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# GLSO NEWS

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### A Closer Walk

The Oscar nominated film, "A Closer Walk", will be shown at the KY Theater on Thursday, July 1, at 7:30 PM. There is no charge so bring your friends to see this incredible film and stay for the discussion. The film is sponsored by Kentucky's Student Global AIDS Campaign, Lexington's Laymen's Response to AIDS, NCCJ (Lexington), and the Interfaith Alliance

Shot on four continents, this documentary reveals through vignettes, interviews and personal narratives, the scope and consequence of AIDS. There is particular focus on women's status and vulnerability, the disproportion of infections outside the West, and the phenomenal demographic group- over 13 million-called "AIDS orphans." There is also information about the response from the world's religious organizations and AIDS epidemiology related to cultural institutions.

Excerpts from interviews with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, the Dalai Lama, development economist Jeffrey Sachs, U2's Bono, UNAIDS director Peter Piot, Partners in Health's Paul Farmer, with testimonies from American, Indian, African, and Ukrainian physicians give context to the stories of HIV+-patients, caregivers and advocates fiercely supporting the sick, and family members, often parents who survive their children's death. ...continued on page 20

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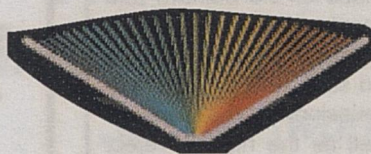
### Volunteer Award Winners

On Sunday, June 27, the GLBT community gave awards to the individuals and the group that have made great contributions to our community through volunteer activity. The Wasson Award went to **Tom Collins** for who has been active in our community for many years.

Tom has served on the boards of Fairness, Bluegrass Chapter, and the Gay Lesbian Service Organization. He has helped make the Pride Picnic a fun event by organizing games and assisting with the many other tasks. We particularly appreciate his willingness to shovel horse manure off one of the fields. Tom is reliable and resourceful making him a valuable asset to any group with whom he works. Congratulations to Tom Collins for this well deserved recognition.

The Rainbow Community Service Award was given to Moveable Feast. For the past six years Moveable Feast has delivered well over 100,000 meals and over 20,000 bags of groceries to people living with HIV/AIDS. Last fall they established a cooperative relationship with Hospice of the Bluegrass and ....continued on next page

### Everyday Heroes



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started delivering to 27 in-home Hospice patients.

Michael Thompson had the vision and determination that got Moveable Feast started in 1998 and he was the Director until 2003. Terry Mullins became Director in 2003 and initiated the expansion to include Hospice patients. Hundreds of volunteers have given their time over the years. This year Moveable Feast gave three volunteer awards to Vernon Sims, Don Reichert and Bud Laster. Thanks you all for the time and energy you share with us.

The Imperial Court has just finished Reign XXII and gave their volunteer of the Year Award to Harold Hamilton, AKA Cheyenne.

GLSO has many projects and volunteers keep our various activities operating. This year we gave our Volunteer of the Year award to Kelly O'Ferrell. Kelly has served on the Board and has written for the GLSO News. She has hosted the Pride Reading for a number of years and has organized the Pride Picnic for many years. Kelly is moving out of town and we fear the picnic will not be the same without her. Thanks for all the years of work, Kelly.

The Gay Straight Alliance of the GLSO gave its first award this year to Trilby Trent. Trilby has been as adult advisors for more than two years and has attended almost every meeting in that time. The young members of the GSA enjoy and benefit from her personal attention and cheerful attitude.

Kentucky Fairness Alliance, Bluegrass Chapter honored Scott Ackerman as their outstanding volunteer. Scott has been a significant financial supporter of the Fairness fundraising dinner over the last few years. Scott is a pillar of our community and many organizations appreciate his support.

**July 4th Weekend Activities**

**Friday, July 2, Interfaith Service For Unity  
7:30 Temple Adath Isreal 124 N. Ashland Ave**

**Saturday the 3rd 4th of July Parade, 2pm.  
Join Fairness on Midland Ave, beside the  
Herald Leader between 1 and 1:30 pm.**

# Community News

## CD Release Event

### A Wild Patience

Lori O'Connor's invites you to the celebration of her debut CD, **A Wild Patience**, on Saturday, July 10 at Natasha's Cafe, 112 Esplanade in downtown Lexington from 9 to 11pm. Lori will be performing and will be joined by Keith Otterson on violin with Teresa O'Connor and Bambina Merriman on backing vocals.

Natasha's is a favorite of people who enjoy downtown Lexington. Their menu includes a good selection of international dishes. Reservations recommended. Call 859-259-2754

### A Service For Unity

The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass & Temple Adath Israel invite you to celebrate the Independence Day weekend by joining us in a "A Service For Unity" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 2nd at Temple Adath Israel, 124 North Ashland Avenue.

Last year the Interfaith Alliance organized "Faces of Faith", a public event professing the belief that we are one people with one heart, and that there is no room in Lexington for the forces that tear us from one another.

In an effort to further this message of mutual respect and understanding, and to demonstrate our unity on this special holiday weekend, we ask you to join us in a welcome to the Jewish Sabbath and a celebration of each other. Rabbi Marc Kline will conduct the worship while a representative of The Interfaith Alliance will preach the sermon.

[www.theinterfaithalliancebluegrass.org/](http://www.theinterfaithalliancebluegrass.org/)

## Diversity in Gender Alliance

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lexDGA>

The Lexington DGA has changed its name. Instead of Dress and Gender Alliance it is now diversity in Gender Alliance. They still welcome all people who transcend gender norms or who are questioning their gender identity. This includes transsexuals, intersexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, drag Kings, drag queens, gender queers... and more.

Family and supportive allies who would like to discuss trans issues are also welcome. This is not a therapy group. We meet at a private location so please contact Kelli for information and location at [kellindel@hotmail.com](mailto:kellindel@hotmail.com).

### Voter ID Walks

Volunteers are needed to canvass with Fairness on Saturdays,, **July 10 and 31**. Meet at the KFA office, 110 N. Upper Street. Netta Brooks will be providing training, food, and encouragement. The schedule will be as follows:

10:00 - 10:45 Training (food available)

11:00 - 1:45 Walking door-to-door

2:00 - 2:30 Lunch and debriefing

Personal contact with voters does work. You can help. See page 15 or call Netta Brooks at 396-5251 for more information.

Congratulations

**Bill Chandler**

*Henry Faulkner Community*

*Service Award*

Imperial Court Reign XXIII

## Lexington Men's Chorus

Listen to The Lexington Men's Chorus the whole year round. LMC still has a large supply of music CD's and Cassettes so we are having a Music Sale! "Facets" LMC's first in-studio recording with 12 songs from our early years. \$7 CD / \$5 for Cassette.

"LMC LIVE!" LMC's selection of live concert recordings includes 16 songs celebrating our 10th year. \$7 for CD (sorry, no cassette). SPECIAL...Both CD's for \$10.

See/Buy from Kenneth, at The Bar (224 E. Main Street), or call Kenneth at (859)255-1974 or E-Mail: lmc4kenneth@hotmail.com. Add \$1.00 per item for postage and handling.

If you are interested in joining LMC, Lexington's First Gay & Gay Supportive Men's Choral Group, as a singing or auxiliary member, or with your tax-deductible donation, speak to Kenneth.

## 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. They will meet at the Pride Center on Sun., July 18 at 7 pm. For information email MACTky@aol.com, call 859-351-4453(Jon) or [www.mactky.com](http://www.mactky.com)

## Dinning Out For Life

On Thursday, August 26 many local restaurants are generously donating a portion of their revenue to Moveable Feast, Lexington. Mark this date on your calender and check next month's newsletter for participating restaurants. Or see [www.feastlex.org](http://www.feastlex.org).

## Lyons Levi/Leather Club

The Lyons is a social club for those interested in the leather / levi lifestyle. They have donated some materials to the Pride Library so that the community can have access to information.

The Lyons meet every other month at the Pride Center. The next meeting will be August 9th. They also meet for brunch at Mia's on the last Sunday of each month at 1 pm. You are welcome to join us there.

## Buddhist Discussion Group

The Buddhist Discussion Group will meet at the Pride Center on Thursday, July 8. We are open to anyone interested in learning and talking about Buddhism. Some of us attend buddhist meditation groups, some do not. We share an interest in becoming more centered and compassionate through reading and contemplation. Please join us.



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## THE PHOENIX BALL ROOM

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The Pride Center of the Bluegrass

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Robbie has become a favorite performer in Lexington. Mark this date and come see what everyone is talking about.



## Everyday Heroes

This year we have had two women who have donated money or items with a total worth over \$1,000 to GLSO. They join Scott Ackerman who has been a \$2000 Pride Month sponsor for years, as individuals who's commitment to the GLBT community is greatly appreciated.

We have created a new category of financial sponsors, **Everyday Heroes**, for these and other individual who contribute at or above the \$1,000 level. Thank you, Jane, for our wonderful Pride Library, and for your dedication and hard work over the years. Thanks also to the generous woman who donated the car raffeled off in June.



## PRIDE CENTER NEWS and ACTIVITIES



389 Waller Ave. 859-253-3233 Mon-Sat we open at 10 am.  
On most Mon, Tues, Thrus. and Sat. we stay open until 5pm  
and on Wed until 7pm. Call if coming after 3 to be sure a volunteer is here.

### 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 are just coming out, or are new to the community, this is a great place to come meet some good people.

If, on the other hand, you have been out forever and would like to participate in some lively discussions, please join us on any Wednesday evening at the pride center. For more info contact Jane at lady-janey@yahoo.com

### LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Join us Friday, July 9, at 8:00 p.m. for *These Walls Could Talk 2*. This HBO film provides portraits of three lesbians from three generations, who occupied the same house. Vanessa Redgrave stars as a woman "widowed" in 1961 when her partner of 50 years suddenly dies.

Michelle Williams finds dealing with the sexual politics of the 1972 lesbian community increasingly more complex when she falls in love with a masculine woman (Chlo<sup>e</sup> Sevigny). Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres portray a lesbian couple in 2000 determined to have a baby. Every one is invited to join us at the Pride Center for Lesbian Video night at 8:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share.

### *Women Over 40's Group*

All lesbian and bi-sexual women over 40 are invited to attend our regular meetings and social events. On Friday, July 9th, we have planned an evening of dinner & music.

We will meet at the Pride Center at 7 pm and decide where to go. Bring your ideas with you. For information call Ginger or Jane 859-253-0061

We have tentative plans to attend a Legends Baseball Game at Applebees park on North Broadway. on Monday, July 12th, at 6:30. We may have "Free Tickets" for the first 8 people. For details call Jane 859-253-0061

### Gay Straight Alliance for Youth

The Gay Straight Alliance is open to all youth ages 15 - 20. You do not have to label yourself to join. We meet every week at a private location. Approximately 40 young people have attended at least one meeting. Sometimes we just hang out and talk, other times we watch a video, discuss some issue, or have a speaker.

This year for the first time five GSA members attended the Pride Banquet. They also brought their friends to the picnic and other pride events. This fall we are planning our 4th trip to Kings Island Gay Day. For information contact Mary Crone at 266-5904 or email [lexgsa@yahoo.com](mailto:lexgsa@yahoo.com) or see [www.lexingtongsa.com](http://www.lexingtongsa.com)

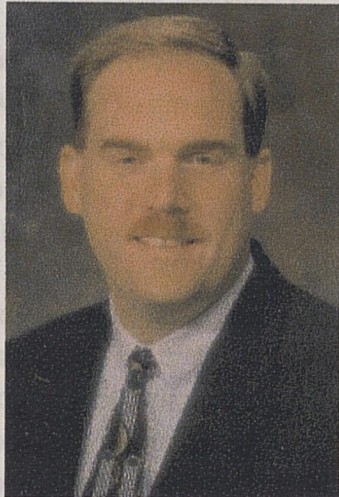
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### **National Women's Music Festival**

We're late. We're late. For a very important date. The 30th Anniversary National Women's Music Festival is happening July 22-25, 2004 on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. Check out [www.wiaonline.org/nwmf](http://www.wiaonline.org/nwmf).

Because we're late, we need your help to spread the word. What a celebration festival this is going to be! Music and comedy to die for (old favorites, new discoveries): Cris, Margie, Tret, Alix, Ember, Pamela, Ubaka, Suzanne, Vickie, Lisa, and Zoë. Also Drama, Workshops, Merchants, Open Mic. Drag Kings, and Song & Drum Jams.

Step out of your everyday world for 4 days and be your truest self in the company of fabulous women. As always, it will fill you, heart and soul. Become part of this community of women that established,

supports and enjoys this incredible, empowering, joyful music and cultural phenomenon of NWMF over the last 30 years.

We're the oldest women's festival. In 30 years, thousands of women have joined in community with their sisters to show their commitment to women, our lives and our culture by working year round to produce an extraordinary festival, to hear the brightest stars of the women's music circuit as well as some up and comers, to experience memorable drama performances, and to be connected to women's spirituality.

We need "guerilla marketing" to get the word out, the same underground, occasionally subversive, method we've always used to maintain our culture. So, tell all your friends, gay and straight, post the info on the internet and any available walls, and make a commitment to attend. We need your support.

## *Spiritual Resources*

### **St Mychal The Martyr**

St Mychal has services each Sunday at 10:30, 1350 Eastland Dr. with Rev. Kenneth Waibel performing mass. St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive. We welcome all people regardless of the blessings or problems in their life.

The OCCA performs blessings of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women to the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

### **INTEGRITY**

Integrity is a group of GLBT Episcopalians and friends. The group meets on the second Sunday of each month in the Chapter room at St. Michael's Parish on Bellefonte Drive. July's meeting on Sunday July 11 at 4:00 will be led by James Campbell who will discuss "How We Can Read The Bible - Does God Speak From the Bible vs. Do We Find God In The Bible?"

Integrity will also be marching with the Fairness unit in Lexington's Independence Day parade on Saturday July 3. On Sunday, August 8 Dan Bernitt will be performing his one man show "Moments of Disconnect." Some of us saw a short selection of Dan's performance at the Pride Banquet and know this is something special, funny and heart felt.

### **Dignity**

DignityUSA is a national organization working for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons. The local group meets on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 pm. For place and other information, contact Richard at 850 494-1933.

### **Society of Friends - Quakers**

Do you seek a religious home, without creeds or required statements of belief? Are you looking for a meaningful spiritual community? Are you concerned for peace, justice and reconciliation? We invite you to join with us for silent worship where we do not have the complications of rituals or programs. We believe that in such periods of quiet waiting we can open to spiritual resources which will enable us to live more calmly, more compassionately and more creatively in this chaotic age. Sundays, 10:30a-11:30a, 649 Price Avenue, Phone 254-3319. Everyone is welcomed.

### **Unitarian Universalist Church**

During the summer months, the UU service will begin at 10 am. We are located at 3654 Clays Mill Rd. one block from Man O'War. There are signs on the left as you drive away from town. We welcome visitors at any time.

Our church community is inclusive rather than exclusive. We do not have a dogma or creed that defines the beliefs of all members. We are not a Christian Church although there are some Christians within our congregation; there are also Jews, Buddhists, Humanists, and Pagans. We do not always agree with each other, and we see lively discussion as a sign of a healthy community.

We are held together by seven principles including the inherent worth and dignity of each human being and the right of each person to search for truth and meaning in their own way. We believe that we are part of an interconnected web of life and this leads us to work to protect the environment. We believe in freedom, equality and justice and there are many social activists among us. Join us!





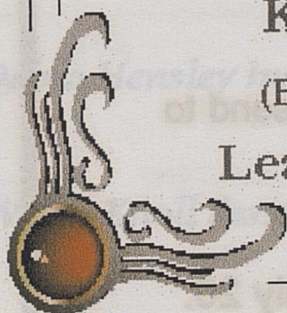
The Imperial Court of Kentucky would like to congratulate Empress 22 J.D. and Emperor 22 Larry on the completion of a very successful Reign 22.

Congratulations also to the new Monarchs, Empress 23 Lady Marmalade and Regent Emperor 23 Donnie "E.V." Royse.

Thank you to the charities of Reign 22 for all the work they continue to do in our community.

Moveable Feast Lexington,  
AIDS Volunteers Lexington  
Kentucky Fairness Alliance  
(Bluegrass and Gray Dove Chapters),  
Leather Archives and Museum,

GLSO



## **IMPERIAL COURT OF KENTUCKY CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL REIGN**

Empress 22 J.D. Vaughn and Emperor 22 Larry Stanley played host to Courtiers from across the US and Canada for a weekend of events marking the conclusion of Reign 22 June 4-7 kicking off Pride Month in the region. The Coronation 23 Ball held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel culminated in the crowning of the new monarchs for Reign 23, Empress Lady Marmalade and Regent Emperor Donnie (EV) Royse.

The Board of directors presented Senator Ernesto Scorsone with the James Herndon Lifetime achievement award while members of the Court voted Bill Chandler as recipient of the Henry Faulkner Community Service award. Empress Vaughn and Emperor Stanley named Jeff Henken the Board member of the year.

John Ridener, Daryl Royse, Larry Stanley and Bart Steele were elected to two-year terms to the Board of Directors and will join current board members Jeff Henken, Christopher Rhorer and Wayne Swope plus the new Monarchs for reign



l to r Board Members John Ridener and Michael Thompson, Senator Scorsone, Emperor 20 Christopher Rhorer. *Photo by Lisa Centers*

23. At the Victory Brunch on June 7, Empress Lady Marmalade named Imperial Crown Princess Rachel Rachel and Princess Royal Sabrina Nicole to her line of descent.

Reign 22 has donated more than \$23,000 to organizations including its designated charity Moveable Feast Lexington plus the GLSO, AVOL, the Bluegrass and Gray Dove Chapters of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance and the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago.

Preparations have already begun for June 2005 when the Kentucky Court will host a meeting of the International Court Council at Coronation 24.

**It is important to meet this month's deadline as the editor will be leaving town. If you are more than a day late, you may not get printed.**  
**GLSO News Deadline for Articles and Ads**

**July 15**

put newsletter in the subject line and send to  
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## KY Families For Fairness

by Sarah Reece

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance and the Fairness Campaign came together to create Kentucky Families for Fairness - the campaign to defeat the constitutional amendment on marriage in Kentucky.

I am pleased to introduce myself to you as the new Campaign Manager. I so much appreciate the opportunity to bring my experience of community and electoral organizing back to Kentucky to help launch and manage this massive and dynamic campaign to defeat this anti-gay amendment. For over a decade I have worked as a community and electoral organizer for nonprofit organizations, candidate campaigns, federal and municipal government and most recently on staff of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In these capacities, I have recruited, trained and motivated hundreds of volunteers working to create change in their communities and build political power to move forward an agenda of equality. I served at the Task Force as a Senior Field Organizer. My job was to work side-by-side with state and local communities facing anti-LGBT ballot initiatives. The Task Force has generously let me take a 6 month leave of absence to accept this position. It is a huge investment of staff resources and indicates their high level of support and confidence for our campaign.

Additionally, I am a life-long and proud Kentuckian, a former staff member and steering committee member of Kentucky Fairness Alliance as well as a former CFAIR member at the Fairness Campaign.

As your campaign manager, I am committed to writing and implementing a campaign plan that includes an aggressive volunteer voter identification effort, intentional coalition and ally building. We will not focus on just the urban areas of the state, but will

continue to strengthen Fairness across Kentucky from Boyd to Hickman and every county in-between.

There are a number of things we are currently doing as we ramp up to a full-fledged campaign. I want to assure you that there is a lot going on, even though it may not be highly visible right now.

I am conducting aggressive local and national searches for qualified and capable Finance/Fundraising Director and a Statewide Field Director.

The nominating committee is working overtime to solicit candidates for the campaign steering committee. They are working diligently to make sure our committee is well represented in terms of geography, race, class, age, gender, gender identity and sexual orientation, as well as prior campaign experience. I'm confident this committee will be a dynamic and experienced team of folks.

Thanks to Andrea Hildebran and Barry Grossheim, we have officially registered as an issue campaign with the Secretary of State. Special thanks to Andrea and the KFA Staff & Board and the Fairness Campaign Staff & Board as they have worked tirelessly to launch this campaign since April 12th - raising money, recruiting volunteers and continuing to identify voters on the issue. Andrea has been working hard to raise money to fill the account. Thanks to Charles King in Northern KY, we have found office space that seems to fit our needs in that region. We are still working to identify office space in Louisville and Lexington. If you're interested in helping out with identifying offices, please let me know and I'll get you the space needs we're looking for.

We're starting now to train voters on how to vote in November and to help

make it clear what we are asking, the public name of the campaign is "NO on the Amendment". The legal name of the campaign will remain KFF, but it will only appear in the paid for by... All checks and donations should be made payable to "NO on the Amendment".

and sent to PO Box 2904 , Louisville, KY 40201-2904.

We have a tremendous amount of work to do and I need your help. The most important work we can be doing right now is raising money and talking with voters at their homes and on the phone. If you're interested in helping with any piece of this work, please don't hesitate to contact me by email or by phone. My phone number is 502-533-0037. If there are things on your mind that you want to see happening, please contact me with those as well.

Please don't ever hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the campaign. My door is always open and I'm committed to a campaign of honest and direct communication. Again, thanks so much for the work you've done this year or for the past five, 10 or 15 years to move Fairness forward in Kentucky. We didn't ask for this fight, but we're going to seize this opportunity and strengthen Fairness and equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender folks in all 120 counties in Kentucky.

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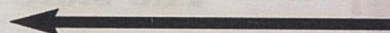
We need your involvement in this campaign to defeat the Constitutional Amendment. There are committees that could use your help including media, fundraising, coalition-building, and voter ID. Please call Netta Brooks at 859-396-5251 if you have some time to donate.

We would love for you to join us for one of our door-to-door voter ID walks that are happening every couple of weeks this summer. In the walks we have done so far, the people we talk with have been receptive (or at least polite). We will be canvassing on Saturdays, July 10 and 31. We'll meet at the KFA office, 110 N. Upper Street. The schedule will be as follows:

- 10:00 - 10:45 Training (food available)
- 11:00 - 1:45 Walking door-to-door
- 2:00 - 2:30 Lunch and debriefing

You can also reach out to our circle of friends, neighbors, co-workers, and church members and talk to them about the amendment. **Make sure they understand that it prohibits not only marriage, but civil unions and domestic partner benefits for employees of state universities.** Many people who aren't yet with us on marriage will see that this amendment goes too far.

We also need your financial support. Whatever amount you can contribute to the campaign, from \$5 to \$500, will help tremendously. Ask friends or family members to consider contributing. Checks can be sent to the address in the box.



You can also ask friend and family to volunteer--to walk with us, make phone calls, or do office work. Please join us on one of our door to door walks, and bring your friends! For more information, call Netta Brooks at 396-5251.

More Fairness information next page

## Marriage, Civil Unions, Domestic Partnership

### ...What's the Difference?

As we talk to people about the need to defeat the Ky constitutional amendment, it is important that we understand the differences between the various terms used to indicate relationships between two people. It is particularly important to let the public know that this amendment would make illegal not only marriage, but civil unions and domestic partner benefits for employees of state universities.

**A civil marriage** is a legally binding contract between two people who commit themselves to one another for a lifetime. There are a few minimal requirements, including age and an absence of close blood relationship between the two parties. Two elements are required to enter into a marriage: a license and a ceremony. The couple applies for a marriage license from the state. Certain officials such as judges or clergy members are authorized by the government to perform the ceremony.

If the marriage ends in divorce, it is dissolved in family court, where child custody issues and distribution of property is also handled. Civil marriages are available to opposite-sex couples in all 50 states, and historically, every state recognizes

marriages contracted in every other state. Only Massachusetts allows same-sex couples to marry.

**A religious marriage** is a covenant between two people in the care of a community of faith. They, too, commit themselves to one another for a lifetime. Some religious organizations have requirements before a ceremony is performed. For example, pre-marital counseling may be required and may be offered by the minister, rabbi, or other religious leader. All faith traditions see marriage as a serious commitment; only the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches view marriage as a sacrament. A few religious traditions do not permit or recognize divorce.

Some religious organizations will perform **Holy Union Ceremonies**, most usually for gay and lesbian couples. This union is recognized and supported by the church community even though there is no legal status for the couple. In Lexington The Unitarian Universalist Church, St. Michael the Martyr Parish (a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church) and The Society of Friends, Quakers will witness the joining of two people

**A civil union** is a unique marital status available only in Vermont and only to same-sex couples. It ...continued on next page



## Gay Marriage

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is similar to a civil marriage, but not identical. The same two elements are required: a license and a ceremony. A civil union entails only those rights and responsibilities governed by Vermont law. It does not grant any of the 1,138 rights and responsibilities governed by Federal law. Should the civil union end in divorce, it is dissolved in family court. There is no residency requirement for entering a civil union, but if the couple wishes to divorce, they must first establish residency in Vermont.

A **domestic partnership** is much more limited than either a civil marriage or a civil union. The concept originated among private businesses that wanted to provide greater job equity to employees with unmarried partners. Thus, the benefits are contingent on one partner being employed by a firm that offers such benefits, and are limited to issues that an employer can address. For example, an employer may

provide health insurance to the partner, but has no jurisdiction over taxation and inheritance. Generally, the couple must complete an affidavit and may be required to provide documentation as to the length of co-habitation and their financial interdependence. There is no ceremony, and their marital status is still "single." To dissolve the domestic partnership, one of the partners must submit a form stating that the relationship has ended. There is no divorce and no process for distribution of property.

The vast majority of same-sex couples do not fall into any of these categories. They make lasting commitments to one another that are not recognized by government, religion, or business. Some have lived together for decades, owned homes together, raised children together, and are spouses in every respect except legally. Yet, they are still viewed as strangers in the eyes of the law.

**GLSO needs your financial support to maintain the Pride Center and to support our other projects that include:**

- Gay Straight Alliance for Youth**
- Pride Month Activities**
- Discussion Group**
- Pride Library**
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## GLSO WINS FIRST PLACE AT 6TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

In celebration of Pride Month, the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Allinace sponsored the 6th Annual Fundraising Bowling Tournament which was held at Southland Lanes on June 12, 2004. Twenty-two bowlers, representing four organizations, participated and raised nearly \$1,000 dollars through bowler sponsorships. The event was a No-tap Monte Carlo tournament consisting of three games. In a no-tap event, knocking down nine pins (as opposed to ten pins) is scored as a strike. Periodically a colored pin would appear in the head pin position and if the participant bowled a true strike, a

cash prize of either three dollars or one dollar (depending on the color of the pin) was given away. Nearly \$50.00 in prize money was distributed with most of the proceeds being immediately contributed to the fundraising event.

The GLSO team, consisting of Michael Childress, Tom Collins, Mike Taylor, a/k/a Benedict Arnold, and John Ward soundly trounced the team representing the Fairness Bluegrass Chapter by 200 pins and took home the traveling trophy for the second year in a row. The traveling trophy was presented to the representatives of GLSO at the volunteer dinner ON June 25, 2004. It will be displayed with pride at the Pride Center until next year. Members of the Bluegrass Chapter have vowed to capture the trophy next year.

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## *GLBT Spirituality*

*By Fr. Ken Waibel*

Some months ago I began a series on various aspects of what might be called a Gay and Lesbian Spirituality. We touched upon six different points of reference that may be common in the GLBT experience. I called these points of reference icons for they, like computer icons and religious icons, tend to open up new windows of understanding when discussed. The first six icons of Gay/Lesbian Spirituality were: Lack of Models of Adult Love, Exile, Mourning, Internalized Self Hatred, Shame and Isolation. Discussion on these icons can be found in previous issues of this newsletter or by contacting me at [kypadre@aol.com](mailto:kypadre@aol.com).

This first set of spirituality icons can be collectively thought of as icons of Desolation with the next six being the icons of Consolation. St. Ignatius of Loyola explained in his many theological writings that our relationship with the Divine One goes through many peaks and valleys. When we are feeling good and life is fine we are in moments of consolation. When we are hurting and life seems to be dealing us prunes we are in moments of desolation. Many persons

would like to say that in those moments of desolation God is far away and, conversely, in the moments of consolation God is near but Ignatius challenged that concept. He believes that God is equally present in both the up times and the down times and that both offer great opportunities for connection with this Divine Being. Consolation and Desolation times are natural and healthy and should not be avoided. The key to a healthy life (healthy spirituality) is being able to recognize which phase you are presently in and being able to ride the wave in a healthy manner.

Beginning next month I will start our journey through the six Consolation Icons of GLBT Spirituality. If the first six seemed somewhat dark or depressing expect the next six to be more up-beat and joyful. We have a great deal to celebrate as GLBT persons. We have a richness to offer the world that is only now beginning to be realized. Let's celebrate together and let the world know!

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## *A Closer Walk* *July 1 Ky Theater* continued from page 1

*A Closer Walk* is **not** simply a depressing look at the world pandemic. It does expose the stark reality of global AIDS but it also asks the viewers to empower ourselves and each other to make a difference in how our country responds to this crisis. We can help make this time the end of the beginning.

Today, 44 million people are living with HIV, 95% in developing and poor countries, and 99% without treatment. In some countries, infection rates exceed 30%. Over 8,000 people die from AIDS each day. Children orphaned by AIDS frequently must quit school, suffer hunger, and are forced from their homes. Beyond sub-Saharan Africa, India, China, and Eastern Europe are poised to see comparable devastation. Compared by Jeffrey Sachs to the Holocaust, the film asks: Do we really believe we can stand by and watch as tens of millions of people die needlessly and still not pay the price?

In 2004 we have seen the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria nearly disabled for want of funds, proven prevention strategies undermined, deliberate attempts to block affordable access to treatment- while over two-and-a-half million people died from AIDS. Can we use the words compassion, humanity, dignity of our fellow man and woman? They all become hollow, says UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in an excerpt from the film.

At previous screenings in the state, audiences expressed surprise, disbelief, and conflict trying to reconcile perception with apparent reality. Based on viewer's reactions in smaller venues, The Kentucky Theater agreed to show the film and play host to a discussion afterward about advocacy, policy, and the global AIDS campaign. US Senators Bunning and McConnell and State Senator Mongiardo are invited to attend to discuss US leadership

around global AIDS, though their acceptance is not yet confirmed. (State Senator Scorsone, within 15 minutes of receiving the invitation, simply wrote back: "Count me in." Where do such hearty fighters come from?)

Event sponsors are AIDS advocacy groups based in Lexington, Louisville, and Northern Kentucky, all chapter members of the international campaign to prioritize the global AIDS fight among US leaders. From Lexington's Aspendale neighborhood to sub-Saharan Africa, we work to confront the policies and ignorance that block our progress.

Specifically our goals are to secure adequate funding, and to protect poor and debt-burdened countries right (ensured by international trade agreements) to purchase generic AIDS drugs to treat their citizens. At this time there are proposed agreements seeking to block such purchases.

This year we are charged to make AIDS and the care of 44 Million HIV+ people a central campaign issue. Which candidates have enough courage and moral clarity to prioritize the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS? The goal of this event is to build a base of people willing to commit energy, time, and self to advocacy work. Our leaders' reluctance and unwillingness to confront this global emergency implicates us as a whole. We are the people who elect them, we have a responsibility to educate ourselves and our fellow citizens, and a responsibility to vote.

For further information, visit the web page [www.acloserwalk.org](http://www.acloserwalk.org); or write to [ukglobalaids@hotmail.com](mailto:ukglobalaids@hotmail.com); or contact Patrick Sweeney at 859-389-7106.

What I would appeal to the whole world: I would say, 'Come down to earth and face reality, face reality. Know what's going on in the lives of other people.'

Olivia Nantongo (1980-2000),  
Ugandan activist (from 'A Closer Walk')

## Progressive Lexington

GLSO encourages LGBT individuals to become involved with other progressive organizations and activities in Lexington. We need to build coalitions with folks that support us, talk to those who are not informed about our issues, educate ourselves about a variety of issues, and work as allies for causes in addition to our own.

### *Kentuckians for the Commonwealth*

The Central Kentucky Chapter of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC) is a progressive organization that includes work for gay rights among their projects. The meet on the third Thursday of each month, next on July 15th, at the Living Arts and Science Center, 362 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, (corner of MLK and 4th Street.)

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth believes in the power of citizens, working together, to challenge injustices, right wrongs and improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians. GLBT people need to be supportive of KFTC and other groups that are allies to us. We should consider being active participants, becoming allies in the work that is being done to make our country more free and more just.

KFTC has an anti-discrimination work team that has participated in the work for GLBT Rights. KFTC invites you to their meetings. Contact [jlynjenks@msn.com](mailto:jlynjenks@msn.com) or call Janet at 389-8575.

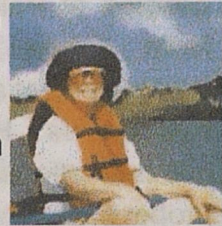
### FAHRENHEIT 9 - 11

Michael Moore's new award winning documentary is at the Ky. Theater until July 22. Go see it and take a friend. Then tell your friends they need to vote in this fall's election. **No** on the Amendment, **No** on Bush.

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## HATE CRIMES REPORT

BY JEFF JONES

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Division of Police annually releases their Hate Crimes Report for crimes in Lexington that are reported and defined as hate crimes. Hate crimes are defined as criminal offenses against the person or property of individuals where the victim is targeted because she/he is a member of her/his particular race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. The data for Lexington both reflect and differ from national numbers in several ways:

Nationally African-Americans are the most targeted group for hate crimes. In Lexington for the years 2000-2003, African-Americans were also the most frequent hate crimes victims with 7 incidents plus two involving multi-racial targets. Almost tied, however, are Gay Men against who 7 hate crimes were reported from 2000-2003.

Nationally Jews are the second most frequent targets of hate crimes, but in Lexington there were no reported cases of anti-Semitic hate crimes.

Overall, Gay Men/Lesbians are the 3rd most frequently targeted victims of hate crimes in the US but the most frequent victims of violent hate crimes (assaults and murder as compared to intimidation or vandalism). In Lexington there were no reported anti-lesbian hate crimes in 2000-2003 but 7 hate crimes against gay men. Half of all violent hate crimes in the city in the last 3 years have been against gay men. This makes Gay Men the most frequent targets of violent hate crimes in Lexington.

The violent hate crimes against people rather than property (vandalism, etc.) consist of 1 aggravated assault and 5 simple assaults.

In Kentucky in the last 4 years, there have been two hate crimes where the victim was murdered. In both cases the motivation was anti-gay feelings on the part of the killers:

July 5, 1999: Private Barry Winchell was brutally beaten with a baseball bat at Ft. Campbell, KY, and died the next day of severe trauma to the head. His killers, former friends of Winchell's and fellow soldiers, were upset that he was dating a female-to-male transgendered woman.

June 17, 2003: Guinn "Richie" Phillips was strangled and suffocated to death in Rineyville, KY. His body was then put in a suitcase and dumped in the local Rough River. Relatives of Phillips' killer testified that the killer said he lured Phillips to a motel room because he was gay and killed him.

### Total Hate Crimes By Year

2000: 6  
2001: 1  
2002: 4  
2003: 7

### Total Hate Crimes by Perpetrator's Motivation

Anti-Black:\* 7  
Anti-Gay Male: 7  
Anti-White:\* 1  
Anti-Hispanic: 1  
Anti-Multiracial Group: 2

Total Hate Crimes Reported for  
2000-2003: 18

Total Involving Violence Against a Person  
rather than Property: 6

This tally includes only those crimes reported to the police. If you are the victim of a Hate Crime, we urge you to call and report it to the Human Rights Commission 252-0071. They will urge you to also report to the police but that will be your decision. The police tally of hate crimes is lower than the Human Rights Commission's.

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Pride Gallery (Thomas).....225-0094

## Student Groups

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Madison County .....859-723-7312  
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## HIV/AIDS Info/Services

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HIV/AIDS Legal Project .....502-584-1254  
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    or 888-425-7282  
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Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers)..254-3319  
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