours."

"Gee, I don't know Jackie. Seeing as how we have been friends for so long, how could I possibly exhort a year's worth of wild sex from you on Christmas Day, just for the simple favor of going down to Ms McGutherie's and cleaning up a murder scene, then dragging the Blue woman back to your party. What kind of a friend would that make me?"

"Damn it Brenda, is that a yes or a no?"

"I'll tell you if I make it back; you know that Blue woman looked like a barbed-wire scrapper."

Jackie goes back into her apartment. Brenda goes down the hallway. One hour later...

"Brenda, where the hell have you been? Please tell me that Ms McGutherie is not dead."

"She's not dead."

"What are you smiling about? Brenda, say that you did not go down the hall and have an orgy. On second thought, don't say anything; I don't like the way you're grinning all over yourself. You will sleep with anything. Did you bring that Blue chick back?"

"Yes."

"Yes, what, Brenda? Which question are you answering?"

"The Blue woman is dancing in the other room."

"Where? Who is that she's dancing with? Brenda you didn't! Uhh-ahhh --Merry Christmas Ms McGutherie. Glad you could join us."

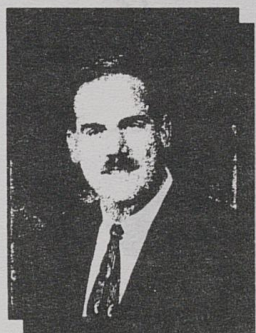
"Merry Christmas to yourself. It's about time you invited me to one of your girly parties. These nice girls helped me get ready. A real host would have made a personal invite. Hush up! You always interrupting and telling other people what to do. Bribing others to do your dirty work. And why don't you be nice to your girlfriend sometimes?"

"She's not my girlfriend!"

"Oh, that's what you think. Hey Blue, take five. You two C.J.'s, this next dance is yours. Move out of the way Jackie, I don't have time to teach you etiquettes. I got to bust a groove while the night is still young.

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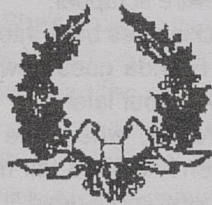


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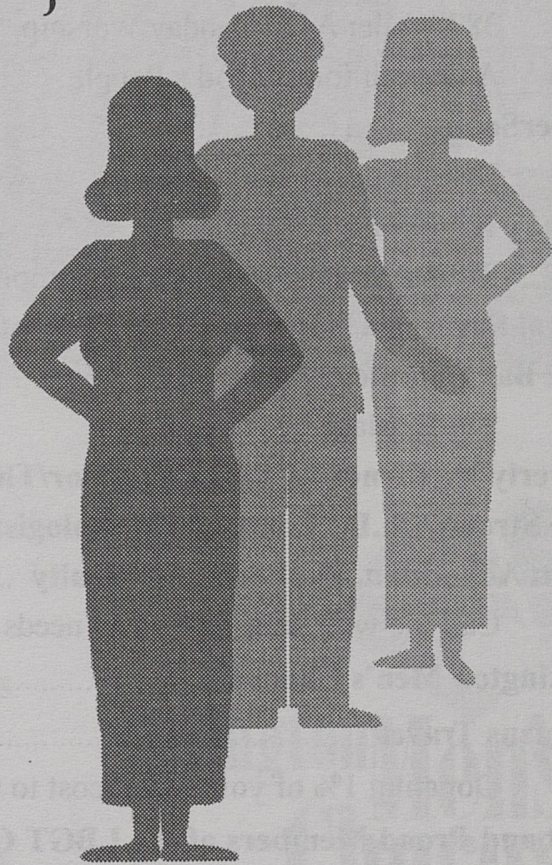
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