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Change and Continuation

By Paul Brown, Contributor

Now is the time to bid adieu to 2012. While the year has been a divisive one for the entire country, the gay community has made progress like never seen before. Maine, Maryland, and Washington all voted to legalize gay marriage. Unlike 2004 where all state constitutional amendments to define marriage traditionally passed, a similar measure failed in Minnesota. Additionally, Tammy Baldwin became the first openly gay person to be elected to the United States Senate. Then, last week Newt Gingrich, a constant voice of all things super conservative, publicly declared that the Republican Party needed to accept that the current chapter in American history was being written in favor of marriage equality. Less than a decade ago, gay activists only dreamed of what today is reality.

As with the nation, 2012 ushered in changes with the GLSO and the Pride Center. The GLSO began the year in grave doubt of its future existence. Its biggest fundraiser of the year, the Lexington Pride Festival, had suffered a financial setback in 2011, and the board felt uncertain about how to progress. Under a new president, Aaron Baker, the GLSO bounced back. A new Pride Festival committee stocked with experienced people turned the tide and made 2012's Festival the biggest financial success to date of any Lexington Pride Festival. That financial success served as dessert for a committee that wanted only to provide the community with an outstanding Festival that could make GLBT people proud to live in Lexington.

That financial success was not the only victory for the GLSO. The organization filed a legal complaint with the Human Rights Commission (HRC) because Hands On Originals (HOO) refused to honor a quote it gave because it argued that printing Pride Festival t-shirts would go against its Christian ideology. The GLSO called on Lexington's Fairness Ordinance to fight against this discrimination. Cincy Apparel stepped up and printed the t-shirts for the Pride Festival. They

stood beside the organization and decried the blatant discrimination. Then, after months of research, the HRC sided with the GLSO. There are still steps to take before the situation is completely resolved, but knowing that a governmental institution believes in our complaint and believes that businesses should not be able to deny basic services based on sexual orientation is a tremendous victory.

Yet another victory is the acquisition of new board members. Iggy Pargen, Cindy Sommer, Karen Taylor, and Paul Holland have embraced the organization with savage energy. Cindy has already started fundraising. Paul has been working to manage volunteers and to redecorate the Pride Center a bit. Iggy organized a holiday dinner for the organization. Soon Karen will serve as secretary of the board. The GLSO is proud to have these members and looks forward to the amazing work they will accomplish.

Since we are waving adios to our amigo 2012, we must welcome in 2013. The stage is already set for what could be the biggest victory or the most crushing defeat for the GLBT community. The United States Supreme Court has agreed to review cases surrounding the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and California's controversial Proposition 8. By June, the Supreme Court will rule in some regard to these acts, which prohibit gay people from marrying or getting access to the more than 1,100 benefits that come with federally sanctioned marriage. How the Court votes is anyone's guess but what they vote will undoubtedly have a marked, historical effect on the march for gay equality. Regardless, what gay people know irrevocably is that they will continue that march, and they will continue to hold their heads up, and they will continue to be proud not just during Pride month but during the entire year into perpetuity. The G, the L, the B, the T, both Q's, the I, the A, the 2-S, and the Poz of every race, origin, size, shape, age, and gender will keep on keeping on because we know we are worth the effort and deserve equality.

Again like the nation, the GLSO will see some changes this year. The Center will continue to enjoy some face-lifting.

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Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.

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GLSO Board Meeting

Thursday, Jan 3, 6:30 p.m.

Pride Center

Trans Kentucky Meeting

Saturday, Jan 5, 6:30 p.m.

Pride Center

Lexington Gay Geeks Book Club

Friday, Jan 11, 6:30 p.m.

KY Bourbon Bears Meeting

Saturday, Jan 12, 9 p.m.

Crossings

Imperial Court of Kentucky Meeting

Sunday, Jan 13 & 27, 6 p.m.

Pride Center

Pride Festival Planning Meeting

Thursday, Jan 24, 7 p.m.

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The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR LEXINGTON!!!!!!

By TriNity,
Contributor

Here's hoping you Holiday Season and New Years Eve was Happy and Safe!!!

I know I can speak for Daryl and the Royal Family of Reign 31 when I say we could never have imagined the level of support and dedication we have experience so far during the reign. To date we have had an INCREDIBLE first half of Reign 31. The shows/events in December 2012 included the Annual AVOL Kid's Christmas where Reign 31 set a new record for funds raised at this show!!!!!! Raising over \$4000!!!!!! Helping to provide gifts and an all around brighter Christmas for 64 children in our community.

We also worked with the GLSO to put on "A VERY, FAIRY CHRISTMAS". Bringing together members of both organizations and raising money for the GLSO and the Pride Festival this summer. With performances by the ladies of Reign 31 and a special performance by La Pearl and her beautiful, LIVE, vocal performance !!!

And to round out our 2012 fundraising efforts, we put on The Miss/Mr Mary Christmas event. Where we crowned STRATOSPHERE, the newest Miss Mary Christmas. This year to add

a little TWIST to the Holiday season, we decided to include the Drag Kings of the community by also adding a Male impersonation portion. So make sure you Congratulate RYDER JOHNSON, your 1st ever MR Mary Christmas!!!!!!

As we begin 2013, we will pick up where we left off..... With another "pageant" and "contest". On January 6th, we will have our first event of the new year with The Inner Diva pageant. A pageant geared towards the Women of the ICK that enjoy performing in Drag!!!! You know all those girls with that INNER DIVA hiding inside!!!

So we hope you'll join us at Pulse Nightlife as we see who will become the next winner of INNER DIVA!!! You can catch HMIM Emperor 31 Daryl BIGD Lyons at Crossings this month for his Trivia night with the Emperor on January 17th. Always a fun night with Daryl, his co-host, some cocktails (of course ;)) a little trivia, probably some more cocktails, and a whole lot of fun!!! And finally on January 23rd, we will be hosting the 2nd annual KING OF DRAG contest. This is THE contest for our Drag King members. This will also be at Pulse Nightlife.

As always, anyone wishing to become a member of the ICK, can contact Daryl, myself or any member of our Board of Directors for a membership application or information.

SisterSound is "In Our Element"

Join the Sisters as they explore the Elements – earth, air, fire and water – and variations like snow, rain, wind, rivers, sunshine and rainbows. Some of the selections will include "River Deep, Mountain High", "Come in From the Rain", "Rainbow Connection", "Healing River", "Aquarius" and "For the Beauty of the Earth". Always in "T-R-O-U-B-L-E", the chorus will round out the concert with their version of Katy Perry's "Firework" and Lady Gaga's "Born This Way". It promises to be a fun evening!

So, gather up family and friends, shake off the post-Christmas blahs and join SisterSound for their Winter concert on Saturday, January 19, 2013, 7:00 pm, at Tates Creek Presbyterian Church, 3900 Rapid Run Drive (Man O' War Blvd east of Tates Creek Road). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 and under and are available from SisterSound members or at the door. See you there!

Interested in singing with SisterSound? All you have to do is be a female, 18 years or older, can match pitch and enjoy singing with other women. Rehearsals for the Spring concert start on Sunday, January 27, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the choir room at Centenary Methodist Church, 2800 Tates Creek Road, Lexington. Come and join in the fun!

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Soon it will have a new copier that the community will be able to use. There will be a projector so that the various groups who meet there might have multi-media presentations. There will be computers for the community to use. The walls will get a fresh coat of paint. New life will spring forward, fill the space, and thrive in a more modern Center.

The current gay-straight alliance advisor, Mary Crone, will step back and let others shape the program for our youth. Mary will start a well-deserved retirement starting in January. She has been an activist in the GLBT community for more than thirty years. She has served as the board chair, producer of the monthly newsletter, and lead GSA advisor. Through her efforts, she has won practically

every award for community service in the universe, but the best award is a "Thank You" from the people who benefit from her efforts. If you see her, please thank her immensely for all that she has given to the community.

The current president, Aaron Baker, will also step down. He oversaw the past year when the board was struggling and the organization seemed ready to collapse. It has been a monumental task, and Aaron is ready to spend more time on his home and personal life. Amazingly, Aaron, and his wife Samara, have given so much of themselves and aren't gay. These people are the allies upon whom the GLBT community relies so heavily. They are both amazing and deserve a round of applause. They are not saying goodbye, however. Samara will continue to work with the GSA. Aaron, who is a lawyer by day, will serve as a consultant to the board especially as it finalizes the situation with the HRC and HOO.

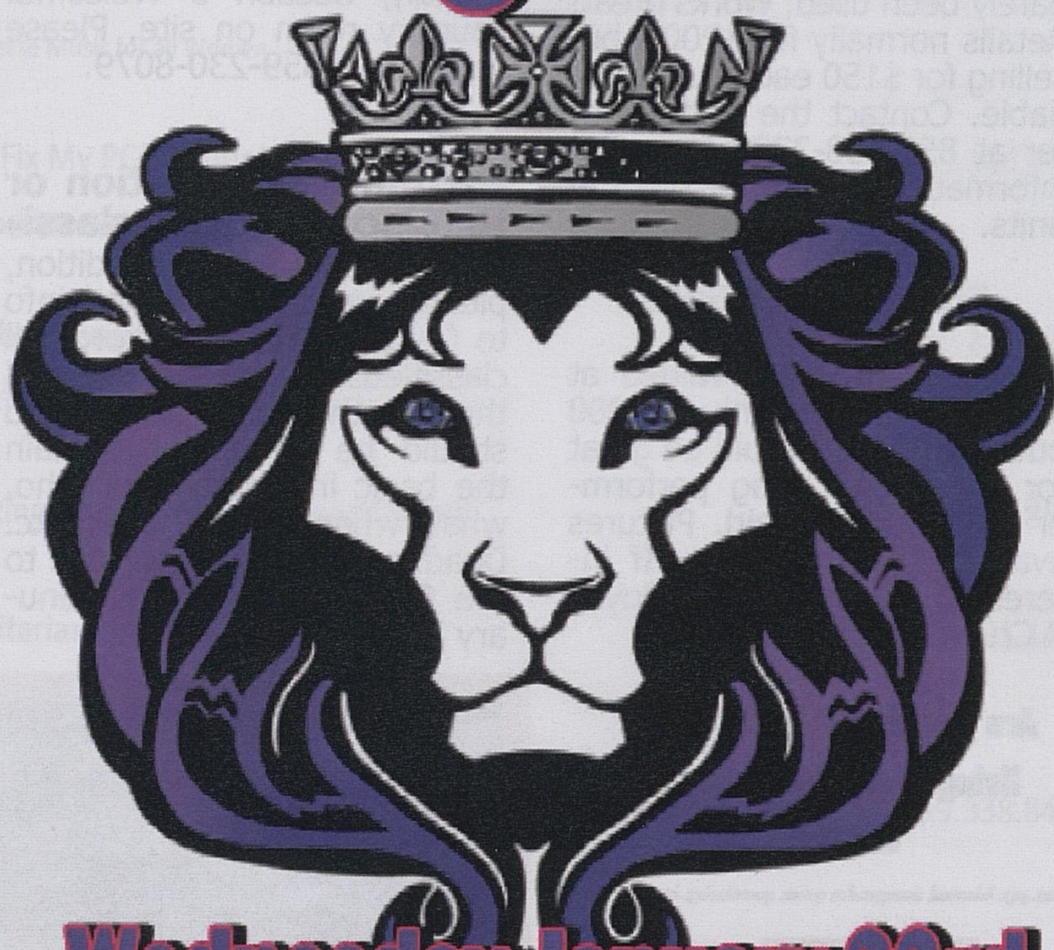
Finally, Paul Brown will step up as the new president. This position is not his first time chairing a committee or a board. Over the years, he has been very active in many parts of the community. Most recently, he chaired the committee for 2012's Lexington Pride Festival. After its success, he agreed to serve in the position for 2013, so he will serve as chair of the Pride Festival and its parent the GLSO. While he is a seasoned veteran of community service and activism, he certainly looks for support and help from the gay community of Lexington, which is abundant in seasoned veterans and up-and-coming activists. He knows that the community at large is the stakeholder in the GLSO, and he eagerly awaits its input.

PFLAG January Meeting

Come and learn from AVOL (AIDS Volunteers, Inc.) about how to take care of oneself in relationships, including safe sex. This is for LGBT individuals and parents who are asking - how do I talk to my LGBT teen? Here is a welcoming, confidential opportunity to pose those questions that are most difficult to ask! St Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington (Go to the end of the parking lot, and then in the side door)

For further information, go to www.pflaglex.org

King of Drag Pageant



Wednesday January 23rd
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HIV/STD Testing, Services & Info.

AIDS Volunteers Inc (AVOL)	859.225.3000
Cumberland Region, SE Ky.	606.864.3776
	888.425.7282
Health Dept., Fayette	859.288.2437
	877.606.2437
Health Dept., Jessamine	859.885.4149
Health Dept., Woodford	859.873.4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502.584.1254
Louisville Region	502.574.0161
Moveable Feast	859.252.2867
Northern Ky. Region	859.341.4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859.323.5643

Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	800.928.8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	800.999.9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859.967.9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859.277.1877
Bluegrass COLTS	859.225.9169
Council for Peace & Justice	859.225.6999
Discussion Group	859.253.3233
Fairness of Louisville	502.893.0788
Gay Straight Alliance, Teens	859.266.5904
GLSO Pride Center	859.253.3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859.619.7521
International Gay Bowling	859.539.3058
Kentucky Fairness	270.703.1582
Lexington Fairness	859.951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859.252.4931
Lexington Insight Group	859.230.2428
Lexington Pride Festival	859.253.3233
MACT	859.358.8335
PFLAG Lexington	859.338.7393
PLFAG Louisville	502.329.0229

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Social Services, Lexington	211
Speaker's Bureau	859.266.5904
TransKentucky	cassiemtf@ yahoo.com
United Way	859.313.5465

Religious Groups

Integrity, Ky. Diocese	859.369.9691
Integrity, St. Martha's	859.533.9851
Interweave, Unitarian	859.266.5904
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Mercy Ministry Church	859.358.0580
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Student Groups

Berea College ACE	859.958.3633
Centre College BGLA	859.238.5332
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