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Not a Gamble— All are Fun

Like most other non-profits, not to mention most businesses and families, GLSO is experiencing a financial short fall. We have therefore come up with ways that we can do fundraising that will also not stress your wallet to much and will be loads of fun.

Chase Away the Monday Blues!

The first opportunity will be at Applebee's, 4009 Nicholasville Rd., on Monday, Feb. 16. Have cocktails and a delicious dinner and benefit the GLSO. We're going to have a gay old time so join us anytime between 5pm and 9pm.

Present the flyer printed as an insert in this issue of the *GLSO News* and Applebee's will donate 10% of your check to the GLSO. Eat, drink and be merry It will lift your spirits and you will be able to face the rest of the week.

Cici's All You Can Eat Pizza

Join us at Cici's, 2033 Harrodsburg Rd. , Lexington, for an all you can eat pizza night on Sat., Feb 21 anytime between 6 and 10 pm.

No flyer required for this event, just tell the cashier that you are with GLSO as you pay. You will be asked to pay as you enter since it is an all you can eat restaurant. Don't fill up on pizza, they have great desserts also.

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Imperial Court of Kentucky

This month you have the opportunity to enjoy two great events brought to you by the Imperial court of KY. On Wednesday, February 11, The Imperial Court presents the Miss Gay Valentine Pageant. This exuberant competition will be at Bluegrass Connections, 942 Winchester Rd. Doors open at 8:30 and the pageant begins at 9:30. Join us for a fun evening of great entertainment.

Then on Tuesday, February 24, join us for the **Mardi Gras Ball**, a Gala event where we will celebrate New Orleans style (without the flood waters, but with the music, glitter, and joy.) It will be held at the Lexington Downtown Hotel (formally Radisson) in the Spirit Lounge.

Doors open at 7 pm and the cost is \$15. This will be a joint fundraiser for The Imperial Court, Moveable Feast, GLSO, AVOL and LexFair. Please come out and support all these organizations. Our community needs financial support now more than ever.

www.imperialcourtkentucky.org

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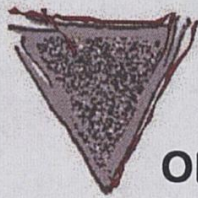
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Proceeds from this event to benefit Mr. KY Bear 2008, John David Elam, Moveable Feast, and The GLSO Pride Center.



Community News

Bowling for GLSO

It's Saturday night and you want something to do. You are thinking it would be great to get a few friends together and do something new or maybe something you haven't done in a long time. Here it is - a Fun Bowling Night!

The best part is you are helping raise money for GLSO while having a great time. Come to Southland Bowling Lanes on Sat., Feb. 28th at 7 pm. The cost is \$15 for 3 games and shoes. In general, shoes are extra so this is a good deal.

We will also be giving away cash! Bring some money for the 50/50 raffle, tickets will be \$1. In addition, Southland will be putting colored pins in the lanes and you can win free games with a strike that includes one of those pins.

So gather up your friends and notify me as soon as you can with the number of people attending. We want to be sure to have enough lanes reserved. Call me at 502-545-6355 or email me at ktaylor@fewpb.net. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

Mr. KY Bear Bar Night

The KY Bears invite you to a fundraiser at Crossings on Friday Feb. 6. from 9 pm to 1 am. Admission is \$3 and proceeds will benefit Mr. KY Bear 2008, John Elam, Moveable Feast, and The GLSO Pride Center.

There will be performances by Bear and Leather Title Holders, Crossings own Diva, Clarissa Cumerland, Empress XXVII, Eve St. Mycaal, and the Ebony Goddess, Rayna Starr.

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Rainbow League Resurrected?

Were you a member of the Rainbow Bowling League? Are you interested in joining a GLBT bowling league here in Lexington? If so, a new league is being formed by GLSO member Morgan Fry. He will be attending the GLSO Fun Bowling Night where he will set up a table where you can sign up for the league or get more information.

If you're unable to attend that event, you can email Morgan at morgan@morganfry.com or call (859) 420-6398 or email . He looks forward to meeting you there!

Lexington Pride Festival 2009

Stonewall Lives: Celebrating Our Past, Forging Our Future

Pride Festival 2009 will again be in Cheapside Park on the last Saturday in June. That weekend is the 40th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots. We commemorate that event in our theme for the festival, "Stonewall Lives: Celebrating Our Past, Forging Our Future."

Check out our web site at www.lexpride.com where you can vote on several items. We have received a number of logos in our design contest and you can vote on the one you prefer. You can also vote for the slogan that will be on the official wristbands. The web-site is being updated frequently. www.lexpride.com

Last year's festival created visibility and raised awareness for the GLBT community like few other events in Lexington have. Help us make the 2009 festival even better.

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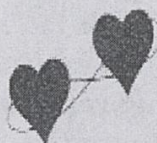
There will also be raffle prizes, a jock strap auction, a T-shirt auction, a silent auction, jello shots and a special KY Dancing Bear Short. Join us for this fun evening.

Bluegrass Gay Phonebook changes publishing schedule

The Bluegrass Gay Phonebook has announced it will move its publishing deadline from September to May. The change will ensure that the latest copy of the gay phonebook will be available at the Pride Festival in June. Advertisers who paid for advertising in the first issue of The Bluegrass Gay Phonebook will receive a 50% credit toward the renewal of their ad placement. If you have questions about the change you can call Brian Hill, the publisher, at 1-859-514.7096

Sales Associates Wanted

The Bluegrass Gay Phonebook is now hiring for Sales Associates to sell advertising space for their next issue. Experienced salespeople are preferred but will train qualified candidates. This position is ideal for students or retired individuals. Interested people can call 1-859-514-7096 for more information.



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TransKentucky meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30pm. We are a support, social, and resource group. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals and others who do not fit the standard gender norms. Supportive allies are welcome.

Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. This is not a therapy group. For info and place: TransKentucky@gmail.com

Bluegrass Women's Network

The Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women who identify as lesbian. Membership is free and there are no obligation. We have a variety of activities such as brunches, potluck dinners, plays, movies, parties, and whatever else we manage to dream up! In February we are having a first meeting of a new a book club.

To announce events and share information, the Bluegrass Women's Network has a private/hidden Yahoo group website. It is not listed in the Yahoo Directory, and can only be accessed by group members.

Moderators/Facilitators for the Bluegrass Women's Network are Debby and Lynn. If you are interested in joining please send a request to thebluegrasswomensnetwork-owner@yahoo.com and the link to the BGWN Yahoo group will be sent to you. Then you may apply to join. We are looking forward to meeting YOU soon!

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The Pride Center needs your help. Come out and show your support by joining us for dinner and/or bowling advertised on the facing page. Bring the flyer on the insert to Applebee's. Join Bill at Crossings for Karaoke. If you visit the Center please consider donating what you can in the basket left out on the table. Money collected can be put under the office door.



HIV Testing

On Thursday, February 5, there will be free HIV testing between 6 pm and 8pm. The oraquick mouth swab technique will be used. This test gives a result in about twenty minutes. If the test is reactive, blood sample will be taken. The results are back in two weeks for the confirmatory blood tests.

Testing will be available at the Pride Center on the first Thursday of each month on an ongoing basis. Another time for testing at the Pride Center will be established if needed.

Insight Group

Friday, Feb 6 Pot Luck

Friday, Jan20 Movie Night

Pride Center 7 pm

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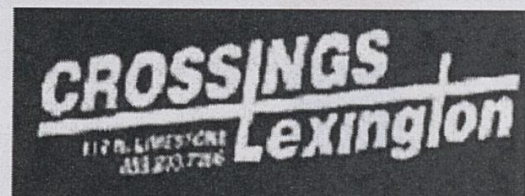
The American Family Association is calling for a boycott of Pepsi due to their support for the "homosexual agenda". They are angry because Pepsi donated \$500,000 each to the Human Rights Campaign and PFLAG.

Pepsi has also marched in pride parades and has workshops to educate its employees in sexual orientation and gender identity issues. Please call Pepsi 1-800-433-2652 and let them know you appreciate their commitment to diversity and support of LGBT rights and organizations.

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Bayard Rustin (1912 – 1987) *by mary crone*

Bayard Rustin is a gay man we can be proud of; in fact, all Americans owe him a debt of gratitude for teaching the techniques of non-violence to Martin Luther King and other leaders of the African American Civil Rights Movement. And yet, I didn't hear Rustin's name once in all the news coverage of the Obama Inauguration. Many activists were mentioned, but not Bayard Rustin. He should not remain invisible.

Bayard Rustin is acknowledged as one of the most influential and effective organizers of the civil rights movement. He was the primary organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom where Martin Luther King made his "I have a Dream" speech. And yet, as many civil rights leaders were recalled during the week-end of Rev. King's birthday celebration and the Inauguration of President Obama, I did not hear his name once. He has been shamefully ignored, most likely because he was gay.

Rustin was raised by his maternal grandparents, Janifer Rustin, a caterer, and Julia Davis Rustin, a nurse and charter member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). NAACP leaders such as W.E.B. Du Bois and James Weldon Johnson (*Lift Every Voice and Sing*) were frequent guests in the Rustin home. With these influences in his early life, Rustin became an activist at a young age and campaigned against racially discriminatory Jim Crow laws.

The young Rustin excelled in academics, music and sports at the integrated West Chester, Pennsylvania High School and was class valedictorian his senior year. On one high school trip (1929), he insisted that black ball players be put up in the same hotel as white players, and he was once arrested for sitting in the "whites only" section of the local movie theater.

Rustin moved to Harlem in 1937 and studied at City College of New

York. There he became involved in efforts to free the Scottsboro Boys – nine young black men who had been accused falsely of raping two white women.

In the 1940s, Rustin worked with A. Philip Randolph, the head of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and A. J. Muste, Quaker leader of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR). The three of them proposed a march on Washington to protest racial discrimination in the armed forces. The march was canceled after President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an Executive Order (the Fair Employment Act), which banned discrimination in defense industries and federal bureaus. Rustin also went to California to protect the property of Japanese-Americans imprisoned in internment camps. Impressed with Rustin's organizational skills, Muste appointed him as FOR's secretary for student and general affairs.

In 1942, Rustin worked with James Farmer, Jr. (portrayed as a young man in 2007 movie *The Great Debaters*) to form the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). CORE was a pacifist organization based

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GAY VALENTINE PAGEANT MISS

Please Join the
Imperial Court of Kentucky

Bluegrass Connections
942 Winchester Road

Wednesday, February 11

Door opens 8:30 p.m.

Pageant begins 9:30 p.m.

\$5 Donation-Cover

Net proceeds to benefit the charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky

on the writings of Henry David Thoreau and modeled after Mohandas Gandhi's non-violent resistance.

As pacifists, Rustin and other members of FOR and CORE were arrested for violating the Selective Service Act. Rustin could have been granted conscientious objector status but refused to do so because most black men did not have this option. From 1944 to 1946, Rustin was imprisoned in Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary, where he organized protests against segregated dining facilities

Rustin and Houser organized the Journey of Reconciliation in 1947. This was the first of the Freedom Rides to test the ruling of the US Supreme Court that banned racial discrimination in interstate travel. CORE's Gandhian tactics were opposed strenuously by the NAACP, and participants in the Journey of Reconciliation were arrested several times. Rustin served twenty-two days on a chain gang in North Carolina for violating Jim Crow laws regarding segregated seating on public transportation.

In 1948, Rustin traveled to India to learn nonviolence techniques directly from the leaders of the Gandhi an movement. Starting in 1947 and continuing for most of his life, Rustin assisted African leaders who were working to achieve independence from European nations.

In 1953, Rustin was arrested in California and pleaded guilty to a charge of "sex perversion" (as consensual sodomy was legally defined) and served 60 days in jail. He remained candid about his sexuality, which was still criminalized throughout the United States.

Rustin served as an unidentified member of the American Friends Service Committee's task force to prepare one of the most influential pacifist essays ever produced in the United States, "Speak Truth to Power: A Quaker Search for an Alternative to Violence," published in



MLK and Bayard Rustin, 1957

1955. According to the chairman of the group, Stephen Cary, Rustin's membership was repressed at his own request because he believed that his known sexual orientation would compromise the 71-page pamphlet once it appeared.

Rustin took a leave from the War Resisters League in 1956 to go to Montgomery to advise Martin Luther King Jr., during the bus boycott. Although he had studied the philosophy of non-violence, MLK had not personally embraced it as a basis for activism. In fact, there were guns inside King's house, and armed guards posted at his doors. Rustin persuaded boycott leaders to adopt complete nonviolence, teaching them the techniques of nonviolent direct protest.

The following year, Rustin and King began organizing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Many African-American leaders were concerned that Rustin's sexual orientation would undermine support for the civil rights movement but also knew he was indispensable as a long term practitioner and teacher of non-violent resistance.

U.S. Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. forced Rustin's resignation from the SCLC in 1960 by threatening to openly discuss Rustin's California conviction for "sex perversion" in Congress. Although Rustin was open about being gay and his conviction was a mat-

MIS-PAGINATION

ter of public record, it had not been discussed widely outside the civil rights leadership. Rustin offered his resignation from SCLS and, to his surprise, it was accepted by King. In recent years, U.S. Congressman John Lewis has spoken up for Rustin saying that at the time of his resignation "we did not have the raw courage to keep him in the leadership position he deserved."

In 1963, the aging A. Philip Randolph told the SCLC that Rustin was the only man capable of organizing the March on Washington which was then in the planning stage. The leadership asked Rustin to rejoin them in order to plan the now famous march.

The day before the march, Senator Strom Thurmond railed against Rustin as a "Communist, draft-dodger, and homosexual." He produced an FBI photograph of Rustin talking to King while King was bathing, to imply that there was a same-sex relationship between the two. Both men denied the allegation, but, despite King's support, NAACP chairman Roy Wilkins did not allow Rustin to receive any public recognition for his role in planning the march.

After passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Rustin advocated closer ties between the civil rights movement and the Democratic Party and its labor activist base. Rustin was an early supporter of President Lyndon Johnson, but as the Viet Nam War escalated and began to supersede Democratic programs for racial reconciliation and labor reform, Rustin returned to his pacifist roots.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Rustin continued his work for equal rights in this country and around the world. He published Down The Line, a compilation of his writings in 1971.

(available on Amazon)

Rustin testified on behalf of New York State's Gay Rights Bill and, in 1986, named the gay lesbian community as "the community which is most easily mistreated." He frequently urged gay and lesbian organizations to stand up for all minorities.

A year before his death in 1987, Rustin said: "Twenty-five, thirty years ago, the barometer of human rights in the United States were black people. That is no longer true. The barometer for judging the character of people in regard to human rights is now those who consider themselves gay, homosexual, lesbian." [2]

There is a documentary of Rustin's life, *Brother Outsider*, that presents him as a peaceful troublemaker and an eloquent speaker who refused to be silenced. From rustin.org: "In a nation still torn by racial hatred and violence, bigotry against homosexuals, and extraordinary divides between rich and poor, his eloquent voice is still needed today." Rustin was truly a man that worked for the liberation of all people.

Rustin died on August 24, 1987, and was survived by his partner of ten years, Walter Naegle. Please help me make this remarkable gay man known, order the DVD, read a book, and talk about him.



"We need in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers" ...Bayard Rustin

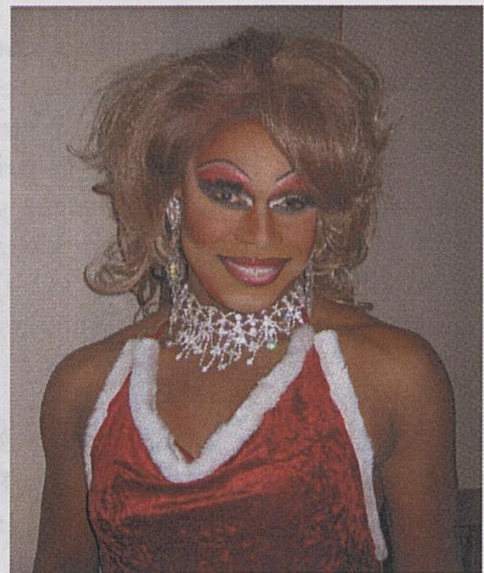
Spotlight on the Beautiful People...

...by Helena Handbasket.

This column shines the spotlight on people in the community who deserve recognition. Beauty is not always skin deep and these "beautiful people" either devote their time and energy to a worthy cause or just plain make our lives better by entertaining us. Either way, it is time that they are recognized for their talents and efforts.

Our February honor shines the spotlight on Octavia Bonet. She has been in Lexington for almost three years, and is from Birmingham, AL. Octavia has been performing for 4 years; her first show was at the Dock in Cincinnati. When she started, her favorite artist to perform to was Janet Jackson. Now she loves doing Tina Turner. She says, "When I do Tina, I feel it."

Her fabulous costumes are most often designed by Patrick Howell and Juice who are celebrities in their own right for their sewing and design talents. It was one of her costumes



and wigs that provided her most embarrassing moment. She says, "My wig came off and got hung on my top and pulled the top down. There I was on stage with no hair and no top. The funny part is that I was doing a Janet song and it was right after her big super
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bowl drama so the kids loved it." Octavia made most of her money that night off that song. It was bad, turned out good but still very embarrassing.

Octavia is partnered to DJ (Mya St. James), who is also her mentor. When they first started dating, she says that Mya helped her take her drag higher... PAINT, PAINT, PAINT. She also gave her a promo picture of herself and signed it, "If it's not fun, it's not worth it!... Love, Mya St. James." Octavia says she still lives by those words.

Octavia's favorite color is red, favorite movie is The Color Purple, favorite TV show is Oprah, favorite actors are Harrison Ford and Angela Bassett, and the book she is reading right now is Boss Lady by Omar Tyree.

Although she wasn't "big on charity" when she first moved to Lexington, she is proud of her involvement now with the Imperial Court of Kentucky and loves knowing that what she is doing can help someone. "I don't always agree with the Court but I believe in the big picture of what they do and that's what matters the most to me and those we help," she says.

She states the biggest misconception about her is drug use. She says, "I have never done drugs in my life and never will. I have seen first hand what they do to people and I don't want any part of that. Like Whitney said, "Crack is Wack."

She dreams of working in Vegas at LaCage. She says she hopes to be remembered as being real and as always giving 110% even if only 2 people were in the showroom.

This was such a fun interview and this was my last question, "Octavia, complete this sentence... The world would be a better place if..." Her answer... "if everyone would take the time to slow down and look at life, the small

and big things. Life happens fast and some things pass us by because we are too busy. Take time out for yourself."

I believe this is advice we could all use! Thanks to Octavia for being so candid and sharing the real her with all of us. See ya'll next month with a new light that shines in our community. Ta Tas.

If there is someone in the community that you feel deserves to be honored in this column, send your request to AdvicefromHelena@aol.com and let's be myspace friends. Look me up at <http://www.myspace.com/helenah>

A Broader Approach

By: Jessica Martin

Lexington Fairness

The beginning of a new year means many things – a fresh start, a greater potential for snow days, going back to school. The list goes on and on. In the Commonwealth, it means the legislature reconvenes in Frankfort. We know how you feel about them, but please hold your gripes and groans until you've finished reading the article. Thank you.

Socially controversial bills tend to be commonplace during legislative sessions in our Capitol. This session may be different, though, because the focus is all about the budget shortfall. At the time this article was written, only one bill, the statewide fairness law (House Bill 72) filed by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian of Louisville, focuses on the gay community.

So that's it. We only have one bill to lobby for or against. That should be easy, right?

Wrong.

The amendments to the budget bill, the decision to raise one tax or several,

Fairness *continued from page 13*

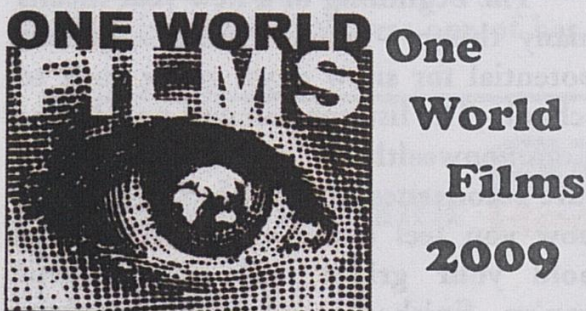
and giving the governor the authority to furlough state workers affects all of us, LGBT or not. Bills currently filed in the House and Senate also concern the fate of CATS testing, domestic violence orders, city and county pension systems, and extending the terms of House members. Those are four of the over 200 bills filed so far and each affects us directly or indirectly.

Elected officials like to talk about families sitting around the table and studying their bills while trying to make ends meet. LGBT families do this, too. We have kids in the schools. We work in hopes of retiring one day. We pay taxes. We vote.

Although we don't understand it,

the contributions we make to our communities are overlooked and efforts must be made to prove that LGBT are more than just an identity assigned by society. So, when you write an e-mail or letter, or make a call to your representatives concerning the fairness law or other issues you care about, you'll probably get a form letter back. That does not mean your message was ignored. Officials track the number of letters, e-mails and phone calls on issues, especially the controversial ones, for potential later use.

Maybe showing that we have concerns and interests outside our usual lobbying topics – a broader approach – is what the community needs to get traction in this red state.



Sun., Feb. 15, 2 pm, 94 min. in English
Downtown Central Library Theater
AUTISM:THE MUSICAL 2008 Emmy
Award Winner for Nonfiction Special

This documentary is the story of several autistic children who, with the help of their parents and teachers, write and produce a musical. The kids slowly develop social skills as they learn to work with each other. Followed by a panel discussion and a reception.

Thurs., Feb. 19, 7 pm, Ky Theater
PETE SEEGER: POWER OF SONG
93 Min. in English

Archival footage, interviews, and home movies are combined in this documentary portrait of folk singer and political

activist, Pete Seeger. One of our country's greatest singers/songwriters, Seeger was the architect of the folk revival, writing some of it's best known songs. WoodSongs will host a reception after the film showing.

Sun., Feb. 22, 2 pm, Library Theater
MOVING MIDWAY 98 min.

When a family decides to move a 155 year-old mansion to a new location, they unearth some interesting facts about former inhabitants of the plantation. The Human Rights Commission will host a reception.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 5 and 7:30 p.m.,
Kentucky Theatre 53 min.
A WALK TO BEAUTIFUL

The documentary tells the story of three Ethiopian women who are rejected by their husbands and ostracized in their communities because of a medical condition, obstetric fistula. The women endure a difficult journey to receive medical treatment.

God Loves A Drag Queen Singing Gospel -by Brady Hudson-

She stands and sings and looks skyward, dressed to the nines as one must always be dressed while on stage. So why would God do anything else except stop everything He was doing and watch. He stops and gives her His undivided and holy attention.

With a pensive look on His face He, with one hand showers her with admiration, and with the other hand, wraps it around her so He can hold her close. He knows the crosses that she bears, the prejudice she encounters and understands all the things about her that even she doesn't understand.

And as He is loving her, He forgets the words to her song and relies on her to remind Him what they are. He understands it all and He approves.

When she raises her perfectly manicured hand, He reaches down with His magnificent hand and grabs hers and they connect. She knows without a shadow of a doubt that He is there and feels His hand carrying her through her performance.

The others are watching from the fringe. Some are scratching their heads wondering why God would visit a drag queen on stage. Some understand and can't believe that God wouldn't be there.

Still another, who is less aware, takes another drink from his glass and wonders when the next performance will begin.

She continues to sing to Him, heart in hand, with eyes skyward singing with an inner beauty that supersedes the beauty of the music. He continues to understand. She continues to sing.

The bartender stops midway through pouring a drink for a customer, looks up, stares at her and smiles, knowing instantly that he is seeing the face of God.

SisterSound

What is it? Lexington Women's Chorus. Okay, that's the surface answer, but look deeper to see what and who SisterSound really is.

SisterSound is a women's chorus in Lexington that performs two formal concerts a year, traditionally at Singletary Center for the Arts at UK. They also present several "informal" performances every year. A sampling of the type of "informal" spots includes singing at members' wedding/commitment ceremonies, entertaining for the GLSO Pride Banquet, performing at the AIDS Walk, singing for the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation survivor lunch, participating in the "Anti-Hate" Rally at the Lexington Arts Center and entertaining at a luncheon for the Daughters of the American Revolution National Conference.

The chorus also has performed the National Anthem at UK Women's Basketball and Lexington Legends home games. Recently they did an impromptu rendition of the National Anthem in the hallway of the Federal Courthouse in Lexington following a citizenship swearing in ceremony where their pianist became an American citizen.

SisterSound has members from many different walks of life. We include the typical teachers, secretaries, nurses and social workers, and also have psychologists/therapists, pharmacists, speech pathologists, business owners and managers, beauty consultants, lawyers, a chemist, and college students as well as those who have retired. There is even a stay-at-home mom who home schools her children.

The women in the chorus also experience diversity in ages, sexual orientation, marital status, physical sizes, backgrounds, femininity, political views, and

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religious beliefs. There are women who are long time friends who joined the chorus together, women who joined with a friend who no longer sings with the chorus, women who knew each other many years ago as teenagers and have renewed friendships, a mother-daughter pair, women who initially knew no one in the chorus, and women who formed lasting friendships with other women they most likely would never have met outside the chorus.

Regardless of all the diversity within the group - or maybe because of it - the members of SisterSound have come together to form a "family" of sisters who celebrate their diversity, supports each other in their joys and accomplishments and share the burdens of trials and sorrows. As a family, they don't always agree, but they do agree to put aside their differences to support each other.

While SisterSound was originally a group of women who gathered together to create music and to have fun while doing it, it has evolved into something much more than just a group of women who make beautiful music. It has become a family of sisters who make beautiful music and enjoy sharing their lives with each other.



Unitarian Universalist Church

3564 Clays Mill Rd.

Public Support for GLBT Rights

The U.U. Church has worship service at 11 am each Sunday. We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates our GLBT members. Interweave, the LBGT and allies social support group, will be having a pot luck lunch after church on Sunday, Feb. 8. We would love to have visitors join us for lunch. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

Ours is a liberal religious tradition with room for many beliefs. Our congregation includes people who identify as Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Pagan, Muslim, Atheist, Agnostic, and Humanist. On Sunday mornings, there is sitting meditation at 9 am, and a Buddhist discussion at 9:45. There is a Buddhist retreat being planned.

The Women's Spirituality Group will be meeting on Sat., Feb. 14 at noon. Call mary for info 266-5904. The pagan group, CUUPS, meets every Sunday after church and has a ritual at each full moon. There are also frequently activities on Wednesday nights including yoga, Humanist forum, and more. Call the church for specifics 223-1448.



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The Mission of St. Mychal is to provide a church that welcomes all people in all their uniqueness and giftedness. St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national church that is gay supportive. It is one of many offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. We have space available for meetings and receptions.

A GLBT Partner Loss Support Group

Hospice of the Bluegrass is hosting a support group for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender people who have experienced the death of a partner. The group will focus on the grief process, coping tools, self-care and issues common to all after the death of a partner and those unique to this community.

Integrity

Integrity is a support group for LGBT Episcopalians. Call St. Michael's Episcopal Church for information, 859 2432-0998. St. Michael's is a welcoming congregation with services each Sunday at 8, a more contemporary service at 9, and a more traditional service at 11:15.

David Cupps was recently appointed Treasurer of Integrity USA, the nationwide group. David has been actively involved in Integrity in this diocese for many years and through many incarnations of the group. He is a former treasurer of both St. Michael's and St. Martha's, and he has held numerous leadership positions in the community. His friends are very proud of him and wish him well.

The group meets for five sessions on Sat. mornings 10 to 11:30, Feb 28 through March 28. We will meet at Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Drive. For information or to register for the group, please call (859) 277-2700, or email lcaudill@hospicebg.org.

The GLSO Directory

** Have emails or websites*

GLSO Board:

GLSO Pride Center *(Bill)859-253-3233
 GLSO Board * (Mary)859-266-5904
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Student Groups:*

Berea College ACE (Ryan)859-985-3633
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 Morehead State Univ. (Ned)606-783-2294
 OUTsource (UK)859-323-3312

Anonymous HIV Testing:

Jessamine County859-885-4149
 Lexington, Fayette County859-288-2437
 Woodford County859-873-4541
 U.K. Adolescent Medicine859-323-5643

HIV/AIDS Info/Services:

AVOL (AIDS Volunteers, Inc.)* ..859-225-3000
 Lexington Health Dept.859-288-2437
 HIV/AIDS Legal Project502-584-1254
 Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat)
 606-864-3776
 888-425-7282
 Lexington S.T.O.P. Program (Jeff)
 859-254-3469 ext.230
 Louisville Region502-574-0161
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 Moveable Feast Lex., (Terry)859-252-2867

Community Groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous (Ron)859-948-0434
 Al-Anon / Al-Teen (Office)859-277-1877
 Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S. (Morris)859-225-9169
 Council for Peace & Justice859-255-6999
 Fairness of Louisville502-893-0788
 Social Services (formerly First Link).....211
 Internat. Gay Bowling (Steve)859-276-3058
 Lexington Fairness *.....859-951-4450
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 Lexington Pride Festival *.....859-253-3233

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Religious Groups:

Interweave (Unitarian-Mary) ..859-266-5904
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