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GLSO PRESENTS: THE VIRA McGEORGE EXHIBIT

The works of local artisan Vira McGeorge will grace the walls of The Pride Center starting in mid-August. Opening reception for her exhibit of oil paintings will be Tuesday, August 12th from 7-9 pm. Both originals and prints will be available for purchase. The GLSO cordially invites you all to attend this free reception, whether you are looking to add to your collection or if you just want to bask in the beauty that is art! The exhibit will run through the end of September.

Ms. McGeorge grew up in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky, where she learned an appreciation of the natural world that is reflected in her art. There is a artist statement by her on page 2.

Wishing Chair CD release Concert

Wishing Chair will be releasing their latest CD, Dishpan Brigade, with a special, "Re-Tree Lexington" concert at the Carnegie Center, on Friday, August 8th, at 8 PM. The CD, a collaborative effort with award-winning instrumentalist Kara Barnard, features Wishing Chair originals, Kara instrumentals and traditional tunes, done up in an untraditional way. Just what you'd expect from three sassy gals. Local growers and representatives from local environmental groups will participate in giving away trees to help replenish the growth which was lost in this past winter's ice storm.

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IMPERIAL COURT LAUNCHES THE REIGN OF THE BIG CATS

Newly-crowned monarchs Empress 22 JD Vaughn and Emperor 22 Larry Stanley will kick off Reign 22, The Reign of the Big Cats with Investitures. The Cats Begin Their Prowl at Club 141 Wednesday, August 13. Doors will open at 8:30 pm and the ceremony & show will begin at 9:30.

Members of the male and female lines of descent will be named including Imperial Crown Princess 22 Lady Marmalade, Princess Royal Jenna Jive, Imperial Crown Prince 22 Jeff Henken and Prince Royal JC Lewis. Members of the organization will also be granted honorary titles for Reign 22. Admission is a \$5 donation.

Upcoming Court events include the Closet Ball on September 24, The Divas of Hazard on October 8 and Divas of Darkness Pageant on October 29.

Applications for membership in the Imperial Court are available at any Court event. Membership dues are \$5 per year.

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Imperial Court Reign 21 Donates To Local Charities

More than \$22,700 has been donated to local organizations including Moveable Feast Lexington, the GLSO and AIDS Volunteers Lexington. The figure represents 92% of net proceeds from the highly successful Reign 21.

2004 CALENDAR PROJECT

Fairy Tales will serve as inspiration for the Imperial Court's 2004 calendar. Transylvania University Art Professor Kurt Gohde will portray local entertainers as heroes and villains of cherished fairy tales. Beautiful princesses, three bears, some ugly stepsisters and a big bad wolf or two promise the most amazing calendar yet. Gohde created the Court's hugely popular 2002 calendar *Femme Fatale*. Calendars will go on sale in November.

Wishing Chair continued

Joining us for the show will be Mother Jones and WAG, Lexington's Women Artists Group, debuting a new art show, hung especially for this occasion. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at the Carnegie Center, downtown on Second St. Seating is limited so get your tickets soon.

In June, at the OutMusic Award ceremonies in New York, *Wishing Chair* received two awards, Best CD by a band or duo and Best Songwriting for Crow. We're also featured in this month's issue of *Arts Across Kentucky*, a great article by Kopana Terry, and the lyrics for *The Ghost of Will Harbut* are featured.

Concert: Aug 2 - Louisville, KY, Rainbow Cafe, 2530 Frankfort Ave (at Galt), \$5. Doors open at 7 pm.

Artist Statement: Vira McGeorge

My work is ever informed by my search for the self. Most of my current pieces are about the self-figure, a figure anchored in self-portraiture which can also be about past or future selves. To this formal structure, which I have learned from Van Gogh and Frida Kahlo, I often add mythological elements to enhance the search for identity.

One of my current series is based on the northwestern Native American tradition of totem animals. I engage my personal totemic animals with a deepening of the borders of the self. This also reflects my ecological and spiritual views of the interrelatedness of all living things. Vira's art will be on display at the Pride Center from Aug 12 through the end of the month.

Community News

Miss Big and Beautiful

The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main Street 255-1551, will be hosting the national pageant and shows of Miss Gay Big & Beautiful 2003, "Goddesses On Parade." This 3-day event will be held on Mon, Aug. 18th (Prelim Round), Tues, Aug. 19th (Our Not To Miss Show Of Stars) and Wed, Aug. 20th (Top 10 & crowning) All events will be in The Gilded Cage Cabaret.

Over \$2,000 in cash and prizes will be won! Winner also receives jewelry set from Roxy Dame Designs. Starring in this pageant: The Reigning Miss Gay Big & Beautiful and Miss Continental Plus, Victoria Parker; Your MC & hostess, the reigning Miss National AT Large and Miss Big & Beautiful 2000, Chelsea Pearl, other former Big & Beautiful title-holders, CoCo Star, The Lady Deception, Erica Marinez, Victoria LePaige, and special guests Tiffany Onet, Ashley Kruz, Dana St. James. Don't miss this show! Sorry, no reservations accepted, seating will be on "first come, first serve" basis. For info please contact Marc Sumner or Chelsea Pearl at (859) 881-5466.

MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

We are planning some events over the next few months including re-starting the men's movie night on Friday, Aug 15th. Join us at 6 pm at the Pride Center. We are also planning to go as a group to King's Island in late September and to Dining Out for Life in Oct. We are open to other ideas such as a camping trip. We invite other men to attend events like Gayme Night and the Wednesday Night Discussion Group. For more information call Iggy at 492-9904.

SisterSound Begins New Season

Mark your calendar and plan to attend SisterSound's Holiday Rock Concert on Sat, Dec 20 at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. If you just can't wait until then to hear the music, then why not join the chorus.

SisterSound is a non-audition chorus and welcomes any woman who enjoys music and singing. Our first rehearsal for the coming season is on Sunday, Aug. 17th at 6 pm at the Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We will then have rehearsals regularly on Sundays so if you are interested, come join us any Sunday.

For those whose talents are not vocal, helping with our auxiliary could be the perfect way to showcase your talents! For more information contact Patti at 806-0243 or Toine at 276-0753, email us at sister-sound@hotmail.com. or check out our web site at www.geocities.com/sistersound.

King's Island Pride Night

The Gay Lesbian Community Center of Cincinnati is again sponsoring Pride Night at King's Island on Friday, Sept 26. Tickets are \$37 and can be purchased at the GLSO Pride Center at 389 Waller Ave. The Pride Center is open from 10 am to 3 pm, Mon through Sat. Call ahead to reserve your tickets, 253-3233. If you order tickets on line your ticket will include a surcharge, so visit the Pride Center and save money!

Over 50's Group

We have several events planned. We will see Robbie Bartlett at the Coach House on one Friday night and we are going to see K.D. Lang in Louisville. On Aug. 16 we will attend the Woodland Art Fair. Our next meeting is Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Pride Center.

SoulForce

Soulforce Lexington has biweekly meetings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 7:30 at the home of Jamie McDaniel, 859 230-5625.

Soulforce has been negotiating with Calvary Baptist Church for several months. They are asking to present a film, *Journey To a Hate Free Millennium*, to the congregation. This film presents several faces of hate, including the creative strategies of GLBT people and friends who blocked Fred Phelps from being visible at Matthew Shepard's funeral, the aftermath of the James Byrd murder (dragged to death in Texas), and the Columbine school murders.

If the Church does not agree to some form of dialog, Soulforce will mail a packet of information challenging church teachings on homosexuality to all church members announcing their plans to vigil outside the church.

This is an example of the work Soulforce does. They continue to ask for discussions with church organizations that they believe teach negative messages about GLBT people. They do not protest publically until they try other avenues.

Soulforce follows the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to confront "spiritual violence" against GLBT people. For information or directions, call Jamie at 859-230-5625 and check out our web page at www.SoulforceLexington.org.

Lex. Dress and Gender Alliance

<http://groupsyahoo.com/group/lexDGA>

LexDGA is a group formed for and by transgender, drag king, drag queen, cross-dress, butch, femme, effeminate men, masculine women, transman, transwoman, transsexual, androgynous, intersexed, gender queer, and gender questioning people. We meet the first Saturday of each month.

LexDGA is a peer discussion group for anyone who transcends gender norms and who wishes to socialize with other like minded people or discuss issues they face. Family members and supportive community members are also encouraged to participate. We are not a therapy group. For information email or call: kellindel@hotmail.com, or call 859 273-0785.

LEX LYONS LEATHER/LEVI CLUB

The Lexington Lyons is a social club for those interested in the leather/levi lifestyle. We are celebrating our fifth year anniversary this month! We will be meeting at the Pride Center on the second Monday, Aug 11 at 7:30.

The Lyons have become the first Pride Patrons. For information call Thomas at 272-0408.

Men Of All Colors Together

KY Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is a local chapter of a national gay multiracial organization which fosters a supportive environment where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers.

We meet monthly at the Pride Center. To confirm meeting date and time or for information, or transportation call 859-351-4453 (Jon) or email mactky@aol.com. Web site: www.mactky.com

Movement Class Fundraiser

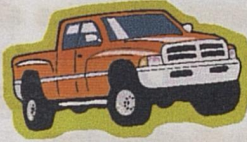
Meriah Kruse is offering a movement class for women at the Pride Center on Thursday, Aug 28 from 7 to 8:30. The \$8 cost will be donated to the Pride Center. Meriah structures her classes for women of all sizes and abilities to help women develop body awareness, flexibility, and regain strength. Adventures in Movement classes are fun and you are encouraged to move at your own pace. call 276-4962

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LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Heat up the summer with Lesbian Video Night in August. Women and men of all ages are invited to join us at the Pride Center Friday, August 8 at 8 p.m. for director Deepa Mehta's controversial film **Fire**.

This 1996 film, which was banned in India, tells the story of two Indian women, married to two brothers through arranged marriages. One woman has been suffering in her barren marriage to her celibate husband for years, when the younger brother's new bride joins the family.

Both men have interests outside the family, so the women turn to each other for companionship and discover more. This 1996 film is well acted and visually mesmerizing. It was primarily filmed in English although there are a few parts that are in Hindi with English subtitles.

GAYMES NIGHT

If you're looking for something to do on a Friday night, stop by the Pride Center Friday, August 22 at 7 p.m. for Gaymes Night. All genders, ages, etc. are invited for an evening of games and conversation. We play cards, board games, or group competitions such as trivial pursuit. Bring a snack to share or your favorite game.

Watch Out Xena

...Callisto is Coming

There were so many villains that Xena and Gabrielle came up against in their adventures but none compares to Callisto. This murderous, tortured blonde beauty in black leather and chainmail was known affectionately to many fans as "Psycho Barbie." This month Callisto will make her return to the small screen during our

monthly Xena-fest at the Pride Center. Join us on Saturday, August 16th at 1pm. Bring a friend, and a snack to share. For more information or to be added to an email reminder list, call the Pride Center at 859-253-3233 or contact Jane at ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

Discussion Group

The discussion group meets every Wednesday night at the Pride Center, 389 Waller, from 7 to 9. It is an open group, everyone is invited. Our discussions range over a large variety of topics and we are always open to new people and new ideas.

For information call 253-3233, or email Jane ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

Andrew's Club

Andrew's Club, a social support group for GLBT folks in their twenties, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month at the Pride Center at 7 pm. In July we will be marching with Fairness on the 4th, and meeting at the Center on 12th and 26th. To participate in this group we ask you to be at least 18 for legal reasons. If you are older than 29 you might fit in just fine.

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Pride Center Library Highlights: Children's Books

By Jane Minder

This time last year I was writing about a new family, Taylor, Michael, Tristan, Jacob and their fathers, Michael Meehan and Thomas Dysarz. Well the Quads are now a year old and to celebrate we are highlighting the few children's books we have in the Pride Center Library. From the classic *Heather Has Two Mommies*, to *Sissy Duckling*, by playwright and actor Harvey Fierstein, these are books meant to be shared by moms and dads, aunts and uncles...with the children they love.

Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite
(F Will D121)

Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans and Other Stories by Johnny Valentine (F Vale D877)

Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman (F Newm H441)

Name on the Quilt: A Story of Remembrance by Jeannie Atkins (F Atki N174)

Rainbow Zebra (F Rain R154)

Sissy Duckling by Harvey Fierstein (F Fier S623)

Uncle What-Is-It is Coming to Visit!!
Michael Willhoite (F Will U54)

As you can see our collection of children's books is small. All books, videos, and audio recordings in the Pride Library are donated by generous members of the community, like you. If you have any GLBT affirming children's books we would love to add them to the collection. Donate a book in the name of a child you love.

All donations to the Library are tax-deductible. Just bring them by the Pride Center and ask that a tax receipt be sent to you. These and many other books and videos can be checked out from the Pride Center Library located at 389 Waller Avenue, open Monday-Saturday, 10-3.

WICCAN PATHWAY PART 7 Mabon By Iggie

Mabon is named after the God of Youth. It is the Autumn Equinox, the second harvest festival and occurs around Sept. 21. Once again day and night are equal, poised as the God is ready to leave his body and journey in the unseen to prepare to be reborn of the Goddess.

Mabon is also called Alban Elfed (Caledonii) Winter Finding (Teutonic) which spans from the Equinox until Winter Night, Oct 15, the Norse New Year. Mabon marks the First day of Autumn when the hours of sunlight and darkness are equal, in perfect balance. Mabon is the Wiccan day of giving thanks for all we have.

Each fall, nature declines, drawing back its bounty and readying for the winter, its time of rest. The Goddess knows that in the weakening sun the God wanes. The fire burns within her womb and she feels the pressure of the God and his need to be reborn.

Mabon is associated with the harvesting of corn and other plants before the first frost arrives. The last of the herbs and other vegetables you wish to store for winter uses should be harvested now.

Celebrate this time of balance by taking stock of your self. Are you living a balanced life? Can you give as well as receive? Are your hours of rest and work in balance?

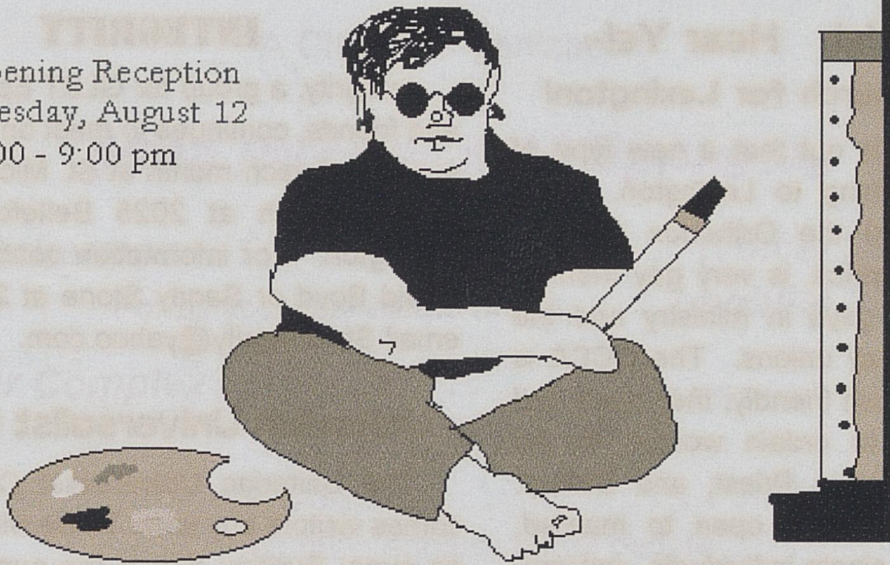
A simple way to celebrate Mabon is to walk in wild places and forests gathering seed pods and dried plants (a traditional practices). Dried herbs and other vegetation can be use to decorate your home, season your food, or for herbal magick.

Next month I will be writing about Burning Times. You are interested in learning more please call me at 492-9904. Blessed Be.

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Figures of the SELF:
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Opening Reception
Tuesday, August 12
7:00 - 9:00 pm



Self-Figures by Vira McGeroge
at Lexington GLSO Pride Center
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A New Church for Lexington!

The word is out that a new type of church is coming to Lexington. This Church, called the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, is very gay friendly, supportive of gays in ministry and the blessings of gay unions. The OCCA is also very woman friendly; they have and will continue to ordain women to the orders of Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. The Church is also open to married, divorced and single individuals, welcoming all persons regardless of the blessings or problems of their lives. The church is, of course, free of all racial prejudice and has an open door policy for all who wish to come and pray - regardless of religious background or lack thereof.

The OCCA is a mixture of the traditions and history of the Orthodox and Catholic faith traditions. Its Sunday ritual is a celebration of Hebrew and Christian Scriptures culminating in the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the reception of Holy Communion. The Church celebrates the seven sacraments and offers as its core beliefs the ancient Nicene Creed. It is a church willing to question itself and applauds those members who raise doubts about faith and understanding. It is a church on journey - a journey to better connect with God in order to better connect with the world and its needs. Watch for further announcements or call 338-1195 for information. The local parish community will be called St. Mychal the Martyr remembering the gay Franciscan priest who was the first fireman victim of the 9/11 terrorists attacks in New York.

INTEGRITY

Integrity, a group for GLBT Episcopalians and friends, continues to meet on the second Sunday of each month at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte St. in Lexington. For information contact Rectors David Boyd or Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or email Stmintegrity@yahoo.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. There will be services every Sunday during the summer at 10 am. There are also many groups that meet that are open to non-church members. A small Buddhist Meditation Group meets every Wed. night at 7:30. For more information see www.uucl.org.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

The U.U. Church's Women's Spirituality Group will be meeting Friday, August 1 and possibly August 15 and August 29. The group, which is open to all women, meets at 6:30 p.m. for potluck and 7:30 p.m. for a program. In August we will continue watching videos. The Burning Times explores the witch burnings in Europe during the 15th through 17th centuries, and Full Circle examines the modern resurgence of goddess-based spirituality. We will be meeting at the home of Davina Warner, call (859) 338-5402 for directions or more information.

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship is a Christian group that gets together for Bible Study and Worship every Thursday night. Contact Beverly or Corina at CWBM121893@aol.com or call 264-7006 for information or directions.

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Pride Library Book Review
Trans-Sister Radio by Chris Bohjalian
by mary crone

As the title suggests, this is a novel about a M2F transsexual and the impact she has on a small community in Vermont. Dana Stevens, a Professor of History, is just beginning the process of transitioning when s/he meets Allison Banks, a divorced elementary school teacher. Allison finds herself falling in love with Dana, and Dana with her. Dana waits perhaps a bit too long to tell Allison what's up with hir. (*Hir-a pronoun used by some people in the middle of our bi-gender system*)

Allison's x-husband, Will, doesn't approve of the match, and that's before anyone knows that Dana is transitioning. The fact that Will still calls his former wife "my Allison" is big clue to his inability to completely separate from her, not to mention that it bugs the hell out of his present wife, Patricia.

Will works in public radio and Carly, his and Allison's daughter, is beginning to be interested in a similar career. During a summer internship she helps produce a National Public Radio story on transsexuality which happens late in the time frame of the novel but pieces of the radio interviews are sprinkled throughout, thus the *Radio* part of the book title.

Each chapter of the book is told from the point of view of one of the four main characters, providing a rich layering of emotions and diverse points of view. The author certainly succeeds in challenging assumptions about love and gender.

Bohjalian obviously researched transsexuality and is very successful at presenting the emotional, medical, social and political issues involved. Through Dana we learn some of the many nuances of being transsexual including the confusion of

growing up different without words to identify the feelings emerging inside, the pleasure in finally being able to wear clothes that feel appropriate, and the difficulties in communicating with family members.

Allison has to decide if, as a heterosexual woman, she can be happy with a woman as a lover/partner. She and Dana have to deal with a range of reactions in the small town including harassment, hate mail and the possibility that Allison may lose a job she loves.

There are numerous discussions among the characters about gender identity, how it is formed, what it means and the social pressures on all of us to conform to certain gender expectations. Carly says at one point "I do think we all want to cross over a lot more than we realize. We all want to be...other."

She is not talking about being transsexual, but about being free to be ourselves in ways that our culture may deem inappropriate for our gender. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals "cross over" those lines consciously and unconsciously, and it is often this "gender bending" that is a trigger for homophobic reactions directed at us by others and, to often, directed by us at each other.

The short pieces written as if transcripts from the NPR interviews provide additional opinions and information. For example, a physician comments that "Clothing is infinitely more important to a transsexual than to a transvestite. A transvestite is merely using clothing to play a role. A transsexual is using it to define himself or herself as a human being."

This is a fun book to read, written with great compassion and insight. The informational aspect was of interest to me but for most readers, *Trans-Sister Radio* will be an engrossing story they will not soon forget.

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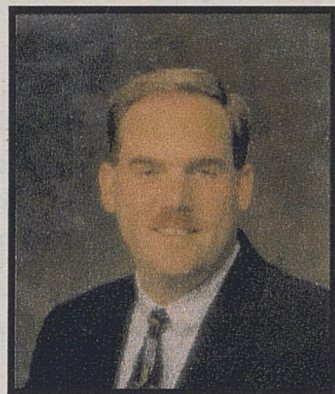
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I would like to take the time and acknowledge all the hard work that Jane has put into our wonderful library. She has took on this job and has furnished everything for it, and keeps up with all the books that get donated. She labels all of them and keeps everything in order so it is easy for us to come in and find exactly what we are looking for. She also keeps up with the music and video's that get donated. I am just so excited that we have this service to offer. I don't know if any other city has what we have here. We still are looking for more music, so keep the music coming. We greatly appreciate any donations we can get of gay books, magazines, and video's.

Quote of the Month

"Our whole nation should know by now that it's not the gender of a person you love that matters, it's the quality of the love between you."

Cybill Shepherd,

March on Washington

April 25, 1993

GLSO FIRST PLACE IN BOWL-A-THON

by Thomas Collins

The mood was set as bowlers of all levels, from the almost pro to the "I almost read about bowling once," gathered at Southland Bowling Lanes for the 5th annual Fairness Bowl-A-Thon on June 28th, 2003. (Myself being the one who almost read about bowling.)

For the first time, GLSO pulled together a team and entered the tournament. We are pleased to announce that The GLSO took first place in overall score for a 3 game set. Our organization will be engraved on the traveling trophy for 2003.

Many thanks to Michael Taylor, John Wade, Jim Dickinson and Thomas Collins for bowling for The GLSO. And a special thanks to Bluegrass Fairness for hosting a most enjoyable event. We look forward to defending our title next year!

PRIDE RAINBOW BOWLING

BY JIM DICKINSON

For those who were seduced by the pretty weather of late June and didn't make it to the Rainbow Bowling event, we had a wonderful time. Thirty-three people participating including several children (thanks Dennis!!) and teenagers (thanks Jennifer!!). We raised a little over 1,200 after all expenses (not counting the mailer) were paid. I suspect there will be some follow up contributions.

GLSO won the city wide competition which is based on an average of the top three bowlers from each organization. (see additional article this page) Second place went to a team made up of Cindy Downey, Vicki, Joe Paul, and Shawn Fritz, aka Drama Queens.

The Imperial Court Team, consisting of Larry Stanley, J.D, J.C and one other person whose name I can't remember, placed third but were first in raising funds outside of those who were raising money for the Bluegrass Chapter of Fairness. For their outstanding work, they received a \$100.00 contribution from Fairness.

Laurie Davison won the \$25 raffle and said she broke about even with what she had bought. The children team came in last, but all of them broke 100 for at least one game and were each awarded a T-shirt. They were also delighted with their trophy which was the south end of a horse.

Next year I hope we can make this an even bigger event. Everyone had a great time and it was fun way to fundraise. Thanks to everyone for helping out.

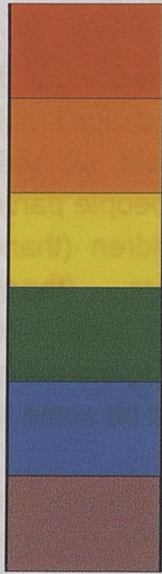
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Gay Spirituality:

A New Look at Roots and Wings

By Rev. Ken Waibel

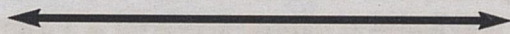
Now that the closet door is open - at least, for some of us - what face of God appears? If each and every one of us is created in the image of God then somehow us gay folks reflect an aspect of God that heterosexuals might not. Once we are willing to better "name" ourselves and understand ourselves and accept ourselves then, and only then, will that aspect or "face" of God appear.

This quest for discovery is the quest of spiritual awakening. By better understanding self each individual becomes more in tune with others and more in tune with the divine. This truth has been agreed upon by psychologists, sociologists, and religious gurus alike. It is the same for each person, gay and straight, male or female, faith filled or searching.

For the GLBT person the quest may be even more important. Living in a world and culture that demands "proof" of one's worthiness and constant defense of one's rights, the gay man and lesbian must strive for better understanding of self in order to

stand more firm against such difficulties. The quest for a definition of gay/lesbian spirituality begins with those "roots" that are common to the experience of being attracted to those of the same sex.

The up-coming series of articles will delve more deeply into the experiential "roots" of being gay and how those roots positively and negatively effect the individual. Using the more modern lingo of "icon" we will look at 12 different common experiences of gay and lesbian persons and see how these experiences can be used to become a better person. Knowledge of these icons - those experiences that, when touched, open the window of common understanding - will help each of us better know self, better love another, and thus better touch the Divine. Stay tuned!!



"Without a visual identity, we have no community, no support network, no movement. Making ourselves visible is a continual process."

JEB (Joan E. Biren) Photographer
in Visual Communication,
Spring 1986

Pride Picnic

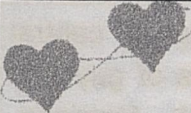
Several hundred people had a great time at the Pride Picnic in June. In addition to great music provided by Robbie Barlett, we had good food, vendors, and games.

Many individuals and organizations cooperate to make the picnic a success. This year Kelly O'Ferrel headed up the efforts with help from the Pride Committee and friends. Special thanks to Jennifer Crossen who provides this wonderful space and who does a lot of work to prepare for the crowd.



Bill almost catches a water balloon as Michael and Roger watch the balloon toss

We would love to print other picture of community member-send us your favorites. We will have to have your permission and the permission of the individuals in the group. We can block out one or more people if some do not want to see themselves featured here.



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The Last Year Tom will shovel the Sh__.

Each year at the Picnic, Tom removes the horse poop from the field for sports events and picnic games. Each year participation in these events decreases. Unless we see the need for the space, Tom will officially retire his shovel.

In an effort to increase participation in GLBT sports events, we encourage everyone who is interested to come join the rainbow volleyball league. We get together each Thursday and Sunday, at 6 pm at Jacobson Park for sand volleyball.

If you are interested in creating other GLBT sport activities such as a softball league or running club, please email tom at T.Collins1@insightBB.com

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Lesbian Health Research

Do you remember last year when there were objections raised by a Ky. State Legislator because a UK Woman's Health Symposium included a workshop on lesbian health issues? I don't think we convinced that individual but internationally research continues into lesbian health issues.

Dr Rina Agrawal, a fertility expert at the London, England Women's Clinic has reported that Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) caused by an imbalance of sex hormones is more than twice as common in lesbians as in heterosexual women.

In a study of 618 women treated at the clinic, Agrawal discovered that 38 percent of the lesbian women had PCOS, compared to 14 percent of the heterosexual women. PCOS is characterized by irregular periods, acne, obesity, a hormone imbalance, fertility problems and an increase in body and facial hair.

The cause of PCOS is unknown but an excess of androgens, or male hormones, has been linked with PCOS. Other research studies have linked hyperandrogenism to sexual orientation. Agrawal pointed out that her research neither suggests nor indicates PCOS causes lesbianism, only that PCOS is more prevalent in lesbian women.

"It would be incorrect to make assumptions based on one single study," she said. "but doctors should be aware that lesbians have a higher rate of PCOS because it has health implications beyond fertility. Obesity, non-insulin dependent (type 2) diabetes and cardiovascular disease are much more common in women with PCOS."

Lesbians with any of PCOS symptoms should mention this study to their doctor so they will be aware of possible health issues.

Howard Stovall, owner of Signs Now, is supportive of the GLBT Community and has made many signs for GLSO. He was an active member of the Hate Free Lexington Committee protesting Fred Philips visit to Lexington last fall.



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New Group Forms in Paris

Citizens for Unity and Fairness is a new social and advocacy group in central Kentucky to serve the needs of gay and lesbians in Bourbon, Clark, Harrison, Montgomery, Nicholas, and other surrounding counties. If you would like more information, please contact Adam Tubbs at (859) 289-3427 after 7 pm or email the group directly at CUFCKY@aol.com.

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Jackie is doing Graphic Design work at the Pride Center. We are asking for a donation to the Pride Center of \$8 an hour or \$15 per design. She can do: Business Cards, Brochures, Letterhead Design, Greeting Cards, Event Flyers, and Resumes. Call Jackie at 608-5480.

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