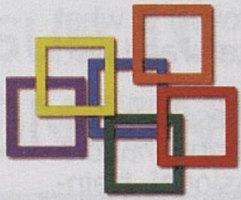


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Bullying, Education and Fairness

By Craig Cammack,
Contributor

For far too long, all students, but especially LGBT students, have had to live their lives daily in fear of being taunted, harassed or harmed while trying to attend school. No longer will we stand for this intolerance and freedom to bully. Lexington Fairness is taking a stand to stop and/or prevent bullying in our schools with its Project Speak Out program. And you can help make it come to reality.

We hear consistent and constant stories of students being bullied for who they are, who they were born to be. And in too many cases (one is too many), we hear of suicides or suicide attempts from those bullied children who feel condemned. Students who feel they are no longer safe living as they are. Children who feel they need to look no further than to end their life in order to stop the pain of harassment and abuse. These stories are so heartbreaking and destructive to the diverse fabric of our nation. We can no longer sit on the sidelines and watch as children have to fight for themselves, deal with the hurtful words and actions of bullies and struggle to live in our society.

We know the bullies do this from learned behavior. No child learns how to bully without being ingrained with intolerance. The adults (parents, educators, family friends, celebrities, etc.) put forth notions of injustice and discrimination which the child sees as normal. With this normality, and possible lowered self-esteem and self worth, bullies are born. We already know it's hard to change the minds of an adult, but children can learn that right is right, discrimination is wrong and acceptance

(not necessarily approval) is what makes our world peaceful and just.

With Lexington Fairness' Project Speak Out, we will bring nationally-renowned professional trainers to Central Kentucky. These trainers will help educate a core group of community volunteers, whether they are part of our LGBT community or not. There will be no restrictions on helping educate those who want to make a world of safe and secure schools for all students. From these volunteers, a grassroots training program will be instituted, visiting schools, holding forums for teachers and counselors, providing safe school resources to everyone who wants them. We are determined to provide AT LEAST, but hopefully many more, safe school allies in each and every school, giving all students, LGBT or not, the ability to feel they have an ally who will not tolerate bullying, discrimination and the disgrace so many of our children feel.

We hope you will join Lexington Fairness in bringing Project Speak Out to reality during the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. We will make a difference. We will provide allies to bring a safe and secure learning environment to our schools. We will help make the world a more just and fair place to live, no matter your sexual orientation or gender identity.

Your next event to attend to help bring Project Speak Out closer to reality is the October 15th To Die For: Get Your Just Desserts murder mystery. Being held at the Loudoun House, the Imperial Court of Kentucky is organizing this event to serve as a fundraiser for Project Speak Out, bringing us the ability to provide schools with the knowledge and resources they need to prevent our children from the fear of being who they were born to be.

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Letter from the President

By Aaron Baker,
Contributor

Thank you for reading the GLSO Newsletter. As you can see from this month's cover, we are in the midst of a fundraising campaign to help keep the doors of the Pride Center open. I'm sure many of you have gotten the fundraising letter that we sent out. If you support the mission of the GLSO, I encourage you to make your tax deductible donation in this time of need.

As an organization, we have made a commitment to refocus our energies on providing our core services. Those services are the Pride Center, the Pride Festival, the GSA youth group and this newsletter. Your monetary donations will all go towards fulfilling our commitment to these services.

Look for some exciting new fundraising events in the near future. We are reaching out to some exciting new partners to bring you a wider variety of events that are fun for the community and support the mission of the GLSO.

As the interim President and on behalf of our board of directors, I want to ensure the community that the GLSO will survive this hardship. This board is dedicated to serving the community. As always, we want you to feel comfortable approaching the GLSO board. Transparency is our mantra, and the GLSO belongs to the community. I want you to feel comfortable contacting any board member, including myself, if you have any questions.

Again, thank you for reading the GLSO Newsletter, and I look forward to working with the community in the coming months.

Why the GSA Needs the Pride Center

By Mary Crone, Contributor

Teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19 meet every week at the Pride Center with our community Gay Straight Alliance for Youth. Sometimes a young person will come for only one or a few meetings and then not return for many months. It could be that a parent will not let them come back or they may be in internal conflict concerning their identity.

It is not unusual for a teen to find their way back to us after some time has passed. For them, it has been great for the GSA to be in the same place, at the same time, every Tuesday night for a decade. Young adults also come back to see us after leaving for college, or after their family has moved.

Yes, we can re-establish our group at another location. But teens need a safe, accessible and accepting place to meet. Parents need to consider the location safe for their child to drive themselves to meetings. The Pride Center has been successful in meeting those criteria.

You can help the GSA continue to be a special place for teens by supporting GLSO. Please make a donation to GLSO through pay pal at www.glso.org/site or by mailing a check to
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389 Waller Avenue

Pride Center Hours

The new hours are Tuesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

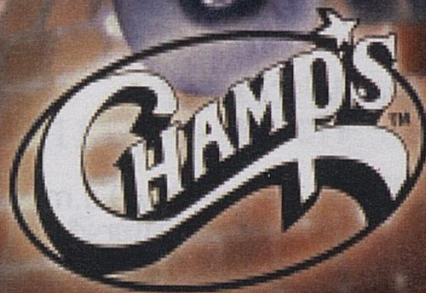
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By ShotZ, Contributor

September was an exciting month for the Imperial Court of Kentucky! We seem to have unofficially declared September to be "youth" month as we hosted two shows in which the proceeds would go to youth oriented programs. We hosted our first fundraiser of the year for the GLSO, entitled Standing Strong. The proceeds from this show will be donated to the GLSO's Youth Empowerment Training Project. We wish them much success and thank them for all the hard work they do! We also hosted a show called Spotlight on Drag Lexington and designated the funds from this show for The Trevor Project. We would like to thank everyone for coming out to support these events and both of these amazing programs. We could not do what we do without you!

We also represented the Imperial Court of Kentucky while attending the Coronation Ball held by the Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire in Cincinnati, OH. Congratulations to HMIM Emperor 21, Edward St. James and HMIM Empress 21, Maxi Malone, we wish you a very successful year! We are also proud to congratulate one of our own; HIM Empress 29, Helena Handbasket who was proudly named Empress 21 and a half of Cincinnati, congratulations Helena!

We then followed that weekend by attending the Inaugural Gala of the first Imperial Court in our nation's capital. That's right, as of September 17, 2011 our International Court System is now 69 courts strong with the recent addition of The Imperial Court of Washington, D.C. As the Reigning Monarchs of the Imperial Court of Kentucky you will see that we have been, and will be, traveling throughout the year to other Courts across the International Court System. We welcome each of you to travel with us to show Kentucky's support of each of these hardworking Courts.

Just recently we were very lucky to host Reigning Emperor 39 of All Alaska, Kevin Fawcett Majors, to our show Standing Strong. He sets a good example in that he happened to be in Kentucky for the Bourbon Festival and while here looked online to see if there were any Court functions being produced while he was in town. He not only attended the show but brought us raffle prizes to be used for fundraising! We encourage you to go to www.impcourt.org, the website for our International Organization, and learn about the Courts that are in the cities to which you travel. You will be surprised by the amount of new friends you will make with a similar philanthropic mind.

September also welcomed the first Imperial Leader. This is a quarterly publication that we will be sending to our membership (via email and it will be posted on our website) that will keep them up to date on gatherings and events of the Imperial Court of Kentucky. We would like to thank The Crowne Plaza - Campbell House for sponsoring the first edition of the Imperial Leader and remind you that they are the only TAG approved hotel in Lexington, KY.

October promises to be filled with just as much excitement if not more! We will begin the month by attending the annual Just Fund event, Just Fun: Celebrating Decades of Justice on Saturday, October 1 at Spindletop Hall.

On Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 7pm at The Cabaret in Cincinnati, OH we will be attending the Investitures of Reign 21 of the Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire. Road Trip! Join the Reigning Monarchs in celebrating the beginning of the 21st Reign of the ISQCCBE.

The following weekend on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 7:30pm we will be working alongside Lexington Fairness and producing our first Murder Mystery, To Die For: Who Will Get Their

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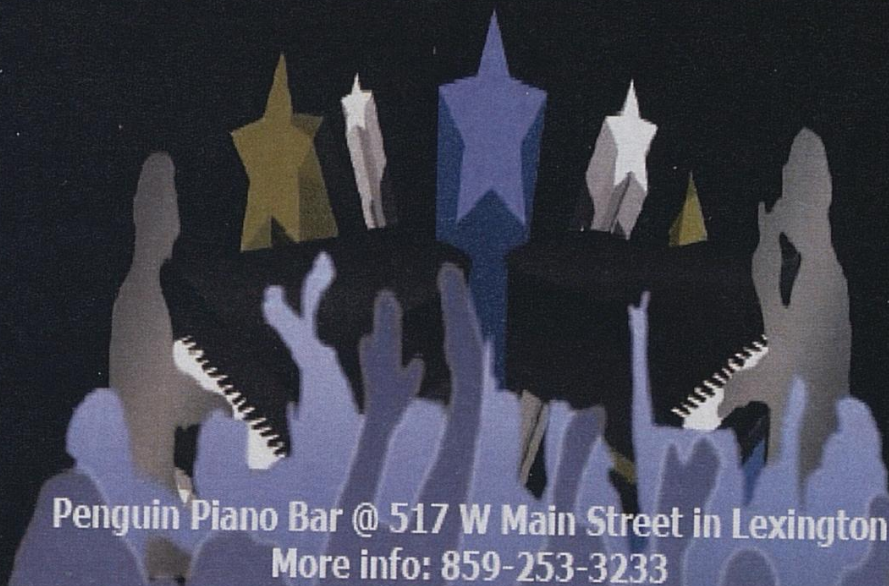
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Just Desserts? This promises to be a murder mystery like none other you may have attended. We will have seven bakeries from the area, each representing one of the seven deadly sins. Our guests will be invited to sample these sinful confections and help us select a "Bakery of the Year" all while trying to solve the murder mystery that has been played out before them. Of course, the Court is involved so we will also have seven of our girls; each dressed as one of the seven deadly sins as well, helping to collect votes for the Bakery of the Year. Advance ticket purchase is recommended (tickets will be available at the door on a first come, first serve basis) by going to www.imperialcourtkentucky.org and clicking on Upcoming Events and finding the event and clicking on it in our calendar. (This show is also 18+!)

The Reigning Monarchs will also be hosting a "Line Meeting" on Sunday, October 16, 2011. This is a meeting of the guys and gals currently on the Male and Female Lines of Descent but we also invite anyone interested in being more involved to attend as well. During these meetings we discuss ideas for the ICK while socializing and getting to know each other in a relaxed "non-show" setting. The Monarchs will be sending out invites to the current Lines of Descent soon, if you are not on the "line" and would like to attend simply contact Emperor XXX, Fred Worsham, or Empress XXX, ShotZ to find out how to get more involved.

Last but not least, our first pageant of the Reign, Diva's of Darkness will be held at Crossings Lexington on Sunday, October 30, 2011 beginning at 8pm. This pageant is a crowd pleaser with its over-the-top costumes not only being worn by the contestants but by our audience members as well. Are you the next Diva of Darkness? Do you have questions about the pageant? Need an application? For the answers to all these questions contact Empress

XXX, ShotZ at shotzwithaz@live.com.

If you are not yet a member, joining is easy, simply attend one of our shows and see a member of the Board of Directors for a membership application or to pose any questions you may have. Our current Board of Directors are Wayne Clayton, Wes Nelson, Wayne Swope, Clayton Burchell, ShotZ, Fred Worsham, Jonathan Barker, Brad Shepherd and Daryl Royle. For more events coming during October and coming months, please, check our Facebook group page and our website at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org (click on Upcoming Events). If you have not yet joined our group page on Facebook just log in and go to our page and send us a request to join

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Spiritual Disciplines

By Pastor Karen Taylor,
Contributor

We have been learning about spiritual disciplines the past several weeks at church. Discipline in general is not something we see a lot of in our society these days. As a society we are overweight (I'm right there with you on this one), we tend to do whatever we want whenever we want, most of us do not excise our bodies like we should (guilty as charged), and spiritually we neglect our privileges, rights, and responsibilities. "Ours is an undisciplined age. The old disciplines are breaking down. Above all, the discipline of divine grace is derided as legalism or is entirely unknown to a generation that is largely illiterate in the Scriptures. We need the rugged strength of Christian character that can come only from discipline." V. Raymond Edman.

There are many "disciplines" we could discuss but I would like to focus on three. One is Bible reading. I would say this is the most important and least exercised discipline. We need to know for ourselves what God has said, is saying, and the one sure way of doing that is reading, meditating, and memorizing His Word. Too many Christians are content to hear their preacher tell them what the Bible says and take it as truth without ever looking into it on their own. Matthew 4:4 "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." So shouldn't we be reading it? I read a story recently about a missionary who went to this very remote village to share the gospel. He found what was being called Christian churches, but what he was witnessing was not what he understood to be Christian behavior. There was lying, cheating, stealing, all manner of free sexual behavior, and more. He couldn't understand what was going on until he realized that no one, not even the pastors had a Bible. How are we to know what God's expectations are of us if we don't know Him and what He says?

Another discipline is worship. In my opinion this is a very misunderstood concept. The Bible Dictionary defines it as follows: "reverent devotion and allegiance pledged to God; the rituals or ceremonies by which this reverence is expressed". We express our worship of God through church attendance true, but also through giving of our time, money, support, etc, as well as how we live our lives. "The real duty of worship is not the outward duty to say or do the liturgy. It is the inward duty, the command - 'Delight yourself in the Lord!'" ("Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life" by Donald S. Whitney pg. 90) At Open Arms we used to simply put the offering plate on the center table and people put in their tithes and offerings whenever during the service, before, or after. Until I realized that tithing is actually a way to worship God. Now we have a specific time during the service to worship God through our giving.

The last discipline I would like to talk about is prayer. Prayer is simply communicating with God. Communication is a give and take thing. You talk and listen. What kind of a relationship would you have with another person if all you ever did was talk and never listen to what the other person had to say? Not much of one for sure. The Bible tells us to make our requests known to God, but it also says we must learn to be still enough to hear that still small voice of God. Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually". You might be saying, "I don't know how to pray", and that's ok, the disciples didn't either. They asked Jesus to teach them to pray and He gave them what we know as The Lord's Prayer as a model. That prayer begins and ends in praise and thanksgiving. The heart of the prayer is asking for forgiveness as you have forgiven others, and then moves into petitioning God for your requests/needs. There is no right or wrong way to pray. It's a matter of the heart toward God. Getting to know Him better and feeling close to Him.

You can think of spiritual disciplines as you do physical exercise. You put the right things in, vegetables, protein, etc, and exercise to be in the best physical condition

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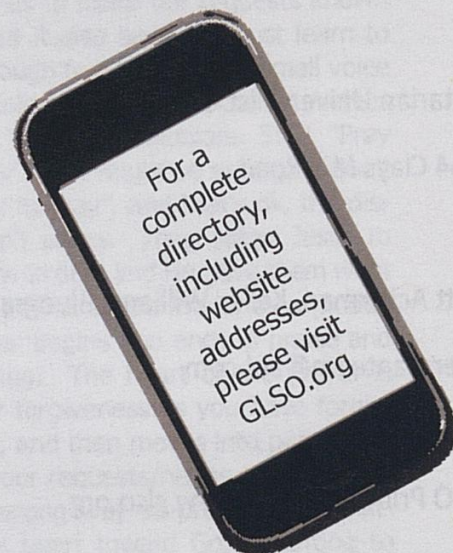
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Unitarian Universalist Church Welcomes All

By Mary Crone, Contributor

The U.U. Church has worship service at 11am every Sunday. We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates our GLBT members. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd., just inside Man-O-War. We are proud to sponsor the GSLO News. 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. This makes for diverse and interesting services presenting a wide variety of beliefs and non-belief. There are a number of groups that meet regularly at the church. Interweave is the LGBTQIA support and social group for everyone. You do not have to be a member to attend. The Humanist Forum meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Our meetings are open to people of all beliefs, and those of none. We discuss a variety of topics related to our mission to explore Humanist teachings "which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit." The Sunday Sangha is a discussion

group that meets on Sundays at 9:45 am in the Allen House next to the church. Topics are presented and discussed using the lens of Buddhism in an effort to apply its principles to modern life. All religious paths are welcome. The topic changes each week, so drop-ins are always welcome.

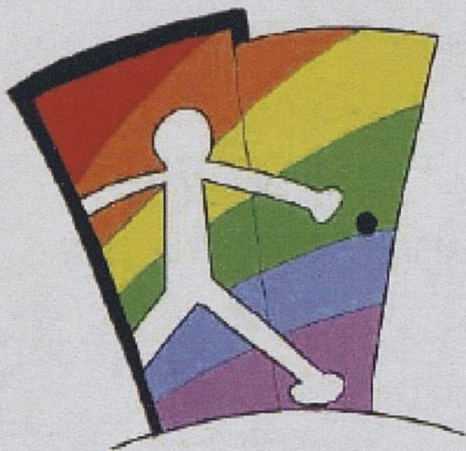
There is also a Christian group, a pagan group, and more that meet regularly. For information call 859 223-1448 or visit www.uucl.org Also contact Mary Crone to volunteer for the Halloween Dance at the church on Friday October 28 from 7:30 -11 p.m.

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Spiritual Disciplines

possible. Spiritually you put in the Word of God, and practice the disciplines to be in the best spiritual condition. It's all leading to a more Godly attitude and behavior. I welcome any comments or questions. Just send them to pastor@openarmsofgodministry.org If you have a topic you would like for me to explore you can send that to the same address. Don't forget to attend church somewhere this Sunday. Let's worship God by giving Him a couple hours of our time each week to praise Him and learn more about Him. If you do not have a church you are welcome to Open Arms of God Ministry. We worship each Sunday at 10:30 in the Pride Center on Waller Ave. May God bless and keep you through this coming month.

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