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by discrimination
sponsors T-shirts for
Pride Festival*

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LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER SHOCKED AT DISCRIMINATION; SPONSORS PRIDE FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

By Don Lowe,
Editor

"We need to fix this," was the reaction of Chris Swain, Senior Accounts Manager of Cincy Apparel, upon learning of Hands On Originals refusal to print t-shirts for this year's Lexington Pride Festival, scheduled for downtown Lexington on June 30.

"I was completely shocked that Hands On Originals would discriminate against anyone, let alone a festival that celebrates diversity," said Swain. "As business professionals, we have no right to judge our clients. My job is to provide a service for the community."

The Lexington Pride Festival, which regularly draws crowds upwards of 10,000 people, began in 2008 as a means to celebrate diversity in Central and Eastern Kentucky. Participants from all over the state and surrounding areas have the opportunity to purchase merchandise, listen to singers and songwriters, view and read art and literature and interact with members of the LGBT community. The festival also gives local businesses the opportunity to sell their goods and services by manning booths, advertising in promotional materials or sponsoring the festival itself. Over the five year history, more than 150 local businesses have participated.

In mid-March, Hands On Originals, after initially quoting a price for the t-shirt print job, told a representative of the Lexington Pride Festival they would not print the t-shirts based on religious beliefs stating the festival's message would clash with the company's Christian based values.

Following this, on March 25th, the GLSO board met in emergency session and agreed to file a complaint with the HRC under the Lexington Fairness Ordinance. The case is pending.

"I felt like Cincy Apparel should not only apologize for such a discriminatory act by our competitor, but to help right this wrong by giving what we can." added Swain.

The initial run of 500 t-shirts is being printed at no cost by Cincy Apparel, who would otherwise charge around \$3000 for such an order.

"We felt the need to make a serious stand against discrimination. The money we lose on this project is nothing compared to the propagation of hate that Hands On Originals has conveyed by refusing to deal with an organization that helps the community thrive."

GLSO Board President Aaron Baker said the committee received numerous offers to print the t-shirts at discounted prices.

"One of the unintended consequences of the ongoing situation with Hands On Originals refusing to print the t-shirts for our Pride Festival is the outpouring of support we've seen from the community. We've had nearly a dozen t-shirt printing companies, both local and national, contact us to say that they would be happy to print our t-shirts for the Pride Festival, and that they do not discriminate. It is heartening to see that there are businesses who recognize that discrimination just isn't good business, and that the GLBT community's dollars are just as green as anyone else's."

Swain took it upon himself to learn more about the festival and its sponsoring organization.

"After participating in a recent meeting with GLSO and discussing their needs, I felt even more confident that the choice to sponsor this event was a good one. GLSO strives to serve their community with essential services, and we couldn't be more proud to work with such a great organization." said Swain.

The Lexington Pride Festival will take place, rain or shine, this June 30, 2012, beginning at 11 a.m. in downtown Lexington at the Courthouse Square. The festival's message of valuing diversity among people will be on display everywhere and especially on the t-shirts sponsored by Cincy Apparel.

"Give love and be tolerant of everyone. These are the principles our business was founded upon and we continue to practice them every day." Said Swain.

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GSA Meeting

Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Pride Center

GLSO Board Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.
Pride Center

Trans Kentucky Meeting

Saturday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.
Pride Center

Lexington Pride Festival Meeting

Thursday, May 10 & 24, 7 p.m.
Pride Center

Imperial Court of Kentucky Meeting

Sunday, May 13 & 27, 6 p.m.
Pride Center

Negative Partners of HIV Positive People Meeting

Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m.
Pride Center

EDITOR

Don Lowe

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The mission of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to provide support and services to the GLBTQQIA community.

The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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The GLSO is currently looking for new contributors and editorial staff. If interested, e-mail editor@glso.org.

Pride Center Hours

Sun, Mon & Tues - Closed,
Wednes 3pm-7pm, Thurs 3pm-7pm,
Fri - 11am-5pm and Sat 11am-5pm.

ICK's 30th Year coming to close

By ShotZ, Contributor

The Imperial Court of Kentucky is preparing to wrap up yet another year of fundraising in the Bluegrass as we approach Coronation 31 in June. The Imperial Court of Kentucky has been in existence for 30 years here in Kentucky. Through the years we have built community relationships, raised money for charities in need and provided a social outlet to any and all accepting of the GLBT community. All of this came from those humble beginnings established by our Kentucky founders, Marlon Austin and Greg Butler.

Each year, beginning with our first Monarchs, Empress Julie Vaughn and Emperor Ray Allen, we have held an annual Coronation Ball. It is at this time that our membership elects the next Monarchs to represent the Imperial Court of Kentucky and her community for the next year. At this time we are proud to announce the candidates for Monarch, campaigning for Emperor 31, Duke Big D Lyons, and campaigning for Empress 31, Imperial Crown Princess 30 Trinity.

We invite you to get to know your candidates and share with them your thoughts and aspirations for the Imperial Court of Kentucky.

Now, when is this magical evening called Coronation? Well, that's a multiple part answer as it involves an entire weekend of activities planned for the community to enjoy. Coronation weekend begins on Friday, June 1, 2012 and lasts through Monday, June 4, 2012. You can see a full schedule of events taking place each day during this week-

end by visiting our website at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org and clicking on "Coronation 31" on the left sidebar. Or you may join us on our Facebook page where all of our events are listed as well. Dignitaries and Courtiers from across three nations will convene here in downtown Lexington to help us celebrate another year of fundraising for our community. This is your chance to meet new friends from places far and wide that share a similar goal and interest in funding GLBT and GLBT friendly charities.

Our membership is 107 individuals strong and we invite each of you to join us this June to provide your voice and participate in the Coronation of your new Monarchs, whoever that may be. Voting for Monarch candidates takes place on the night of Coronation on Sunday, June 3, 2012 just outside of the 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom of the Lexington Downtown Hilton. Eligible voters will have maintained membership in good standing beginning on or before November 30, 2011. Voting will begin shortly before Coronation begins at 6pm. But please, join us for a Meet and Greet cocktail hour at 5 pm outside of the ballroom.

Our theme for Coronation 31 is "A Red Carpet Affair: A Night with the Silver Screen Academy." So, break out those evening gowns, tuxes and suits and join us for a night to remember as we take you for walk down the ICK Walk of Fame.

For ticket purchase, please see the Reigning Monarchs, Emperor Fred Worsham and Empress ShotZ, or any member of the Board of Directors.

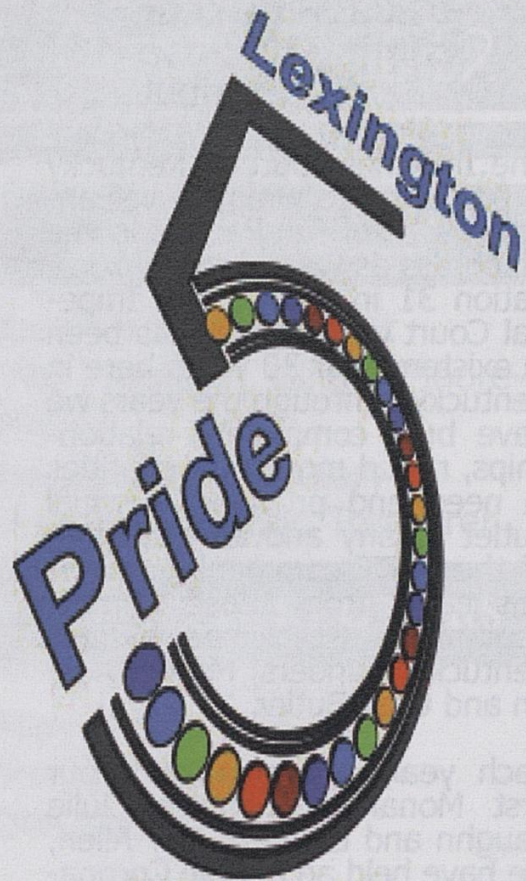
From the Heart, Through the Court, For the Community....

SisterSound Says "It's a New Day"

Spring came early this year and summer is right around the corner. Before you get busy with vacations, pool time, the 5th Annual Lexington Pride Festival and other summer activities, plan on joining SisterSound, the Lexington Women's Chorus, as they conclude their 2012 concert season by presenting "It's a New Day, Part 2". Mark Saturday, May 19, 2012, 7:00 pm at Providence Christian Church on your calendars NOW!

The Sisters are working on several new songs such as "Beautiful", "Altos' Lament", "Stuck Like Glue", "The Longest Time" and "Everything Possible" and bringing back some favorites including "Disco Divas", "Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now" and "Bye, Bye Blues". Rob Vanover is conducting his second SisterSound concert and the chorus is thriving. Come and join in the fun and help celebrate 16 years of SisterSound music-making.

Tickets are \$10 or \$5 for children age 5 and under. They are available from any SisterSound member or at the door. Providence Christian Church is located at 101 Providence Way in Brannon Crossing Shopping Center across from Clark Legacy Center.



Festival

June 30, 2012

Negative Partners of HIV Positive People

This group is for negative partners who love HIV positive people. The group was founded three months ago to provide a support, education and understanding to an otherwise marginalized population. There is no other group like this in the area. It is a place to go to talk about problems, joys and trials. The group is accepting and welcoming of all orientations and genders. The next meeting is Thursday, May 31, 2012 at the Pride Center at 7PM.



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Discussion Group

The Discussion Group is for anybody that needs to talk about their lives. We meet each Wednesday at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave at 7PM. The group is for all adults in all ways of living. We talk about work, family, feelings, money, hopes and dreams and whatever you want to talk about. We have five guidelines.

1. Confidentiality; what is said here stays here.
2. No Advice; speak from experience only
3. Respect; everyone has a right to be listened to
4. Acceptance; you are accepted as you are and as a group that is discriminated against, we will not discriminate against others
5. Support (Not Therapy)

Once a month we have a topic for the discussion. On May 16th the topic will be Family. The group is led by Ginger Moore-Minder and Chris Whittington. The hardest part is coming through the door. After that, you'll be alright.

Senior Social Group

We are a group of people over 55 who enjoy getting out and doing cost friendly things with others. We enjoy a variety of activities: Big Band and Jazz, Theater, Jamboree's, Ballet, Art Fairs, Festivals, Parades, card games, dancing, arts and crafts, educational activities, movies, short trips, picnics, comedy shows, books, photography, tours, travel, orchestra, sports, and races. In short, anything you want to do.

The best way to be notified of the activities is by email; however we can call you or mail you with all the information about what we are having each month.

Just call the Pride Center, 859-253-3233 or email glso.org. We are now having a potluck every month on the third Friday at the Pride Center at 7PM. Bring a dish to share and whatever you want to drink. The following month's activities will be determined there. See you then!!!!



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GSA Pride Prom Vounteers Needed

By Mary Crone,
Contributor

Our sixth annual Pride Prom will be on Friday, May 18. The teens have chosen "Off To Neverland" as their theme. This year we will be at the Lexington Children's Theater downtown. We are again looking for volunteer chaperones to help us at the dance. Contact Samara Baker at samara@glso.org.

The GSA will continue to empower youth over the summer months but with a different focus. We will engage youth in learning about how to become healthy, responsible and happy adults. We are calling this project " Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Leaning to Make Decisions that are Right for You."

We will include accurate, age-appropriate information about sexuality including safer sexual practices, creating and sustaining healthy relationships, developing communication skills, and where to turn for accurate information and advise in the future. We will also help participants clarify their personal values, build interpersonal skills, and discuss the emotional, ethical, and cultural aspects of sexuality.

Calling All Volunteers!!

It is now time to start thinking about contacting us for volunteering for the Pride Festival.

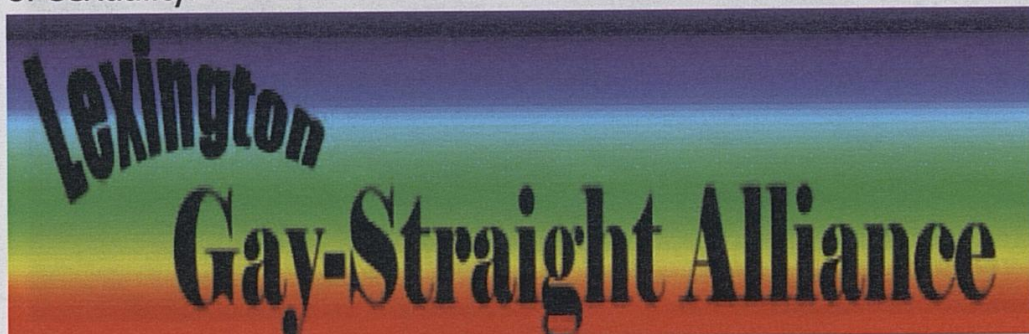
We have had many individuals help us in previous years and hope that we have the biggest turnout and response ever for volunteers for the day of and the duties leading up to the Festival.

There are many volunteer opportunities in all areas including merchandising, concessions, first aid, services, activities, set-up and break-down and more.

All volunteers will receive a little something as a token of appreciation.

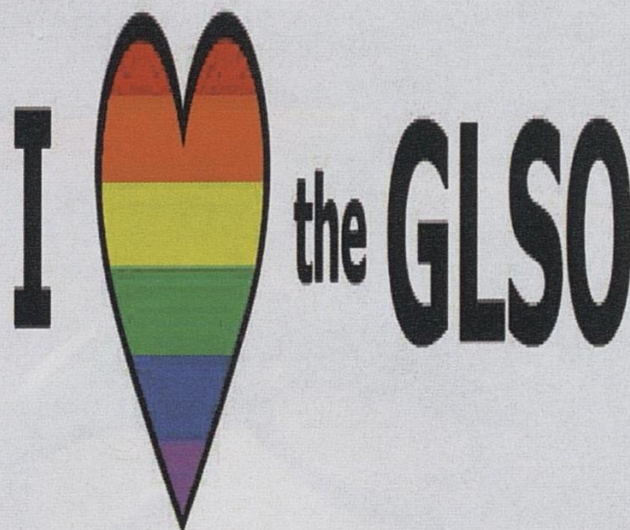
Take 2 hours to volunteer and then enjoy the rest of the day and know you had a part in helping to make it possible.

For any and all Pride volunteer inquiries, please contact Chad at chad@lexpridefest.org or Adam at adam@lexpridefest.org.



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May 2012 Classifieds

Sleeping Room for Rent

\$200 a month, \$150 deposit, located a block from St. Joes Hospital right off Waller Ave. No pets, no drama. Shared bathroom, kitchen and living space. Non-smoking. Contact the Pride Center for more info.

Fur Coat For Sale

Gorgeous Fur Coat valued at \$15,000. Asking only \$3,000. Would be great for an elegant drag performer or classy real girl. Pictures available upon request. If interested, please contact Joyce K Cruse at 859-254-682.

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For more information or to place a FREE classified ad

in our next edition, please email the detailed info to Chad at chad@glso.org.

All classifieds should be directed through the Pride Center and should be short but contain the basic information of who, what, when, where, cost, etc. Deadline for all submissions to the GLSO Newsletter is May 20, 2012.

PrideFest Bracelets on Sale Now

LexPrideFest bracelets are now available for purchase! You can get yours by going to lexpridefest.org or by contacting the Pride Center. The bracelets come in Leather, Bear, and Rainbow and sell for \$2 each.



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GLSO Phone Directory

A community resource page for gay and/or gay-friendly organizations across Kentucky.

HIV/STD Testing, Services & Info.

AIDS Volunteers Inc (AVOL)	859.225.3000
Cumberland Region, SE Ky.	606.864.3776
	888.425.7282
Health Dept., Fayette	859.288.2437
	877.606.2437
Health Dept., Jessamine	859.885.4149
Health Dept., Woodford	859.873.4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502.584.1254
Louisville Region	502.574.0161
Moveable Feast	859.252.2867
Northern Ky. Region	859.341.4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859.323.5643

Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	800.928.8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	800.999.9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859.967.9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859.277.1877
Bluegrass COLTS	859.225.9169
Council for Peace & Justice	859.225.6999
Discussion Group	859.253.3233
Fairness of Louisville	502.893.0788
Gay Straight Alliance, Teens	859.266.5904
GLSO Pride Center	859.253.3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859.619.7521
International Gay Bowling	859.276.3058
Kentucky Fairness	270.703.1582
Lexington Fairness	859.951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859.252.4931
Lexington Insight Group	859.230.2428
Lexington Pride Festival	859.253.3233
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PFLAG Lexington	859.338.7393
PLFAG Louisville	502.329.0229

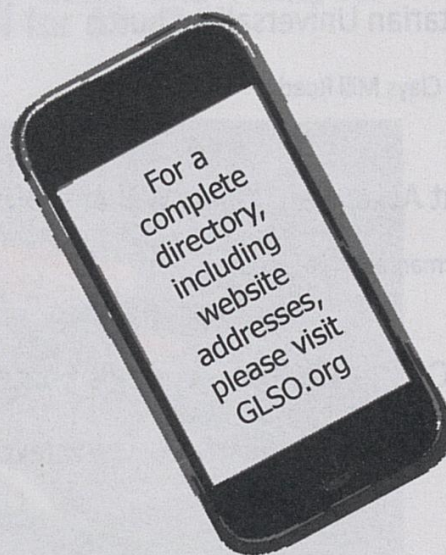
Sister Sound	859.806.0243
Social Services, Lexington	211
Speaker's Bureau	859.266.5904
TransKentucky	cassiemtf@ yahoo.com
United Way	859.313.5465

Religious Groups

Integrity, Ky. Diocese	859.369.9691
Integrity, St. Martha's	859.533.9851
Interweave, Unitarian	859.266.5904
Lex Friends, Quakers	859.254.3319
Mercy Ministry Church	859.358.3357
MCC Paducah	270.443.3339
Open Arms of God Ministry	502.545.6355

Student Groups

Berea College ACE	859.958.3633
Centre College BGLA	859.238.5332
Morehead State University	606.783.2294



GLSO News Deadline

May 20
Send articles and ads to
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Lexington Women's Chorus
SisterSound Presents

It's a New Day

Part Two

Saturday May 19, 2012, 7:00 pm

**Providence Christian Church, 101 Providence Way
in Brannon Crossing**

Tickets are \$10/\$5 age 5 and under

Contact SisterSound: <http://sistersound.org/>; info@sistersound.org;
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