

## The GLSO News

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### Judy's Old Fashioned Holiday Show

The Judy Show is coming back to Lexington for an encore performance. The show is sponsored by the Imperial Court of Kentucky, with proceeds going to Lexington Fairness.

Judy's Old Fashioned Holiday Show will include a Thanksgiving style dinner and on November 20th at the Hilton Hotel. There will be a cash bar. Door opens at 6 pm and dinner will be served at 7pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and will be available at the door and at [www.ImperialCourtKentucky.org](http://www.ImperialCourtKentucky.org)

This year's Fairness Awards Dinner in June was a great success in part because of the hilarity of The Judy Show. She got rave reviews from everyone who attended. This production will also feature ensemble performances by members of the Imperial Court.

### 2010 PRIDE FESTIVAL *A Horse of Every Color*

Dress Lexington Logo Contest  
Rules and Regulations on  
[www.LexPride.com](http://www.LexPride.com)  
Deadline: Nov. 30, 2009

### *Moveable Feast Pie For Sale*

Moveable Feast is once again selling the pie for your Thanksgiving dinner dessert. It is some of the best pie you will ever eat. You can buy it baked and ready to go or you can get it frozen and bake it yourself giving the house that wonderful smell of fresh baked pie. You can even take the credit for baking it, we wont tell.

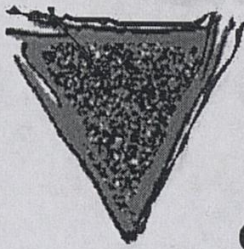
The pies are \$20 frozen or \$25 baked. Admittedly you can buy a cheaper pie, but you can't buy one that feeds more people. Each pie purchased will feed a Moveable Feast client for a week and that makes an already great pie taste even better.

The pies must be purchased before November 18th. You have a choice of the traditional pumpkin, or apple, cherry or blueberry. Order by calling Moveable Feast at 859.252.2867. Pies will be available for pickup at Moveable Feast or Woodland Christian Church on Tuesday Nov. 24th or Wednesday the 25th from 11am to 6pm.

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Next meeting Nov. 12,  
7pm at the Pride Center.

**Imperial Court of KY**  
[www.ImperialCourtKentucky.org](http://www.ImperialCourtKentucky.org)

The Imperial Court of Kentucky has been chosen to host the 45th Anniversary of the International Court System during Coronation in June 2010. It will include a State Dinner and the Jose Honors Presentations. This is a huge honor for the Imperial court.

The following is an excerpt from a message from Nicole the Great, Queen Mother of the Americas of the International Court System

"The Court of Kentucky will host the 45th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of our International Court System of Canada, the United States and Mexico with an Imperial State Dinner and the presentation of the Jose Honors. Internationally acclaimed activist, Stuart Milk (nephew of Harvey Milk) will be our keynote speaker. Plans are now underway to make this event grander than our 40th Anniversary in Palm Springs ... mark your calendars today for June 5th - Kentucky!"

**November Court Events**  
**Emperor's Turn-About**  
Wednesday, Nov. 4th @ 9:30pm  
Pulse Nightlife

**Diva's of Hazzard**  
Friday, Nov. 13th @ 9:30pm  
Crossing

**October Court Events**

Congratulations goes out to Miss Pepper Mint for winning the 2009 Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball. This event is for individuals who had never performed in drag before.

The Court's production of the Laramie Project raised over \$9,000 for the charities of the Imperial Court and the Matthew Shepard Foundation. This production helped raise awareness of the effects of hate crimes. The *Erase the Hate Campaign* con-



# Community News



## Imperial Court — *continued*

tinues across our country. Judy Shepard signed copies of her new book - *The Meaning of Matthew* - for each cast member. Donations may still be made towards this great cause by contacting Empress Nicole Diamond at [nicolediamond1@aol.com](mailto:nicolediamond1@aol.com) Help the ICK and the Matthew Shepard Foundation Erase the Hate in Ky schools.

## Christmas

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will be placing Christmas trees at different establishments at the end of November and asking people to make donations for the annual AVOL kids Christmas show which will be held in December. Watch for these trees and help the Imperial Court of make several kids' Christmases a lot merrier.

## SisterSound

Each year, SisterSound members wrap gift items for Amazon.com here in Lexington. This brings in much needed revenue and the more folds who volunteer to wrap packages the better. There are still several time slots open, which means there's probably a perfect time for you, so please consider volunteering. Training is provided, and everyone has a great time. Sara Helregel has all the details ([helregel@windstream.net](mailto:helregel@windstream.net)).

This holiday, SisterSound will again be singing for Amazon.com employees, eight sessions in mid-December from 5:15 to 6:15pm. This also brings in money, which we need, and it's fun, too. We could use more voices, so please lend yours to ours. You can even wear your funny Santa hat with the bells and lights.

SisterSound is a non-audition chorus that welcomes new members. Rehearsals are at 6 pm every Sunday at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 3220 Lexington Rd, Nicholasville (on Nicholasville Rd, 5 minutes from Fayette Rd, on the left). For information, contact Patti Owens at 859-806-0243.

## AIDS Volunteers of Lexington Candlelight Vigil

AVOL's Candlelight vigil is Tuesday, December 1st, World AIDS Day. You can bring a candle or pick one up and start the walk at one of the following locations: 1) Common Ground, 2) Dunkin Doughnuts, 3) Third Street Stuff, 4) Starbucks on Main St., 5) Tin Roof.

The candle stations will be set up by 5:30 (30 minutes prior) and the vigil will start at 6pm. Participants will walk through downtown, ending at the Central Library where we will have a few words and music. We will then proceed inside where eight panels of the AIDS quilt will be on display. Starbucks on High will supply coffee and light snacks.

## Red Ribbon Ball

The Red Ribbon Ball will be Saturday, December 5th, in the round barn at Red Mile. The event will start at 7pm with a live silent art auction, with a live silent art auction, heavy hor'deuvres, and an open bar. At 10pm, the art portion ends and the Dance of the Winter begins with DJ Xenergy.

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## *AVOL continued*

The cost of tickets are: Art/Dance - \$60 per person or \$100 per couple, Dance only - \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance either through our website [www.avolky.org](http://www.avolky.org) or by calling Brian Slate at 859-225-3000 ext. 23.

Please come out and support our cause. We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

### ***Open Door Church Revival***

The Open Door Church of Louisville is a gay friendly, gay lead congregation. They will be holding a special evening service on Fri., Nov. 13 at the Pride Center in Lexington (389 Waller Avenue) at 8pm. Come at earlier for snacks and refreshments.

Reverend Sherry Roby and the members of the church will teach, guide, sing, pray, and anoint you with healing. Revival is a renewal for your heart and soul, a restoration of your relationship with Christ and the church, a rebirth of your faith, and a reawakening of your spirit.

If you've been hurt by religion, or church, or feel angry at or abandoned by God, this is an opportunity accepting environment. Open Door is a charismatic, Holy Spirit-centered church. Members come from different denominations and backgrounds. All are welcome, there is room for everyone. God loves you.

### **Interweave**

Interweave, a group for Unitarian Universalist GLBTQ people and Allies, invites everyone to a lunch after church on Sunday Nov. 15 at 12:30 at the Food Co-op on Southland Dr.  
[www.uucl.org](http://www.uucl.org)

## **AVOL Moving**

AVOL is in a new location at 225 Walton Avenue, Suite 110, Lexington, KY 40502. This new space offers easier access and greater privacy and parking. AVOL will be closed for business until Nov. 4 as we move into our new space.

AVOL is now making appointments for Rapid Result HIV testing at Central Christian Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call for more information and appointment scheduling 859-225-3000.

Look for exciting things to come as AVOL enters our 23rd year serving on the front lines of HIV/AIDS in central, eastern, and southeastern Kentucky. For more info see [www.avolky.org](http://www.avolky.org)

### **Bluegrass Women's Network**

The Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women who identify as lesbian. Membership is free and there are no obligations. We use a Yahoo group website to announce and coordinate our events; it's not a chat group. If you don't have access to a computer, that's ok, we also have a phone list.

Members plan a variety of activities such as potluck dinners, plays, movies, parties, card games and whatever else we manage to dream up! Members choose those activities that are appealing to them. Our goal is to enrich our lives with great friendships and memories of good times spent together.

To announce events and share information, the Bluegrass Women's Network has a private/hidden Yahoo group website. It can only be accessed by group members. Interested in joining go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/thebluegrasswomensnetwork/> and apply to join. Facilitators are Debby Hemstock and Lynn Matlock.





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# Pride Center

Hours 10a.m. to 3pm M-F 389 Waller Ave., Ste. 100 Phone 859-253-3233

## *TransKentucky*

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. The group provides a safe place for transgender individuals and people who feel they do not fit into the standard gender norms to express their true selves.

While the group is not therapeutic in nature, we can provide information, advise and resources from our unique experiences. Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend meetings to gain understanding and be supportive of their loved ones. We also welcome supportive community members who have an interest in issues of gender presentation, identity, and variance.

TransKentucky meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. We include cross dressers, transsexuals, gender queers, intersexuals, and others who do not fit the standard gender norms or who are questioning their gender. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For information contact [TransKentucky@gmail.com](mailto:TransKentucky@gmail.com) or call 859-963-6606.

Each November, the Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. Although not every person represented during the Day of Remembrance self-identified as transgender — that is, as a transsexual, crossdresser, or otherwise gender-variant — each was a victim of violence based on bias against transgender people.

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

## **Insight Group**

**Friday, Nov. 6th at 7 pm**

**Pot Luck and a Movie**

**Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.**

Interested in organizing an Insight get-together on the third Friday night of the month. Contact Dana at 859-230-2428.

## **DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Every Wednesday at 7pm**

**Pride Center 389 Waller, Ste. 100**

**All Are Welcome**

## **GLSO News OnLine**

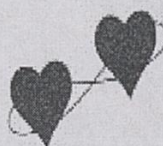
To receive the e-newsletter email: [glsonews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:glsonews@yahoogroups.com) and type "online Newsletter" in the Subject line. The eNews includes activities around KY for readers who do not live in Lexington. We ask for a \$20 yearly donation, but you may receive it free.

## **Lex. Lyons Levi & Leather Club**

**Monday, Nov.9th at 7 pm**

**Pride Center,**

**389 Waller Ave., Ste.100**



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Back by popular demand!

Date: Friday, November 20th 2009  
Time: Door opens at 6:00pm  
Dinner & Show at 7:00pm  
Venue: Hilton Hotel,  
Downtown Lexington

The Imperial Court of Kentucky presents

## Judy's Old Fashioned Holiday Show

Thanksgiving Extravaganza

A benefit for Lexington Fairness

This year's Fairness Awards was such a phenomenal success, we have invited "The Judy Show" back for a holiday encore performance. The production will also feature ensemble performances by members of the Imperial Court of Kentucky. There will be a Thanksgiving style dinner, drinks, and lots of fun and music to ring in the Holiday season!

Tickets are \$50 per person, available at:  
[www.imperialcourtkentucky.org](http://www.imperialcourtkentucky.org)  
[www.lexfair.org](http://www.lexfair.org)

This event is presented by The Imperial Court of Kentucky, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, with all net proceeds to benefit Lexington Fairness, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization advancing the cause of fairness and equality for all Kentuckians.



## Dancing The Night Away A Special Evening

By Russ and Ron Schneider-Smith

For those of you who missed *Dancing the Night Away*, the GLSO supporters who were there enjoyed the night, grooving and dancing to the spinning provided by DJ Porkchop



La Toya

and a wonderful show of talents. Orvis MC'd and performers included Cavier Towers, La Toya Bacall, Jennifer Grant, and Keith (a.k.a. Sasha Grant).

The performers' costumes were flawless, as were the acts that included such numbers as Lady GaGa, Patti LaBelle, and Captain and Tennille. The basket of tips which they donated to GLSO was overflowing by the time they were finished, as the crowd loved all the performers. Heartfelt thanks go out to all of them for their talent and energy as well as the time they gave for this event.

Robbie Bartlett then took the stage and it wasn't long before everyone was on the dance floor as she belted out such tunes as: "At Last", "Stand By Me", and "Give Me One Reason", just to name a few. As always, her voice and groove had everyone swaying to the music on the dance floor.

In a short break between her performances, there was a chance to speak with Robbie and she shared how excited she was to be performing for a gay event, such as the GLSO, and that she looked forward to doing more in the future.

She also let on that she is in the process of adopting her first child, a two-and-a-half year old son named Jazz who is from Guatemala. He should arrive sometime in late December or early January. Robbie proudly showed us a picture of Jazz and his Labrador, Mannie. Robbie is ecstatic about the adoption and we wish her the best of luck with her new family. With her guidance and love there is no doubt Jazz will grow to be a fine young man, and be blessed to have Robbie as his Mother.

One of the guests of the evening gave Robbie her winning raffle ticket for the Rainbow Blown Glass Collection and she was excited to receive it. Claudia won the 50/50 raffle, and was waving her arms in the air when they announced her ticket.



A big thanks to the staff at 4 Points Sheraton for making sure the event went smoothly for everyone in attendance. Also

much thanks to Denise, Courtney, and Cassie, volunteers who manned the door and the raffle tickets. It was great to have you there with us.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, especially a couple from Kansas City on their very first trip to Lexington who dropped in to enjoy the show. They said they couldn't wait to go back and tell their family what a great time they had. Thank you, Dan and Stephanie, for your laughter and support for the cause.

As the saying goes, "A good time was had by ALL". Hope to see everyone again at the next event!



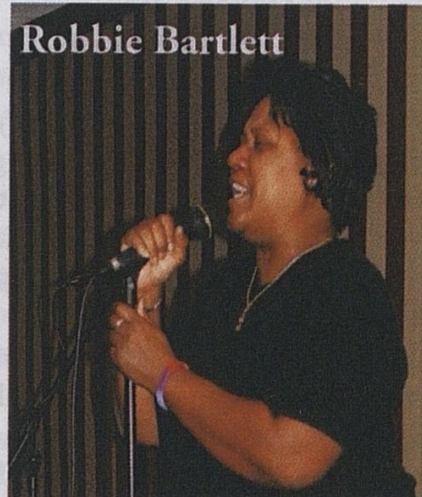
# Dancing The Night Away



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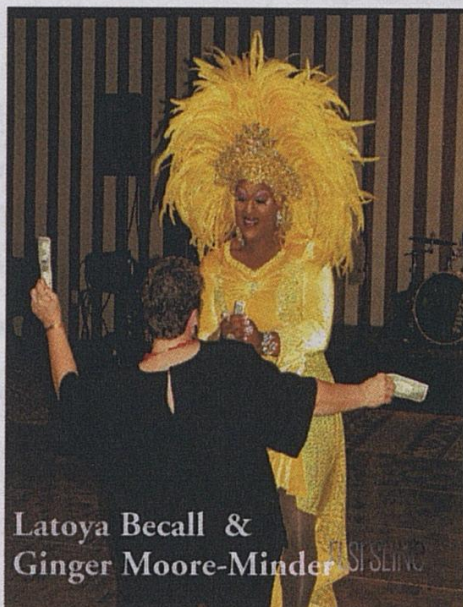
Keith



Robbie Bartlett



## Friends & Volunteers of GLSO Pride Center



Latoya Becall & Ginger Moore-Minder



Volunteers

Pride Festival T-shirts and wristbands still available at the Pride Center. Open 10 am to 3pm. You can receive a free t-shirt and wristband for a year subscription to the Newsletter, or eNews. While supplies last!

*Pictures by Russ and Ronn Schneider-Smith*



## Matthew Shepard & James Byrd, Jr.

### Hate Crimes Prevention Act

By Matthew Christian

More than a decade has passed since the brutal beating and slaying of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming. The conservative wave of the last decade in the United States has left little support for a hate crimes bill supporting LGBT constituents.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> of this year, the House passed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act as part of the conference report on Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2010 (HR 2647). Two weeks later, on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Senate passed the bill as well.

Now this federal hate crimes legislation will reach the desk of the President and may become the law of the land. President Obama has repeatedly promised reforms in LGBT civil rights during his campaign and might soon deliver.

This legislation extends the federal hate crimes statute by protecting Americans against violence based upon sexual orientation, race, religion, gender, national origin, disability, and gender identity.

Supporters note the change in the bill's language since its introduction last April. Protection now exists for free speech and religious expression guaranteed under the First Amendment. Religious leaders and congregations will not be affected.

If made official, federal resources and dollars will flow to local and state agencies to better prosecute reported hate crimes.

Want an example of why we need this Act? See the video described in the next column at [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org). Search for "attack".

## Gay Man Beaten

### Video Available On Line

In October, a surveillance camera caught the brutal beating of Jack Price, an 49 year-old openly gay man living in New York. Price was attacked outside his home by two individuals yelling anti-gay slurs. Price suffered a broken jaw, fractured ribs, collapsed lungs, a lacerated spleen and had to be placed in a medically induced coma. New York police have categorized the attack as an anti-gay hate crime.

The video of this attack is available through the Human Rights Campaign web site, [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org). This video is a reminder of why the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Act is so critically important. If you find people who question the need for hate crime legislation, show them the video.

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese said, "A federal hate crime law not only ensures police are provided with the tools they need, but also sends a message from the highest level of our government that we as a country will not tolerate this type of brutality against our neighbors."

### 'Coming Out' for Fun and Awareness

By Matthew Christian

A sea of red shirts flooded the University of Kentucky Student Center Patio as students, faculty, and employees celebrated Coming Out Day on Friday, October 9th. This annual event coincides with the national Coming Out Day, held every October 11th.

The event, sponsored by the UK Gay-Straight Alliance, helped promote the campus LGBTQQA population and worked with others looking to get better educated or more involved.

Live music, face painting, a bake sale, trivia, an ally pledge, a door to 'come out' of, and t-shirt raffles filled



the day with fun and smiles despite the rain showers. Special thanks go to musician Jamie Price for singing and playing guitar.

Other groups joined as well, including UK OUTsource (an on-campus LGBTQQIA resource center), UK OUT-law (a LGBTQQIA-friendly group for UK Law School students), and UK HOPE (Health Occupation Professionals for Equality).

The overwhelming amount of donations will allow the UK GSA and related

groups to host a 'Drag Ball' next semester similar to Lexington's annual Beux Arts Ball.

Founded in 2006, the UK GSA is a non-partisan organization dedicated to forming a positive environment for LGBT students on campus in addition to raising awareness in the Lex. area.

For more information or to get involved, please contact: Watson Harding (watson.harding@uky.edu) or Matt Layson (malays2@uky.edu).

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## National Equality March

*By Vincent Purcell*

Forty years have passed since the Stonewall riots, thirty-six since the APA removed "homosexuality" from its list of mental disorders—and it's already been over a decade since thousands stood in candlelight vigil and held their breath after the Matthew Shepard beating and murder in 1998. And we are still struggling for our equal rights.

Some say the Civil Rights Movement happened in the 1960s. African Americans and their allies did "sit-ins" and were attacked by dogs and blasted with fire hoses. Feminists took to the streets demanding equal pay and equal opportunities. The Congress passed new legislation and the Supreme Court made rulings that moved our country towards "Liberty and Justice for All." Finally we are all equal, right?

Ask feminists, African Americans, or GLBTQ people if we all have equal rights. The people who think the need for activism died with the 60's? They are wrong.

In fact, the dirty little secret is that we are not free. Our Civil Rights movement is alive and kicking. On the weekend of October 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, I, along with over 150,000 other people

stormed Washington, D.C. and made this point very clear. The National Equality March brought people from all 50 states to our nation's capitol to (and I loosely quote Representative Barney Frank) put more than "pressure on the grass" of the National Mall and Capitol Hill.

The most amazing part of the weekend took place in the marches; it was in these groups of people that I realized I am part of something much bigger than me. The Gay Rights movement is part of a legacy of Civil Rights movements that stem from the ideas that we all want to be accepted, to be treated as equal, to be protected as equal under law. This is the message we, like countless other marches, brought to Washington; this is the message that we must take home to the state legislature and local jurisdictions.

Our march on Washington was a great start for many of the youth who were new to the movement, and it was a refresher for those who had been around the block. That weekend inspired me and thousands of others to take the message and speak up — loudly — that we will stop at nothing until every one of us is granted the equality we deserve.

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Cont. National Equality March...



Full equality is what we demand, and we'll stop at nothing to get there.

A friend of mine had something interesting to say about the whole event. As a college student, it is easy to forget that we are still part of the youth movement. It's the youth who need to kindle the spirit and carry the fight forward into this new generation. The sentiment was reinforced over the whole weekend, with the youth independently marching on Saturday



against the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy, and then leading the march on Sunday.

Many people talk of the age divide between what some call the "old gays" and the "new gays"—but, if anything, the National Equality March was a wake-up call indicating that we need to unify and act as one movement to get things accomplished. It was fascinating to see thousands of youths and thousands of older folks coming together for a single

All Pictures by Vincent Purcell

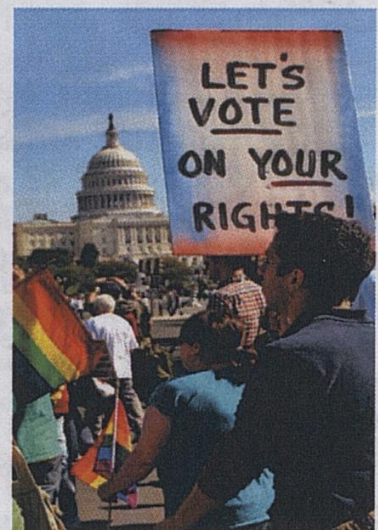
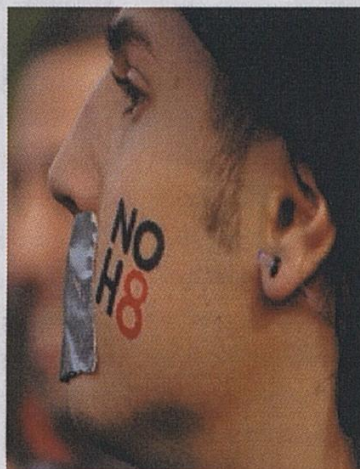
cause—and this won't be the last time.

I'm taking this opportunity to climb on a soapbox to talk about what needs to be done. If you're reading this article, you already KNOW what needs to get done. So do it! If you already are taking action and being a voice in the community: kudos to you. But too many of us lie silent and let the next person speak up. More voices mean more people will hear our war cry.

Don't know where to get started? Ask a friend. Next time you hear a gay joke—do the right thing. Educate yourself. There are resources out there, events you can go to, and actions requiring organization and participation.

The GLSO newsletter is a great start. Go find other resources (I would shamelessly plug a radio show I do, but that's too self-serving—so Google it, "OUTsource OUT-loud")!

And remember, if you don't speak up, who will?





## Hurry Up and Wait Lexington Fairness

We, at Lexington Fairness, have a process for choosing the topic of the monthly articles we write. The board takes a few moments out of every meeting to discuss current events that affect the community and what angle to take on it. However when the board was trying to figure the subject of this month's article, there was a problem. Things have been happening around the country but nothing that has really shaken things up.

First, the board discussed the National Equality March in Washington, D.C. However, although the turnout was impressive, the march lacked a defining moment or speech that continued to generate headlines.

The House of Representatives passed the Matthew Shepard Act (hate crimes legislation) but the bill has now found its way to the Senate, where it takes a backseat to health care to health reform.

President Barack Obama was the keynote speaker at the Human Rights Campaign dinner but it was more of the same. The federal government has made small steps with its LGBT employees but there has been no real progress for others across the country.

Things are happening ... slowly. Last year, the LGBT rights movement was quickly reinvigorated with the nationwide release of *Milk* and the passage of Proposition 8 in California. Earlier this year, several states made progress on the marriage front. Since then, though, everything seems to be going at a snail's pace.

Proposition 8 is currently dragging through the court system. Along with the Matthew Shepard Act and the Em-

ployee Non-Discrimination Act, the repeals of the Defense of Marriage Act, and Don't Ask, Don't Tell are stalled in Congress. Maine has a marriage ballot initiative, Washington state has a benefits ballot initiative, and the Washington, D.C. Metro Council is considering a measure to legalize gay marriage.

Indeed, things are happening ... slowly. The majority of actions are caught in a long, tedious, bureaucratic process. This is when we, as a community, are tried the most because it is exhausting to fight the same battle day in and day out. Maintaining enthusiasm about the democratic process is difficult when democracy is consistently suppressing your rights.

A community that has endured so much throughout history has every right to feel frustrated and impatient. Yet the reality is that we have reached a lull where people are doing all that they can to bring about true equality and justice. We've come far in a short amount of time. Next month we will hopefully be celebrating some successes. For now, though, we wait.

### **Sale of Estate Items**

**Antique and Vintage China**

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## Spotlight on the Beautiful People...

By Helena Handbasket

This column shines the spotlight on people in the community who deserve recognition. Beauty is not always skin deep and these "beautiful people" either devote their time and energy to a worthy cause or just plain make our lives better by entertaining us. Either way, it is time that they are recognized for their talents and efforts.

Our November honor shines the spotlight on J.D. Vaughn, Empress 22 of Kentucky for the Imperial Court of Kentucky, who hails from an imaginary land where divas rule the earth with swords emblazoned with glitter (She was dreaming of She-Ra again).

Actually, she is from a little pissant country place about an hour from Lexington but she has been in town since the summer of 1997. "It seems like ages ago...my how Lexington has changed." Although J.D. is partnered, she admits that she flirts like she is a single, and prefers a man who does not judge others. She and her partner, Brad, have two cats.

In June of this year, J.D. and Brad opened Pulse Nightlife in an historic building at 257 W. Short Street. "We renovated the space from November 1 until the day we opened, which was just 2 days short of Lexington's 2nd annual Pride Festival. I threw a few diva fits throughout the process.

We owe huge thanks to everyone who helped get us open and we truly appreciate the patronage of our customers and friends, old and new. We are now open 7 days a week and we pride ourselves on providing a diverse entertainment space. We have several regular events and different rotating

J. D. Vaughn



events throughout the month. Our goal is that anytime you walk through the doors of Pulse, there is almost always something going on to entertain you. Plus we have great drinks and hot bartenders!"

J.D. has been performing for about 12 years now and says that her drag mama is Natalie Gaye.

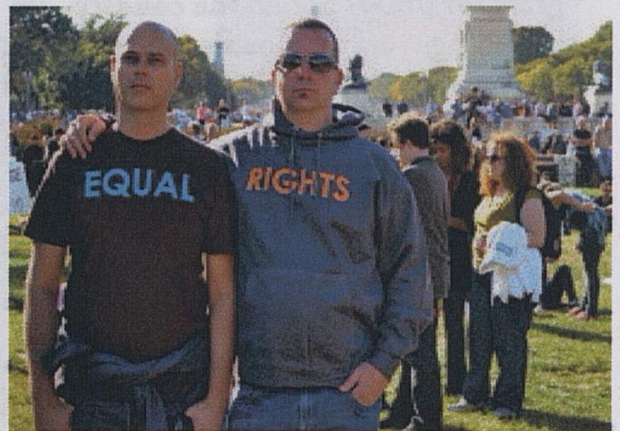
H.H.: "Do you have a favorite song or artist that you like to perform to?"

J.D.: "Something energetic and fun, i.e., Katy Perry, Cyndi Lauper... but I also love me some Celine Dion."

H.H.: "What was your most embarrassing moment on stage?"

J.D.: "When we had Illusions at Main Street Live and I fell off the stage during our production of "Lady Marmalade". The girls just stopped and looked down at me (I had fallen in behind a speaker) and I just motioned for them to go on. I made it back on stage before the end of the number but have vowed to never do that production again and am wary of tall stages."

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Article and more pictures from the March on Washington on pages 10-11.



H.H.: "You wear some fabulous outfits girl. I love that you step outside of the box. Who designs most of your stuff?"

J.D.: "Most of my stuff is by Patrick Howell and Troy Meeks of Designs by Patryq. They are so good to work with. When I have an idea, they just take it from there and voila, it is made for me."

H.H.: "Is there anyone that you dream of performing with or in front of?"

J.D.: "A huge mainstream audience is always fun. I have done Beaux Art's Ball now for many years and I would love to perform for an even larger and equally receptive crowd."

H.H.: "Are there any false rumors or misconceptions about you?"

J.D.: "There are no false rumors! Even bad publicity is great...at least you're being mentioned. No seriously, I guess the biggest untruth about me would be that I am shady or bitchy. I am an accountant by trade and I'm anal retentive so I have my way of doing things (I am stubborn). I have high expectations and sometimes my expectations are too much for people."

"Also, I'm shy as a boy so people think I'm standoffish. Just say "hi" and you will generally get a warm response!"

Now let's list some of J.D.'s favorite things: color, as a girl...definitely PINK; favorite music... dance music; favorite movie... *Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, who doesn't want to ride on top a bus on a big silver glitter shoe?! Favorite TV show... "Big Brother" (the DRAMA); Favorite charity... The Imperial Court of Kentucky. I have volunteered with them for 10 years now and am amazed

at the amount of money they are able to raise and that the community is so self sacrificing to give, give, give.

When I asked about her favorite book, she responded "favorite book... I was glancing through the Undergear catalog...does that count? Actually, a friend recently gave me an old copy of Double Take, The Art of the Celebrity Makeover. I'm doing some research on doing character impersonation, which I really have never done before."

H.H.: "If you were stranded on a desert island, the three people you would want to be there with you would be who?"

J.D.: "I cannot decide... I really have too many people that help me get through this world... I'd need more than 3 for sure."

H.H.: "For the close of this interview, complete these sentences... The world would be a better place if...?"

J.D.: "We all talked to each other more and slowed down the hectic pace of our lives."

H.H.: "The thing I would most want to be remembered for would be...?"

J.D.: "Being true to myself. I try to live as openly as possible and make a positive impact on other people's lives."

H.H.: "Baby, we'll end right there. That says it all. Thanks for all you do J.D. Miss Helena loves ya and so does our community."

\*\*\* If there is someone in the community that you feel deserves to be honored in this column, send your request to [Advicefrom-Helena@aol.com](mailto:Advicefrom-Helena@aol.com) and let's be myspace friends. Look me up at <http://www.myspace.com/helenah>



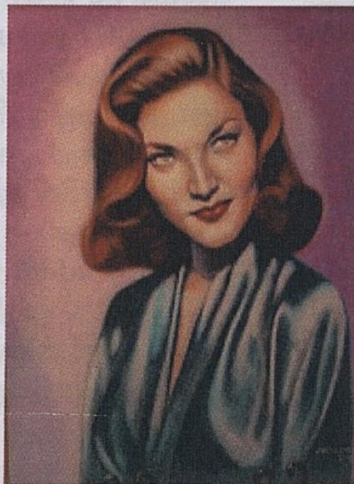


## The Masks We Wear

William Goodman will have an art show opening in the State Theater Gallery inside the KY Theater on November 1. The exhibit will be up for the entire month of November. You might want to stop by if you participate in the Gallery Hop on November 20.

*The Masks We Wear (Sirens of the Silver Screen)* includes portraits of women, most of whom you will recognize, who were proficient at conveying a variety of human temperaments through their expressions. The show is designed to encourage us to think about the masks we all use in our lives.

Bill says about his work, "I like to capture the essence of a person." He pays particular attention to the subjects' eyes. The pictures we selected here demonstrate that he is quite successful at conveying the intensity of these women's faces.



Bill has had a number of shows in Lexington. In 2008, he had an exhibit, *Portraits of the Stars*, at the Kentucky Theater and a similar one at The Bar, *Diva Icons and Other Creatures*. In 2009, he had a display at the KY Theater for Black History Month featuring African American performers. There was also an exhibit, *Gay Icons*, at The Bar last June,



Goodman grew up in Lexington but has also lived in Key West. He has only been back in Lexington a few years.

Bill sells his portraits for between \$300 and \$500. He is also willing to work on commission to do portraits of families or loved ones.



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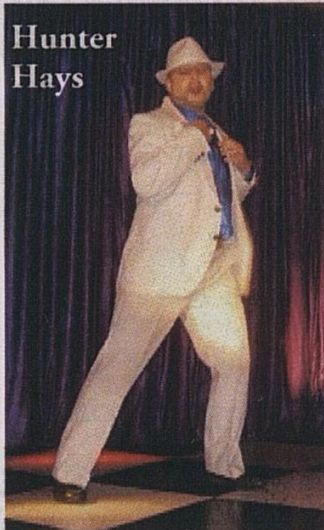
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Ours is a liberal religious tradition with room for many beliefs. Our congregation includes people who identify as Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Pagan, Muslim, Atheist, Agnostic, and Humanist. **Interweave will have its next lunch on Nov. 15 at the Good Foods Co-op .**

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Thanks to all who volunteered to perform and worked on the GLSO's 70's Variety Show. We would love anyone that took pictures to send them to us at: [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com), put Newsletter in Subject line. We will print them next month.



Thank you Jennifer Grant for producing and directing another Fabulous Show.  
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