



GAY and *The*  
LESBIAN  
SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION  
Lexington, Kentucky

# GLSO NEWS

October 2003

A publication of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Service Organization

Volume 18 Number 10

## Volunteer Awards Banquet

The Twelfth Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 12 at the Sheraton Four Points on Newtown Pike at I-75. Cocktail hour begins at 5 with dinner at 6. Due to scheduling conflicts, Mayor Teresa Isaac will not be able to attend. Another speaker will be announced soon. SisterSound and Another Note will be providing entertainment.

Reservations can be made by calling the Pride Center office at 253-3233 between 10 am and 2 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. We had compliments on the food last year so we are staying at the Sheraton even though they raised the cost a bit.

Nominations for the Wasson and Rainbow Community Award should now be in to Thomas Collins. Each community group is invited to send up to three representatives to the Pride Center to vote on these awards. **The Pride Center will be open for voting the week of Oct. 6 through 10. Hours are 10 am to 3 pm daily and 5 pm to 7 pm on Mon. and Tu. Oct 6 and 7.**

All community organizations are invited to present their "Volunteer of the Year" award to an individual who has done an outstanding job as a volunteer working on GLBT issues. Each group is responsible for what they present to their volunteer. Awards in the past have included gift certificates, plaques, and tiaras. If your organization plans on giving an award, please contact The Pride Center so that we can plan the program.

## Dine Out for Life

On Tuesday, October 7 Moveable Feast Lexington (MFL) invites you to Dining Out for Life, their largest fundraiser of the year! There are many excellent restaurants participating, see page 15 or go to [www.lexfeast.org](http://www.lexfeast.org). For those of you who aren't familiar with Dining out for Life, this is the way it works: You choose one of the restaurants on our list. Enjoy a wonderful dinner. A percentage of that restaurant's sales for the night go to Moveable Feast!

Moveable Feast is a nutritional support program, serving people living with HIV in the Lexington/Fayette County area. This month we are expanding our service to include clients of Hospice of the Bluegrass. We have a continuing need for volunteers. Call 252-2867

### GLSO Car Wash

Wal-Mart Nicholasville Rd  
Sat, Oct 4 10 to 3

### Sponsor of the Month

## Lexington Lyons



## Leather / Levi Club

see pages 3 & 5



**GAY and  
LESBIAN  
SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION  
Lexington, Kentucky**

**GLSO NEWS**

**Volume 18 Issue 10**

published monthly by  
**The Lexington Gay Lesbian  
Service Organization  
389 Waller Ave.**

**Editors**

**Mary Crone  
Jackie Cobern  
Clayton Dobson**

**Board Members**

**Thomas Collins, President  
Joan Branon, Vice-Pres.  
Clayton Dobson, Treasurer  
Mary Crone, Editor  
Tom Collins  
Sarah Martin  
Ginger Moore  
Ben Saylor**

**GLSO Annual Dues &  
Newsletter.**

**Individual - \$15  
Couple - \$25**

Opinions expressed in the GLSO News are those of the authors and don't necessarily represent those of the GLSO Board. Submissions are welcome and staff reserves the right to edit submissions and advertisements as well as the right to reject



**DIVAS OF HAZZARD  
THE TRAILER TRASH SHOW**

**The Imperial Court**

Ready for a fun evening?

"Divas of Hazzard: The Trailer Trash Show" starts at 9:30 at Club 141 on Wed. Oct 8. Our drag country cousins will share their talents and get you laughing. Five dollar donation at the door.

On Wed, Oct 29, the Court will provide a screaming good

**Diva of Darkness**

time with their annual Halloween pageant "Diva of Darkness". Join us at club 141 at 9:30, five dollar donation at the door. If you are interested in competing, contact Empress JD at [empress22kyjd@aol.com](mailto:empress22kyjd@aol.com).

**CABARET RESCHEDULED**

The Lexington Men's Chorus Cabaret has been rescheduled for Wed, Oct. 8th at the Bar Complex. A reception 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 and included a chance to win a door prize. There will also be a raffle so bring some extra cash. Call (859)269-9739 Admission will also be available at the door until we are sold out. Parking available at Bank One parking garage. We hope you will join us for an evening of entertainment that only LMC can provide.

The Chorus has begun its 14th Season with weekly Sunday rehearsals at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte. Rehearsal time is 7 pm - 9:15pm. No audition is required. Our first full concert is planned for Dec. 13th.

For information or directions contact Willie at [williethomasboddie@msn.com](mailto:williethomasboddie@msn.com) or see Kenneth at the Bar.

**Jeffery Hale Art Exhibition**

In October Abstracts by Jeffery Hale will be on Exhibit at The Pride Center. An opening reception will be held on Thursday October 23, starting at 7 pm.

**Bluegrass Fairness Chapter .....page 14**  
**Progressive Summit.....page 19**  
**Commitment & Same-sex Couples Research... .page 19**  
**Halloween/Samhaim. . . . . page 18**  
**Gay Spirituality, Rev Ken Weibel. . . . . page 16**

# Community News

## BAR COMPLEX ANNIVERSARY

The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main Street will be celebrating its 23rd year serving Lexington's GLBTQ community. Mark your calendars and make your plans to par-tay at The Bar for Halloween 2003 on Friday, October 31st. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place costumes.

Can't make it out on Friday? Put on your sleaziest outfit for Sleaze Ball the following night, Saturday, November 1st. Prizes awarded for Best Male Sleaze, Best Female Sleaze and Best Drag Sleaze. The Bar will have After Hours (dance the night away) in the Johnny Angel Disco till 3:30 am both nights.

## BOYS BY DECEPTION

In the mood for something new? Boys By Deception will be performing at Club 141 on Wed October 15th at 9:30 pm. There will be a \$3 cover charge for admission to the show. Featured entertainers include: Kenneth J. Squires, Heywood Jablomi, Sabrina Nicole, Cavier Towers, Tova Uravitch and Franchesca Sanchez.

On Wed, Oct 28th the Boys will be back with their Halloween show "Sinister Studs and Deadly Divas". The Boys' featured guest that night is Vivianne Vaughn Rae. Once again the show begins at 9:30 and we will have a \$3 cover charge.

Thank you to those who came out and supported us in September. We had a great time. We hope to see you again Any male or female impersonator interested in performing with us please contact our show director Mr. Heywood Jablomi [rheywoodjablomi@hotmail.com](mailto:rheywoodjablomi@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Lexington Lyons Levi/Leather Club

The Lexington Lyons now have an informative web site which you can access at: [www.lexlyons.org](http://www.lexlyons.org). It will provide information about activities and contains an on-line Leather Manual where you can read reference materials on the leather lifestyle.

The Lyons Club conducts business meetings once a quarter, on the second Monday night of the month, at 8 pm at the Lexington Pride Center. Meeting will be announced in this newsletter as well as on our web site. The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 10. For information call Thomas at 272-0408.

We also get together for brunch socials on the last Sunday of every month. We meet at Mia's on Upper at 1pm and share some food, drinks and laughs. In October that will be Sunday the 26th. Come join us!

The Lex Lyons and other members of the The Ky Tribal council are presenting the Mr. and Ms. Kentucky Olympus Leather contest held in conjunction with the Derby City Fetish Ball, on Sunday, Nov 8 in Louisville. Tickets and contestant application available by contacting [ky\\_in\\_munch@hotmail.com](mailto:ky_in_munch@hotmail.com)

## Shower of Stoles

The Shower of Stoles project and founder, Martha Juillerat, will be at Berea College the week of October 5. According to Rev. Juillerat, a former Presbyterian minister, "The Shower of Stoles is a project that gives voice to gay and lesbian ministers who have been denied ordination, been forced to leave the church or serve in silence."

When setting aside her ordination in the Presbyterian Church in 1995, Rev. Juillerat asked other gay and lesbian clergy to send her a stole. She ...CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

expected to get a dozen, but got 80. The collection has grown to nearly 1,000 stoles, representing those who have been denied the opportunity to openly serve their church.

Rev. Juillerat will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct 9, in Phelps-Stokes Chapel at Berea College. This program is free and open to the public. The Stoles will be on display in the Alumni Building's Baird Lounge on October 8, 9, 10.

To check on the exact location, days and times for the display email Berea PFLAG co-founder, Ed, at [fcc@mis.net](mailto:fcc@mis.net) or call Berera PFLAG b859.200-9512.

## AIDS Memorial Quilt

Matthew Hallock, Professor of Drama at Centre College, has received approval from the Names Project to display 12 panels of the Memorial AIDS quilt at the college next February.

Hallock writes, "We have been granted the opportunity to give our community a great gift; A gift that teaches, challenges, moves, and creates."

He is looking for volunteer to help make to a successful event. He can be reached at [hallock@centre.edu](mailto:hallock@centre.edu).

## 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 information contact Patti at 806-0243 or Toine at 276-0753, email us at [sister-sound@hotmail.com](mailto:sister-sound@hotmail.com). or check out our web site at [www.geocities.com/sistersound](http://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](mailto:CUFCKY@aol.com).

## Men Of All Colors Together

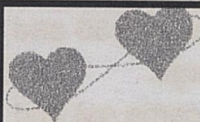
KY Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is a local chapter of a national gay multiracial organization which fosters a supportive environment where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers.

For information, call 859-351-4453 (Jon) or email [macetky@aol.com](mailto:macetky@aol.com). Web site: [www.mactky.com](http://www.mactky.com)

## Sistahs in The Life

Sistahs in the Life is a support group for Black Lesbians and Bi-sexual women. Join us for provocative discussions about our lives and experiences. We meet at 7 pm every first Tuesday and the Pride Center. For information contact Joan at 859 539-2657 or email [Jweslie@aol.com](mailto:Jweslie@aol.com).

...more news on pages 6, 8, and 10



*"Keep the love you find,  
Get the love you want."*

Jessica Bollinger LCSW

Certified Imago Relationship Therapist  
couples, family, individual

[imagoconnection.com](http://imagoconnection.com) 859-552-6533

# Mr. and Ms. Kentucky Olympus Leather Contest

The Kentucky Tribal Council is proud to announce  
Mr. and Ms. Kentucky Olympus Leather contest.  
held in conjunction with the Derby City Fetish Ball,  
Saturday, November 8 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Contest Tickets - \$10 each.

Tickets for full-day event- \$20 each until October 8,  
\$25 after.

Tickets and contestant applications available by contacting  
ky\_in\_munch@hotmail.com or  
MrLouDrummer@aol.com or call (859) 272-0408 for details.

The winner will go to Mr. and Ms. Olympus contest  
sponsored by The Leather Journal  
Chicago, Illinois - February, 2004  
[www.TheLeatherJournal.com/pantheon.htm](http://www.TheLeatherJournal.com/pantheon.htm)



Ad provided by Lexington Lyons : Leather/Levi Club Inc.  
Also sponsor of the Month



# PRIDE CENTER NEWS

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



## LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

This month we'll get into the spirit of Halloween by examining lesbians and vampires. Join us Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. for a vampire double feature. First, we'll view the "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" episode from season two of Xena: Warrior Princess in which Xena and Gabrielle take on the beautiful, blood-thirsty bacchae.

Then, we'll watch an ageless vampire played by Catherine Deneuve, seduce Susan Sarandon in the 1983 film "The Hunger." Feel free to bring copies of your favorite lesbian vampire stories, books and movies, so you can share the titles and torture us with excerpts and your opinions. We'll have a horribly fun time. Don't forget to bring some snacks to nibble on.

## GAYMES NIGHT

Play and be counted during Gaymes Night at the Pride Center in October and November by taking the "Million Minute Family Challenge." This annual event sponsored by game makers Patch Products, Sylvan Learning Center, KOA Campgrounds, Hilton Vacation Station and Home schooling Parent seeks to encourage interaction and communication among family and friends through playing games.

After families or groups play a game for at least 20 minutes, they can log their minutes at [www.millionminutes.com](http://www.millionminutes.com). So, join us Friday, October 24 at 7 p.m. at the Pride Center, so we can be counted in this national event. We'll have tally sheets for you to keep track of your minutes, and Certificates of Participation will be given to game players. Bring snacks to share, and remember everyone is invited.

## 50+ Group

We now have a regular meeting time, the second Sunday of each month at the Pride Center at 2 pm. We have decided to become an over 40's group so look for us under that heading in the future. All lesbian and bi-sexual women over 40 are invited to attend. Bring a snack and join us on Oct 12 to discuss upcoming events. For info call Ginger at 276-0673 or email [ggclr@hotmail.com](mailto:ggclr@hotmail.com).

## MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

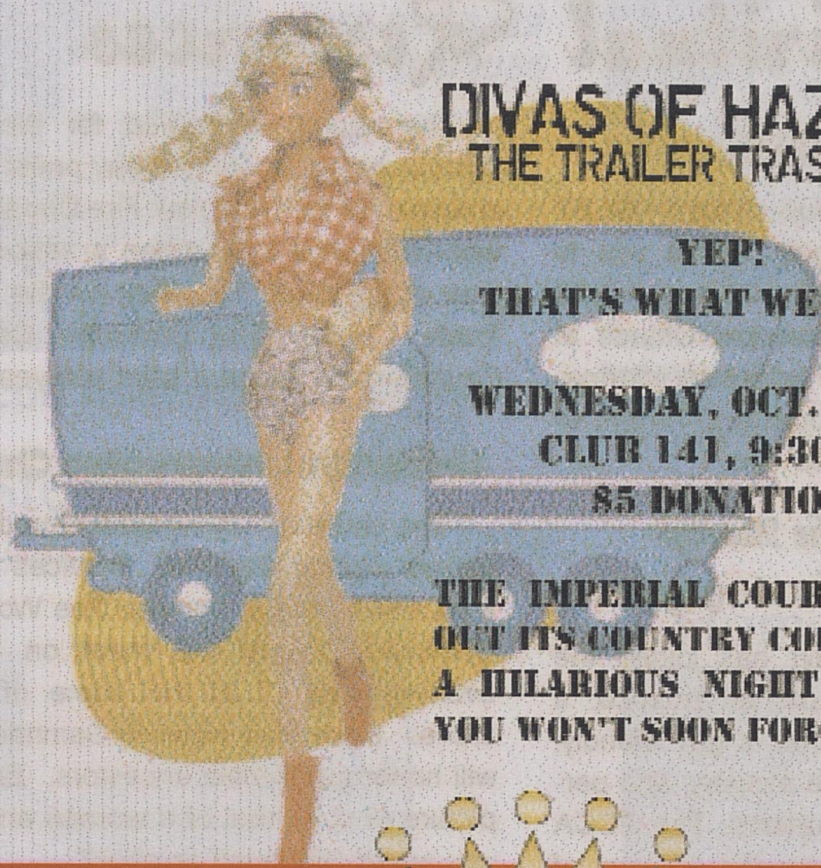
Men's Movie night is now on the third Thursday of the month. In October that will be the 16th at 7 pm at the Pride Center. We will have a pot luck supper and watch The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Costumes are welcomed but not required.

There are other events that may be of interest to men trying to meet new people such as Gaymes Night and the Wed. Night Discussion Group. Please make plans to attend Dining Out for Life on Oct 7. For more info call Iggy at 492-9904.

## Lex. Dress and Gender Alliance

<http://groupsyadoo.com/group/lexDGA>

LexDGA is a peer discussion group for anyone who transcends gender norms and who wishes to socialize with other like minded people or discuss issues we face. We welcome people who identify as transgender, drag king, drag queen, crossdress, butch, femme, effeminate men, masculine women, transman, transwoman, transsexual, androgynous, intersexed, gender queer, or are simply questioning their gender identity. We meet the first Saturday of each month. Family members and supportive allies are also welcomed. For info email [kellindel@hotmail.com](mailto:kellindel@hotmail.com), or call 859 273-0785.



## **[DIVAS OF HAZZARD] THE TRAILER TRASH SHOW**

**YEP!**

**THAT'S WHAT WE SAID!!!**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8, 2003**

**CLUB 141, 9:30 PM**

**\$5 DONATION**

**THE IMPERIAL COURT BRINGS  
OUT ITS COUNTRY COUSINS FOR  
A HILARIOUS NIGHT OF DRAG  
YOU WON'T SOON FORGET!**



**THE IMPERIAL COURT OF KENTUCKY**

## **Diva of Darkness**

**Wednesday, October 29, 2003**

**Club 141, 9:30 pm**

**\$5 Donation**

**The Imperial Court's annual Halloween pageant,  
"Diva of Darkness" is always a scream of a good time!**

**Interested in competing, contact Empress JD at  
[empress22kyjd@aol.com](mailto:empress22kyjd@aol.com)**

# Spiritual Resources

## INTEGRITY

Integrity, a group for GLBT Episcopalians and friends, invites you to join us on Sunday, October 12 from 4-5:30 pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte St. For additional information call Rev. Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or email [stmintegrity@yahoo.com](mailto:stmintegrity@yahoo.com)

### *St Mychal The Martyr*

#### *A New Church for Lexington!*

St Mychal the Martyr has joined the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay friendly, supportive of gays in the ministry, and performs a blessing of gay unions. The OCCA also ordains women to the orders of Deacon, Priest, and Bishop.

The Rev. Kenneth Waibel is a priest in the Orthodox Catholic Church of America and will be performing mass every Sunday at 10:30 am, at 1350 Eastland Dr. The Church is open to married, divorced and single individuals, welcoming all persons regardless of the blessings or problems of their lives.

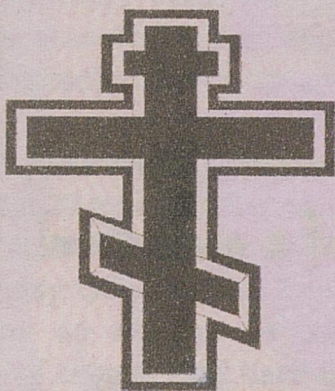
The church is named for the Rev. Mychal Judge, an openly gay priest and a chaplain for the New York Fire Department who was killed while trying to rescue victims of the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center. The Orthodox Catholic Church made Judge a saint last year.

## Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. Services are at 9:15 and 11 every Sunday. The Women's Spirituality Group will meet on Friday evening, Oct 17 at the home of Mary Crone. Since it is close to Samhain, we will honor our female ancestors. Bring a picture or a symbol of a woman ancestor you would like to tell us about.

Interweave, GLBT people and our straight allies, will go out to lunch after the service on Sunday, Oct 19.

There are many groups that are open to non church members. For example, a Buddhist Meditation Group meets every Wed. night at 7:30. For more information about Unitarian Universalism see [www.uucl.org](http://www.uucl.org).



## *St. Mychal the Martyr*

*Welcoming all people equally: Gay & Straight,  
Men & Women,  
Married, Divorced & Single*

1350 Eastland Dr, Lexington, Ky  
(859) 389-9418

**Sunday Mass 10:30 AM**

*The Orthodox Catholic Church of America  
"A Church for the New Millennium"*





859-338-8483  
859-294-2055

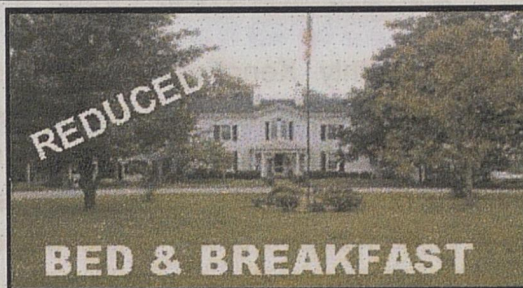
Email:  
Sacker4224@aol.com



in areas: 2,3,4,6



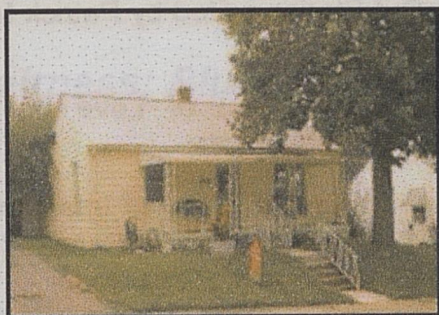
**Scott Ackerman**



**PARIS** **499,000**  
Historic brick 2 story on approx 3 acres. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Elegantly decorated, many updates. Huge outdoor pavillion. Call Scott 338-8483

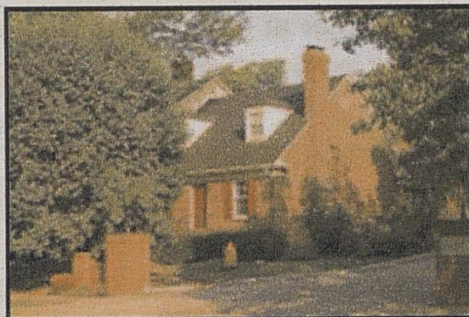
Step

Into



**LIBERTY HEIGHTS** **\$89,900**  
Wow! Seeing is believing! Beautifully decorated & renovated ranch. One-of-a-kind yard w/ privacy fence, huge water garden, landscaping, screened rear porch. Call Scott 338-8483

Homeownership



**PATCHEN** **\$209,900**  
Stately brick townhouse with 2 car garage, 3 bedroom/3 baths; FR in bsmt. Private patio w/brick wall. Kitchen w/breakfast area. First floor bedroom and full bath! Two master suites on 2nd floor. Call Scott 338-8483

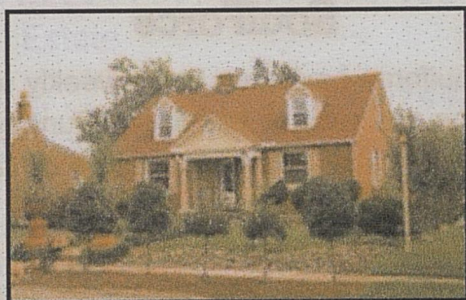
Step

Into



**EAST HILLS** **\$167,900**  
All the space you could ever need! Rambling 4 BR/2.5 BA split foyer, master BR with sitting room, FR & rec room in basement, tons of closet & storage space. Call Scott 338-8483

Homeownership



**HENRY CLAY** **\$149,500**  
A true must see! 3BR, 3 BA brick 1 1/2 story w/ bsmt. Master suite w/sitting area, dining room, lots of hwd floors, garage, incredible yard w/water garden & topianies. Call Scott 338-8483

Scott Ackerman



338-8483



## **XENA SPINS OFF**

Our monthly XenaFest at the Pride Center will feature the trilogy of Hercules episodes that first introduced us to the Warrior Princess. That's right, we will see Xena in all her evil glory. In the original script "Bad" Xena was going to be killed off in the third episode but luckily for us Xenamaniacs, Lucy Lawless made such a splash that our favorite Hercules spin off was born (and it outlasted Hercules too!!)

Join us at the Pride Center on Saturday, October 18th from 1-4 and see how it all began. Bring a friend and some snacks 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.

### **Discussion Group**

The discussion group meets every Wednesday night at the Pride Center, 389 Waller, from 7 to 9. It is an open group, everyone is invited. Our discussions range over a large variety of topics and we are always open to new people and new ideas.

For information call 253-3233, or email Jane ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

## **SoulForce**

Soulforce Lexington has biweekly meetings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 7:30 at the home of Jamie McDaniel, 859 230-5625.

Soulforce follows the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to confront "spiritual violence" against GLBT people. For information or directions, call Jamie at 859-230-5625 and check out our web page at [www.SoulforceLexington.org](http://www.SoulforceLexington.org).

## **PRIDE CENTER LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS: COMING OUT**

If it's October it must be Coming Out Month. Coming out...the one experience all GLBT people have in common. The Pride Center Library is full of coming out stories. Some will make you cry, some will make you laugh, and maybe one will make you remember your story.

Alma Mater by Rita Mae Brown (F BrowR A445)

Blackbird by Larry Duplechan (F Dupl B628)

Boys Like Us: Gay Writers Tell Their Coming Out Stories edited by Patrick Merla (HQ 75.7.B69 M564)

Coming Out: An Act of Love by Rob Eichberg (HQ 75.7.E43 C733)

Coming Out: An Anthology of International Gay and Lesbian Writings edited by Stephan Likosky (HQ 76.25.C66 L728)

Family Outing by Chastity Bono (HQ 76.3.U5 B65)

Growing Up Gay: From Left Out to Coming Out by Jaffe Cohen (HQ 76.2.U5 F86)

Resource Guide to Coming Out by the Human Rights Campaign (HQ 76.2.U5 R434)

When Someone You Know is Gay by Susan Cohen (HQ 76.26.W567 C678)

Woman Like That: Lesbian and Bisexual Writers Tell Their Coming Out Stories edited by Joan Larkin (PS 153.L46 W66)

These and other books, videos, audiotapes and CDs can be checked out at the Pride Center Library, 389 Waller Avenue, Monday – Saturday from 10 to 3.

### **Andrew's Club**

Andrew's Club, a social support group for GLBT folks in their twenties, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month at the Pride Center at 7 pm. To participate in this group we ask you to be at least 18 for legal reasons. If you are older than 29 you might fit in just fine.

# GLSO RAINBOW SPONSOR

**Imperial Court of Kentucky ..... 252-3014**

A Charity Organization

## 2003 Pride Month Sponsors

**Scott Ackerman. . . . . (voice) 294-2055**

For all your real estate needs **(mobile) 338-8483**

**The Bar Complex . . . . . 255-1551**

224 East Main Street

**Fairness: Bluegrass Chapter. . . . . 859-806-4114**

Promoting equality for all people

## Pride Patron

**Lexington Lyons Levi/Leather Club. . . . . 272-0408**

## GLSO News Sponsors 2002

**SisterSound . . . . . 243-0243**

Diverse music for all women

**Richardson Vision Center . . . . . 278-4201**

1757 Alexandria Dr., Gardenside

**Teresa Wagoner . . . . . 494-1831**

Russ Dunn Real Estate

**Unitarian Universalist Church . . . . . 223-1448**

Seeking a Diverse Congregation

**Debra Hensley Insurance . . . . . 276-3244**

1513 Nicholasville Road

**Windy Knoll Farm . . . . . 299-7410**

Riding Lessons, Trail Riding, Boarding

**Lexington Men's Chorus . . . . . 255-1974**

Rehearsal every Sunday

Call number in  
Directory for Location.



# October 2003



HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Meeting at the Pride Center may be abbreviated to "PC"  Call for Place may be abbreviated to Call			1 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center  8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	2	3 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	4 Pride Center Open 10-3pm  8 pm LDGA meeting
5 9:15 & 11 am UU Church Worship Services 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal the Martyr 6 SisterSound Rehearsal 7 pm Dignity Call for place 7 pm LMC Rehearsal, St. Michael's Episcopal Church	6 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)  10 am - 3 pm & 6 - 7 pm Vote for Wasson and Rainbow Awards at Pride Center	7 7 pm Sistahs in The Life - Pride Center  10 am - 3 pm & 6 - 7 pm Vote for Wasson and Rainbow Awards at Pride Center	8 10 am - 3 pm Vote for Awards at Pride Center 7 pm Discussion Group 7 pm Lex Men's Chorus Cabaret, The Bar 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA 9:30 Divas of Hazzard, Club 141	9 10 am - 3 pm Vote for Wasson and Rainbow Awards at Pride Center	10 10 am - 3 pm Vote for Wasson and Rainbow Awards at Pride Center  7 pm Lesbian Movie Night, Pride Center  7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	11 Pride Center Open 10-3pm  7pm Andrew's Club- Pride Center
12 9:15 & 11 am UU Church 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal 2 pm 50+ Pride Center 5 pm Awards Banquet 6 SisterSound Rehearsal, Landsdown Presby Church 6 pm Imperial Court PC 7 pm LMC Rehearsal,	13 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	14 7 pm GSA (Call for place)	15 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	16 7 pm Men's Movie Night Rocky Horror Picture Show	17 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	18 9 am Fairness Walk Richmond, see page 14  Pride Center Open 10-3pm  1-4pm XENA - P C
19 9:15 & 11 am UU Church Worship Services and 12:15 Interweave out to lunch after service 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal the Martyr 6 Sister Sound Rehearsal 7 pm LMC Rehearsal	20 7 pm GLSO Board Meeting, Pride Center  8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	21 7 pm GSA (Call for place)	22 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center  8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	23 JEFF HALE Exhibit of Abstracts Reception 7 p.m.	24 7pm Gaymes Night- Pride Center  7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	25 Pride Center Open 10-3pm  7pm Andrew's Club- Pride Center
26 9:15 & 11 am UU Church Worship Services 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal the Martyr 2pm Folding at Pride Center 6 pm Imperial Court PC 6 pm Sister Sound Rehearsal 7 pm LMC Rehearsal	27 7 pm GSA (Call for place)  8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	28 7 pm Fairness, Pride Center	29 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center  8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)  9:30 pm Diva of Darkness Club 141	30	31 Halloween & Anniversary Party : The Bar	

## Bluegrass Fairness Chapter Richmond Fairness Ordinance

*by Jim Dickinson*

Exciting things are happening in Richmond, Kentucky these days. In the past few months, a new Kentucky Fairness Chapter, the Gray Dove Chapter, has been formed in Richmond and Madison county. The newly elected co-chairs are Scotty Saltsman and Angela Aaron who are hard at work with Richmond volunteers and supporters in proposing a fairness ordinance for the City of Richmond.

By next year, we hope Richmond will join Louisville - Jefferson Co., Lexington, and Covington in having an ordinance that will ban discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation on the basis of a person's sexual orientation or gender identification.

Staff members of Kentucky Fairness Alliance, particularly Matt Nicholson, and members of the Bluegrass Steering Committee, have been actively working with the Gray Dove Chapter in conducting a voter identification survey to identify supporters in Richmond for the ordinance. This project entails going to door to door and asking registered voters whether they would support such an ordinance. So far over 250 supporters have been identified, and several have expressed interest in donating time and money.

Everyone came away from the walk feeling energized and excited about the prospects of passing an ordinance in Richmond. On the rare occasion when there was a negative reaction from a person being surveyed, the conversation was always pleasant and sometimes even funny, which only shows that a lot of the opposition to a fairness ordinance is based more on ignorance than bigotry.

Thanks to Charlotte Wood, Barbara Scherer, Sue Strong and many, many others for coming out and helping with this project.

A special thanks needs to be extended to the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) who have been actively helping in the voter id survey, which includes a question to determine the level of support for a progress income tax reform in Kentucky. If nothing else, this project is demonstrating in a very real way the positive benefits of "networking" with supportive organizations

The long term goal is for Gray Dove to identify 3,000 Fairness supporters, so there is still a lot of work to do. The last walk for this year is scheduled for October 18, and we are hoping to turn out 75 and 100 "walkers" for this event. We will start at 9 am at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 209 Saint George Street Richmond, KY. You can get there by taking the second Richmond Exit (Exit 87), turn left, go the the 4th light, turn left and go about a block and half (the church is on the right).

If you are interested in helping out with the voter ID project, please contact the new chapter co-chairs, Scotty Saltsman and Angela Aaron, for more information about how you can get involved. Contact information: **Scotty Saltsman**, (h) 626-0825, (c) 200-8969, or [ssaltsman@adelphia.com](mailto:ssaltsman@adelphia.com) **Angela Aaron** (h) 623-8734, [aaronangela7@aol.com](mailto:aaronangela7@aol.com)

KFA organizer Matt Nicholson is also working with the new chapter. He can be reached at (w) 502-897-1973, (c) 502-599-7661, [mnicholson@kentuckyfairness.org](mailto:mnicholson@kentuckyfairness.org)

Jim Dickinson, coordinator of the Bluegrass Fairness Chapter, can be reached at (cell) 859-576-7937 or e-mail [JLD50ALJ@qx.net](mailto:JLD50ALJ@qx.net). We would love to have a big turnout for the march on October 18. Hope to see you there.

# Dining Out For Life



**Tuesday, October 7, 2003**

Dine at one of these fine restaurants and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Movable Feast!

- \* Alfalfa's
- \* Annebelle's
- \* Asian Wind
- \* Belle Notte
- \* Buddy's
- \* High on Rose
- \* Jonathan's at Gratz Park
- \* Le Deauville
- \* Malone's
- \* Mia's
- \* Metropol
- \* The Cafe at Joseph Beth
- \* Cafe Jennifer
- \* Natasha's Cafe
- \* Cheapside Bar and Grill
- \* Oscars
- \* Deli at Stone's Signature Market in Lansdown
- \* DeSha's
- \* Portofino
- \* Ed & Fred's Desert Moon
- \* Sal's
- \* Famous Dave's BBQ
- \* Furlongs

For additional information please contact  
Terry Mullins at: Phone: 859-252-2867  
Email: [feastlex@feastlex.org](mailto:feastlex@feastlex.org)



Couples  
Counseling

Union  
Ceremonies

## Rev. Kenneth Waibel

Professional Spiritual Direction

*Ecumenical \* Holistic \* Inclusive*

216 Young Dr.  
Lex 40505

kypadre@aol.com  
(859) 338-1195

### *Gay Spirituality: Icons 2* By Rev. Ken Waibel

In the GLBT life, as in any group, there are common experiences that help to define its Spirituality. Collectively the experiences become a foundation, or Spirituality, that can better define the attitudes, hopes and dreams of the group. Although some of the individual experiences may be common to other groups collectively they begin to define Spirituality. The first icon, discussed last month, is a Lack of Adult Models of Love.

The second "icon" or common experience of GLBT persons that begins to define its Spirituality is the experience of being in Exile. I believe it can be said that all GLBT persons experience this icon in one capacity or another. For some the exile is actual or external: being literally "kicked out" of their churches, "cast away" from their families, shunned by society, and ignored by their, so called, friends. For other GLBT persons the experience of Exile is prophesied or internal: having seen what has been expressed in the media or having heard the horror stories the GLBT person anticipates the same experience for

him or herself and therefore lives in fear and dread of what may happen.

Society has been basically cruel to the GLBT person. Even so called "enlightened" persons will verbally accept that gay people have a right to exist and perhaps even right to civil protection BUT "don't tell me my child is gay" or "don't expect me to accept their lifestyle". The deep-rooted prejudice against GLBT persons that is present in our culture produces an exile from the mainstream life of that culture for the GLBT person – real or imagined.

This experience or feeling of being in Exile has obvious negative connotations for the psyche of the GLBT person. The primary emotion that surfaces from the experience of being in exile is that of loneliness. For most of us the experience of being GLBT first surfaces as something that is only happening to "me." In our early development as children we hear the prejudicial jokes or comments made by parents, friends and preachers and since we probably do not yet know anyone else who has the same questions or inclinations we feel isolated and alone. Add to this the extreme fear that comes from potential or real exile and the feelings of loneliness

increases to the point of being dangerous resulting in depression and possibly even suicidal thoughts. Extreme loneliness, left unchecked, is deadly to the psyche and can be deadly to the body.

On the positive side of this experience IF the experience of being in Exile is recognized and the emotions of loneliness are dealt with the movement that occurs within the psyche may be the first steps toward a unity or connectedness with God. The human person is a social creature at its very core. We do not like being alone. If we are made to feel alone we turn inside ourselves to find company. The non-healthy person will become bitter and self-contained. The healthy person will eventually find within the God who is waiting there to affirm the person's dignity and self worth. Exile can lead to internal unity with God.

## Resources for Older Lesbians

### *Silver Threads*

Silver Threads has a conference of Celebration for Lesbians over 50, January 15 - 19 at Dolphin Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach, Florida. A weekend of workshops, parties, dancing, and music is offered. For registration forms send SASE to: PO Box 5081, Gulfport, Fl. 33737. For info SILVERTHREADS@aol.com, or check [www.silverthreadscelebration.com](http://www.silverthreadscelebration.com).

The resort is offering special rates (\$75 - \$85 poolside). contact 1-800-237-8916 and mention Silver Threads. Wheelchair accessible.

### *Golden Threads*

Golden Thread is a discreet contact publication for Lesbians over 50. Younger women may also submit information. A sample copy is \$5 (out of the US \$10). They can be reached at [goldenthreads@earthlink.net](mailto:goldenthreads@earthlink.net), (706) 776-3959, or PO Box 1688, Demorest, Ga. 30535.

# Bluegrass Fairness



Promoting equality for all people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity in sixteen central Kentucky counties.

**November 4 is Election Day!!**

**Please exercise your constitutional right  
by voting for the candidate of your choice.**

P.O. Box 22032  
Lexington, Kentucky 40522  
859-806-4114

[www.bluegrassfairness.org](http://www.bluegrassfairness.org)  
[www.kentuckyfairness.org](http://www.kentuckyfairness.org)  
[info@bluegrassfairness.org](mailto:info@bluegrassfairness.org)



## WICCAN PATHWAY PART 9

### Samhain

#### The True Meaning of Halloween

By Iggy

The ancient pagan world counted nights rather than days. Their days began at sundown. All their festivals (Sabbats) were celebrated on the eve, the night before. Samhain (pronounced sow-een) means "Summer End" and is called Halloween today. This day is also known as Nov. Eve, Feast of the Dead, Feast of Apples, Hallows and All Hallows Eve. It marks the end of the Celtic year.

The New Year began with sunset on Oct. 31 and was celebrated on that night or on the first full moon in Scorpio. Samhain celebrates the end of the God-ruled summer and marks the beginning of the Goddess-ruled winter and is also the beginning of the cider season. Samhain is ruled by the crone aspect of the triple Goddess and is considered an excellent time of divinations.

Samhain was said to be a Druidic Deity, the god of death, and the guardian of the other world gate. The Samhain ritual is known as Ancestor Night or Feast of the Dead, a time when the veil between the worlds (i.e. this world and the after life) is the thinnest. Feasts are held in remembrance of the dead ancestor (like our Memorial Day) and as an affirmation of continuing life. Places are set for the ancestors and treats are set out to welcome the wee folks. In Ireland, the wee folk are very active just before Samhain and will bless your home for a small portion of your harvest. The custom of Trick-or-Treat very likely came from this.

Samhain marks the final harvest of the year. It was believed that any harvest left in

the fields at sundown on Oct. 31 was taken by the Phookas, baneful faeries who render it unfit to eat or even poisonous.

Apples, harvested at this time of year, are a part of many customs. People placed apples representing love and life on the graves of loved ones, made cider, and buried apples in the hard-packed earth to "feed" the passed ones on their journey.

Samhain is the beginning of the dark half of the year, a time for settling problems, throwing out old ideas and coming to terms with one phenomenon of life over which we have no control-Death. It includes the ritual mating the God Dagda and Goddess Morrigan. This mating is to insure the arrival of new life in spring. Wiccans say a temporary farewell to the god. He isn't wrapped in eternal darkness, but readies himself to be reborn of the Goddess at Yule, a time of holy birth in many traditions.

On Samhain, huge bonfires were lit on hilltop at sunset in honor of the Gods and Goddesses and to guide the souls of the dead home to their kin. If you can't go to a bonfire, a candle placed in the window is said to guide the ancestors to the land of eternal summer.

According to legend, lighting a new orange-colored candle at midnight on Samhain and allowing it to burn until sunrise will bring one good luck. Bad luck will befall those who bake bread on the day or journey after sunset.

Marked as a time of sacrifice, animals were slaughtered to ensure food throughout the depths of winter. The God identified with animals fell as well to ensure their continuing existence.

The pagan Scots and Irish were known

...continued on next page

Halloween has nothing to do with evil. It has its roots in the many harvest festivals that our ancestors created and celebrated at this time of year.

for giving obligation libation to the their faery folk during their rituals. A libation of milk on a stone in Scotland was called Leac na Gruagich (roughly Milk to the hairy ones) and was a traditional must on Samhain Night. To forget this minor ritual was to risk finding you prized sheep dog or your entire herd dead and rotted in the morning.

The custom of Jack-a-Lanterns also came for the Celts. They believed carrying a hallowed out turnip, carved with a scare face and lighted with a candle, would scare away evil spirits.

So, this Halloween, if you see someone in the grave yard putting apples on graves, it may be me remembering passed loved ones. I wish you a good Samhain and a Happy Halloween. Remember, Halloween has nothing to do with evil, it is another seasonal holiday celebrated in various ways throughout the world. Blessed Be, *Iggie*.

### Progressive Summit

On Saturday, October 4 from 10 am to 5 pm there will be a progressive summit at the UK Student Center, corner of Limestone and Euclid. This is a participatory event, with workshops designed for people to share their experiences and build diverse alliances within the progressive community in Lexington. There will only be a few speakers, including Senator Ernesto Scorsone.

GLSO will set up a literature table and invites everyone from our GLBT community to attend. There will sessions on political organizing, environmental issues, tax reform, using art for social justice, and more. This event is sponsored by disClosure (a student organization) and Peace Action Task Group, a committee CKCPJ. For more information contact Rosie at [moosnick@microtec.com](mailto:moosnick@microtec.com), 268-5260 or Geoff at [gyoung4050@aol.com](mailto:gyoung4050@aol.com).

## Commitment and Same-sex Couples

*Sherry Rostosky and Ellen Riggle*

Over the past four years, we and our colleagues have conducted research on relationship commitment in same-sex couples. This study is important because most studies conducted on commitment in couples has assumed that couples are heterosexual. In this ground-breaking study, ninety local same-sex couples agreed to take part in interviews, guided conversations, and surveys. These couples shared with us their definitions of commitment and the factors that enhance or impede that commitment. Thanks to these couples' generosity, we now have some results to share with the community.

Relationship researchers agree that most couples (mostly based on heterosexual but including some studies of same-sex couples) define commitment in terms of investments, costs, and rewards. That is, when a couple decides that they want their relationship to continue into the future, they base that decision on a process that involves weighing the pros and cons of being in the relationship and on the resources (such as time, money, and energy) that they have "invested" in the relationship. While this general process seems to also occur in same-sex couple relationships, we discovered some unique features of commitment for same-sex couples.

First, same-sex couples recognize the importance of talking about issues in their relationships and invest time and effort into that process. The importance of communication in same-sex couples is viewed as a personal relationship value and as an important "investment" in the future of the relationship. Second, couples recognize that one of the "costs" of being in a same-sex relationship is legal inequality and social stigma. To deal with the lack of the

*...continued on page 20*

right to legal marriage and the resulting disadvantages and vulnerability, some couples execute legal documents (such as wills and powers of attorney for finances or health care) as an "investment" that protects the relationship against future crises.

Same-sex couples also face social stigma, associated with their relationship status and their sexual orientation, from family, co-workers, and society-at-large. While some couples see this as a cost of being committed to the relationship, others see it as an opportunity to make an investment in the future of the relationship by coming out as a couple. Disclosure of the relationship to others may mean coming out to friends and family members, taking one's partner to a work function, or holding hands in the mall. Each behavior is a public acknowledgment of the relationship and serves as an important indicator of commitment to many couple members.

Finally, for the couples in our study, an important marker of commitment in the relationship was the decision about whether or not to be monogamous in the relationship. Although not all couples decide to be monogamous, the decision process itself and the willingness to talk about the boundaries of sexual activity is important to couples. Many see this discussion as one of the "turning points" toward establishing a committed relationship.

These factors and their important contributions to the definition of commitment by same-sex couples illustrate the resilience of same-sex couples in their efforts to cope with relationship challenges. While we all absorb relationship 'rules' about female/male couple relationships that are based on available cultural and parental models, same-sex couples must create new scripts and forge new relationship 'rules' and practices that affirm and strengthen their commitment.

Sherry Rostosky, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology, and Ellen Riggle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, are both at the University of Kentucky. Information about these studies or future participation see [www.uky.edu/~pol164/couplesurvey-results.htm](http://www.uky.edu/~pol164/couplesurvey-results.htm)

### Volunteers Sought

Jonathan Hull is is a coordinator of the Great Leaps Tutoring Service for the Fayette CO. Schools. He is seeking volunteers to work with children in Lexington elementary and middle schools. No previous experience is required. You will be asked to listen to children read and to note their progress. If you are interested give Jonathan a call at 227-0728. He is gay friendly.

### JB's Place

Looking for a gathering place in the Danville area? Janet has fixed up a space on her property for lesbian couples and friends 30 years old and up. She has named it JB's Place in honor of her partner who passed on recently.

The group will be held on Saturdays at 7-? Jb's Place is at 3159 U.S. Highway 127 South, Danville, Kentucky.

If you would like more information, contact Janet at 859-238-7307.

### There's a New Face at The Pride Center



This is Bill Chandler. He is our new office Manager. Come on by and help us break him in right. We send our best wishes to Ginger on her new adventure.

# I M A G I N E

Not having to Shave,  
Tweeze, Wax or Go  
Through Electrolysis again.

## **New IPL Technology**

conveniently removes unwanted  
hair with a flash of light.

Safe - Clean - Effective

## **Free Consultation**

Call us or visit us today and  
find out more about the  
revolutionary **IPL™** hair  
removal technology.

*Elite Aesthetic Solutions*

*859-335-5566*

[www.hairfreeskin.com](http://www.hairfreeskin.com)

# GLSO Directory

## GLSO Board

GLSO Pride Center .....253-3233  
 GLSO Board (Terry) .....252-2867  
 GLSO Discussion Group (Ginger) ..253-3233  
 GLSO News (Mary) .....266-5904  
     Subscriptions (Ginger) .....253-3233  
 GLSO Speakers Bureau (Mary) .....266-5904  
 Youth Gay Straight Alliance (Mary) ..266-5904  
 GLSO on Line .....lexingtonglso@yahoo.com  
     www.bluegrasspride.org  
 Pride Gallery.....225-0094

## Student Groups

EKU(Sue) .....  
 UK Lavender Society c\_violet\_skies@yahoo.com  
 Morehead State University (Ned) 606-783-2294  
 UK Lambda (Sara & Dave) .info@uklambda.com  
 Berea College ACE League (Dale) .859-985-3633  
 Centre College (BGLAD-Mykol) ....238-5332

## Anonymous HIV Testing

Jessamine County .....885-4149  
 Lexington-Fayette County .....288-2437  
 Madison County .....859-723-7312  
 Woodford County .....873-4541  
 U.K. Adolescent Medicine .....323-5643

## HIV/AIDS Info/Services

AIDS Volunteers, Inc .....225-3000  
 Lexington Health Department (Julie) ...288-2362  
 HIV/AIDS Legal Project .....502-584-1254  
 HIV Support (Somerset) ..679-7478 or 678-5814  
 Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat) ..606-864-3776  
     or 888-425-7282  
 Barren River Region .....800-559-4448  
 Louisville Region (Geri) .....502-574-0161  
 Northern Kentucky Region ....859-341-4264  
 Purchase Region .....800-522-8289  
 Moveable Feast .....252-2867  
 VOA (Mark) .....254-3469

## Community

Alcoholics Anonymous (Brian) .....619-5294  
 Office .....276-2917  
 AL-Anon (Office) .....277-1877  
 Bluegrass Belles .....502-346-5298  
 C.O.L.T.S. (Morris) .....225-9169  
 Bluegrass Fairness .....859-806-4114  
 Council for Peace and Justice  
     (Richard) .....277-6101  
 Fairness of Louisville .....502-893-0788  
 First Link (was Ask-Us) .....313-5465  
 International Gay Bowling (Steve) ..276-3058  
 Imperial Court of KY  
     bluegrassempire@hotmail.com  
 KY Leather Productions (Larry) ....253-0185

Kyians for the Commonwealth .....  
     jlynjenks@msn.com  
 Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club  
     (Thomas) .....272-0408  
 Lexington Dress & Gender Alliance ..433-8388  
 Lexington Human Rights Commission 252-4931  
 Lexington Men's Chorus (Kenneth) ..255-1974  
 Louisville Youth Group .....502-894-9787  
 Men of all Colors Together (Jon).....351-4453  
     mactky@aol.com  
 Moonshine Bears of KY. (Hal) ..859 294-7944  
     www.mooshinebears.com  
 People  
 for Unity and Fairness .....803-1130  
     CUFCKT@aol.com  
 Pride Alliance of Central KY(Gary) 859-236-4547  
     (Shane) .....859-854-0596  
     Pridealliance@yahoo.com  
 PFLAG Lex .....266-3934  
 PFLAG Berea (Ed) .....859 200-9512  
 Pegasus Travel .....253-1644  
 Rainbow Bowling League (Steve) ..276-3058  
 Sistersound (Patti) .....268-0113  
     paowens@excite.com  
 Sistahs in the Life (Joan) .....252-2657  
 24 hr. Crisis Line .....1-800-928-8000  
 24 hr. Teen Crisis Line .....1-800-999-9999

## Religious Groups

Dignity (Don) .....299-4458  
 Interweave (Unitarian-Mary) .....266-5904  
 Integrity (Episcopal-Rev. Stone) ....277-7511  
 MCC-Elizabethtown (Rev.Cathy) ...888-340-6223  
 MCC-Louisville (Rev. Dee) .....502-587-6225  
 MCC-Paducah (Rev. Lillian) ...270-443-3339  
 Norse Pagan Community (Rev. Pat) ...268-1640  
 KY Pagan Forum ..http://go.to/kypaganforum/  
 RainbowWind (Pagan-Sarah) .....273-2455  
 Soulforce (Jamie).....859-230-5625  
     www.SoulforceKentucky.org  
 St. Augustine's Chapel  
     (Episcopal-Rev. Chris) ..254-3726  
 St. Mykol (Independant Catholic) (Rev. Ken) ..  
     389-9418  
 Open Door (Christian-Rev. Pam) ...396-7636  
 Wiccan/Pagan Group.....(Iggie) 492-9904

## NEWS DEADLINES

and corrections to directory:  
**Articles and Ads: Oct. 15**  
**Put Newsletter in subject line**  
**marycrone@aol.com**  
**lexingtonglso@yahoo.com**