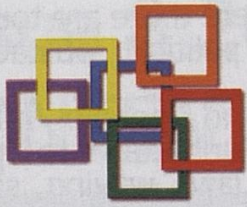


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Hundreds marry on historic day

## After Long Wait, Same-Sex Couples Marry in New York

By Michael Barbaro  
The New York Times

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Hundreds of gay and lesbian couples, from retirees in Woodstock to college students in Manhattan, rushed to tiny town halls and big city clerks' offices across New York to wed in the first hours of legal same-sex marriage on Sunday, turning a slumbering summer day into an emotional celebration.

They arrived by subway cars and stretch limousines, with children and with grandparents, in matching sequined ties and pinstriped suits, to utter words that once seemed unimaginable: I do.

Even those who had been together for decades, watching same-sex marriage become legal in surrounding states but suffer rejection in New York, said there was something unexpectedly moving and affirming about having their unions recognized by the state in which they live.

"We feel a little more human today," Ray Durand, 68, said moments after marrying his partner, Dale Shields, 79, whom he met 42 years ago by a jukebox in a West Village bar.

The start of same-sex marriage in New York instantly doubled the number of Americans who live in states where gay and lesbian couples can wed. Gay-rights advocates, energized by their victory in New York — the sixth and largest state where it is allowed — are turning their attention next to Maryland, but they face long odds in much of

the country, where there are tougher legal and political obstacles.

Several thousand people rallied in Midtown Manhattan to protest the new law, waving signs that said "God cannot be mocked" and calling for a public referendum on same-sex marriage. Their cries were echoed by smaller crowds in a few cities upstate.

"Today, we start the war," State Senator Ruben Díaz Sr., a Bronx Democrat, declared.

Despite the demonstrations, long lines and bureaucratic glitches, a spirit of patience and good humor pervaded. In Lower Manhattan, brides and grooms defiantly opened dozens of rainbow-colored umbrellas to block the protesters from view.

There were scenes, too, of striking public embrace. Outside marriage bureaus, police officers offered unsolicited congratulations, passers-by honked their horns and strangers tossed handmade confetti at the newlyweds.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo hosted a party for same-sex marriage advocates in Manhattan, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg presided at a wedding in the backyard of Gracie Mansion, and the City Council speaker, Christine C. Quinn, visited marriage bureaus in several boroughs.

The bulk of the day's marriages took place in New York City, where 659 couples picked up licenses and 484 wed at city marriage bureaus: 293 in Manhattan, 66 in Queens, 66 in Brooklyn, 32 on Staten Island and 27 in the Bronx.

Most were New York residents, but 107 of those who married in the city had arrived from other states, mostly those, like California and Alabama, where same-sex marriage is not legal.

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## **SisterSound Rehearsals Start September 18**

SisterSound, the Lexington Women's Chorus, will start rehearsals for the 2011-2012 season on Sunday, September 18, 2011, 6:00 pm at Centenary Methodist Church, 2800 Bates Creek Road, Lexington. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE IN DATE.

SisterSound is a non-audition chorus so if you are a woman age 18 or older, love to sing, can match pitch with those around you and like to have fun and work hard at the same time, please join the "Sisters" and their new director, Rob Vanover for the 16th season of good times and good music. New and returning members are always welcome.

For more information call Patti at (859) 806-0243 or check out [www.sistersound.org](http://www.sistersound.org)

## **GLSO Discussion Group**

The GLSO is proud to announce the continuation of a GLSO tradition--the weekly Discussion Group. Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. our Discussion Group takes place at the GLSO Pride Center located in Suite 100 of 389 Waller Avenue here in Lexington.

The Discussion Group is open to everyone and is a safe place where members of our community can meet to discuss most any topic. Topics include but are not limited to issues associated with coming out, families, homelife, and much more. And, of course, the meetings are completely confidential.

Everyone is welcome to stop by and join the Discussion Group. Hope to see you there!

## **LAL August Calendar**

### **EXHIBITIONS:**

LAL Presents: More is More, on view July 22 - September 11, LAL @ Loudoun House  
More is More examines a common tendency towards multiples and repetition in contemporary art. Whether it's an influence from industry, technology, materialism or consumerism, these serial acts have profound implications about the society that created them. The exhibition was Curated by Melissa Vandenberg and features works by 58 artists from 27 states. More info at [www.lexingtonartleague.org](http://www.lexingtonartleague.org) or at 859.254.7024.

### **EVENTS:**

American Founders Bank Woodland Art Fair Saturday, August 20, 10a - 6p; and Sunday, August 21, 10a - 5p  
Woodland Park, 601 East High Street, Lexington, KY 40502  
American Founders Bank Woodland Art Fair, produced by LAL and LFUCG's Parks and Recreation and presented by SC Johnson All-In-One Cleaning System, is Lexington's largest, free, outdoor cultural event with over 65,000 visitors coming to Woodland Park during the two-day event. In addition to 200 of the nation's finest juried artists, the Fair offers free live entertainment on the Gazebo Stage, hands-on art activities for children and families in the KidZone, free interactive demonstrations, free shuttle transportation, a bike check, great Kentucky food and plenty of opportunity to discover art. Admission to Fair is free.

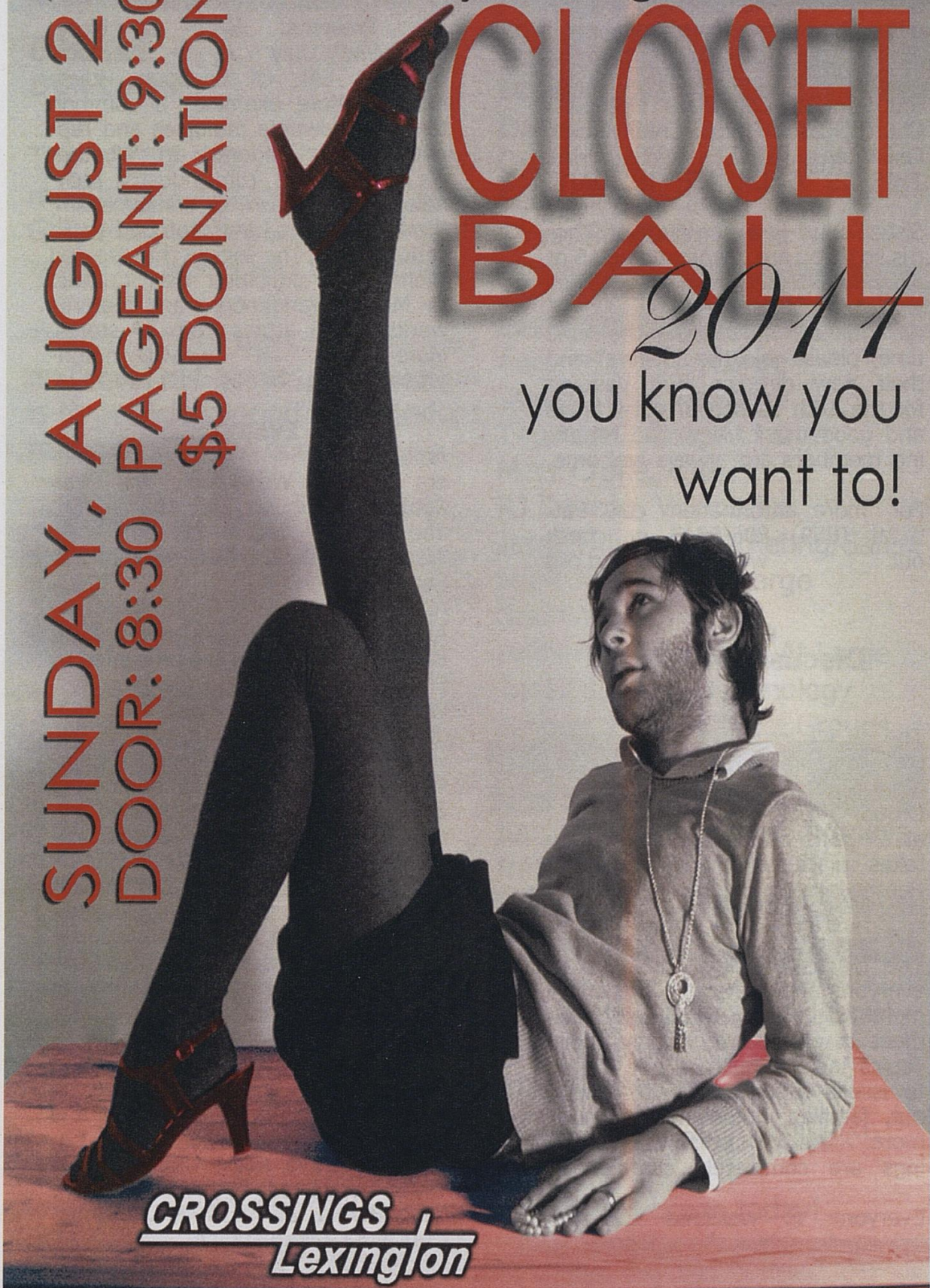
August 26, 6p-9p, LAL @ Loudoun House  
A social networking event during More is More. Light appetizers and cash bar from DaRae & Friends Catering. Also live music with The Stella Veas. Supported by WUKY, Where NPR Rocks at 91.3 FM. Admission is \$7 (Free for LAL Members). More info at [www.lexingtonartleague.org](http://www.lexingtonartleague.org).

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## **The Imperial Court of Kentucky: In Service to Her Community** By ShotZ Contributor

The Imperial Court of Kentucky has had an exciting month! During July we produced: the first Lexington Pride Brunch, Investitures XXX at Bogart's Lounge, and the fREDsHOTz Summer Heat show. We also represented the Imperial Court of Kentucky at several non-ICK events including: the 4th of July parade, the Mr. Crossings contest (from which Crossings donated the net proceeds to the ICK), the Imperial Court of New York's show "Jersey Girls", and the Mr. Crossings Leather.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky also showed our community support by attending board meetings of AVOL, Moveable Feast, GLSO and Lexington Fairness. And with a unique collaboration between ourselves and Summer-Fest, we were able to speak to, and collect donations from, patrons after the production of The Rocky Horror Show at the arboretum on two different evenings. Thank you to everyone in attendance at these shows and events. We could not be more proud of our members and our community!

Let's keep this amazing energy moving right along with August! This month we will be producing several shows that will tantalize and delight you. August 17 will bring us our annual "Diva's of Hazzard" show in which we plan to throw in a little "Hee Haw" twist. Grab your overalls and come on down to Crossings Lexington for a night to remember. The evening will be filled with country music, trailer trash and don't forget the Vienna Sausage appetizers! August 21 at Crossings Lexington we will present another of our annual events, the "Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball." This is a contest in which performers who have never performed on stage for tips compete for the title Miss/Mr. Closet Ball. Each contestant will be presented on stage as their biological gender and will then have one hour to go back stage and transform

themselves into the opposite gender. If you are interested in competing for Closet Ball contact Empress XXX ShotZ at [www.shotzwithaz@live.com](mailto:www.shotzwithaz@live.com). Our final show for the month of August will be on the 31st at Crossings Lexington, "Forever Your Girl: Gotta Love the 80's/90's!!". This will be a show conceptualized and organized by one of our female line members. Viscountess Christina Puse has imagined a night of fundraising while partying down to music from the 80's and 90's. She has been working tirelessly on organizing an event that will take us all back to the beginnings of Madonna, Paula Abdul, Janet Jackson and countless other Diva's of this double decade. We feel a rock power ballad coming on!!!! See our website ([www.imperialcourtkentucky.org](http://www.imperialcourtkentucky.org)) or join our facebook group page for details on all of our events. Thank you for your support. We tip our hats to our membership and welcome anyone interested in becoming a member to inquire.

You may learn more about our organization through our website at [www.imperialcourtkentucky.org](http://www.imperialcourtkentucky.org) or by stopping in at one of our shows and speaking with the Reigning Monarchs or a member of the Board of Directors. (Hint: the person working the door of our shows is always a Director from the Board.) We can also be contacted via email at [info@imperialcourtkentucky.org](mailto:info@imperialcourtkentucky.org). The Imperial Court of Kentucky exists

in service to the community, the entire community. Our members vote to elect the leaders of the organization therefore giving them a voice in "their" court. You can help your community by becoming a member and getting involved. We are always happy when a member volunteers whether it be to run a spotlight at a show, sell raffle tickets or even just making yourself available to answer questions about our organization to community members.

We always have a niche that needs filled. It is our members and the needs of the community that drives us and you can be a part of that amazing and rewarding journey!

## My Heart Cries Out

By Rev. Karen Taylor  
Contributor

I heard Gene Robinson speak this past Saturday evening. You might recognize the name. He is the first openly gay Episcopal Bishop from Lexington. I wish every pastor in Lexington could have heard him as well as every GLBT individual who has been told they are going to hell, or that God doesn't love them. Not only was his message enlightening but he radiated the love of Christ. It was fantastic.

One of his points was that yes the Bible is the inspired Word of God but it was written by humans who were writing based on the time period. For example, a Shakespearean play; the terminology was very different from the terminology of today, and without interpreting using what we know about the time period we aren't going to understand what he's saying. It's the same when we read the Bible we must take into consideration the time period from which they were writing. The concept of homosexuality didn't even exist during this time period. It wasn't until more modern times that we even had our first concept of sexual orientation.

This leads me to the next point, which Jesus said before He was crucified that He would send us a Helper, the Holy Spirit, who will lead us into all truth. We desperately need a helper to understand scripture. When we earnestly pray for God to show us how He sees us, and what it is He desires from us, He will. God is concerned about our heart. He eagerly waits for us to come to Him as little children to love Him and trust Him. We were created for that very purpose.

The last question Bishop Robinson left us with was this; "Do you want to be an admirer of Jesus, or a follow of Him?" He has enough admirers. As for me, I want to follow Christ. I want to be a true disciple, a woman after God's heart.

My heart cries out for all who have been lead to believe anything other than that God loves them with an everlasting love. He deeply desires to walk in close communion with us.

Do you feel an emptiness you can't seem to fill? It's that God size hole in our heart that we all have, and nothing else will fill it. We try to fill it with relationships, love, work, money, you name it. But nothing will fill that hole but God Himself. Jesus calls out to us to come to Him, give our hearts, concerns, fears, troubles to Him and He will give us in return His spirit of comfort, strength, encouragement, & healing. It's the Holy Spirit that leads us to God the Father, to His Son Jesus Christ, and to all truth.

I've been crying out to God these past several days to renew in me the zeal of the Lord. I want to cry over things that make Jesus cry, to yearn for things He yearns for, to rejoice over what He rejoices over. My heart's desire is to go and make disciples of men/women as Jesus called us to.

What is your heart crying out for? Take a little time today to explore that question. If you come to the same conclusion as I did, that my heart cries out for more of God, begin today to do just that. Reach out to Him in prayer, scripture reading, calling someone you trust that also loves the Lord and would pray with you, and help you in this journey. My phone is always on and ready to receive calls. 1-502-545-6355 My prayer for you today is that God would show you the heights, depths, width of His love for you. God bless you in your journey.

On another note, Open Arms of God Ministry is starting a new Bible study time, Wednesdays beginning August 17th at 7:00. There have been people saying to me that Sunday's don't work for them because of their jobs and asked if we had a mid-week service. Well now we do. Call me to get the specifics 1-502-545-6355.



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|                            | 877.606.2437 |
| Health Dept., Jessamine    | 859.885.4149 |
| Health Dept., Woodford     | 859.873.4541 |
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## Community and Social Groups

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| 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    | 859.276.3058 |
| Lexington Fairness           | 859.951-8565 |
| Lexington Human Rights       | 859.252.4931 |
| Lexington Insight Group      | 859.230.2428 |
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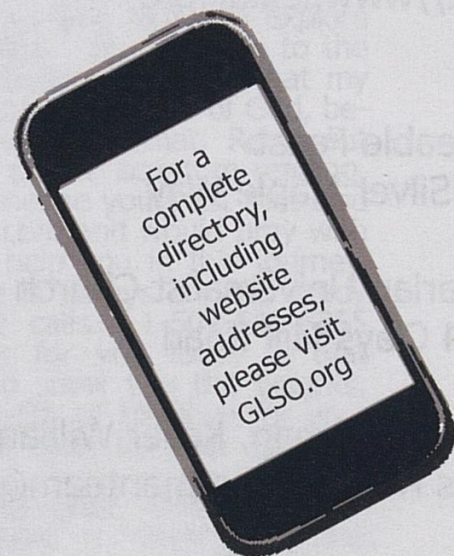
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| TransKentucky              | cassiemtf@<br>yahoo.com |
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| Interweave, Unitarian     | 859.266.5904 |
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| Open Arms of God Ministry | 502-545-6355 |

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| Centre College BGLA       | 859.238.5332 |
| Morehead State University | 606.783.2294 |
| UK Gay Straight Alliance  | 859.559.7464 |



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August 20  
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## Louisville LGBT Film Festival

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) is pleased to present Kentucky's very own LGBT Film Festival!

The kickoff party will be on Friday August 5th, with the festival running through Sunday August 7th. The full schedule of films and events are posted on the festival's website at [www.louisvillelgbtfilmfest.com](http://www.louisvillelgbtfilmfest.com).

Tickets and packages may be purchased on the website and at the door. Many directors, actors and special guests in the National LGBT community are scheduled and will be attending!

The festival will take place in the Eifler Theater at the Clifton Center.

The Kick Off Party on Friday August 5th will take place at the University of Louisville's Floyd Theater, 3rd Floor and be 7:30-11:30pm.

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