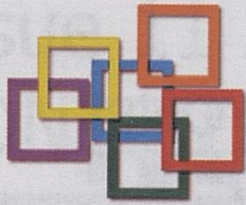


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STOP BULLYING. NOW

By Craig Cammack,
Contributor

As we continue to hear stories of bullying and suicide among our youth, we are drawn to striking statistics. According to the 2009 National School Climate Survey by GLSEN:

- 84.6% of students were verbally harassed at school because of their sexual orientation,
- 40.1% were physically harassed,
- Nearly 1 in 5 were physically assaulted,
- and almost 1 in 3 missed at least one day of school within a month because they felt unsafe

School is a place for learning, where you find yourself and your potential. However, for far too many, it is a prison, a torture chamber, a place of insecurity. According to the recent AC360 Bullying Study, over 35.5% of respondents believed schools could help combat bullying. There is a clear need for safety and bullying prevention to be more prevalent in daily school activity.

With Lexington Fairness' Project Speak Out program, we will provide GLSEN Safe Space Kits, as well as on hand training to school teachers, counselor and staff. There will be a multitude of adults in schools who are able to help prevent bullying, and comfort and support those who are being harassed.

In the month of November and December, Lexington Fairness rolls out it's STOP BULLYING. NOW. Campaign. This campaign raises awareness to the statistics mentioned above,



points a spotlight on the issue of bullying in our schools and supports the Project Speak Out programming. We are fortunate to have recently been selected as a recipient of the 2011 Cliff Todd Endowment grant from JustFundKY. By providing their resources, Lexington Fairness has only \$10,000 to raise in order to finalize the Project Speak Out program and bring the resources to Kentucky.

We hope you will help spread the word of STOP BULLYING. NOW. and join Lexington Fairness in bringing bullying prevention resources to Fayette County Public Schools.



StopBullying.gov provides information from various government agencies on how kids, teens, young adults, parents, educators and others in the community can prevent or stop bullying.

If you or someone you know is being bullied, get help.

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Help Stop Bullying

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has teamed up with Facebook to reduce the amount of hate speech and anti-gay bullying that goes on around the Internet.

Members of the gay community reached out to GLAAD recently when a Facebook page created to remember the victims of anti-gay bullying who had committed suicide was flooded with hateful, violent and derogatory remarks and images. Fortunately, GLAAD was able to work with Facebook to remove the content, and this organization's work with Facebook has just begun.

Recently, tragic events that included the use of technology to shame and harass a college student, Tyler Clementi, because of his sexual preference led to Clementi's suicide. And this sad news came just a couple weeks after 15-year-old Billy Lucas committed suicide after being tormented by other young people about his sexuality.

Since then, celebrities, organizations and social media users have taken to the web to spread words of encouragement and discourage bullying behavior. Columnist Dan Savage launched a YouTube channel, "It Gets Better," and many celebrities have spoken out on YouTube about LGBT issues and teen bullying. MTV Networks even rolled out an iPhone app to help combat bullying.

Still, the largest online destination for many beleaguered gay teens and young adults is Facebook — ironically, one of the platforms where hate speech, though prohibited, is unfortunately still carried out.

Facebook announced that its mak-



ing new efforts to respond quickly when hateful speech violates the terms of service and needs to be removed. And this isn't just routine TOS policing, either.

Facebook Public Policy Communications Manager Andrew Noyes wrote in an e-mail today that Facebook "intends to work closely with GLAAD and other LGBT organizations on future initiatives."

Stay tuned for more information on how exactly the social network plans to support LGBT teens and the larger gay community.



If you experience bullying or violence because you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT), or others think you are LGBT, remember that you:

- Matter and have a place in the world
- Are not alone - help and support is only a phone call away
- Can be proud of who you are

Contact the GLSO Pride Center at 859-253-3233

Gay Rights Pioneer Frank Kameny Passes Away

by Mary Crone,
Contributor

Frank Kameny, an early gay civil rights leader, died on October 11, 2011, National Coming Out Day. He was 86 years old. Kameny sued the Federal government in 1957 for firing him as a government astronomer because he was gay. His case is believed to be the first civil rights claim based on sexual orientation that reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

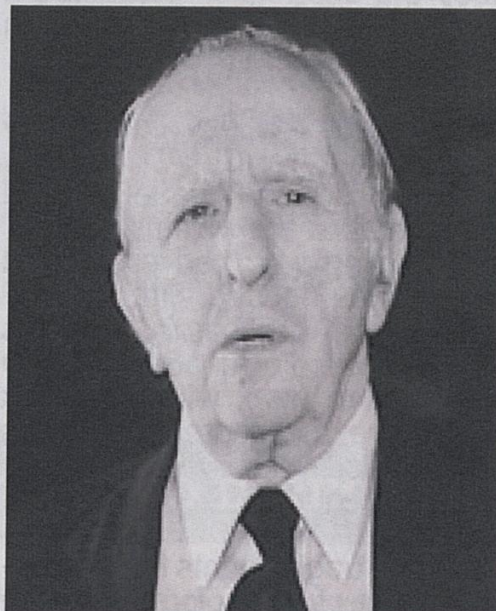
Born in 1925 and growing up during the depression, Kameny started college at age 16 but interrupted his studies when he enlisted in the Army during World War II. In an interview last year in the Washington Blade he said, "They asked, I didn't tell."

After the war, Kameny returned to school and eventually received a PhD in Astronomy from Harvard University. Kameny taught for a year at Georgetown University. In July 1957 he was hired by the United States Army Map Service. A few months later he was arrested in Lafayette Park, a traditional cruising area along Pennsylvania Ave. across from the White House.

Because of this arrest, Kameny was questioned by the Civil Service Commission but refused to give them information regarding his sexual orientation. The commission opened an investigation into his alleged "threat" to national security. Within a few weeks he was dismissed from his job, with his name placed on a list of people labeled as government security risks.

Kameny appealed his firing through the judicial system, losing twice before taking an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court declined to hear the case. Nevertheless, he was the first known gay person to file a gay-related case before the high court and he did so without denying that he was gay. Through

this process, Kameny became the first gay American to make an argument for gay and lesbian civil rights based on the ideal of equality that is the basis of the U.S. Constitution.



Frank Kameny

In August 1961, Kameny and Jack Nicols co-founded a chapter of the Mattachine Society in Washington D.C. They advocated aggressively for fair and equal treatment of gay employees in the federal government by fighting security clearance denials, employment restrictions and dismissals.

Kameny and Nichols organized some of the earliest public protests by gays and lesbians including a picket line at the White House on April 17, 1965. A picket sign from that demonstration is now featured in the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

In coalition with New York's Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis, picketing expanded to target the United Nations, the Pentagon, the United States Civil Service Commission, and Philadelphia's Independence Hall. In 1968 Kameny created the slogan "Gay is Good" for the blossoming gay civil rights movement. This slogan helped our community recognize and confront our internalized homophobia. Kameny's

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ICK Fundraising Rolls on

By ShotZ, Contributor

All aboard! This train is in motion! The Imperial Court of Kentucky kept the wheels of fundraising turning and stayed right on track in October. We were welcomed with open arms at our first stop in October at JustFund KY's annual fundraiser, where we performed as part of the entertainment for the event for the first time. We then loaded up the ICK Reign XXX train the very next day and travelled up to Cincinnati to attend Reign 21's Investitures of the ISQCCBE. Congratulations Empress 29 of the ICK, Helena Handbasket, the new Empress 21 and a half of the ISQCCBE. The following weekend we pooled our resources with the Kentucky Conservatory Theatre: SummerFest and produced our first collaboration with them, "All the World's a Stage." This show was a mixture of the stars of KCT stage and the stars of the "Imperial" stage. Thank you KCT for joining us on stage and we look forward to working with you again.

Speaking of "firsts", we also hosted our very first murder mystery in October. "To Die For: Who Will Get Their Just Desserts?", Collaboration between the ICK and Lexington Fairness, was an amazing success. We look forward to many more to come! And how could we make it through October without Diva of Darkness? We could not! This has always been one of our most popular pageants of the year and this year was no different. The contestants brought their own ghoulish flare to this spooktacular event and helped us raise much needed funds for our charities. We will announce the winner of the pageant and the charity they chose to receive \$500 in December's edition of the GLSO Newsletter.

We also had the wonderful opportunity to work with several of our university brothers, sisters and allies during October. We attended the annual event, Life's a Drag, hosted by MSU's

group, ALLYance. They produce this show each year as a fundraiser for AVOL, hosting new queens from their student body to entertain and be judged to win the overall best performance of the evening. The following day we joined The Alphabet Center at ECU for the annual Pride Day events on ECU's campus.

We are finishing out this year with a bang and we could not be more pleased! November will see the return of Project Drag Runway on Sunday, November 6 and 20 at The Crowne Plaza Campbell House -Bogart's Lounge. (Door 7pm/Show 8pm with a \$5 Donation at the door) The first night we will pair a model with a designer and present them with this year's theme and fabrics. They will have two weeks to work on their performance and garment to be judged on the evening of November 20. Don't forget, at the end of the second evening we auction off the garments, be there to snatch up your favorite!

Remember in December we will be hosting our annual Miss Mary Christmas pageant. The winner of the pageant will select a 501(c)3 to receive a \$500 donation from the Imperial Court of Kentucky. The reigning pageant winners, as part of their reign, will have the honor of presenting the check to the 501(c)3 organization during Entertainer of the Year. This pageant is one of the 5 qualifying pageants for Entertainer of the Year. For more information about our pageants please contact Empress XXX ShotZ at shotzwithaz@live.com

If you are not yet a member, joining is easy, simply attend one of our shows and see a member of the Board of Directors for a membership application. Our current Board of Directors are Wayne Clayton, Wes Nelson, Wayne Swope, Clayton Burchell, ShotZ, Fred Worsham, Jonathan Barker, Brad Shepherd and Daryl Royse. For more events coming during November and coming months, please, check our Facebook group page & our website at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org



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Trident-International Busy in October

By Tommy Craft,
Contributor

Trident-International, Lexington, KY (a.k.a. Trident-Lexington) and the Kentucky Bourbon Bears are planning a canned food drive beginning on Saturday, November 5 at 10 P.M. Goods can be dropped off at Crossings during regular business hours the entire month. All donations will be given to Moveable Feast in early December. It is the first joint activity for the two organizations.

Trident also recently hosted the Saturday afternoon luncheon at Crossings on Saturday, October 22, 2011, during the Mr. Bluegrass Leather contest, won by Mr. Sam Clemons (currently of Florence, KY) later that night.

Trident provided food for the judges, contestants, and guests from all across Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, West Virginia, Missouri, and Texas.

Trident-International, Lexington, Kentucky is a social organization for gay and bisexual leathermen and leatherwomen, home based in Lexington, providing interaction for its members through meetings and activities.

Their goal is to gather in brotherhood, to encourage, and to teach on matters relating to the leather and fetish cultures. As an organization it works together to alleviate stereotypes and misconceptions about the leather community by promoting leather in a positive manner through community involvement and education.

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GSA gearing up for Youth Leadership Project

The Gay Straight Alliance had a great Halloween Dance in October. Teens attended from all the local high schools and from other counties around Lexington. It is great to see a diverse group of young people having fun together.

We are now gearing up for the Youth Leadership Project that will start later this month. Some students from the UK GSA will be participating by leading some of the workshops in leadership skills, team building, and so forth.

We will be doing some art projects with the youth in the GSA. We are in need of used blue jeans of whatever color and t-shirts. All sizes are welcomed. You can drop them by the Pride Center any time we are open.

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What's in a Word? By Pastor Karen Taylor, Contributor

Words carry meaning, but sometimes the meaning gets lost in the frequency and looseness of using it. Gay use to mean happy, which has always puzzled me as to how the word started being used to mean homosexual. I've always been interested in the origin of words. When I was in college I wanted to take a class on it but could never fit it into my schedule. In this article I want to take a look at the word salvation.

The dictionary defines the word as saving a person from sin or danger. My Bible dictionary says: deliverance from the power of sin; redemption. It continues to discuss how the word was used in the Old Testament. Salvation was used to refer to deliverance from danger (Jer. 15:20), deliverance of the weak from an oppressor (Ps. 35:9-10), the healing of sickness (Is. 38:20). The need for salvation goes back to the Garden of Eden. The main Old Testament experience of salvation is in the Exodus from Egypt (Ex. 12:40 - 14:31). In the New Testament salvation comes through Christ and is found in all three tenses: past, present, and future. When a person accepts Christ as their personal Lord and Savior he is saved (Acts 16:31); but there is also a process of being saved (Rom. 8:13). Lastly, we shall be saved from the presence of sin (Rom. 13:11). "God releases into our lives today the power of Christ's resurrection (Rom. 6:4) and allows us a foretaste of our future life as His children (2Cor. 1:22)." Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary pg. 939

My personal salvation experience includes a little of all of the previous experiences. I was a lonely little girl, full of hurt and pain from

a childhood full of abuses and neglect. I had no hope for a future or contentment in the present. Upon accepting Christ into my life as my personal Lord and Savior I found just that, hope, peace, and contentment. Now let's be perfectly clear here. It doesn't happen in a flash. It has been years of walking with Him (and help of a counselor) that I found these things. Jesus said He came to heal the broken hearted and set the captive free. Then He instructs us to go and do the same for others.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." The Greek word for loved in this passage comes from the Greek word *agapao* which means an unconditional love, love by choice and by an act of the will. When you stop and think about the intense extreme love He showed us how can you not respond to it? Jesus's death was cruel, extreme, and full of unimaginable pain.

Every one of us will one day bow before the creator of the universe. The decision is made at that point, no turning back. Will you spend eternity in heaven with God or in separation from Him? Are you crying out for deliverance from your present situation? Jesus is waiting for you, waiting to do just that. All you need to do is ask Him. Then give me a call and allow me the pleasure of walking with you in your quest of getting to know the One who gave His life for you.

God loves you with an everlasting love; He has plans for you that are intended to give you a hope and a future. Allow Him the opportunity to show you that love. God's richest blessing to you and remember to attend a church of your choice this coming Sunday.

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Health Dept., Fayette	859.288.2437
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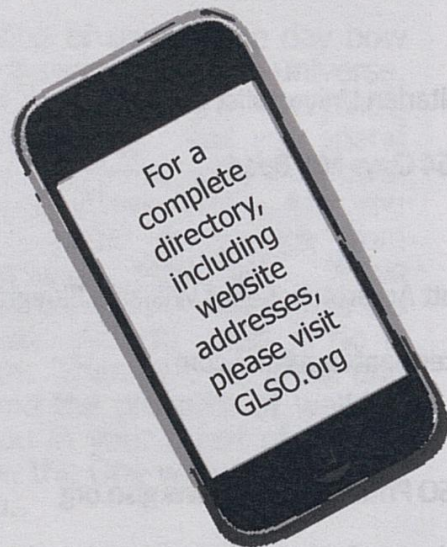
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the 60's lay a foundation that enabled post Stonewall organizations to flourish throughout the country.

After Stonewall, Kameny focused attention on several issues he believed to be major obstructions to gay lesbian civil rights. In 1963, Kameny and Mattachine launched a campaign to overturn D.C sodomy laws; he personally drafted a bill that finally passed in 1993. He worked with Barbara Gitting to remove the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). Kameny and Gitting attended many conventions where they spoke to psychiatrists and other mental health professionals about the absurdity of considering all gay and lesbian people to be mentally ill. They were rewarded in December 1973, when the classification was removed from the DSM.

Kerney continued to be a leader in the decades that followed. On June 29, 2009, John Berry(Director of the Office of Personnel Management) formally apologized to Kameny on behalf of the United States government. Berry, who is openly gay, presented Kameny with Working the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the department's most prestigious award.

Chuck Wolfe, CEO of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, said Kameny's death marked the "loss of a hero and a founding father of the fight to end discrimination against LGBT people."

"Dr. Kameny stood up for this community when doing so was considered unthinkable and even shocking, and he continued to do so throughout his life," Wolfe said. "He spoke with a clear voice and firm conviction about the humanity and dignity of people who were gay, long before it was safe for him to do so. All of us who today endeavor to complete the work he began a half century ago are indebted to Dr. Kameny and his remarkable bravery and commitment."

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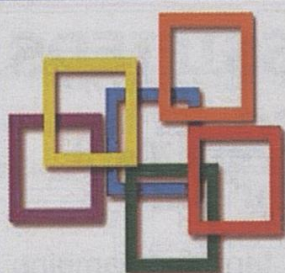
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Looking for a family friendly individual to be hired for yard work.

To Place An Ad

In an effort to add even more services through the Gay Lesbian Services Organization, we are beginning this month, opening our pages to the community in the form of classified advertisements. To begin, most of our classified advertisements should be about the sale of goods. We hope to explore other areas in the near future. 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. Remember that your contact information will be published; so please limit the amount of personal information. For information or to place a classified advertisements 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 November 20, 2011.



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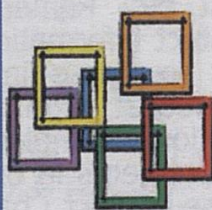


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