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LEXINGTON PRIDE IDOL SEMI-FINAL ROUND

The first Pride Event in June will be the exciting secondary round of the Pride Idol Contest. Twenty-one preliminary winners will be competing on Thursday, June 2 at the Kentucky Theater, State side. The contest begins at 9 pm.

Tickets for the event are \$5 in advance and are available at the KY theater or at the GLSO Pride Center. At the door, tickets will be \$10. Three judges will select 12 finalists who then go to the final competition to be held at this year's Pride Picnic on Sunday, June 12. (page 3) Everyone at the picnic will have the opportunity to listen to and vote for Pride Idol, 2005.

The winner will have the title of Lexington's Pride Idol, and will receive a trophy, a gift certificate from Disc Jockey in Lexington Green, and studio time at Groves Professional Recording Studio to produce 10 copies of a two song CD.

Volunteer Awards Banquet

Pride Month will come to a celebratory end with the Volunteer Awards Banquet on Sunday, June 26. It will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

We need your nominations for the Wasson Award (individual) and the Rainbow Community Service Award (group) by June 10. Who do you think has done the most for the GLBT community through volunteerism over the

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Coronation XXIV

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will host Coronation 24 June 3-6 in Lexington. Empress 23 Lady Marmalade and Regent Emperor Donnie EV Royse will wrap up another successful year of fundraising by the organization with a weekend of events culminating in the Coronation Ball "A Night at the Juke Joint" in the Grand Ballroom of the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Courtiers from across North America will descend on Lexington for annual events including the In-town Show, the Out-of-town Show and the Nine Inch Males Review. At the Coronation Ball members of the Kentucky Court will elect new monarchs for Reign 24. Imperial Prince Royale Mike Harney aka Phoenix Gaye will appear on the ballot for Empress and Imperial Crown Prince J. C. Lewis will run for Emperor. Coronation Passports to all events are \$60 (a \$10 savings) and can be purchased by calling Michael at 859.258.2997 or emailing michael.thompson1@insightbb.com.

In addition to coronation activities, the Court will be hosting **The International Court Council** during the weekend. The International Court *...continued next page*

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June 3 - 6**



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Volunteer Awards Banquet ...continued

past year or years? Send in your nomination to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com or call Bill at the Pride Center 253-3233.

During the week of **June 13 -18**, anyone may come by the Pride Center to read the nominations and **vote** during office hours M-F, 10 - 3, Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6 and 8, or Saturday 18th between 11 and 2.

In addition, every organization is invited to choose and present their volunteer of the year with an award for their contribution to that organization's work. Even though volunteers do not do the work to get an award, the public recognition of their contribution is nevertheless important. Please choose a recipient and ask your members to attend the banquet. It is a wonderful way to honor our volunteers and strengthen our community. It is Pride in action.

The banquet is also an opportunity to financially support the ongoing existence of the Pride Center. Tickets for the banquet will be available at the Pride Center for \$25. The winner of the Pride Idol Contest will be performing. Call the Pride Center to reserve a place by Wed. June 22.

Imperial Court Coronation ...continued

Council is the governing body of the International Court System. The Imperial Court of Kentucky was named "Court of Distinction" by the International Council at ceremonies in Boston in November.

As part of the activities at the Coronation Ball, the Henry Faulkner Community Service Award will be presented. Nominees include Thomas Collins, Mary Crone, Scotty Saltsman and Mary Ellen Slone. Eligible voters will also elect three new members of the board of directors. Candidates include Bill Chandler, Stephen Foster, Michael Purvis, Donnie Royse and Robin Williamson. The three new members will join returning board members John Ridener, Daryl Royse, Larry Stanley and Bart Steele.

Proceeds from Coronation 24 will benefit the charities of the Court including Moveable Feast Lexington, The Gay & Lesbian Services Organization (including the Pride Center of the Bluegrass), AIDS Volunteers of Lexington, and the Kentucky Fairness Alliance.

Pride Month Events

Pride Gallery Art Opening

On Saturday, June 4 at 4 pm the Pride Center will host a new art show featuring the works of artists that are children of GLBT parents or are members of the Gay Straight Alliance for Youth. A reception by GLSO will provide festive food and drink to celebrate the creativity of "our children."

Rainbow Families of Lexington, the GLBT parenting group, will proudly display works by their children. This will be an opportunity to visit with Jen and Cheryl the coordinators of this group.

Teens who participate in our Gay Straight Alliance and some that have GLBT parents will also have works in the show. Come see what the next generation has to offer.

Unitarian Pride Service

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington invites everyone to their Pride Service on Sunday, June 5 at 10 am. Please stay as guests for our first Sunday brunch following the service. The church is located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd, just south of Man O'War.

Interweave, our GLBT and friends group, also invites you to the Pride Reading at the church on Saturday, June 18 in the Fellowship House beside the church. (see page 6)

The Unitarian Universalist Church is enriched by our GLBT members and friends. The Unitarian Universalist Association was recently honored by the Religious Coalition for Freedom to Marry for "outstanding leadership in helping gay and lesbian couples attain and preserve their civil right to marry." On both the local and national level, Unitarians are activists in the pursuit of equal rights for GLBT persons.

ANOTHER NOTE PRESENTS

"THE FABULOUS FIFTIES"

Another Note, a men's choral ensemble, will present a benefit concert for Movable Feast, on Saturday, June 4, at 8 p.m. at Woodland Christian Church, 530 East High Street in Lexington. A \$12 suggested donation at the door is asked.

"Let's face it, the fifties were fabulous," says artistic director Steve Johnson. "The concert will be chock full of familiar tunes made famous by some of the great performing artists of our time including Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, The Platters, Little Anthony and the Imperials and Billy Joel."

And what would a concert from Another Note be without a little Broadway? The Fabulous Fifties features a beautiful medley from three of the most popular Broadway musicals of the decade My Fair Lady, The Sound of Music and West Side Story.

For more information call Steve Johnson, (859) 233-1730.

Bowling for Fairness

7th Annual Tournament

In celebration of June Pride Month, the Bluegrass Chapter of the KFA is again sponsoring the Lucky Seven Annual Rainbow City Bowling Competition. The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11, at Collins Southland Lanes, 205 Southland Drive, Lexington. The entry fee is \$15 per person. Registration will begin at 1:30 with bowling at 2. Bowling should be completed by 4.

This is a benefit fundraiser for the Bluegrass Chapter, and it is our hope that

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Sunday June 12 - 12 - 4
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a number of organizations will sponsor a team of four bowlers. Last year we had a very positive response, and we hope to do even better this year. With everything that is going on this year, we better!!

Pledge sheets can be downloaded as pdf files from our website bluegrassfairness.org. Ask your friends to sponsor you as a Bowler for Fairness. Each Bowler that brings in a minimum of \$50 in pledges will bowl for free. And this is only the first of five ways you or your team can win!

The organization that brings in the most sponsorship money will receive a special prize.

A bowler can win a special prize by getting a strike when the colored pin is in the head pin position.

We will also be offering a fifty \fifty raffle. So, if your bowling is not quite up to par, you still have a chance to win some money.

The name of the winning team, and its sponsor will be added to the traveling trophy as the winner of the 2003 bowling competition.

In a No-tap Monte Carlo event, knocking down nine pins (as opposed to ten) is scored as a strike. Periodically a colored pin will appear in the head pin position. If you bowl a true strike (not a no-tap) you will win a special prize.

An established average is NOT required and NO experience in bowling is necessary. If you are not a member of a team, we will assign you to a team. All you need to do is bring yourself and have a good time bowling. **Remember if you bring in \$50 in donations you will bowl for free.**

For further information, call Jim Dickinson at 252-5801 (e-mail JLD50ALJ@qx.net) or Shawn Fritz at 859.351.4650. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Quirk Café & Coffee

Quirk Café presents The Bats at the Thoroughbred Theater, Railroad St., in Midway KY., on Tuesday, June 14. The Bats are a highly acclaimed and popular women's singing group who play to packed houses around Kentucky..

Join us between 5 and 7 for wine tasting at Bacchus Fine Wines (right next door.) The concert will be between 7 and 10. Quirk, adjacent to the Thoroughbred Theater, will be serving until 7 pm. The cost is \$14 with dessert and coffee included. Reservations a highly recommended. Call 859 846-4688 for information, reservations and seating.

Quirk café is a new GLSO News sponsor. Watch for their ad next month also.

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Coronation 24

"A Night at the Juke Joint"

Sunday, June 5, 2005, 6 p.m.
Radisson Plaza Grand Ballroom

Coronation Week Events

In-Town-Show: Friday, June 3, 8:30 p.m., Club 141, \$5
Featuring the talent of the Imperial Court of Kentucky, including Empress JD Vaughn, Empress Nicole Diamond, Empress Natalie Gaye. and many others!

State Dinner: Sat., June 4, 5:00 p.m., Radisson, \$25
Reservations required. See Club 141 staff for details.

Out-of-Town Show: Sat., June 4, 8:30 p.m., Club 141, \$5
Featuring the talent of the International Imperial Court System!

Nine Inch Male Review: Sat., June 4, 11:00 p.m., Club 141, \$5

Victory Brunch, Monday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.- Radisson, \$20

*A fundraiser to benefit the designated charities of
The Imperial Court of Kentucky
Moveable Feast, AVOL, Kentucky Fairness, GLSO Pride Center of the*

Pride Month Events

Crossings Pride Party

On Saturday, June 11, Crossings is having a party to benefit Aids Volunteers of Lexington. There will be some great raffle items and entertainment. Crossings is located at 117 N. Limestone. There is also a Country Western Night on Sat. June 25 with prizes for the Best Outfit.

Club Liquid

On Friday, June 17 Club Liquid presents a fashion Show sponsored by Mac Cosmetics and General Essentrics. Participants will take part in a survey nominating their favorite local artists, fashion designers, etc. There will also be qualification offered for a Miami trip giveaway.

On Wednesday, June 22, the club will host a Pride Turn A Bout Party where roles are reversed for the evening. A complete listing of Club Liquid events can be found on page 15.

GLSO thanks Club Liquid for becoming a 2005 Pride Month Sponsor.

Radical Harmonies

Radical Harmonies is an award winning documentary produced by Dee Mosbascher, about the evolution of lesbian music over the last 35 years. It will be shown at the Pride Center on Saturday, June 18 at noon. Some brunch food will be provided and you are also welcome to bring some food to share.

In addition to winning Best Documentary at the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, this film also won best Soundtrack at the OutFest L.A. GLBT Film Festival. And the music is definitely great.

Starting in the early 70's, we see how the sexist policies in the music business of that time pushed women into learning how to be their own producers and managers,,

sound technicians, promoters, etc. There are great historic clips of Meg Christian, Linda Tillary, Holly Near, Mary Watkins, Cris Williamson, and Edwina Lee Tyler.

But it doesn't stop there. There are clips from several music festivals, great interviews, and music by some of our young musicians such as Tribe Eight, Ani Di Franco, and Bitch and Animal.

This film will take you back and move you forward. Let's celebrate our musical culture together.

PRIDE READING

The Pride Reading is being hosted by Interweave at the Unitarian Universalist church, 3564 Clay's Mill Rd. It will be on Saturday, June 18 at 8 pm in the Fellowship House (The farm house beside the church).

We encourage you to read (or sing) anything you have written: poetry, short fiction, part of your novel, music, whatever. The event is open to all- you can certainly come just to listen. Refreshments will be available. There is no admission but donations accepted to cover the cost of the food.

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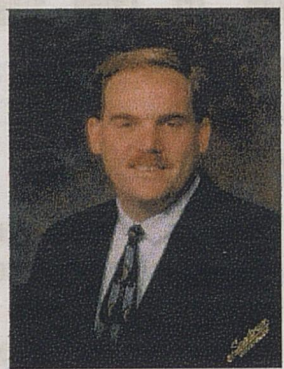
Men of All Colors Together

MACT is a chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. We have social get-togethers regularly. Our June Meeting will be on Saturday, June 18 at Charles' in Lexington. Refreshments and a main course will be provided. Please RSVP to, MACTKY@aol.com and email for more information, directions or ride share.

The National Association of Black and White Men Together is pleased to announce its 25th annual convention, "Building Bridges... in Our Communities and in Our Lives," to be held July 6-9, 2005 in Pittsburgh Pa.

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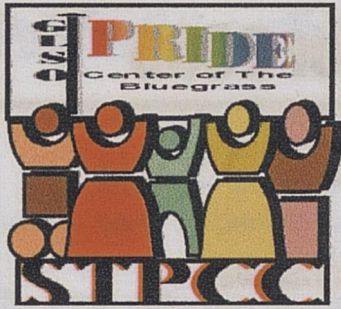
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June 20 Balls To The Wall Contest

JUNE 22 PRIDE PARTY TURN A BOUT



Pride Center

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Volunteers help us keep the Center open after 3 and on Saturdays.
Call ahead to be sure someone is here.

Save The Pride Center Campaign

As we reported in the last newsletter, GLSO has had less money coming in this year as have many non-profit organizations. We do have money coming in this month as well as some saved in a Certificate of Deposit (CD). Nevertheless we can look ahead and see that we will be in trouble by the end of this year. It costs us about \$1,250 a month to pay our rent and utilities, including security and insurance.

We have started this campaign to let the community know in advance that we are in need of support. We have just sent out a letter requesting donations but there are other things you can do to help.

What can you do to help save the Pride Center?

1. **Attend the Awards Banquet.** See Pride in Action, call 253-3233 for tickets. (See page 1) This year's events should be a lot of fun. The MC is Dan Bernit, a member of our youth group and a talented writer and performer. (See page 17)
2. **Volunteer Time** during Pride Month (we need help the day of the picnic and to keep the Pride Center open on Saturdays).
4. **Buy and/or Sell raffle tickets** for our \$500 cash prize.
3. **Subscribe to this Newsletter**, please, subscription form on next page)
4. **Bring your friend** to the Pride Center and to Pride Month events.
5. **Donate items** for us to sell on ebay.
6. **Do a Fundraiser for GLSO.** This could be a donation of services, a dinner party, a yard sale, or another creative event.

All Donations and Tax Deductible

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Pride Center and is open to all. We strive to make this a safe space where you can be yourself. If you enjoy lively discussions, please join us. For more information contact Jane at ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

GLSO needs new Board Members

Help us with grant writing, youth group advising, fundraising, etc.

Step Up and Become a Leader

Pride Center Library Highlights: GLBT History

By Jane Minder

During Pride Month we have the chance to focus on our lives as GLBT persons but our pride is not just ours. Our pride has been built on the lives of those that have come before us and who know form our proud history.

You expect to find history in books at the library but so often you won't find GLBT history on the shelves. Well at the Pride Center Library you can discover our stories from the beginning of human existence through today. Learn about those who came before you and how their lives have lead you to yours. You may find that these true stories of the past are just as compelling as our lives today. Here is just a sampling of the GLBT history you will find:

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Please Subscribe to our newsletter. It helps us get advertising, it brings in money, and it helps unite our community.

GLSO operates the Pride Center which cost \$1,250 a month including rent and utilities. We need your financial support to keep the Center open and to continue these community based projects.

Pride Library

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ActOUT Presents: Last Sunday In June



To bring Pride Month to a close, ActOUT Theater Group presents "Last Sunday In June" directed by Homer Tracy and written by Jonathan Tolins. Tolins also wrote "Twilight of the Golds" which ActOUT produced several years ago. All shows will be at the downtown Central Library Theater. Free parking is available behind the library.

There are five opportunities for you to see this play. The last weekend in June: Friday, June 24 and Saturday June 25 at 8 pm and Sunday, June 26 at 2 pm. The next weekend: Friday, July 1 and Sat., July 2 at 8 pm. Admission is \$10.

"Last Sunday In June" takes place in an apartment on Christopher Street, Greenwich Village, New York City where a group of friends gather to watch the Pride Parade. Michael (Marc Roland) and Tom (Brian Rollins) are the happy couple whose apartment serves as a meeting place for their friends.

Their friends are multi-generational which helps to give perspective on the gay community including how time has changed us as individuals and changed our community. We get to know these men and their problems, as they watch the cross-section of gay life parading by. The friends are played by Darrell Maines, Ken Waibel, Bill Chandler, Nathan Henegan, and Bradford Spears. There is one female character, Susan (Heather Adkins), who gives her own perspective.

This play is about being gay within a community that is becoming more mainstream every day. The various characters have a range of opinions on the state of our community. Some are celebrating, another is tired of the baggage that goes along with being gay.

This play has received great reviews and ActOUT will do another excellent job of presenting it for our enjoyment.

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Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community by Andrea Weiss & Greta Schiller (Call number: HQ 76.8.U5W43)

Bisexuality in the Ancient World by Eva Cantarella (Call #: HQ 76.2.R6C361)

Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community by Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy & Madeline D. Davis (Call #: HQ 75.6.K47B725)

Coming Out Under Fire [Videocassette] (Call #: VIDEO Comi)

Gay Book of Days by Martin Greif (Call #: HQ 75.2.G73G824)

Hidden From History: Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past edited by Martha Vicinus & Martin Duberman (Call number: HQ 76.25.H527)

Hiding My Candy: The Autobiography of the Grand Empress of Savannah, The Lady Chablis by Lady Chablis (Call number: PN2287.L4A3)

Out of All Time: A Gay and Lesbian History by Terry Boughner (Call #: HQ 75.2.B68O94)

Out of the Closets: Voices of Gay Liberation, 20th Anniversary ed. edited by Karla Jay & Allen Young (Call #: HQ 76.8.U5 O88)

Queer Street: Rise and Fall of an American Culture, 1947-1985 by James McCourt (Call #: HQ 76.3.U5M131 Q388)

These and many other books and videos can be check out from the Pride Center Library. The Pride Center at 389 Waller Avenue, is open Monday-Saturday 10-3



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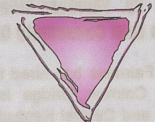
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To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
 Visit us on the web at: www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet



Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
 8pm - AA
 Discussion/Speaker (Call for Location)
- Tuesdays:**
 7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
 7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
 8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
 9pm - Rainbow Bowling League Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**
 8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
- Saturdays:**
 9am - Frontrunners/Walkers @ UK Arboretum
Sundays:
 9:15 & 11am - UU Church Worship Services.
 10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.
 6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.
 7pm - LMC Rehearsal @ St. Michael's Episcopal Church.
- Bi-weekly:**
 6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -
 Call Jamie 230-5625

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p> <p>Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call</p>			<p>7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p AA Step Study (call)</p>	<p>Pride Center open til 6pm 9p Pride Idol Semi-Finals @ the Kentucky Theater.</p> 	<p>7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 8:30p Imperial Court In-Town-Show @ Club 141.</p>	<p>4p Rainbow Families Kids Art Reception @ PC 8p Another Note 50's Concert @ Woodland Christian Church. 8:30p I.C.K. Out-of-Town Show @ Club 141 & at 11pm Nine Inch Nails Review</p>
<p>10a U.U. Church Pride Service 2p Women 40+ Club-PC 6p Imperial Court Coronation XXIV @ the Radisson SoulForce (call Jamie 230-5625)</p>	<p>8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place)</p>	<p>7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)</p>	<p>7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA (call)</p>	<p>Pride Center open til 6pm</p>	<p>7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place)</p>	<p>9a Frontrunners/Walkers @ Arboretum 2p KFA Bowling for Fairness @ Southland Lanes Pride Party @ Crossings to benefit AVOL.</p>
<p>10a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 11:30a 12th Annual Pride Picnic @ Windy Knoll Farm featuring 2005 Pride Idol Finals 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's</p>	<p>6p Bluegrass Fairness-PC 8p Lexington Lyons-PC 8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place)</p>	<p>7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) Flag Day</p>	<p>Newsletter Dead-line 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA</p>	<p>Pride Center open til 6pm</p>	<p>7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place)</p>	<p>9a Frontrunners/walkers Arboretum 12n Free Film @ PC Radical Harmonies 8p Pride Reading @ U.U. Church Fellowship House</p>
<p>Happy Father's Day 10a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC SoulForce (call Jamie 230-5625)</p>	<p>7:30 p GLSO Board Mtg. 8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place)</p>	<p>7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) Summer Begins</p>	<p>7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC</p>	<p>Pride Center open til 6pm</p>	<p>7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 8p ActOut presents Last Sunday In June @ Public Library</p> 	<p>9a Frontrunners/walkers Arboretum 8p ActOut presents Last Sunday In June @ Public Library Country Western Night @ Crossings</p>
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Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:**
 7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)
 7:30pm - Fairness (2nd Mon.)
 8pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon-Every 3 months)
- Tuesdays:**
- Wednesdays:**
- Thursdays:**
- Fridays:**
- Saturdays:**
 8pm - LexDGA (1st. Sat.)
- Sundays:**
 2pm - Women 40+(2nd. Sun)
 4pm - Integrity (2nd Sun)

Ky. Fairness Alliance Hires New Community Organizers

Ky Fairness has hired two new staff people. Colmon Elridge is KFAs new Eastern and Central Kentucky Organizer and has set up his office at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. In Lexington. Colmon is a native of Cynthiana, KY, and now lives in Richmond. He received a Bachelors Degree from Transylvania University and a Masters in Public Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

Colmon served as head of the College Democrats of Kentucky, as well as chaired the Minority Caucus of College Democrats of America. He also worked as a special assistant to House Speaker Jody Richards and other KY Democrats over the years.

Our new Western Kentucky Organizer is Casey Willits who has moved here from Arkansas for this job. Casey joins us having worked extensively on LGBT and HIV-related issues as the leader of PRIDE, a student organization at the University of Arkansas, and as the founder of the first high school Gay/Straight Alliance in the state of Arkansas at Fayetteville High School. He has organized actions such as a Day of Silence, pride parades, Scouting for All rallies and inter-collegiate conferences.

Both Casey and Colmon are deeply committed to the grassroots organizing work that KFA has pioneered over the 12 years of our existence and are passionate about working for a broad vision of social justice connecting issues of sexual orientation and gender identity to the struggles of people of color, poor people, the differently-abled, women, youth, immigrants and others.

KFA will accomplish a lot with these strong leaders on staff. They can be reached at:

Colmon: celridge@kentuckyfairness.org

Casey: cwillits@kentuckyfairness.org

WHY ADOPTION MATTERS

For All Of Us

By Shannon Stuart-Smith

This year conservative groups will be working to introduce legislation in Kentucky to repeal the right of LGBT people to adopt. Most GLBT people know that gays should be allowed to adopt. There is little need to discuss the pros and cons of gay adoption among ourselves, for example, whether gays make good parents, or whether children raised by gays are psychologically harmed, etc.

The more difficult issue for the LGBT community is whether, or how much, we should *all* "care" about the legal right to adopt. For those of us who want to adopt (or have adopted) the answer is easy, "of course!" But for the rest of us who will never adopt, is this an issue worth fighting for? Why should adoption matter for *all* GLBT people?

Actually, adoption is not the real issue, and that's precisely why it does matter. The real issue is about something that we all "know" to be true and at the same time it is about something we don't "know." We "know" things consciously and we may say to ourselves, "Whether gays have the right to adopt does not directly impact my life and therefore I don't have to care about adoption," and in that sense we may even be right.

But there is another sense that adoption does matter that we all also know, deeply know, intuitively know that makes us both uneasy and painfully aware, and why we do have to care. Adoption matters, gay marriage matters, gay rights matter, all the things that every gay person does matters, in the sense that we are, and forever, connected to one another.

Human beings are social animals. We enjoy complex social arrangements, such as language, culture, politics, government, laws, rules, rights, society,

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etc. These are a special set of social facts that as social animals we cannot escape. They bind us to one another in a unique social way that we all both benefit from and suffer from, collectively.

Directly and indirectly. To ignore the collective impact of these social facts on our individual lives is much like a child covering their own eyes in the mistaken belief that others will not see them.

Club Liquid

GLSO Pride Month Sponsor

Friday June 3 - VOX-OUT Kick-Off, Vox Vodka and OUT Magazine.

Wednesday, June 15 The Monthly Miss Club Liquid Contest. The winner will qualify to compete in the finals for Miss Club Liquid in May of 2006.

Friday, June 17 **Eccentric Fashion Show** sponsored by Mac cosmetics and General Essentrics. Vox-Out and Miami trip, Giveaway

Monday, June 20 "Balls -to-the-Wall" Contest, Best Box and Hottest Underwear Contests , Giveaways

Wednesday, June 22 Pride Party, Turn-A-Bout. The Men of Liquid step

Coronation Schedule

Friday, June 3

In-Town Show 8:30 pm, Club 141, \$5

Saturday, June 4

State Dinner, 5 pm, Radisson Plaza Hotel, \$25

Out-of-Town Show 8:30, Club 141, \$5

Nine Inch Males Review 11pm, Club 141, \$5

Sunday, June 5

International Court Council Meeting 11 am, Radisson Plaza Hotel

Coronation 24: A Night at the Juke Joint

6 pm, Radisson Plaza Hotel, \$10

Monday, June 6

Victory Brunch 11 am, Radisson Plaza Hotel, \$20

SisterSound Invitation

Mark your calendar for the first rehearsal of SisterSound's tenth Anniversary Season. On Sunday, Sept 11, 6 pm at Lansdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd. SisterSound is a non audition woman's chorus, please join us this fall.

For information Call Patti 859 806-0243. Also visit :www.geocities.com/sistersound

40+ Club Does Pride Month

Don't do Pride Month alone. The 40+ Club is making plans to gather at the Pride Picnic on Sunday, June 12, and to go out to dinner and take in the Pride Reading on Saturday, June 18. Both events promise to be a great time, especially if you spend them with some great people.

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and their younger friends) who are interested in attending a wide variety of activities together. In the past, we have gone to concerts and plays, attended sporting events, visited

museums, and enjoyed many meals together.

We get together in groups of 2 to 20. If you have something you want to do, there is probably someone in the group that would love to join you.

Join us for the Pride activities this month. If you have questions or would like to be added to the 40+ mailing list, call or email Ginger and Jane at 859-253-0061 or ggclr@yahoo.com for information. There will be no 40+ planning meeting in June. Our next meeting will be at the Pride Center on Sunday, July 10 at 2pm.)

2005 Pride Picnic

The Twelfth Annual Pride Picnic will be held from noon to 4 pm on Sunday, June 12, at Windy Knoll Farm. There is an indoor arena we can use in case of rain so plan to join us rain or shine. We expect a good crowd so car pool with friends. Due to insurance restrictions, please do not bring alcohol.

The picnic is our most popular event with a giant potluck, games, vendors, raffle and the joyful gathering of family and friends. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share, and there is usually a wonderful array of food. GLSO will provide fried chicken and will be selling soft drinks and water to help pay for the equipment we rent. (stage, porta potty, sound equipment, etc.) so **please plan to purchase drinks**. You might also want to bring sunscreen, a blanket or small chair, and, money for vendors and raffle tickets.

The highlight of this year's entertainment will be the **Final Round of the Pride Idol 2005 Contest**. The Twelve individuals that will be chosen during the June 2 Secondary Round (see page 1) will perform at the picnic. Everyone at the picnic will vote for their favorite and the winner will become Pride Idol 2005. There are some great singers to listen to so come on out for the fun.



There will also be a picnic raffle organized a new way. You will have a choice of which raffle items you choose to try to win. Just place any number of raffle tickets in the baskets marked for the prize(s) you want. If you see one item that you want more than any other, you can put all your tickets in that basket. Prizes include gift certificates for dinner and a movie home made Mead, a Louis lcart framed print, Zena collectable, a new VCR, and jewelry. If you have an item to donate, please call mary crone at 266-5904.

Directions to Pride Picnic Windy Knoll Farm 3263 Cleveland Road North

Your goal is marked by the red star. From Lexington, go out of town on Winchester Rd heading east. Midland Ave., by the Herald Leader, runs into Winchester Rd. You can also take New Circle Road (in orange) around to Winchester Rd. From the intersection of Winchester and New Circle (near where it says Eastland), go east 5.5 miles toward Winchester.

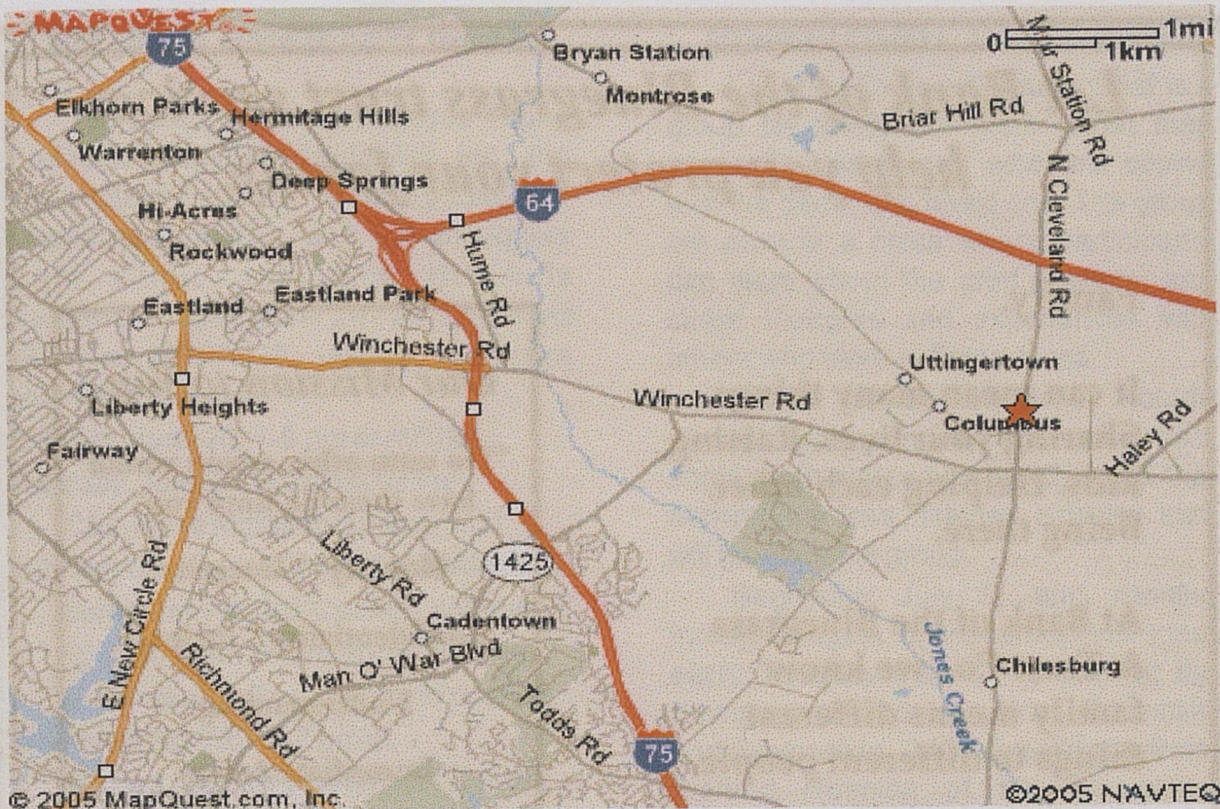
Turn left (north) onto N. Cleveland Rd (RT 1973). Down 1/2 mile on the left will be David's Fork Baptist Church. The Windy Knoll driveway is right next to the church property. A mailbox with the street number 3263 will be on your right, directly across from the driveway. Turn left into driveway.

From I-75 north or south, take exit 110, Route 60, which is Winchester Rd. Go East on Rt. 60, towards Winchester, about 2 1/2 miles to Cleveland Rd. The directions are then the same as above. If you are coming from the east on I-64, you can take exit 94, which will put you on the by-pass near Winchester. Go south on the by pass, turn right (west) on 60. Turn right onto 1973 will then be on your right. If you get lost, call 859-221-4396

Things to Bring to Picnic

1. Potluck dish to share
2. Sunscreen
3. Money to purchase drinks, items from vendors and raffle tickets.
4. Folding chair or blanket to sit on
5. Friends
6. Laughter

Please do not bring alcohol. The Farm's insurance does not permit it and the horses will be irritated if you drink. You do not want to meet an angry horse on your way back to your car!



Raffle \$500 Raffle

Every June GLSO offers a major raffle item that we sell tickets for during the entire month. This year our big prize is \$500 cash, something everyone can use. (And lets face it, cash will not stop working the minute we give it away.)

For \$5 you can buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win \$500. Tickets will be sold at the Pride Center and at all GLSO sponsored events. (Picnic, Plays, Banquet, etc) We will have the drawing at the end of the month. Help us out and sell some tickets to your friends. Remember, every ticket you buy supports the Pride Center and all other services GLSO offers.

GLSO Needs You

Join the Board or volunteer your time. Help us write grants, start a young adult group, be a youth group advisor, keep the Center open one Saturday a month.

Step Up and Become a Leader

Call 253-3233

The Picnic is Free but we need your financial support - buy soda and water, raffle tickets, or contribute money in our rainbow umbrella!
Help Save the Pride Center!

Fringe Festival

The Cincinnati Fringe Festival will include some gay talent this year. Dan Bernit who performed at last year's Pride Banquet, will be performing "Moments of Disconnect" on the following date

- * Thursday, June 2 - 8 pm
 - * Friday, June 3 - 10 pm
 - * Saturday, June 4 - 5 pm
 - * Friday, June 10 - 8: pm
- Memorial Hall, 1225 Elm Street
and

* Wednesday, June 8 - 10:00 PM
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HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

The Lexington Urban League Young Professionals, AIDS Volunteers, Inc., the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, AHEC, and the Bluegrass Care Clinic announce HIV/AIDS Awareness week, June 20 - 25. There will be free HIV/AIDS testing at these Lexington locations:

Monday, June 20, 7-9 pm at AVOL

Tuesday, June 21 Cardinal Valley

Call Rosa Martin to confirm time

Wednesday, June 22, 6-8 pm at Winburn

Community Action Council. We need

Spanish interpreters from AHEC on

Wednesday- Rosa Martin to confirm

Thursday, April 23, 5-7 pm at

Gaines Way Empowerment Center

Mon, Tues, Thurs. & Fri., 8 am -4 pm &

Wed. 8am - 6:30pm, at the Lex

Fayette Health Dept.

The week will come to a conclusion with a Ceremonial Candlelight Vigil at Thoroughbred Park on Saturday June 25, 6 pm. There will also be program that evening at Commerce Lexington Conference Room. Call AVOL for more information. 225-3000.

Love's Lesbians Lost

Suffering from The L-Word withdrawals already? Season 2 has ended but no need to suffer alone until Season 3 begins. If you'd like to participate in an L-Word viewing and discussion group for queer and straight fans, please email mzesperanza@yahoo.com We'll view past episodes and discuss characters, plot lines, writing, acting, social issues, music, In an informal, safe, and very fun environment. Please join us!

GLSO Fundraising

We have found a place to sell empty ink jet ink cartridges and old cell phones. Please donated yours to us.

Hospice Offers Grief Group

Learning To Live Through Grief is a group for family members (other than spouses) and friends who are coping with the death of a loved one. The group will provide a place where participants can learn about the grief process, and share thoughts and experiences with others who have suffered a loss.

Topics to be covered include understanding grief, role changes, coping with stress and the changes that accompany loss. Trained Hospice staff will facilitate the group.

Beginning July 5, and running through August 9, the group will meet every Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Bluegrass Center for Grief Education and Counseling, 2409 Greatstone Point (behind Hospice of the Bluegrass, across from the Paragon Center off Harrodsburg Road.

For more information or to register for the group, please call Roxanne Ruggles, 277-2700, extension 419. The registration deadline is Thursday, June 30. You can also email Cindy for info. alJohnson@hospicebg.com

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It's a Matter of Pride!

by Fr. Ken Waibel

This month we should all stand proud. Regardless of what we have done or how far we have come; regardless of how "out" we are or with whom we have shared our love; regardless of our efforts to bring justice to a troubled society and truth to the forefront we should stand proud because of who we are.

True, or holy, pride is not a result of accomplishments or a matter of status within the eyes of others. Pride is the base understanding that I am wonderfully created and that because I am so wonderfully made I should stand tall with head held high and shine forth my beauty to the world.

This kind of pride is a recognition of self worth and self beauty, of self understanding and acceptant and self love. We should all stand proud because we have a God given blessing to be proud of who we are.

I am proud that I can stand before others and admit that I am gay. I am proud to say I have a man in my life who loves me and cherishes me and wants only the best for me. I am proud that I

have a faith in God that reflects my worth and the worth of all people to the world and celebrates everyone regardless of race, gender, faith or orientation.

I am proud that the church that I attend is willing to stand before our fellow citizens and celebrate diversity and Holy Unions. I am proud that so many others in Lexington are also willing to stand proud before the world.

This pride is only possible and meaningful because it shouts out from within. This pride is powerful because it is so rooted in self awareness and self love that it cannot be quenched or silenced. This pride is so beautiful because it is available to anyone who can look into his or her self and see the wonder within.

In this month of Gay Pride we have great reason to celebrate and to mourn. We celebrate our personal victories and mourn societies failures to stand with us and love us.

Most importantly we celebrate each other, for each of us - gay, lesbian, straight, transgendered, bisexual or questioning - is a wonderful reflection of humanity and a beautiful creation of God. If we can celebrate this, we have every reason to be proud.



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Integrity, a support group of gay and lesbian Episcopalians and friends, will meet on Sunday, June 12 at 4pm in the Chapter Room at St Michael's Episcopal Church. The group meets on the second Sunday of each month and discusses a broad range of topics relating to the GLBT community and Christianity. You do not have to be Episcopalian to attend!

St. Mychal The Martyr

St. Mychal The Martyr Parish invites you to our Pride Mass to be held on Sunday, June 19 at 10:30 am. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St/ Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessings of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. Call 859 389-9418 or email Fr. Ken at kypadre@aol.com for more information.

Lexington Friends Meeting

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave between 6th and 7th streets parallel to N. Broadway. There is singing before the service between 10:15 and 10:30 and adult discussion between 9 and 10:25. Child care is available during the discussion period and religious education for children is held during the worship.

We have unprogrammed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or occasionally none. Our form of worship is similar to meditation but is definitely a shared experience.

We have no clergy, no sermons, and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves. We believe in the equality of all people and work for social justice on a number of fronts. Visit us and learn more about our varied beliefs.

St. Mychal the Martyr Parish



Sunday Worship 10:30

Special Pride Mass June 19th

All are welcome

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Jubilee Fellowship

The outreach Bible Study of Open Door Community Fellowship has taken a name. We are now Jubilee Fellowship of Lexington. We welcome 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 are presently meeting on Friday Nights @ 7pm.

We derive our name from the biblical reference of The Jubilee or Grand Sabbatical Year. This Jubilee year was appointed to be held every fiftieth year, at the end of the seven Sabbatical years. This was a year of general release, not only of all debts, but of all slaves and prisoners, and all lands and possessions, whether they had been sold or mortgaged. This time was wisely announced--- in the evening after the solemn services of the Day of Atonement. The rich and the injured would be better prepared to remit debts of their brethren when they themselves had been forgiven by God, and when their peace was made with God by the sacrifices of atonement. Jubilee was a time to proclaim liberty and rejoicing throughout the land.

Likewise, we at Jubilee Fellowship recognize that Jesus became sin for us and suffered the punishment for our sins so that we could experience the benefits of Jubilee every single day. We desire to live our lives, spend our money and use our talents in such a way that we will bring about the release of many through our acts of obedience to God.

We have secured a building for our meetings. It is located at 713 East Loudon Avenue. We will not only hold services there but we will serve the community as a safe place to come to receive assistance in many different forms. If this vision sounds like something you would like to be a part of,

please contact our Pastor Cori Wood at ifellowship@aol.com or phone 264-7006.

We have a big vision and a big God..

Please e-mail us if you would be interested in helping us get the building ready for Sunday services. There are items we need donated as well as willing hands to work..



Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church Pride Service is on June 5, see page 3. Join us for any Sunday during the summer at 10 am. We are located at 3564 Clay's Mill Rd. near Man O'War. Our congregation is made up of liberal individuals that hold a variety of beliefs. We do not have a dogma or creed that defines the beliefs of all members.

We are held together by seven principles including a belief in "the inherent worth and dignity of each person. This particular principle leads us to be social activists in many different causes.

Another principle states that we are part of a living interconnected web of all beings. This provides a basis for activism in environmental and animal rights groups.

National LGBT Interfaith Conference American Friends Service Committee

Together in Faith 2005, a national multiracial, multi-generational conference for spiritual lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and ally activists is planned for August 5-7, at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Rabbi Michael Lerner, Mandy Carter, Meg Riley and Barry Lynn will be speaking.

Workshops are designed to provide new information and tools to help participants create LGBT affirming cities and faith communities. Admission is \$75. Register on-line at togetherinfaith.com. To register by phone or to volunteer call Amanda Sharri, Program Associate at 734 761-8283 ext. 3.

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