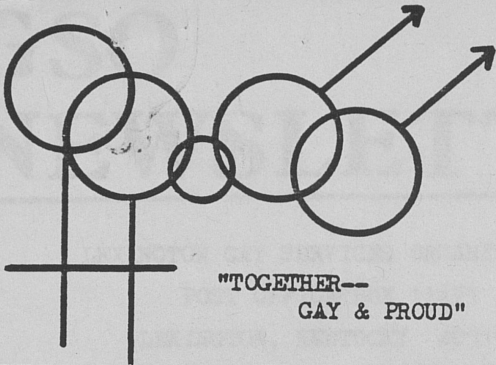


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"TOGETHER--  
GAY & PROUD"

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LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION

POST OFFICE BOX 11471

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40511

Dear Friends,

For some time now, the Board of Directors and active members of GSO have been working to expand and improve the services offered by this organization with as little added expense as is possible.

The Newsletter has grown, bringing you current, informative, and entertaining articles. To defray the costs of printing and mailing, advertising has been added. This now pays for about 90% of the cost of the Newsletter.

GSO's office was moved from its East Main Street location to its present location on American Avenue, where no rent is charged. The office is stocked with supplies provided by one of GSO's members free of charge.

The Speakers Bureau (recently retitled "Community Education Services") has sent speakers to several college campuses and other interested parties. It has done sensitivity training sessions with new police recruits, talked to several religious groups and held workshops and seminars for medical and sociological organizations. All of this has been done on a donation basis and any stipends received by the speakers have gone directly into the treasury.

GSO had representatives (the only ones from Kentucky) at a ten state convention, the Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men, held in Atlanta in April. GSO is also a member of the National Gay Task Force, the Gay Rights National Lobby, and is a charter member of the Southern Association of Lesbian and Gay Organizations. These accomplishments too, have been done at little or no expense.

This organization operates solely on donations. As of this month, the treasury shows a bank balance of approximately \$15.00. This is supposed to last until our next major fundraiser in November. In other words--

**GSO IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF YOUR DONATIONS TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE!!!!!!!**

If the gay community is to continue to build toward a brighter future, the organizations that represent us must not perish. I implore you to help put GSO on solid ground--for you. We're counting on you!

Yours,

Keith Elston, President

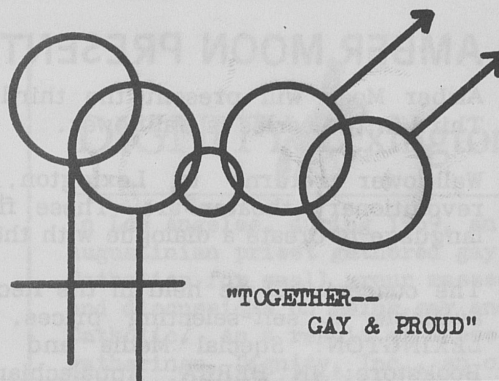
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# GSO NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER

## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Keith Elston, President

Last month's letter was to inform you of GSO's financial crisis, ask for monetary assistance in meeting this crisis, and explain some steps taken to cut GSO's expenditures.

To those who have rushed to GSO's aid, I wish to extend the warmest thanks.

Many, however, have not responded to this call for help. Perhaps you may have thought about giving but have put it off and eventually forgot about it, or maybe some missed the last issue of the Newsletter explaining our financial crunch.

We are still showing a bank balance of less than one hundred dollars and the immediate future (this month) looks doubtful for any dramatic change. This depends entirely upon our community.

Your donations, the life force of GSO, are being used for your benefit. The monthly Newsletter, the GAYLINE, rental fees for park shelters, etc. are some direct products of your input. The Newsletter, including postage and supplies, runs around \$160 per month, the GAYLINE is approximately \$55 per month. Other expenses such as utilities and office supplies often take up the balance of our general fund.

GSO has survived financial crises before, BUT NOT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!! This month we will be sending a special mailing telling you about a very unique opportunity in early December to help GSO. Until then, please remember our plight and make a tax deductible donation of any amount today. We're counting on you.

## Editors Space

Tim Banks, Editor

My volunteer term as editor is quickly coming to a close. It has been a truly moving experience serving the gay community over the past year and I hope that my work with the Newsletter has informed, helped or enlightened each one of its readers.

Some reflections. Until each human being in our society is permitted the liberty to differ reasonably without penalty, no one of us is safe from the tyranny of any majority. The reality is that we can no longer afford the pleasure of allowing other people's interest, or disinterest, to govern the way we live our lives. For some of us that may be frightening. If too many of us are frightened, if too many of us continue to pretend, if too many of us fail to act with determination and commitment, then we will remain victims of concerted and systematic attacks on gays.

With your support, we might one day have no further need to lobby for freedom, we might one day experience equality. With your support, we might one day have no further need for pretense. With your support, we might one day understand and believe in our own dignity.



## AMBER MOON PRESENTS...

Amber Moon will present the third part of their Fall Subscription Series in November. Third in the series is Wallflower.

Wallflower returns to Lexington, uniting the worlds of dance and politics in a revolutionary theater art. These five women incorporate theater, song, humor and sign language to create a dialogue with their audience.

The concert will be held in the Recital Hall, U.K. Center for the Arts. Series tickets are available at self-selecting prices. Tickets are available at the following outlets. IN LEXINGTON: Special Media and Good Foods Co-op; IN LOUISVILLE: Crazy Ladies Bookstore; IN BERE A: Appalachian Bookstore. Tickets are also available by mail from Amber Moon, P.O. Box 22096, Lexington, KY., 40522. (Be sure to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your check or money order). For more information, call 252-3110. The concert is November 13, at 5 p.m.

### JOB OPENING WITH AMBER MOON

Amber Moon, the Lexington women's cultural arts organization, is now accepting applications for a newly created position of Administrative Coordinator. This is a part time position at \$5.46 per hour with the possibility of expanding to full time after 6 months. The Coordinator will handle office duties as well as assist in the coordination of volunteer production activities. Applicant should have office experience, good oral and written communication skills and a commitment to cultural arts and collective process. Position is partially funded by the Kentucky Arts Council with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. Call or write Amber Moon for an application (P.O. Box 22096, Lexington, KY., 40522 or (606) 253-3110). Deadline for receipt of applications is 5 p.m., November 18, 1983. Amber Moon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Potluck '83

The October potluck proved to be a success as everyone enjoyed the last of summers beautiful weather, great food and conversation.

This month's potluck will be held Sunday, November 6 at 378 Park Avenue. It will start at 1:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Thanksgiving early and enjoy a wonderful fall afternoon. For directions or more information call Mac or Rod at 269-9806.

## POETRY

### MAN TO MAN BY ALLEY

The dance proved beautiful and true  
to all that is right and good,  
The music--the means of movement.

Watch and study the movement of men,  
Their eyes gazing into the soul of the  
other.  
They love, not wrongly,  
but perhaps with more force than can  
sometimes  
be put between a man and a woman.

It's good.

Fate's finger pushing the button of life's  
machinery  
to make man love man . . .

Please do not condemn: for love is the tool  
of God  
given to men to use,  
Not judge.

Men do love men.



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WON'T  
HELP!

Don't stay in the dark

PLEASE

SHOW YOUR  
SUPPORT  
IN '83

## Gay & Lesbian Services

### Lexington Gay Services Organization

P.O. Box 11471  
Lexington, KY 45011  
(7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Tue & Thur.....231-0335  
Support group for gay men and lesbian women; information telephone; speakers bureau; workshops; community forums; newsletter; recreation; monthly meeting.

### Dignity/Lexington

P.O. Box 1984  
Lexington, KY 40593  
Gay men and lesbian women; non-gay men and women; Catholics and non-Catholics; laity and clergy; spiritual development; education; social involvement; social activities.

### Gay Alcoholics Anonymous & Parents of Gays

Call the Gayline:.....231-0335  
between 7:00 p.m.-11 p.m., Tue & Thurs.

### AIDS Hotline

Current information .....1-800-342-AIDS (2437)  
Up-to-date information on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

### Gay & Lesbian Union of Students

c/o 123 Warren Court, #1  
Lexington, KY 40508  
Gayline: .....231-0335  
(7:00 p.m.-11 p.m., TH. & F).  
Dues: \$2/semester for voting privilege.  
U.K. student organization; information for and education of university community; creation of legislative library; members are primarily university students; watch for meeting dates in "The Kernel".

## DIGNITY Lexington



In Los Angeles, during 1969, an Augustinian priest gathered gay Catholics for small group masses and discussions on being gay and Catholic. As a result of these gatherings, Dignity, Inc., an organization of gay and non-gay persons was founded. This organization now includes more than 4100 members in over 100 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Dignity held its biennial convention in Seattle over the Labor Day weekend. Special guests included Ginny Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force and Fund for Human Dignity, and the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church. Rev. Perry announced plans to hold a combined convention between MCC and Dignity in 1987. All other gay and lesbian religious organizations will be encouraged to plan conventions to correspond with this national/international event.

### NEW GROUP MAKES HEADLINES!!!!

The Owensboro Gay Alliance has been getting considerable attention in the press from two front page stories carried in the Messenger-Inquirer in September, 1983. The stories, according to the OGA Newsletter, have generated considerable controversy in the Western Kentucky community. The headline story, "Gays in Owensboro: Problems of an Isolated Minority", included interviews with 3 gay Owensboroans and discussed the frustrations gay people face in dealing with the mainstream, "straight" society. The second article covered the Green River Comprehensive Care's discontinuation of services formerly provided to OGA. This occurred when the United Way asked the Crisis Line to stop acting as an answering service for OGA.

If you would like to be placed on OGA's confidential mailing list to receive their newsletter, write to OGA, Box 951, Owensboro, Ky 42302.

Conceived in March 1983, the Lexington chapter of Dignity gathers twice monthly for a meeting and a liturgy and presents monthly programs for those interested. Last month's topic, "Homosexuality and Scripture," dealt with scriptural interpretation and misinterpretation. November's program will be "Models for Partners and Partnering." For more information, write Dignity of Lexington, P.O. Box 1984, Lexington, KY 40593, or call 269-8500 and ask for Mark.

### VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?

For those who would be interested in forming a group to play volleyball during the winter months please contact Bernie at 266-8859. Call as soon as possible.


### COLLECT TRASH FOR GSO AND HELP US RAISE MONEY!!!!

A long-term fundraiser is under way. GSO would like you to save your aluminum cans and newspapers for recycling purposes.

Turn them in at the monthly general meeting or call the GAYLINE and make arrangements for a pick-up.

Please make the effort to help us help you. Thanks!





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See What You Can Really Be!*

*Corky Corbett*

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255-3325*

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TUES. - FRIDAY

11:30 - 5:30 P.M.

## INTERVIEW: Rita Houston

Recently crowned Miss Gay Lexington, Rita Houston, shared some thoughts about herself in an interview with Donnie Royse.

"First and foremost, I am a transexual. Not a female impersonator.... I live 24 hours a day as a woman and plan on being a woman totally at some point in time . . .," stated Rita. "I'm very happy living the way I do. First of all, I am a transexual and second of all, I am a professional entertainer. I was a transexual many years before I became an entertainer. Though Rita is the person that I have become through the years, in the beginning she was like a character. Now she is real."

Rita has many goals in mind. "I plan to polish and refine our entertainers until they are the best in the state. I want everyone to realize that there is talent here and to recognize it for that--it's funny how many people think we do impersonation just because we want to dress up."

However, Rita explains it more thoroughly. "We want to earn the respect and recognition we deserve. Entertaining is an art, just like sculpting or painting. There has always been a bad feeling about drag in Lexington. I want to dispel those feelings by first making people appreciate what we do . . . ."

The upcoming shows should attract a wide audience. "There will be a variety of entertainment offered, not only impersonators, male and female, but male entertainers and live singers. There should be something for everyone."

And with the assistance and support of THE BAR, Rita will unveil her first show in Lexington on Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at THE BAR. "I invite the Lexington gay population to come out and see some of the finest talent around--old and new." Good luck with your plans.

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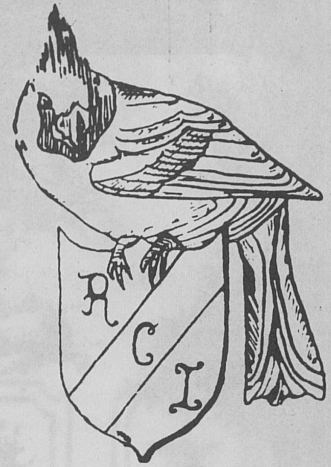
# Red Cardinal Inn

## 521 W. Short Street

Lexington, Kentucky

252-2902

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RED CARDINAL INN will be hosting a VERY SPECIAL GSO event on Thursday, December 8. \*

Plan to come and celebrate the holidays early, enjoy live entertainment featuring the talented Carla Quinn, and also experience a variety of fine wines and cheeses.

\*Special invitations to be mailed soon!!!

### BRUNCH

Sunday 10:30 - 2:00

### LUNCH

Tues. - Sat. 11:00 - 2:00

### DINNER

Fri. & Sat. 5:30 - 9:00

Reservations Accepted

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<b>6</b> POTLUCK 1:30 p.m. 269-9806	<b>7</b> GSO GENERAL MEETING-Office American Avenue 8 p.m.-231-0335 EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!	<b>8</b> GAYLINE 7-11 p.m. THE BAR PRESENTS A LIVE CONCERT-Lou Miami, Kozmetix, & Vale of Tears	<b>9</b> GAY A.A. 8 p.m.-Office 255-4393	<b>10</b> GAYLINE 7-11 p.m.	<b>11</b> Veterans Day (United States) Remembrance Day (Canada)	<b>12</b> THE BAR PRESENTS DRAG SHOW 7:30 p.m. \$2.00
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