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Robbie Bartlett

New Year's Eve Party

Give yourself a treat and attend Robbie Bartlett's Third Annual New Year's Eve Party. This year the theme is Hawaiian Luau and we will be partying from 8 pm until 1 am. It will be held at the Picadome Club House, 469 Parkway Dr., off S. Broadway, in Lexington. The club house is right next to The Plaza (was the Campbell House).

There will be a buffet dinner, a cash bar, wonderful music, and dancing on the newly installed floor. Prizes will be given away all night - even more than last year.

Tickets are \$50 per person in advance, \$60 on the day of the party. For tickets, send checks to:

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Peace and Goodwill to All

Another Note presents it's Holiday Concert, *Peace and Goodwill to All*, on Saturday, December 2 at Woodland Christian Church, 530 E. High St. The concert will start at 8 pm with a suggested donation of \$12. All proceeds will benefit Moveable Feast

Another Note is a talented men's choral ensemble and they always present great concerts. Come and begin your holiday cheer with us.

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington

World Aids Day

Friday, December 1 is World Aids Day. AVOL will hold a reception at the Limestone Club starting at 8 pm. There will be a buffet provided by Bluegrass Caterers and Turf Catering Company. Senator Ernesto Scorsone, Dr. Seth Noar, Annette Brooks, and Beverly Owens will be the speakers. There is no admission charge.

Tom Collins, with the HIV/AIDS Branch of the KY. Department of Public Health, has an article on page 8 concerning AIDS in Kentucky.

Art for Life Auction

On Saturday, December 2 AVOL invites you to their Art for Life Auction starting at 4 pm at the Red Mile. This year's auction features new and exciting fine art. We have expanded our art auction to include exquisite gallery pieces, which will appeal to the taste of any art collector. There is a preview the night before commemorating World AIDS Day.

Event sponsors and generous donations from local artists play a vital role in the event. AVOL would like to specially thank its Medici *continued next page*

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**Joy in this Holiday
Season and in 2007**

AVOL... *continued from page 1*

Group, comprised of William Barr (NGAS Resources), James Brown (The Limestone Club and Art for Life Auctioneer), Joe Costa (The Red Mile), James Gray (Gray Construction) and Senator Ernesto Scorsone. These volunteers, named after the Medici's, a powerful and influential Florentine family who were great sponsors of art and architecture, have contributed their time and resources to making this year's auction a great success. The action raises funds necessary for AVOL to continue delivering its effective programs and services to their clients and community.

LOT'S DAUGHTERS

ActOut Play

Lot's Daughters, a three act drama by Rebecca Basham, will be opening in January at the Lex Arts Center across from the Library. Tickets can be purchased at the LexArts box office. Student and senior tickets are \$12 and general admission is \$18.

Performances in January will be on Fridays, 5 and 12, at 8 pm and on Saturdays, 6 and 13, at 2 pm and 8 pm. *Lot's Daughters* tells the story of two women, Gertie and Susanna, who fall in love in Appalachia in 1944. Susanna's husband leaves his home and new bride to serve in the Korean War. The Biblical story of Lot is used as background to explore the effect of religion on the lives of the two women.

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The Imperial Court

The Imperial Court presents its Christmas show on Wednesday, December 6 at The Bar Complex. Doors open at 8:30 and the show starts at 9:30. There is a \$5 cover which will benefit AVOL's Children's Gift Campaign.

Take note: we are not asking for toys or other gifts to be donated this year. The profits from the show will be used to purchase specific items that the kids have requested for Christmas.

In addition, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Moveable Feast's Christmas Grocery Bags before and during the show.

Dress and Gender Alliance

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance (also known as the Diversity in Gender Alliance) is reorganizing. We meet 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.

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Transgeneration

Sat., Dec 2 - noon - Pride Center

TransGeneration is a fascinating eight-part documentary that follows four college students - Gabbie, Lucas, Raci, and T.S.- who are in the process of transitioning from one sex to the other.

They wrestle with a variety of issues: what to tell parents and friends, how to present themselves on campus, whether or not to take hormones and whether to undergo sex re-assignment surgery.

By allowing cameras to follow them through one year, these remarkable individuals help us to understand the lives and difficult choices of transsexual people.

GLSO will be showing several episodes at the Pride Center on Saturday, Dec. 2 starting at noon. There will be some food provided and you are welcome to bring some to share.

Saturday Singles

A GLBT Singles Group meets the second Saturday of every month at the Pride Center at 7p.m. Individuals who are new to our community, recently coming out, single again, or looking for new friends with whom to socialize are invited to attend. We are also planning activities where we can go out together.

If you would like to be added to the group email list please call the Pride Center at 253-3233 and leave your email address for Jackie. We will then notify you of future activities. You may also reach Jackie at 971-3315 for more information.

Gay Pride Union of Ky

The Gay Pride Union is a peer support group for the GLBT Community in Somerset, KY. For more info email: Alexstalcup@yahoo.com

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet the second Monday of each month at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm. That will be Dec. 11 this month. The Lyons are a group of friends who come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity in order to form a bond within a community that enjoys the Leather /Levi lifestyle. For more info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

SisterSound Invitation

SisterSound will be presenting their winter concert in January. Look for information in the next newsletter. Tickets will be on sale at the Singletary box office soon.

SisterSound welcomes new members and does not require auditions. We will be starting rehearsals in February for our Spring Concert. We rehearse every Sunday at 6 pm at Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd. For information call Patti at 806-0243 or email paowens@excite.com

Quirk Cafe & Coffee

Just fifteen minutes away from Lexington, Quirk cafe & coffee is located on Railroad St. in Midway. We are now in a beautifully restored building from the early 1900s which has original tin ceiling, brick and wood interior and a charming patio. We serve great soups, sandwiches, salads and wonderful desserts. We offer a variety of gourmet French presspot coffees, espresso, cappuccino & lattes.

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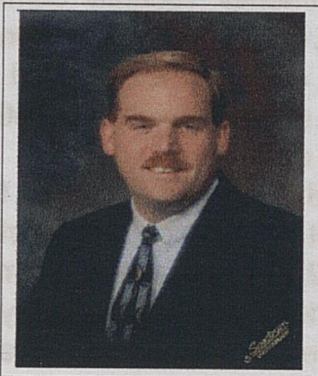
We are pleased to announce our new Tarpas Menu featuring beef, shrimp, chicken, clams & more. Come try this out on Friday or Saturdays 5:30 - 9 pm. There is live music.

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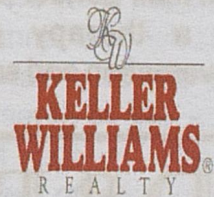
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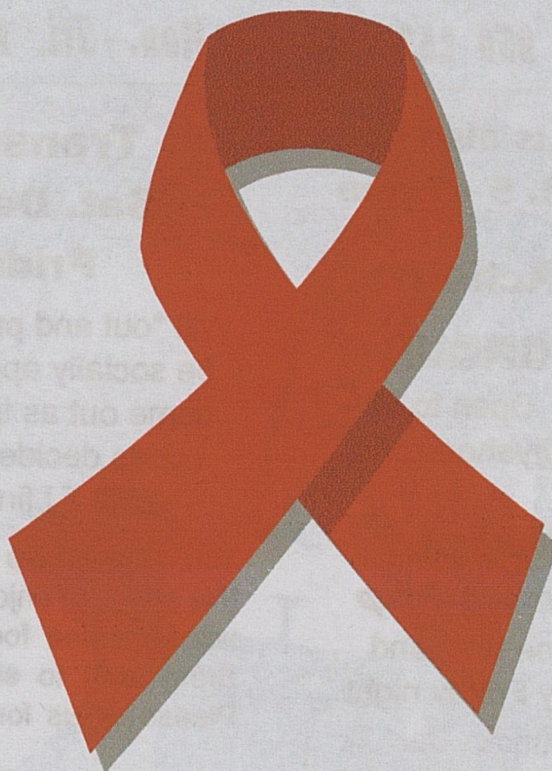


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World AIDS Day is December 1st. Take a moment to remember friends who have passed as a result of AIDS. If you haven't been tested and you have risk factors do yourself a favor and take the test. Take an honest look at your life and if you are taking risks of becoming infected with HIV, make some changes.



**The HIV/AIDS Branch of the Kentucky Department for Public Health
800-420-7431**

Pride Center News

389 Waller Ave.

859 253-3233

Mon. - Fri. 10 - 3 Sat 10 - 2

The Pride Center is also open

Tues. 5-7 Wed. 5 - 7 pm

Pride Center Activities

DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wed. 7 pm Open to all
Jane: ladyjaneky@yahoo.com

Lexington Insight

Pot Luck and Discussion Group

Everyone is welcome to attend
Please join us on any Friday night

Special Christmas Potluck - Dec. 22

Pride Center 7:00 pm

Gay Straight Alliance for Youth

Ages 15 - 20

Every Tuesday Night

There will be a meeting to start

planning a **GSA Prom** for all

high school students on

Thurs. Dec. 28 at 2 pm

Call Mary for info 266-5904

Saturday Singles

Sat. Dec 9 - 7 pm

All Singles are Welcome

Individuals who are new to our
community, recently coming out,
single again, or looking for new
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Jackie: 859 971-3315

Transgeneration

Sat. Dec. 2 - noon

Pride Center

Will "out and proud" Gabbie learn to
be socially appropriate? Will Raci
come out as trans at college? Will
Lucas decide to take hormones?

Will TJ find a girrrl friend?

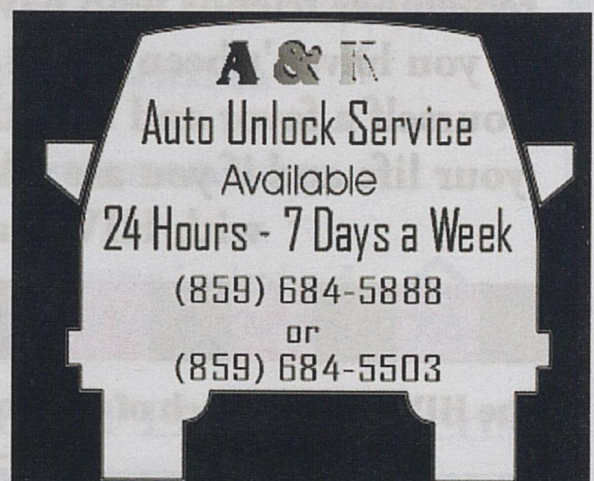
You do not have to have seen the first in
this series to enjoy other episodes. There
will be some food and good company.
Bring food to share if you would like.
Please join us for a fun afternoon.

Rent the Pride Center

There are a number of evenings and
weekend days when the GLSO Pride
Center is not being used. We would love
to rent this space for \$25 a hour, with you
doing the clean up. If you are looking for a
space to have a party or reception, contact
our office manager, Bill at 253-3233

New Activities

If you have an activity you would like
to offer to the community, call Bill to
reserve time the at Center. 253-3233 We
would love to offer a movie night, for
example.



The Imperial Court of Kentucky Presents...

A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

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Wednesday, December 6th
The Bar Complex
Doors @ 8:30, Show @ 9:30
\$5 Cover

We will also be collecting non-perishable items for Moveable Feast's Christmas Grocery Bags before and during the show



World AIDS Day

by Tom Collins

December first is recognized as World AIDS Day. The purpose of this day of observance is to focus attention on the Pandemic, AIDS, a condition caused by infection with a virus known as Human Immunodeficiency Virus or HIV. This virus attacks the human immune system rendering it unable to fight off infections or to control cellular abnormalities.

People with advanced HIV infection are prone to bacterial, fungal, and other viral infections, which can become life threatening. In addition to infections cellular abnormalities, especially certain types of cancer are common among people with advanced HIV.

Most people, of a certain age, in our community have been touched by AIDS. Many were infected with HIV and have passed away or are still living with the condition. Others lost many friends to the illness and some became caregivers, not because they really wanted to, but because no one was willing.

During the 1980s and 90s AIDS was often looked upon as a death sentence; thank goodness that is no longer the case. Advances in medications for HIV infections are helping people with HIV live longer and more productive lives. However we cannot take these treatment improvements for granted. We have no idea how long they will continue to work.

HIV reproduces at a very rapid rate, thus it mutates and evolves at a super fast rate as well. The slightest slip in a treatment regiment may provide the virus with the opportunity to become resistant to the medications that a patient may be taking. When this happens doctors have to switch medications hoping to find another medications that works. This is a risky business considering there are not a lot of antiviral drugs to treat HIV.

The idea that HIV infection is no big deal today could not be farther from the truth. Undoubtedly people living with HIV today have a better prognosis than just a few years ago,

but still living with HIV is something to take very seriously.

As of June 30th 2006, 4,407 Kentuckians have been diagnosed with AIDS. More than half of those people have died. Over half of these people (2,466) were men who reported that the way they became infected with HIV was by having sex with other men.

Over the past few years Kentucky has actually seen a decrease in the number of new AIDS cases diagnosed each year among MSM, but our current reports do not indicate the number of MSM who got infected with HIV; it only reports the cases that actually progressed to AIDS.

Men in our community who practice unprotected sex with partners of unknown status are continuing to place themselves at risk of becoming infected. The current stats for Kentucky do not indicate numbers of AIDS cases among women who have sex with other women, but due to the mechanics of sex WSWs are at a lower risk of becoming infected with HIV.

Among all states, Kentucky ranks 34th in total number of AIDS cases. 19% of Kentucky AIDS cases have been diagnosed in the Bluegrass area, which includes Lexington.

On World AIDS Day this year, please do three things: Remember to honor anyone that you have lost to this illness. Provide support to anyone you know currently living with HIV/AIDS. Acknowledge the fact that HIV infection is preventable, and do what you need to in order to prevent becoming infected.

HIV/AIDS Info/Services:

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AVOL, AIDS Volunteers225-3000
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HIV/AIDS Branch

GLSO Newsletter Calendar DECEMBER 2006

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coming in January 2007 an ActOut Theatre production of Rebecca Basham's <i>Lot's Daughters</i> . Directed by Marcus					World AIDS Day 7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 8p AVOL @ The Limestone Club - Free Admission & food. Guest Speakers & Art preview.	Center Open 10a-2p 4p AVOL's Art for Life @ The Rod Mile 7:30 LexDGA 8p Another Note Holiday Concert @ Woodland Christian Church to benefit Moveable Feast
10:30 a St. Mychal's 11a UU Church 6p SisterSound Rehearsal	4	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 9p Karaoke Tunesday @ The Bar Complex A Weekly Benefit for The Pride Center	7p Discussion Group 8:30p Imperial Court's AVOL's Children Gift Campaign @ The Bar Complex	Center Open 10a-7p	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 948-434	Center Open 10a-2p 7p New! Singles Support Group-PC
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA Discussion/Speaker(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
9pm - Karaoke Tunesday @ 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:**
- Sundays:**
9:00am & 11 am - UU Church Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.
- Bi-weekly:**
6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625

Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:**
7:30pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (4th Mon.)
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)
- Saturdays:**
7pm -LexDGA 1st Sat.
7pm- Singles Support 2nd Sat.
- Sundays:**
4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun)
4pm- Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

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

MAGNUS HIRSCHFELD

1868 - 1935

by mary crone

Magnus Hirschfeld was born in 1868 to Jewish parents in Prussia, which later became part of Germany. He studied medicine and earned a degree in 1892. Throughout his life Hirschfeld studied, researched, wrote and lectured about sexology, the study of human sexuality.

Hirschfeld became a prominent leader of the early homosexual emancipation movement in Germany and spent his life working for the "sexual rights" of those that we would now consider GLBTQ. Biographers have labeled him as gay or as bisexual but Hirschfeld himself believed human sexual and gender expression were too complex and fluid to fit into such categories.

In reading about Hirschfeld for this article, I was surprised at how contemporary his theories of sexuality seem. His most impressive contribution may be his theory *Zwischenstufenlehre* or

"doctrine of sexual intermediaries." Hirschfeld believed that all human beings are intersexual variants, that is, we are unique combinations of masculinity and femininity. He saw not just two genders, but many fluid possibilities. And, perhaps even more revolutionary, he suggested that our gender identity and expression varies over our life time, making a binary, male or female, classification system inaccurate and obsolete. He would be disappointed that our culture still adheres to that binary system today.

Another aspect of his theory of Sexual Intermediacy was that all people contain layers of potential sexual expression, making people too complex to fit into categories of sexual orientation. He believed that the human race contained potentially infinite sexual varieties. By

proposing this complex understanding of human sexuality, Hirschfeld challenged the common way of thinking about sexuality and gender and laid the ground work for theorists that are challenging these concepts today. I can imagine that Hirschfeld would be comfortable in a modern day classroom discussing queer and transgender theory.

Hirschfeld is known today for his support of the concept of a "third sex," which is not altogether consistent with his fluid theory of sexual intermediacy. He did use this term, preferring it to the term "homosexuality" which he saw as overemphasizing sexual activity. But he never used the term "third sex" in his scientific publications. He seems to have used it as a compromise, a term that challenged the common understanding of gender but was more comprehensible than

"intersexual variant."

Hirschfeld's life was not just one of ideas, he was an outspoken political activist. He believed that a scientific understanding of human sexuality would lead to tolerance

and acceptance of sexual minorities. His motto was "*Through Science to Justice.*" He used his scientific publications and lectures to promote his ideas and to challenge laws against Homosexuality.

In 1897, Hirschfeld joined with others in founding the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee, the first political organization in the world dedicated to improving the treatment of sexual minorities. This group collected the signatures of 6,000 prominent Germans in a petition calling for repeal of paragraph 175 of the Imperial Penal Code of 1871. In 1929, over 30 years after this effort began, a bill favoring repealing paragraph 175 was reported from a committee of the German Parliament, but the legislation never came to a vote. Paragraph 175 remained as part of the legal code and was used in the 30s and 40s by Hitler to support

Over a hundred years ago, Magnus Hirschfeld suggested that human sexuality and gender identity were complex and fluid. His theories were, and still are, a challenge to our binary concept of gender as well as our understanding of homosexuality.

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the arrest, imprisonment and death of many homosexuals in Germany.

In 1899, Hirschfeld began publishing the *Yearbook of Intermediate Sexual Types*, the world's first scientific journal focusing on the diversity of sexual practices. His publications dealt not only with the new sexual science, but also with general health issues, sexual reform, politics, the history of morals, and racism.

In 1919, Hirschfeld opened the Institute for Sexual Science, a forerunner of institutions such as the Kinsey Institute. The Institute became an important center for the study of all aspects of sexuality and amassed an impressive library. Transgender people became part of the staff and the institute promoted hormonal and surgical services for transgender people trying to change the gendered appearance of their bodies. The first sex-change surgeries were carried out in collaboration with Hirschfeld and his medical staff in the early 1930s.

Being Jewish as well as an outspoken activist for sexual minorities, Hirschfeld became a target of right-wing nationalists early in the 1920s. He was attacked on the streets of Munich and Berlin, suffering several serious injuries. When the Nazis took power in 1929, Hirschfeld's lectures were routinely disrupted and assaults became frequent occurrences.

Hirschfeld's prolific writings had spread his reputation and he was invited to speak in many countries. Perhaps because of the increase of pressure from Nazis, Hirschfeld traveled around the world between 1930 and 1932 speaking about his theories and advocating more progressive policies towards sexual minorities. He was popular in America; the press labeled him "the Einstein of Sex." During his absence, Hitler's government renounced him and withdrew his citizenship. He never returned to Germany.

In 1933, Hirschfeld was sitting in a Paris movie theater when images of the plunder and destruction of his Institute of Sexual Science in Berlin appeared in a news reel. The institute was totally destroyed and the books and research materials were burned by the Nazis. Soon after that heartbreaking event, Hirschfeld died at the age of 67.

Hirschfeld's research and theories have been largely ignored by present day

**Magnus Hirschfeld
"The Einstein of Sex"
lay the groundwork for
today's Queer Theory**

scholars. When he is mentioned, it is often in connection to his use of the "third sex" concept. To give emphasis to this term is a major oversimplification and

misrepresentation of his complex theories of sexuality and gender.

If Hirschfeld continues to be only a footnote in queer theory and history, it is allowing Hitler and his destructive impact to prevail. So, talk about this man, read more about him on the internet, and if you are a student, bring him up in relevant classes or write a paper about him. We need an accurate portrayal of this remarkable man; don't let Magnus Hirschfeld be erased from our history.



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Kentucky Fairness Alliance Looks Forward with Confidence

Recent election results clear a path for the Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) to continue fighting for equality in Kentucky. Many of KFA's over 10,000 members see the results as an opportunity to advance equality for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. Indeed, the celebrated defeat of an anti-marriage amendment in Arizona will hopefully be one of many to come.

The brave voters of Arizona, when asked to define marriage solely as an institution of one man and one woman, clearly responded, "NO!" KFA commends what Arizona has done and hopes that spirit of tolerance and equity will spread nationwide.

However, we cannot rest with progressive victories in Washington and in Arizona fresh on our minds. We must continue in Kentucky. The new legislative season starts in January, and KFA is already strategizing.

In Frankfort, KFA lobbyist Wes Wright continually watches for pro- and anti-fairness legislation. Stan Lee has already drafted a bill that would forbid public universities from providing domestic partner benefits to its employees, gay or straight. In response to that bill and others, Wright is developing lobbying strategies involving members and volunteers from across the state.

Encouraging people to come out and lobby, Wright explains, "our presence in Frankfort is an important part of our plan to build a Fair Kentucky from the ground up. Talking to legislators in person and putting a face on Fairness issues is the most persuasive thing you can do. We offer training, talking points, and all the tools you need to make lobbying effective and empowering instead of intimidating." To take part in a lobbying session, contact Wright; wwright@kentuckyfairness.org.

Locally KFA chapters are also jumping to the forefront. **The Gray Dove Chapter** based in Richmond will push for a local fairness ordinance this summer. They have been working diligently at the local level, have formed a strategic plan, and believe their efforts will pay off by bringing protection to people who live in Richmond.

The Bluegrass Chapter held its annual retreat November 17th and 18th. During the retreat, the chapter reviewed its goals and mission and set forth its strategic plan for the on-coming year. KFA Bluegrass now looks forward to a year of developing more educational/outreach opportunities to help increaseGBTQL visibility, supporting Gray Dove's efforts toward a fairness ordinance, collaborating with other social justice organizations, and helping to train volunteers to lobby in Frankfort.

The Bluegrass Chapter is in the process of nominating and electing new steering committee members but could always use more volunteers as well as people interested in leadership roles. For ways on becoming more active, donating money, or getting the latest news, go to www.bluegrassfairness.org.

In addition, the Bluegrass Chapter and the Gray Dove Chapter are working to outline strategies for creating KFA chapters in Kentucky's underserved areas. KFA is very excited about the possibilities of the upcoming year and expects to celebrate many successes. The efforts and initiatives KFA wishes to pursue require volunteer participation and money. Go to the web site above or www.kentuckyfairness.org to see how you can become involved.

Kentucky Fairness Alliance

**Will again need your Help to
Lobby in Frankfort in 2007**

**Please email Wes Wright if
you are interested**

wwright@kentuckyfairness.org

Fitting in

By Marsha Tiffany

I have found it really difficult to "fit in" with straight organizations. When I do things with straight organizations, I always have the issue of "coming out" with them. I always feel uncomfortable when I get the leading question: "have you ever been married...." Since I have not, it begins the "suspicion" that I might be gay.

On the flip side, if I don't "come out" with people in the organization, I find I can't be even close to being myself around them. I find myself trying to avoid discussions of family so the dreaded question won't even come up. I find myself never talking about my social life at all. So instead I am avoiding a huge facet of life - both for me, and the person I am talking to.

But "coming out" to a straight person is NOT an issue that I take lightly. At worst, I know in the back of my mind that people are being killed in this country for being gay. I have no idea if the person I am talking to has some deep-seated hatred for gays that I would never expect.

Even if the person I am talking to doesn't automatically hate me for being gay, there are a lot of sexual issues that arise. If the person I am talking to is the same sex, I don't know if they are worrying that I will make "a pass" at them; or if they are wondering why I don't make "a pass" at them; or if they will turn some comment I make into a sexual innuendo.

If they are of the opposite sex, I am wondering if they will make it their life's mission to try to "convert" me somehow and I will have to figure out a polite way of refusing. It is a VERY difficult tightrope act to try to walk.

After many years of trying to "fit in" with straight organizations, I am VERY happy to have an organization like the GLSO, where I can be myself. I plan to give it all the dedication I can to help keep the Pride Center open and the programs up and running. I hope everyone who reads this will help in the ways they can as well.

Readers Write

During 2006, we invited people to write personal stories or essays for the newsletter. We have printed several: coming out stories and this month an essay about being out at work. We know there are a lot more writers out there and we would love to have you submit an article or a story to the newsletter.

We will call this section of the newsletter **Readers Write** and we hope to have something to print each month. It can not be too long -we have limited space, but you could perhaps refer people to a longer account that you have posted somewhere on the internet. We may need to edit so give us some way of contacting you. 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.

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3. **Become an advertiser or a GLSO News Sponsor.** Call the office at 253-3233 and speak to Bill or Mary.
4. **Work on the newsletter committee -**
call mary 266-5904
5. **Volunteer to keep the Pride Center open one Saturday a month 10 am - 2 pm. Or one evening a week 5 - 7. (call Bill at 253-3233)**
6. **Start a group for parents of GLBT youth.** Could be affiliated with PFLAG or it could be just a discussion group. (call mary 266-5904)
7. **Distribute this newsletter to a couple of locations. (call mary 266-5904)**

Religious and Spiritual Resources



Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church will have two services on Sunday, December 24; the first at 11 am and the Christmas Eve Service at 5 pm. 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.

The UU Church has returned to having one worship service at 11 am each Sunday. In place of the first service, we will offer a variety of classes, discussion groups and activities before and after church.

There is a Buddhist Sanga (discussion group) that meets at 10 am in the Allen House next to the Church. This group discusses a different concept each week such as compassion, right action, lying etc.

Rev. Cynthia Cain and Rev. Gary Bennet will be offering classes before church. There will also be groups that meet after church discussing topics such as environmentalism/sustainability, theology and science, social justice issues, etc.

There is Children's Religious Exploration every Sunday. We probably have more than the average number of children with gay/lesbian parents within our youth population.

St. Mychal The Martyr

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.

We will have Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am for the four weeks of Advent. On Christmas Eve we will also be having a service on 5pm. Call 859 389-9418 or email kypadre@aol.com for information.

You are always invited to our regular 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. stmychalthemartyr.org.

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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Saturday Evening Prayer 5 pm



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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 Dec. 9 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 of Lexington welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ who are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love. We hold Sunday worship at 11 am and hold a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm.

If you have questions about our fellowship please contact Pastor Cori

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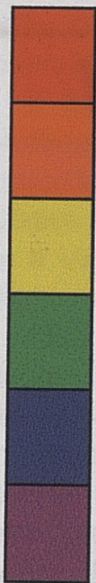
Statement of Belief

by mary crone

We would love to print more statements of personal belief in this section of the newsletter. To give you an idea of what I mean, I offer this short statement of belief.

I believe that all anti-oppression work is sacred work. I commit myself to work for GLBT rights because the goal of liberty and justice for all is a spiritual goal as well as a political goal. All forms of oppression create lives of desperation and pain. Oppression hurts the souls of people who are doing the oppressing as well as those who are oppressed. In addition, we all benefit from some of the oppression in the world whether we want to or not. That is hard to face and to know what to do about.

I believe we are God's hands on this planet. If we want a world where all humans have equal access to food and justice, we need to create that world. We can connect with the piece of God within our hearts and minds and find our personal work within the Great Work of making the world a better place for all. So may it be.



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