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Closet Ball

The Imperial Court of Kentucky presents one of its most popular annual events, the Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball on Wednesday, September 24 at Club 141. The Ball is named in honor of Empress I of Kentucky, Julie Vaughn. Last year's winner, Amaya Masters will be stepping down.

Contestants cannot have appeared in a drag show, talent night, pageant, or accepted tips for a performance while dressed in the attire of the opposite sex. Contestants are first presented in the attire of their biological gender and are given one hour to prepare for their performance dressed in the attire of the opposite sex. Contestants may have one dressing room assistant.

Individuals interested in entering the Closet Ball should contact Empress 22 JD Vaughn.

King's Island Pride Night

GLSO is now selling tickets to Pride Night at King's Island which will be Friday, September 26. The cost through us is \$37 which is less expensive than tickets on line or at the door. The Gay Lesbian Community Center of Cincinnati is sponsoring this event and will financially benefit from the evening.

GLSO will also make a small amount on each ticket so drop by the Pride Center at 389 Waller Ave. We're open from 10 am to 3 pm, Mon through Fri. You can also call Mon - Sat. to reserve your tickets. 253-3233. (Volunteers on Sat will not have access to tickets.)

Fairness Fundraising Dinner

By Jim Dickinson and Cindy Downey
Co-Chairs

Fairness, Bluegrass Chapter invites everyone to their annual fall fundraiser. A dinner and auction will be held at Portofinos, East Main St. on Sunday, Sept. 28, starting with cocktails and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 806-4114.

As a special treat for this year's event, the Bluegrass Chapter will be auctioning the original front door sign from the Bungalow. We know a lot of you have fond memories of this well known watering hole, and this item will make a great conversation piece for your abode. So be sure to bring your checkbook and put in a bid. This item was donated to us courtesy of Allan Barger, Greg Scott and John Barker Gray. Minimum opening bid is \$175.00. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

See page 8 for information about Bluegrass Fairness's work with Domestic Partner Benefits for city workers.

Sponsor of the Month



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Thomas Collins - New GLSO President

I would like to thank The GLSO and its Board of Directors for having the faith and confidence in me to help lead and guide the GLSO into the future. I particularly thank Terry Mullins for mentoring me and for his continuing service on The GLSO board.

Many great strides have been made by the GLBTQ community this year. The time for change is ripe in our nation, in our state and in our own back yard. As president of The GLSO, my number one goal is to make our organization more visible and more accessible to the broader Central and Eastern Kentucky area. It is time to let all people know that we are here, we offer great services and our voice does count!

The GLSO has many successful programs that we plan to continue and expand. The Pride Center has become a focal point in our community by offering a welcoming, safe environment for many organizations to meet. The Center is also a great place to stop by to just say hello and have a cup of coffee. We offer our wall space for artists desiring a venue to display and/or sell their works. We have had several successful shows and are always looking for artists.

The Pride Library has become one of the most utilized resources we have to offer. It is the largest public GLBTQ library in Ky with over 1500 volumes of audio/video, reference and fiction materials all available free by simply filling out an application for a library card. It is used by individuals looking for GLBT videos and books, by parents wanting to understand their children, and by local students who are writing a paper, thesis or dissertation on GLBTQ issues. Thank you for your donations that have made this the Pride Library a huge success.

During my term I would like to see The Pride Centers hours of operation extended. Currently, we are open 10 am to 3 pm Mon through Sat. We need volunteers to staff the office Saturdays and early evenings.

We sponsor a Gay Straight Alliance for youth which has had members from most local high schools including Lexington Christian Academy. Our goal is now to reach the more isolated teens in greatest need of our services.

I would also like to see the continuing success of our social gatherings: 50+ Lesbians, Men's Social Club, Andrew's Young Adult Club, Lesbian Film Night, Games Night and the weekly Discussion group. You are invited to start another group at any time.

I would like to hear from you, our supporters. You remain our biggest asset. We are in need of more board members and volunteers. Call the Center with any questions. Please feel free to contact me if there is a program you would like to see started, one you think could be improved, or if you have other suggestions. Reach me at 859-225-0094 or e-mail thomasa859@cs.com.

Community News

THE LEXINGTON MEN'S CHORUS

Cabaret/Fundraiser

The Lexington Men's Chorus begins its 14th Concert Season with a Cabaret Fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 5th at The Downtown Arts Center (across from The Main Street Public Library). Cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres will begin at 7 pm and showtime is at 8 pm.

Individual members of the Chorus will demonstrate their talents in entertaining cabaret-style performances. Tickets are \$15. Call (859)269-9739 (credit cards accepted.) Admission will also be available at the door until we are sold out. Table seating is limited so get there early.

The Chorus will be returning to weekly Sunday rehearsals beginning Sept 7th, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Drive. Take note of the new time - 7 to 9:15pm. LMC is gay and gay-supportive and is non-audition. The Chorus welcomes singing members (male,) and non-singing members, (male and female,) as part of the Chorus' auxiliary "Sostenuto". For info: Call Kenneth (859)255-1974, visit him at The Bar or email info@lmcky.org. To be on the mailing list, send us your address.

LMC's Holiday Concert will be performed at St. Michael's on Saturday, December 6th. Mark your calendars!

LEX LYONS LEATHER/LEVI CLUB

The Lexington Lyons is a social club for those interested in the leather/levi lifestyle. We meet at the Pride Center on the second Monday at 7:30. By supporting the Center financially we have become Pride Patrons. For information call Thomas at 272-0408.

SisterSound Begins New Season

SisterSound is a non-audition chorus and welcomes any woman who enjoys music and singing. Our rehearsals are on Sundays at 6 pm at the Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church. 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 info contact Patti at 268-0113, email sistersound@hotmail.com or check web site at www.geocities.com/sistersound.

People for Unity and Fairness

People for Unity and Fairness is a new group to serve the needs of gay and lesbians in rural Central Kentucky. Our mission is community building; we will work to unite gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. We welcome the support and membership of any individuals. We meet weekly for business and discussion. For information, contact Adam Tubbs at (859) 803-1130 or email CUFCKY@aol.com.

BOYS BY DECEPTION

In the mood for something new? A new drag king cast is premiering at Club 141 on Wednesday, Sept. 10th. *Boys By Deception* will be featuring local and regional drag king entertainers as well as local drag queens.

Our show will begin promptly at 9 pm. There is no cover charge for the opening night. The Club will be having drink specials running all night so come on out and join us for this fun event.

More Community News and events happening at the Pride Center can be found on pages 4, 6, and 14.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Integrity

Integrity, a group for GLBT Episcopalians and friends, invites you to join in a discussion with Episcopal Bishop Stacy Sauls on Sunday, September 14th from 4-5:30 pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte St.

Bishop Sauls will report on his experience at the 74th National Convention. As you may know, Bishop Gene Robinson, from the New Hampshire Diocese, was confirmed as the first openly gay Bishop of the Episcopal Church at this national convention. There will be discussion of the Resolution on Blessing Unions and time for questions. For additional information call Rev. Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or email stmintegrity@yahoo.com

AVOL Interfaith Task Force

AIDS Volunteers, Inc. is looking for representatives from local faith communities to form an Interfaith Task Force. This group will explore ways that religious organizations can get involved in the fight against AIDS and how to improve the quality of life for those living with the disease. We will seek avenues to educate the public about prevention, to raise awareness in our local community, and to overcome obstacles in our own congregations.

If you are interested in social action this is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference in your community, and in the lives of others. With your help, we can contribute to an improved quality of life for those touched by AIDS and HIV, and work towards a future in which our services are not necessary. Contact AVOL for information, AIDSvolunteers@aol.com, see www.aidsvolunteers.org, or call (859) 225-3000

Unitarian Universalist Church

Looking for a church community? Consider the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. We are a growing community of friends and members who acknowledge all sincere paths as valid and who define spirituality in terms that are inclusive, not exclusive. We are a church without Dogma, without mandated morality, or obligatory laws.

The cohesive conscience that holds this church community together is the belief in every one's inherent right to search for truth in their own way. You will find a variety of beliefs, activities and ways of worship within these walls. You may attend the Humanist Forum, Women's Spirituality Group, Simple Living Pot Luck, Buddhist Meditation, A Course in Miracles, or Cuups (pagans)

This church is a conduit for positive change and individual fulfillment, in whatever form it manifests itself, regardless of your sexual preference, gender expression, political affiliation, racial or cultural background, or social standing. We are proud to sponsor the GLSO News this month.

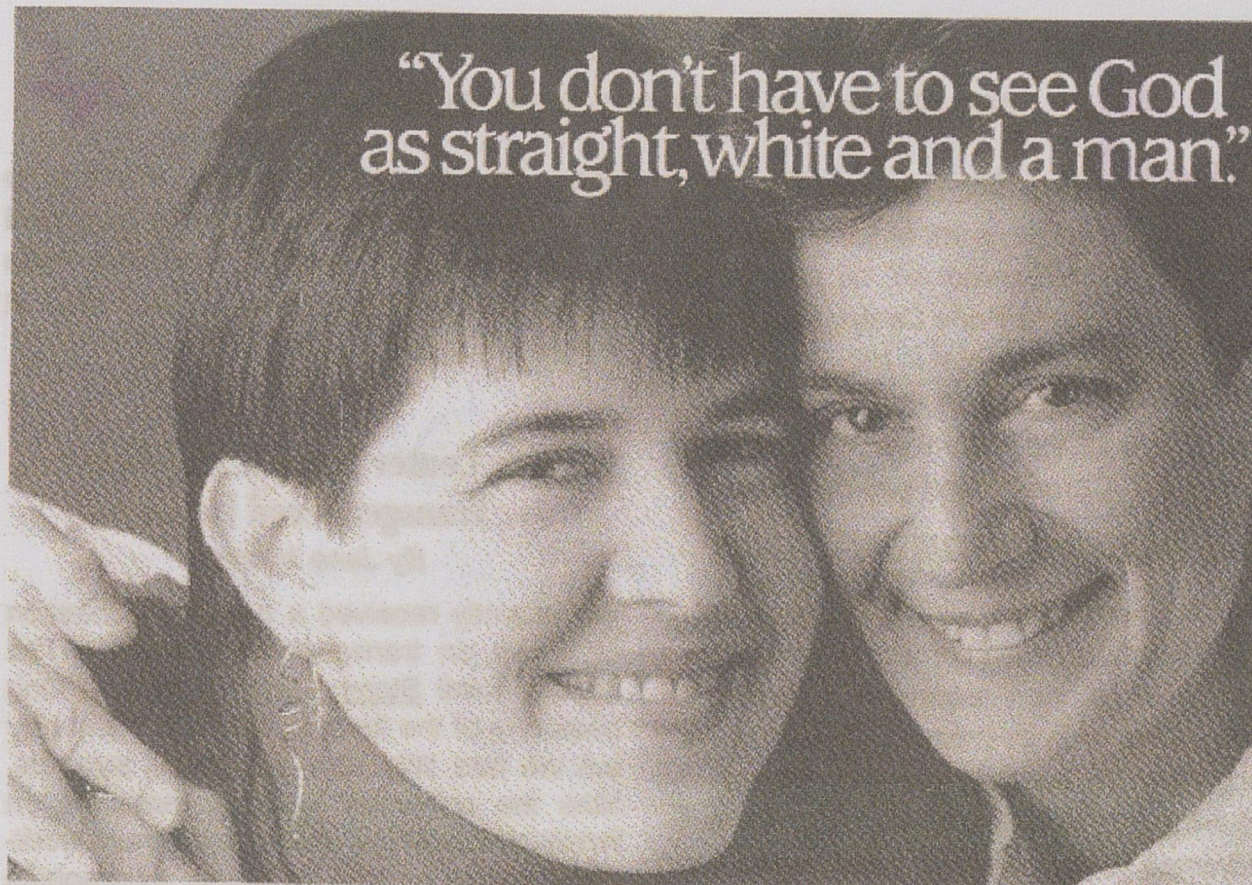
If you find yourself wanting to work or fight for social justice as you travel down your spiritual path, (whatever your definition of spiritual may be), this church can be an oasis along the way.

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. Our worship services on Sunday are at 9:15 and 11. Interweave, for GLBT people and friends, will be having lunch together after church on Sept. 21. For more info see www.uucl.org.

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.

*"You don't have to see God
as straight, white and a man."*



"Not everyone is Ozzie and Harriet, you know? We wanted a church community where we would feel welcomed as a lesbian couple."

"We also wanted to explore a variety of spiritual beliefs and opportunities to become involved in social justice work."

"We found all of this at the Unitarian Universalist Church."

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PRIDE CENTER NEWS

389 Waller Ave. 859-253-3233 Mon-Sat 10 - 3



Vira McGeorge Exhibit

The work of local artist Vira McGeorge will be on display at the Pride Center throughout September. Ms. McGeorge grew up in the Ky mountains and a love for the natural world is reflected in her art. Come by and see her work.

LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

On Friday, Sept. 12, we will be watching **Switch**, a satiric comedy starring Ellen Barkin as a man reborn in a woman's body. The man mistreated women in his previous life so God gives him another chance, this time as a woman. S/he is still attracted to women and meets a lesbian played by Lorraine Bracco (who plays a therapist on *The Sopranos*.) The plot thickens--come stir the pot and laugh with us at the Pride Center at 7 pm on the 12th.

Xena Bloopers

Our monthly Xena-fest at the Pride Center takes a turn toward comedy. Join us on Saturday, September 20th at 1pm for our usual helping of Xena: Warrior Princess episodes from Season 1 and, as a special treat, an X:WP blooper reel. Watch the girls as they flub lines, get the giggles, and miss their marks. It's sure to be a fun way to spend a Saturday after-

noon, so 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.

Pride Center Library Highlights: Transgendered Issues

By Jane Minder

We recently received a generous donation of books on transgendered issues. The classic novel Stone Butch Blues had long been one of the favorite books in the library but we had little else on "trans" subjects. Now the collection includes materials on family relationships, medical care, and workplace issues as well as fiction, biographies and videos. The collection is already in high demand. Here is just a sampling:

Body Alchemy: Transsexual Portraits by Cameron, Loren (HQ 77.95.C36 B668)

Different for Girls (VIDEO Diff)

Gender Blending: Confronting the Limits of Duality by Holly Devor (HQ 1075.D48 G325)

Self-Made Man: The Diary of a Man Born in a Woman's Body by Paul Hewitt (HQ 77.8.H49 S465)

Suits Me: The Double Life of Billy Tipton by Diane Wood Middlebrook (ML 471.T58 M53 & AUDIO BOOK Suit) *...continued on page 14*

Meetings at the Pride Center

Discussion Group, open to all.....every Wed, 7 pm
info Jane ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

Andrew's Young Adult Club....2nd & 4th Sat, 7 pm

Sisthas in the Life, black lesbians...1st Tues, 7 pm

Men's Social Club, .. 3rd Friday at 6 pm

info Iggie 492-9904

No Gaymes Night in Sept (4th Friday at 7 pm)

12th Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet

Sunday, Oct 12

Send us Nominations for
Wasson Award and
Rainbow Community

Service Award

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THE IMPERIAL COURT OF KENTUCKY

presents

The 2003 Julie Vaughn Memorial
"Closet Ball"

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

9:30 pm, Club 141

\$5 Donation

One of Lexington's most popular and most entertaining pageants each year, "Closet Ball" is always a thrilling evening, as never-before-seen drag queens battle it out for the coveted title of "Closet Queen 2003." Many of your favorite local performers got their start with this night of fun and competition.

Scheduled entertainment also includes:

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Jenna Jive

Tova

and many more...

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--Interested in competing--

See Empress J.D. for a pageant application

<http://kentucky.impcourt.org>

BLUEGRASS FAIRNESS WORKS FOR DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

BY ALLAN BARGER

While the July 4th Parade float was our most visible summer activity, Bluegrass Fairness has been working behind the scenes to help bring Domestic Partner benefits to Lexington/Fayette Urban County Government employees. Shortly after Teresa Isaac took office as Mayor, Bluegrass co-chair Jim Dickinson and other members of the Steering Committee met with her and urged her to take the step of extending benefits to committed same-sex partners.

Mayor Isaac willingly responded by investigating her legal status to enact such a policy and assuring the Steering Committee that she would take action, including opposite-sex partners as well. During the open enrollment period, several gay and lesbian couples were able to obtain insurance for their partners for the first time. We applaud Mayor Isaac for being progressive in bringing Lexington in step with many other cities and businesses in the U.S.

When the Urban County Council learned of the policy change, some were supportive and some had questions. Homophobic comments were quickly addressed. The sessions were monitored by Steering Committee members, especially Charlotte Wood, with reports going out to the Steering Committee members several times daily.

David Cupps and other members of the Fairness Domestic Partner sub-committee prepared in-depth information packets for each member of the Council to answer their concerns about the issue. Other Steering Committee members made themselves available for media interviews, including co-chair Cindy Downey, to educate the citizens of Lexington about the overall benefits of

supporting Domestic Partners. Likewise, Steering Committee members held conversations with individual members of the council to answer questions and address their concerns. While the Council voted for a moratorium on DP benefits, due to concerns about financial costs to the city, those currently enrolled were allowed to continue coverage, due largely to Fairness' work. Again, we applaud the members of the council who voted to continue protections for those already enrolled.

When the Mayor vetoed the moratorium, stating that it violated Lexington's Fairness Ordinance, Bluegrass Fairness committed to working with both sides to ensure that the benefits and those they covered were not forgotten in a struggle between the Mayor and the Council.

For now, Bluegrass Fairness is working to help the members of the Urban County Council move past their unfounded fears of costs, and ultimately provide for the well-being of the city's employees and their families. The next vote will be in October, and Bluegrass Fairness is already working to keep DP benefits in place. If you would like to work on this exciting project please feel free to call us at 859-806-4114 and leave us a message.



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7:30 pm – Dinner with invited guests

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– or –

fundraiser@bluegrassfairness.org

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Trans Forming Families: Real Stories About Transgendered Loved Ones edited by Mary Boenke (HQ 77.7.B671 T772)

Transition to Completion by Lynn Montgomery (HQ 77.9.M788 T772)

Transsexuals: Candid Answers to Private Questions by Gerald Ramsey (HQ 77.9.R36 T772)

Transsexuals: Life From Both Sides by Lynn Hubschman (HQ 77.9.H881 T772)

True Selves: Understanding Transsexualism for Families, Friends, Coworkers, & Helping Professionals by Mildred L. Brown (HQ 77.9.B76 T871)

These and many other books and videos on a wide variety of subjects can be checked out at the Pride Center Library, 389 Waller Avenue, open Mon-Sat, 10-3.

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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.

For meeting date or information, email macetky@aol.com, call Jon 859 351-4453 or check Web site: www.macetky.com

Nominations are now being taken for the

Wasson Award

and the

Rainbow Community Service Award

The Twelfth Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday October 12. **Mayor Teresa Isaac** will be our keynote speaker. All community organizations are invited to present their volunteer of the year awards to an individual they select. Each group is responsible to choose what they present to their chosen volunteer. We will also be honoring the individual (Wasson Award) and the community group (Rainbow Award) that through volunteerism has done the most for the GLBT Community in the Bluegrass Area in the previous year or years. Anyone can nominate a person or a group for these awards. Write a paragraph or two giving the reasons for your choice and email it to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com, mail it to GLSO, P.O. Box 1172, Lexington, 40588, or drop it by the office by Oct. 1. We will set up a time for voting in early October.

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September 2003

PC = Pride Center
Call = Call for place

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RAINBOW LEAGUE

New Season

Begins Sept. 3rd
Organizational Meeting
Sign-ups begin @ 8:00 pm

Bowling begins Sept. 10th @ 9:00 pm
Southland Bowling Lanes
205 Southland Drive, Lexington, KY

Sign up your Three person team on Wed. night.
Season begins in earnest the following week.
If you do not have a team set, COME ANYWAY!
We will be glad to set you up with a team
If you have a team, but can not make it on Wed.
night, please notify the League Secretary
of your intent to bowl.
CALL - League Secretary (859) 351-4650

RAINBOW BOWLING

The new season for the Rainbow Bowling League begins on Wednesday, Sept. 3 with an organizational meeting at 8 pm. You can sign up for three person teams, bring your own team or we can place you on a team.

If you can not attend on the 3rd, please call the League Secretary and let them know you want to bowl. Secretary can be reached at 859-351-4650.


Bowling will begin on Sept. 10 at 9 pm at the Southland Bowling Lanes, 205 Southland Dr in Lexington. Rainbow Bowling was on the the first GLBT organizations in Lexington. We still have a lot of fun and it is a great way to get to know people. See you there.

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Investitures

Investitures were held August 13 at Club 141. Empress 22 JD Vaughn and Emperor 22 Larry Stanley named their direct lines of descent for the coming year. Newly invested line members include Imperial Crown Princess 22 Lady Marmalade, Imperial Crown Prince 22 Jeff Henken, Princess Royale 22 Jenna Jive, Prince Royale JC Lewis, Queen Mother Natalie Gaye, King Father Donnie Royse, Empress 22 ½ Miranda Wrights of Connecticut, Emperor 22 ½ Tim Davis, Emperor 3 of Boston, Duke Daryl Lyons, Marquise Karen Kollett, Marquis John Ridener, Countess Godiva Amore, Count Brett Chevront, Baroness Tova Uravitch, Baron Thomas Chaney, Viscountess Crystal Diamond and Viscount Donnie Perry.

The Men's Chorus Cabaret Fundraiser has been postponed from Sept. 5 to sometime in Oct. See next month's newsletter

Lex. Dress and Gender Alliance

<http://groups.yahoo.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. Family members and supportive community members are also encouraged to participate. We are not a therapy group. For info email kellindel@hotmail.com, or call 859 273-0785.

Over 50's Group

In Aug we had a great time at a Robbie Barlett concert. and on a trip to Louisville to see k.d. Lang. She was GREAT! Our next meeting is Sept 14 at 2p.m. at the Pride Center. Bring a snack and we will make a Social of it!

State Employees Donate to GLSO

If you are a Kentucky state agency employee you can donate to GLSO through payroll deduction. Each year, as part of the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC), state employees donate millions of dollars to such charities as United Way and the Christian Appalachian Fund, all very deserving organizations.

Well last year I found out that I could target my KECC donation directly to the Lexington Gay Lesbian Service Organization (GLSO). I thought, what a great way to help "my" community by helping GLSO keep the Pride Center open, publish the GLSO News and continue all the great work that put the "S" in GLSO. At the end of the year GLSO will receive your donation minus a ten percent processing fee (that's what all the other charities get too). If you want GLSO to be notified of your donation just include your name and address at the bottom.

So, if you are a state employee and would like to donate to GLSO through KECC here's what you do. When you get your KECC form fill in the box labeled "Other" like this:

Org.name: Lex Gay Lesbian Service Org.

Address: P.O. Box 1172

City: Lex State: KY Zip: 40588-1172

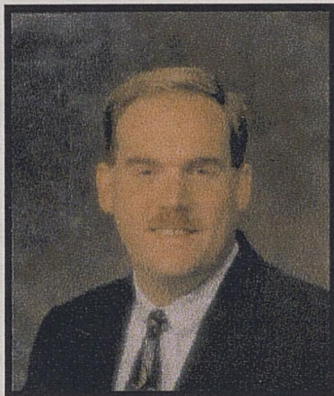
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GAY SPIRITUALITY: ICONS 1

By Rev. Ken Waibel

Last month I mentioned that in order to dialogue about a "group" spirituality (such as GLBT Spirituality) we need to seek out those experiences or concepts that are common to most, if not all, of the persons within that group. I believe that I have surfaced twelve common experiences/concepts for the GLBT person that will help us better define Gay Spirituality and see the blessings and challenges that such a spirituality reveals. We will call these common experiences or concepts "icons".

The first "icon" that I would like to discuss is the common experience of all GLBT persons of a Lack of Adult Models of Love. Non-GLBT persons have many models of love that are presented to them through every type of media possible. Straight children learn how to appropriately (and, sad to say, often inappropriately) express their affection for members of the opposite sex by watching young adults and adults express love-making and "courting" via TV, the movies, commercials, billboards, books, preaching in their churches, etc., just to name a few. GLBT children do

not have this experience and thus grow up often confused about whether their internal feelings are "normal" or should even been expressed in any way at all. This Lack of Adult Models of Love is an obvious sign of the homophobia present in our society and churches but it does a great deal more to damage the psyche of the child and the child's spirituality than we may ever be willing to admit.

Experiencing such Models of Love underscore our very notion of God and help us better understand how we are to relate to God and how God may relate to us. Regardless of our religious background or ideology we wish to be in "right road" with the Divine and know that this Divine Entity loves us and watches over us. We humans are very limited in what we can understand - especially as children. Our ability to understand Divine Love is limited by the types of love we experience or see happening around us. For the GLBT child, if my love is not "natural" than how can I love God or, even more profoundly, how can this God love me? The entire basis of "faithfulness" lies in the understanding of experiential love that is,

in itself, based on the lived experience of seeing loved expressed and/or being loved or loving another. If one's "path" of intimate love (ie: homosexuality) is not experienced as permissible or holy then one's relationship with God is set into question.

The positive aspect of recognizing this icon to be authentic will challenge the status quo paradigms of sexuality and, ultimately, our understanding of God and God's relationship to us. This is a horrifying prospect for those who are not well rooted in their faith and relationship with God. Some authors believe that this issue, challenging the ultimate paradigm, is THE issue that causes most homophobia. Paradigms are those "truths" that have been accepted for so long that they become comfortable and safe zones in which to function. Recognizing that there are indeed gay persons in the world who are, in and of them selves, holy and good persons will force the question about how society, culture and religion portrays healthy human relationships and God's relationship to us. This paradigm shift will be intense and is already causing great

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The Loss of Innocence aftermath of the affair

by Kelly O'Ferrell

This is not the face of an ingenue; this is an old soul in a new body -- wary, wise to her own long past, on to the wiles of the world, and having miles to go before she sleeps.

--Sarah Ban Breathnach, *Something More - Excavating Your Authentic Self*

I stood one day and listened as a co-worker told me about her new girlfriend. They've been friends for three years, were mutually attracted to one another, but never single at the same time. Now, finally, they are both single and have started dating - and everything that comes along with dating!!

"I think I've finally found the one I'm going to spend the rest of my life with," she said.

Suddenly, I felt my body rip down the middle. "The one forever," is what I heard her say. Those words were vibrating in the room.

I wanted to run from the room. But, first, I wanted to grab her and scream "THERE IS NO FOREVER!! Stop looking forward to forever with this woman. Wake up now before you get hurt!" She was pouring salt in a wound that had almost healed up. I had almost forgotten that forever isn't real. About two years ago I heard the words, "I've had an affair." I wasn't expecting to hear those words - not from her. I had always heard, "You couldn't sand blast me out of this relationship and I want to spend the rest of my life with you." I didn't live my life wondering if, when, who, where.

All my co-worker heard from me was, "That's really nice." All she saw was me smiling as she continued telling me about her new love. I had to ask her: "Have you ever been in a relationship where someone had an affair?" I wanted to know to what extent her history has shaped her belief in forever. Maybe I just wanted to know that if

the answer was yes AND she still believed in forever, then maybe she could tell me how I could believe in forever again too.

"No," she said, "but there was one girlfriend who I still believe had an affair but she denies it to this day."

"Just for today, Kelly" someone reminded me. "Just for today you can believe her."

She was telling me that I could believe my new girlfriend. "There was no guarantee of forever in your last relationship even when you believed there was." Even in my innocence, the truth was there.

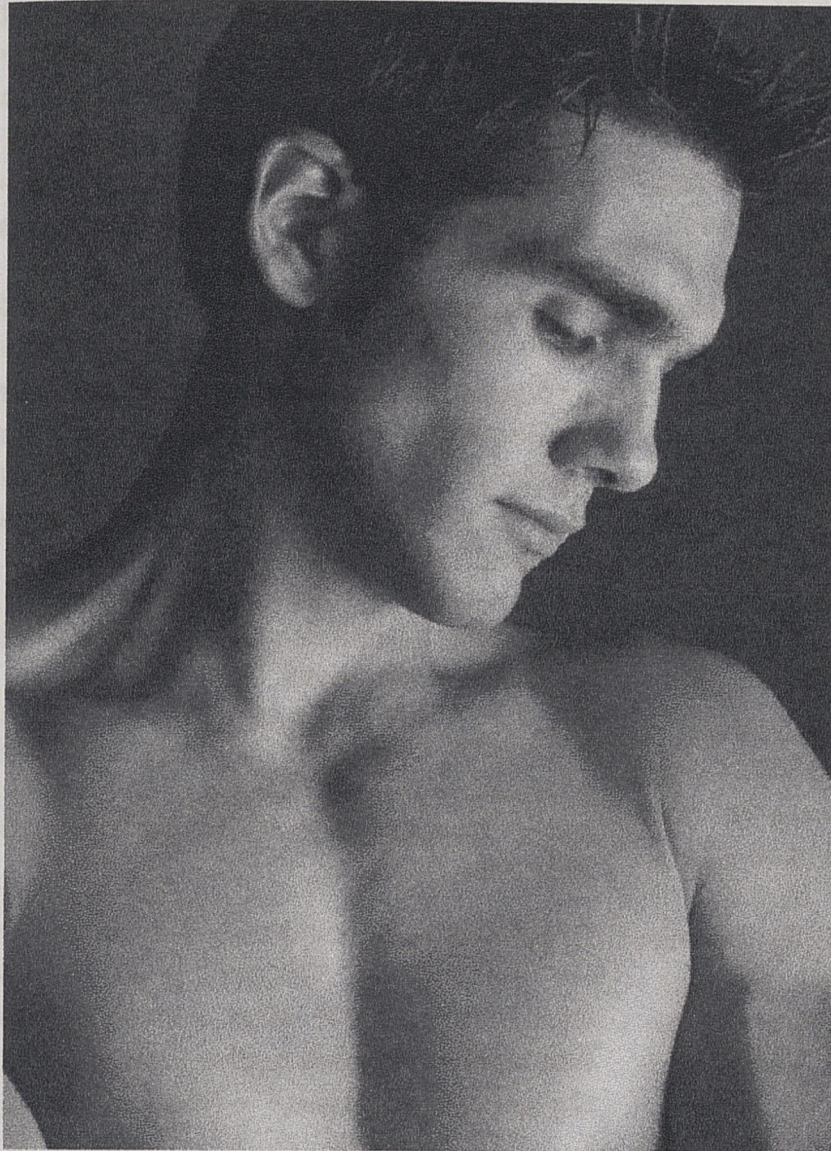
I asked my friend, Betsy, if she believes she's with Anna "forever". I know she loves Anna very much. And she knows the truth too. "The possibilities are endless," she said. "And I know that I want to do whatever I have to do to stay with Anna." Anna just looked at me, laughed and said, "You're making my stomach hurt!"

I wonder if I will ever feel --- what? Like I did before? No, I will not feel like that again. There's something about 'going back' that's unsettling. So I guess I will feel something new. But, why does that thought leave me feeling sad?

I talked to my friend, Jaime, about this concept of going back. "Back to what," I asked him. "Back to innocence?" No. We couldn't find the word. "Here's another word for innocence," he said, "unconscious. And here's one - ingenue. It means a naive girl or young woman."

Interesting. As a child, an ingenue, I was unconscious because of my limited experiences. I thought that my pets would live forever; that my family and friends would always be there. I had no experience of death and in my case, no family members divorcing.

And then, as I grew older, I began to have experiences - my pets died, my grandparents ...continued on page 22



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died. When I was in college, a friend who was 18 years old was killed going home from work when he fell asleep at the wheel. When I was 24, I went through a divorce with a man I didn't really plan on spending my life with. Someone I did plan on spending the rest of my life with left and I didn't see it coming. And then there was the sickening feeling of hearing, "and I've had an affair". I've since watched friends and family battle cancer and heart attacks and survive. And, as I continue to grow older, I watch as my parent's friends die. And as sad and scary as all of that is, it increases my consciousness to be mindful that the people, pets and things in my life are as temporary as my last breath.

No, I'm not interested in going back - back to being unconscious. I know that pain and joy are equal ingredients that have made my life, the paths I have taken, a more conscious, wonderful journey. If the chances of my relationship ending were there even when I believed in forever, then maybe the chances of a relationship staying are there too. The possibilities really are endless.

Just for today I am dating a woman that I like very much. Just for today, I love my life with my friends and my dog, Lucy. I do not know what my life will be like tomorrow. The loss of innocence is a process of growing older; an increase in awareness comes whether I'm ready or not.

Two years ago, I did not know when I woke up that morning, that my life would be so painfully, radically different before I went to sleep that night. I did not know that what happened in that one day - when I was told about what had happened - would change how I felt forever.

Ah, there it is again - forever. Apparently, sometimes, in my innocence, I still believe in forever. But, not this time. No, I will not give her affair that much power. That's my part - how I choose to let it shape my future relationships. So, just for today, especially with my girlfriend, Holly, I will believe...

PART II: Come to find out, "the rest of my life" is not forever. "It is good to observe, to learn, and become wiser from what has happened. It is good to give thanks ... and walk away in peace." -- Marlo Morgan,

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