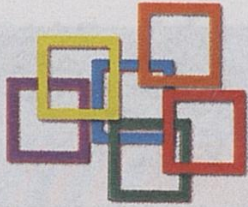


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Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday, October 3 & 17, 2 p.m.
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GLSO Board Meeting

Sunday, October 10, 1 p.m.
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National Coming Out Day

Monday, October 11

Pride Festival Planning Meeting

Sunday, October 17, 6 p.m.
 Pride Center

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Wednesday, October 20, 9 p.m.
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The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

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2011 Pride Festival Theme and Location Chosen

Jesse Howard, Editor

The Lexington Pride Festival will have a new home and theme in 2011. During the September Lexington Pride Festival Committee meeting, the group turned to another familiar downtown Lexington location to host the premier Central Kentucky LGBTQQIA event, Lexington's own Paddock Park at Red Mile.

"The Pride Festival Committee knows it is vital for the festival to remain in downtown Lexington but the growth and trending showed that it is time to find a location that will allow us to accommodate more participants from the LGBTQQIA community," stated 2011 Lexington Pride Festival Planning Committee Chair Orvis Kean. "After much research and consideration, Paddock Park at Red Mile proved to be the prime location for the 2011 event."

Continuing with tradition, the 2011 festival will also have a new theme - Traxside Pride. The call for artwork designs to be used on official Lexington Pride Festival apparel is now open through October 15. Artwork should be submitted to editor@glso.org.

UPCOMING GLSO EVENTS

GLSO Community Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, October 2
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GLSO Board Meeting

Sunday, October 10, 1 p.m.
Pride Center

Pride Festival Planning Meeting

Sunday, October 17, 6 p.m.
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Fairness and Fashion... the Perfect Combination!

Craig Cammack, Contributor

Fairness and Fashion... the Perfect Combination!

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) have begun and our community is filled with national and international guests. From so many communities and cultures, now is our opportunity to reach past Lexington and Central Kentucky, and promote fairness and equality to a worldwide audience. We should never lose focus of our overarching goal: fairness and equality for all.

Lexington Fairness is taking this a step beyond normal advocacy efforts. We are happy to introduce the 1st Annual Fairness Fashion Show, coordinating with the opening and closing weekends of WEG. Featuring the designs of Nickers by Chris Avery, the show will draw a diverse audience. Saturday, September 25th was filled with the Fairness Fashion Show Preview Party at Soundbar. Working with Soundbar, Lexington Fairness was able to welcome visitors, students and community members to a night filled with fun, education and fashion.

The Fairness Fashion Show takes place on Friday, October 8th at Buster's Billiards & Backroom. Starting at 8 p.m., the show will include approximately 15 community volunteer models walking the runway. Nickers by Chris Avery was chosen for this 1st annual event for a few specific reasons. Chris, an LGBT advocate in Louisville, not only brings exciting new designs and fashion to Kentucky, but also fights for continued equality and fairness, pressing for a Statewide Fairness Bill. Chris is truly an advocate for fashion and fairness – the perfect fit for this show.

In addition to this wonderful designer, you will be entertained by Kentucky's own DJ

Fierce Tease, winner of the 2010 Gay Days DJ Contest by GayInternetRadioLive.com. And, Lexington's Shotz Witha Z will be presenting a command performance during the show. To top off the list of entertainment, attendees will have the opportunity to come face to face with celebrity Reichen Lehmkuhl. The former Air Force pilot is known for winning reality show *Amazing Race*, with his then partner Chip Arndt. Since then, Reichen has reached fame as boyfriend to Lance Bass, actor, model, and most recently, star of Logo TV's *A-List: New York*. We are so honored to have this activist and staunch advocate for the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" as a part of the Fairness Fashion Show. Reichen serves as the host and a model for the fashion show and will bring a new level of excitement to the event.

Not only will fashion be showcased during the Fairness Fashion Show, but Lexington Fairness is committed to ensuring that everyone attending realizes this event is about spreading fairness and equality. With Reichen speaking for repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Lexington Fairness will also have an information booth and program including information on the work needed to increase fairness to all Kentuckians, including the passage of a Statewide Fairness Bill. In addition, with help from the Human Rights Campaign and American Apparel, the fashion itself will spread a message of hope and fairness. With press coverage, this event will continue to spread the need for equality.

We hope you will make it to the show. It will be an amazing night of fun and fashion, while ensuring fairness wins out in the end! Visit www.lexfair.org for information on purchasing tickets, and find out more about Nickers by Chris Avery by visiting www.mynickers.com and information about Reichen Lehmkuhl at www.thereichen.com.

Your Lexington Fairness Friends

November is National Adoption Awareness Month

Leigh Shapiro-Walton, Contributor

My idea is to raise awareness about adoption with the hope that more people will consider adoption as way to build a family and to show that adoptive homes are happy, healthy homes for children with loving forever families. Thousands of children in the United States are living with a single parent or with same sex couples. Children raised by same-sex couples appear to do as well or better than those raised by parents of both sexes.

Adoption is not for everyone. But if you want to parent please don't think your sexual orientation or single lifestyle will be an insurmountable obstacle with the adoption process. There are agencies that can support and guide you through the process. You can also go through the state foster to adopt program. Right now in Kentucky there are 6,927 children in foster care.

For more information on fostering call 1-877-994-9970.

For more information on domestic adoption and working with a private agency – contact Leigh

Shapiro-Walton at Heart to Home Adoption Agency. Phone – 859.489.3055 or email info@hearttohomeadopt.org.

SisterSound Begins New Season

SisterSound is beginning another great season! Rehearsals are beginning and we're accepting new members.

If you're a woman, at least 18 years of age, and can match pitch -- we've got a place for you. (You should also like to have a good time!) We're a no-audition group so don't let audition jitters stop you from joining us.

Rehearsals begin this Sunday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. The church is about half a mile past Brannon Crossing, on the left. It's a stone church that sets back from the road and has a large red cross on the front of the building.

If you used to sing with us, it's time to come back. If you're new, it's time to start.

Hope to see you on the 19th!

Equality Forum Joins U.S. Department of Education To Recognize LGBT History Month

Chip Alfred, Equality Forum

The U.S. Department of Education will recognize October as LGBT History Month, with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan providing welcoming remarks at the Department's first LGBT History Month event. Equality Forum announced that starting in 2011, GLBT History Month will be renamed LGBT History Month. Information for GLBT History Month 2010 can currently be accessed at www.glbtHistoryMonth.com or www.lgbtHistoryMonth.com.

"For a community deprived of its history, GLBT History Month teaches heritage, provides role models, builds community, and recognizes extraordinary national and international contributions," said Ora Alger, LGBT Employees at ED President, U.S. Department of Education. "We salute Equality Forum for spearheading this free educational resource."

"GLBT History Month is an educational project," stated Malcolm Lazin, Executive Director, Equality Forum. "We are delighted to have the U.S. Department of Education recognize and celebrate our community's history month. We salute GLSEN, GSA Network and Campus Pride

for promoting with Equality Forum GLBT History Month to over 6,000 high schools and colleges."

Each day in October, an Icon is featured with a video, biography, bibliography, downloadable images and other educational resources. The videos are offered without charge to educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, for profit companies and the public. 2010 marks the 5th anniversary of GLBT History Month, featuring 155 Icons from 2006 to 2010.

Equality Forum launched GLBT History Month with 20 organizations having a GLBT History Month link on their Web sites. In 2009, over 650 nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and for profit corporations had a GLBT History Month Link, making GLBT History Month the largest collaborative project worldwide for our community. Equality Forum is a national and international GLBT civil rights organization with an educational focus.

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GSA: Searching or New Advisors

The GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth (GSA) is currently in search of a new advisors. As the program continues to grow, new advisors are needed to meet the program's growing needs.

"We have a number of female advisors, but only one guy. It would be nice to have at least one more man," states Mary Crone, GSA Program Director.

The GSA program provides an outlet for young adults through the age of 20 an outlet to connect with other youth to discuss issues of daily life as a young adult. The program also provides opportunities for gay youth to meet peers from throughout the region and create long-lasting friendships.

"The most important qualifications is to enjoy spending time with teenagers," adds Crone.

If you are interested in volunteering to be an advisor, contact Mary Crone at mary@glso.org.

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Prayer

Karen Taylor, Contributor

It's not uncommon to hear someone say, "I don't know how to pray", or maybe it's because we are a bit sheepish about praying because we think we don't know how. I believe that at least part of the reason for that is the lengthy, wordy, "Christianese", type prayers we so often hear in church. By "Christianese" I mean using words that someone from outside the church may not understand. What we need to understand is that prayer is simply talking to God, communicating your heart, thoughts, feelings, to Him and allowing Him to talk to you, and remember that communication is a two way street.

Jesus knew we needed a model so He gave us one in Matthew 6:9-13. "In this manner, therefore, pray, Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Now let's break this down into compartments. First, we start with praise, "Hallowed be Your Name." The Nelson Bible Dictionary says that hallowed is akin to holiness. Holiness is godliness or moral and ethical wholeness or perfection. We should always start our prayer with praise, recognizing God as King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the most Holy One. Ps. 100:4 "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with

praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." No matter how difficult things may be, no matter how difficult of a time we are having, we must maintain an attitude of praise. Are we praising and thanking Him for the difficulties? No! However, we are restating the fact that no matter what, God is still God and is worthy of our praise. How was it that the walls of Jericho came tumbling down? Praise. What are your walls that need to come down? What enemy do you need to "face down"? The answer is in praise. Therefore, it's important to begin all prayers with praise.

Next, we pray for God's will to be done. We as humans always think we know what's best. Not true. God sees all that lies ahead, we can only see in part. If we have given our life to God, we need to trust that He has it, and that He knows what's best. It's ok to pray for specifics, just keep in mind that sometimes what we think we need is in fact not what we need, or the timing could be off. Papa may be ok with us having "it", but He knows now isn't the right time. Again, trust God; be confident that He has your best interest at heart. Jer. 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." God, Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Now, make your petitions known. What is it that you need today? "Give us this day..." Matt. 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Take one day at a time. What do you need from God now to see you through the day? God promises us that He will take care of all our worries, just give them over.

Then we ask for forgiveness and we give forgiveness. As the prayer itself says, forgive us as we forgive. Take time here to really examine your heart before God. To forgive someone doesn't mean you have to be best friends with him or her. It simply means you recognize that we are all human and mess up; that I myself have done hurtful things to others therefore I should be willing to say I forgive. Ps. 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Am I following hard after Christ? Is there anything I might be doing that's displeasing to Him? Examine your heart, and if you find anything, simply ask God for forgiveness and help to make things right. On occasion, I have had God bring someone or a situation to mind that requires me to forgive the person. It isn't easy when you have been hurt to forgive, but it is necessary. Think of it this way, I have done nothing to receive God's forgiveness of me. Yet He laid down His life for me. He forgave me even when I have a hard time forgiving myself.

Now we ask for protection, protection from the evil one, the one who is always looking for opportunities to trip us up. The devil is a liar and we need to stay as far away from him as possible. James 4:7-8a "Therefore submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." 1 Peter 5:8, 9 "Be sober (self-controlled), be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." We can rest knowing God will always have our back.

Lastly, we end as we began, with praise and thanksgiving. What we see is a three step process of praise and thanksgiving; making our petitions known; and ending with praise and thanksgiving. We don't have to make it hard. Jesus used everyday words in His model of how to pray and so can we.

Father, I thank you for all that you are and all that you do. You are worthy of all my praise. I bless you and thank you for hearing my prayers. Father, I ask that you help us to understand how much we mean to you and how much you desire to simply talk with us, to spend time with us. I pray that you take these words and use them to encourage others. Again, I thank you and praise you for all that you do. In Jesus name, Amen.

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