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### Lexington Pride Idol 2006

The GLSO Pride Idol Contest has begun. The next two preliminaries are on Friday, April 14 at Third Street Stuff and Wednesday April, 26 at the Bar Complex. Both contests will begin at 8 pm and the organizers will be there by 6 to take applications. You can pick up applications at any of the participating locations or at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. There is a \$10 registration fee. (Call to be sure someone is here 253-3233)

You do not have to be GLBT to compete in this contest. All are welcome. On the 14th at Third Street Stuff, the contest will be held outside on the patio, weather permitting. This is the one location open to people under the age of 21. They serve food so come out and join the fun

Up to twenty individuals will compete at each preliminary. Audience members will vote for their favorites with ballots that can be purchased for \$1. The winners will participate in the semi-finals at the State Theater in May. A panel of judges including Robbie Bartlet and Steve Johnson will select ten individuals to compete in the Finals at this year's Pride Picnic in June. Everyone at the picnic will then vote for the next Pride Idol.

The winner will receive a trophy, a gift certificate for Discjockey in Lexington Green, and studio time at Grooves Professional Recording Studio to make ten copies of a two song CD.

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### Ernesto Scorsone Receives Humanitarian Award

The Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice has chosen Senator Ernesto Scorsone to receive the Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Award for 2006. He will be honored at their annual dinner on Thursday, April 27 at Griffin Gate Resort. The Bluegrass Community and Technical College will also be honored that evening.

Scorsone was chosen for his advocacy work within the Kentucky Legislature and in the state as a whole. He has consistently worked for equality and fair treatment of all people. He sponsored the School Safety Act, and legislation to ensure minority representation in the school system. He has advocated for healthcare reform, for GLBT rights, and for stricter bullying policies in public schools.

Over a decade ago, Scorsone was one of the lawyers that successfully worked to overturn Kentucky's sodomy statute. He has been an advocate for GLBT people in many ways.

If you would like to attend the dinner tickets are \$100 and can be purchased from KCCJ at 255-9339.

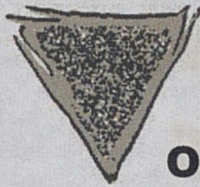
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**Kentucky Fairness vs. Ky. Legislature**

Members of the GLBT community sit on the edge of their seats awaiting the outcome of Senate Bill 236. The bill presents a grave danger to GLBT persons everywhere. It would abolish the already established fairness ordinances in Lexington, Louisville, and Covington. Furthermore, it strips citizens of their ability to take the legislature to court as it prohibits lawsuits against legislative state employees and members of the General Assembly. In laymen's terms, the bill would erase any legislative accountability. The bill would also allow for the posting of the Ten Commandments in a historical context on public property, which is clearly an un-Constitutional violation of the separation of church and state.

As we go to print, Senate Bill 236 has been sent back to committee. Fairness and our allies have succeeded in slowing it's progress but we can not quite claim victory at this point. Ernesto Scorsone attached an amendment to the Bill to limit the Governors ability to pardon himself. This will make the bill less attractive to Republicans. However, they do not have to accept this amendment. The bill could be brought back to the floor of the Senate for consideration on March 27 or on April 10 or 11, after the Legislature returns from it's break.

We would appreciate it if you (and you and you) would prepare to come to Frankfort on April 10th or 11th to support the defeat of this bill. We encourage you to stay informed about what is happening with Senate Bill 236 by checking the website below:

<http://eqfed.org/kyfairness/lobbycenter.html>

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Kiya & Miriam

**Wishing Chair**

at Quirk cafe & coffee  
Midway, KY

Friday, April 28th at 6:30 pm

\$8 cover - Full menu available

Reservations suggested

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# Community News

## Quirk Café & Coffee

Quirk Café & Coffee, owned by Laura Joans and Sherry Patys, is located in downtown Midway Kentucky. Just 15 - 20 minutes away from Lexington, Georgetown, Versailles and Frankfort, Midway is filled with excellent restaurants, great shops and antique stores, along with a diverse and eccentric group of residents and merchants.

In September of 2004 we moved to our beautiful new location on Main Street and began having live music in the café on Tuesday nights with occasional Friday night concerts in the Thoroughbred Theater next door.

We have been fortunate enough to host Wishing Chair, The Bats and Sally Hammitt, a wonderful local musician who sings originals along with the sounds of Melissa Etheridge, Natalie Merchant and Sarah McLaughlin.

Our 2006 music calendar is now taking shape. The musicians listed here are of specific interest to our community.

**Wishing Chair** will be making a local stop in the café on Friday, April 28th at 7 p.m. (\$8 cover). Fresh from a west coast tour which included dates from Vancouver, BC to Oakland, CA, their latest CD is gathering praise from *Curve* to *SingOut! Magazine* (where their song "Bully Circus" will be featured this spring). You can find out more info @ [www.wishingchair.com](http://www.wishingchair.com). During this concert our full menu will be available.

On Tuesday evenings, music runs from 5:30 pm - 8 pm. Classical cellist and local activist, **Roberta Guthrie** will play on April 4th, **Lori O'Connor** will join us on May 9th with original and pop vocals with acoustic guitar and **Sally Hammitt** will play on May 23rd. Information about other Tuesday night musicians is available at [www.kygallery.com/quirk](http://www.kygallery.com/quirk) or by calling

(859)846-4688 (local). On Tuesdays the cover is \$1.00 and our full menu is available. Reservations are suggested!

Also, we are always looking for other artists to play in the café or the theater. If you perform or have a group and would like to book a great venue, call Laura at (859) 230-1705.

## AVOL *run as one*

AVOL announces its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Run as One" 5K! On Sunday April 23, 2006 at 2 p.m. Runners and walkers from across the area will join us to "Run as One" in support of those living with HIV/AIDS. This year's event will be held at the Courthouse Plaza on Limestone Street in downtown Lexington, KY.

Registration begins at noon. The cost is \$20 per individual or \$15 per person for teams of five or more. The day will include exciting entertainment and prizes for the top male and female runners in each age group, including cash prizes for the overall top three male and female individuals. For more information about the event, including sponsorship and team and individual registration, please visit <http://www.aidsvolunteers.org>.

## Recipes From Over The Rainbow

The GLSO will be collecting recipes until the end of April for its upcoming cookbook "Recipes From Over the Rainbow: Entertaining For A Gay Ole Time, Guaranteed Lesbilicious."

Submissions can be sent to [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com), [thomasc@kmsf.org](mailto:thomasc@kmsf.org) or dropped off at The Pride Center. If you have a personal story about The GLSO to be printed along with the recipe, please submit this at the same time. We hope to have these printed and available during Pride Month.

## Rainbow Families

Lexington's only GLBT parenting group, Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) is gearing up for a fun spring and summer. The group enjoyed their first Parent Nights Out on March 25th and enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Alfalfa's restaurant. UK's Lavendar organization provided the babysitting for the evening, at the GLSO center. We can foresee many more of these types of events to come!

In April RFOL will be scheduling an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. Details will be communicated to the group via their Yahoo Groups forum: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rfolyk>. Other future events include a date at Chuck E Cheese.

For more information on Rainbow Families or upcoming RFOL events please contact Cheryl at 523-3083.

## SisterSound Concert

SisterSound is hard at work in preparation for their **May 20th Spring Concert**. Save the date. For more info. about SisterSound call Patti at 859 806-0243 or email [sistersound@hotmail.com](mailto:sistersound@hotmail.com)

## Ballroom Dancing

Anyone willing to teach Ballroom Dancing for GLBT folks at a reasonable cost? There are a number of people intested in learning to dance If you would be willing to teach or are interested in classes, call Bonita at 266-1696.

By the way, Arthur Murry does accept same sex couples. Sorry I implied other wise last month.

## Moveable Feast

**If you can drive a car, you can change a life.** We are in great need of drivers to deliver food to our clients. You can volunteer once a week, twice a month, or whatever fits your schedule. We know that the gas prices are discouraging but having a hot meal is life saving for many of our clients. Bring a friend along to share the work & the cost. **Call 252-2867**

## Pride Month 2006

Plans are underway for a great Pride Month in June 2006. The first event on Thursday, June 1 will be a celebration of the newly painted Pride Center including a reception for the PrideArt Show that will be on display throughout the month. If you are an artist that would like to display some of your work, give us a call at the office at 253-3233 or call mary at 266-5904.

The Imperial Court Coronation Weekend will also be held on the first few days of June. This is always a spectacular event.

The Pride Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 11 at Windy Knoll Farm from 11 am to 4 pm. New this year, 11 am until 1 pm will be family time. And "family" in this sense means there will be parents and children enjoying games and picnic food. Everyone is welcome to arrive during this time. The Pride Idol Contest will begin at 2 so come to vote for your favorite singer.

We will need volunteer help the day of the picnic so if you can lend a hand for an hour or so call the office, 253-3233. You could help sell raffle tickets, tell fortunes, do face painting, or whatever you can dream up to promote a carnival atmosphere.

If you would like to help plan the picnic or other pride events, come to the Pride Planning Meeting on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 pm at the Pride Center.



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Get the love you want!"*

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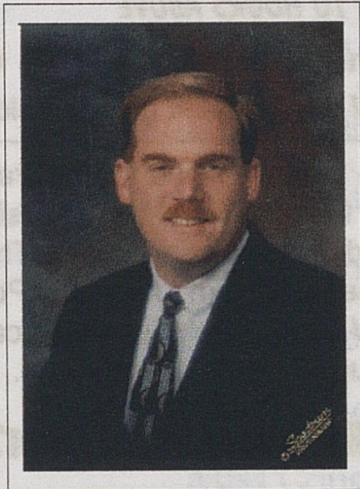
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See page 12 for information about a Couples "Getting The Love You Want" Workshop being offered by Jessica.

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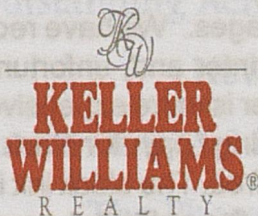
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# **Pride Center News**

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## **PRIDE CENTER OPEN IN ADDITION TO HOURS ABOVE**

Wed Evenings 5 - 7 Thursdays 3 - 7 & 2nd Saturday Feb 11 6 - 9

Drop by for a chat, visit the Pride Library, or join one of the activities groups below.

### **Pride Center Activities**

#### **Lexington Lyons:**

#### **Leather and Levi Club**

**April 10, 7 pm Pride Center**

#### **Pride Month Meeting**

**Monday, April 10 7:30**

**We will meet outside the door  
and then go somewhere to talk.**

#### **Lesbian Movie Nights**

**Thursdays April 5 & 19 7 pm  
we vote on which movie to watch**

#### **Lexington Insight**

**Every Friday in April**

**Pride Center 7:30 pm**

**everyone is welcome to attend**

#### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

**EVERY WED. 7 PM OPEN TO ALL**

**JANE: LADYJANEKY@YAHOO.COM**

#### **40 + Women**

**Please contact Ginger at  
ggclr@yahoo.com for information.**

#### **Second Saturday Nights**

**Film on April 8 6-9**

#### **"Everything's Relative"**

**A romantic lesbian comedy which  
follows the lives of a group of women who  
went to college together in the 70s. Re-**

**united for a long weekend to celebrate the  
birth of a friend's baby, they revisit past  
conflicts and find new connections. This is a  
fun and sensual film. Sharon Pollack,  
Director., w/ Harvey Feirstein, Monica Bell,  
Ellen McLaughlin, and Olivia Negron.**

#### **What Happened to the Color?**

**Over the last four years we have  
enjoyed printing the GLSO News with some  
color on most pages. We have recently had  
to get a new printer and, unfortunately, the  
ink for this printer is more expensive. In fact,  
we are now having to pay for black ink which  
was previously free. The black ink is still less  
expensive than the color but nevertheless,  
the cost of printing and distributing the  
newsletter is now over \$600 per month.  
Even with our monthly sponsors and our ad  
revenue we are not always breaking even.**

**Therefore, this month we are  
experimenting with using very little color so  
we can then evaluate how much money we  
are spending on non essential color ink.  
Color will still be available to our advertisers.**

**We also want to encourage people to  
use the form on page 15 and start receiving  
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- Outstanding Achievement in Wardrobe Karen Kollett
- Outstanding Achievement in Hair LaToya Bacall
- Outstanding Achievement in Make-up Carmen Alexxis
- Outstanding Achievement in Dance Hunter Hayes
- Outstanding Achievement in Comedy Sabrina Nicole
- Outstanding Achievement in DJ'ing CandyBoy @ The Bar
- Outstanding Achievement in Dramatic Role J.D. Vaughn
- Miss Congeniality Award Sierra Reign
- Outstanding Achievement in Technical Support Ron Sarver
- New Image Award Jenna Jive
- Outstanding Achievement in Supporting Role Brad Shepherd
- The Phoenix Bird Award Alyssa Williams
- Outstanding Achievement in Country Performance Sasha Grant
- ICK Community Service Award Bill Chandler
- Outstanding Achievement in Hip Hop Performance Mya St. James
- The Ruby Wizard Award John Ridener
- Outstanding Achievement in Pop Performance Rayna Starr
- Newcomer of the Year Trinity Kollett
- Outstanding Achievement in Special Performance Brianna Phoenix
- The Annie Cummins Bartending Award Droopy @ Mias
- Outstanding Achievement in Male Role Thomas Chaney

### **2006 Inductees into the Falsies Hall of Fame**

Nicole Diamond, Natalie Gaye and Lady Marmalade

## Fairness -continued from page 2

SB 236 is "political opportunism at its worst. It's an unconscionable attack on religious minorities, low-income school children, retired state employees, and, once again, gay people," exclaimed Christina Gilgor, executive director of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance.

O t h e r notables besides Gilgor have slammed the bill: The Honorable John Palmore, a former Kentucky Supreme Court Justice, described the bill as a partisan ploy to mobilize "the bigots" in the 2006 elections.

Senator Ernesto Scorsone indicated that SB 236 would "cut out the right of the people to challenge the work of the legislature. Citizens want their government to be more accountable, not less."

Of course, KFA is not sitting on its haunches hoping for a miracle. KFA recognizes the profound threat this bill proposes and is working harder than ever to insure its sound defeat. KFA leaders have decided to host two more lobby days in Frankfort: March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. Besides that initiative, KFA will create a downloadable in-district lobby kit prepared for the two week legislative recess which will occur from March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. During that recess, concerned citizens will have the opportunity to meet with their legislators on their home turf, and KFA will provide the instructional tools to make those meetings successful.

KFA strongly encourages all citizens to get active. Members of KFA happily recognize their responsibility to lobby on behalf of all LGBTQ persons, but legislators need to see more faces and hear more voices. Until legislators see that persons in the gay community are numerous and that those persons include respected society figures, friends, neighbors, and family members,

they will not take the plight of the BTQLG to heart. There is an irrefutable strength in numbers, but those numbers must be visible. KFA hopes everyone will do his or her part and go to Frankfort in April, call the legislature and leave messages. You can download the in-district lobby kit to learn how to meet with a legislator. Let's all work to make the numbers visible.

For more information and specifics, consult the following web site:

<http://eqfed.org/kyfairness/lobbycenter.html>

## KFA celebrates Oscars

KFA would like to thank all the people who made the Awards Night Gala a success. Guests watched the Oscars, partook of food and drink, and betted on the Oscars. The night was a success, and KFA raised money so that they can keep on lobbying for the betterment of GLBTQ persons across Kentucky. KFA looks forward to making this event an annual one with more success.



## Sherry Partin and Kathy Jewell's Commitment Ceremony

April 29, 2006

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Meadows Apt. Clubhouse  
3099 Kirklevington Drive  
Lexington, Kentucky

*Reception will follow. Please dress casually  
and come to celebrate and party!*

Chase Bush from American Idol  
will be performing.

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HIV/AIDS Branch

# GLSO Newsletter Calendar APRIL 2006

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233  
Visit us on the web at: [www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet](http://www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The 2006 Lexington Pride Idol Preliminary Contest Dates:</p> <p>*Friday, April 14th. 8:00 p.m. at Third Street Stuff, 257 N. Limestone. *Wednesday, April 26th. 8:00 p.m. at The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main St.</p> 						
<p>9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal 6:30p Imperial Court Mtg-PC</p>	<p>8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103</p>	<p>7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 5:30p Roberta Guthrie @ Quirk Cafe in Midway</p>	<p>Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103</p>	<p>Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC</p>	<p>7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103</p>	<p>Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103</p>
<p>10:30 a St. Mychal's SoulForce ( Jamie 230-5625) 2p 40+ Women's Group-PC 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal</p>	<p>8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103 7p Lexington Lyons-PC 7:30p Pride Month Comm. Mtg. (sm. office)</p>	<p>7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)</p>	<p>Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103</p>	<p>Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC</p>	<p>7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103 8p Pride Idol @ Thrd St. Stuff </p>	<p>Center Open 10a-2p 12 noon- GSA (call for place 266-5904) 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103</p> <p>Newsletter Dead-line</p>
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## Weekly Activities:

### Mondays:

8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA Discussion/Speaker(Call for Location) 278-7103

### Tuesdays:

7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)

### Wednesdays:

7pm - GLSO Discussion Group  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

### Fridays:

7pm- Lexington Insight  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

### Saturdays:

2pm Narcotics Anonymous 278-7103

### Sundays:

9:00am & 11am - UU Church Worship Services.  
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.  
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.

### Bi-weekly:

6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625  
7:00pm Lesbian Movie Night

## Monthly Activities:

### Mondays:

7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)  
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

### Sundays:

2pm -Women 40+(2nd. Sun)  
4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun)  
4pm- Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC

Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call

## Couples Relationship Workshop "Getting The Love You Want"

We take lessons in tennis, golf, or to learn more about our computer, so why not about relationships? Jessica C. Bollinger, LCSW and a certified Imago Relationship Therapist, is offering couples workshops on April 14- 16 and May 12-14.

Imago "Getting the Love you Want" workshops offers you a safe environment to develop skills that can help you and your partner transform your relationship. The workshops are for relationships that are:

- Just beginning...buoyed by new connection, new love, and new dreams
- Becoming too routine...marked by longing for the way things used to feel, along with confusion over what happened to all those dreams
- At the breaking point...filled with conflict, pain, confusion, despair and little or no hope for the dreams that once existed

Jessica creates a safe space in which to learn. You are n't ever required to share personal information with the group. Your work with your partner will involve pairing off from the group at various intervals during the weekend. Share with the group only that which feels comfortable. The workshop includes brief lectures, movie clips, music and opportunities for private reflection and sharing with your partner.

What you can expect from the workshop:

- A new sense of the sacred space between you and your partner
- New communication skills for cleansing that space
- Greater compassion for your partner's story
- New tools to turn conflicts into opportunities for healing and growth
- An expansion of your capacity to dream together your greatest dreams

- Creating new desire with a new design to release your joy and have fun together.

Jessica is a co-presenter with her life partner, Cathy Wieschhoff. Their workshops in Lexington are held at their home on their horse farm nestled in a tranquil place in the heart of the Bluegrass. Come experience the joy of connecting on new levels of conscious loving.

Getting the Love You Want Couples Workshop cost 80% less than the cost of hourly therapy and is often worth 3-6 months of weekly couples therapy. The Fee is \$700 with a \$50 discount for registration 30 days in advance. A \$350 deposit with a completed registration reserves a space for you, with the balance due two weeks before the workshop.

If you refer another couple who both registers and participates with you at the same workshop, you will receive a \$200. rebate after the workshop. If you refer two such couples you will get a \$400. rebate after the workshop!

Registration fee includes workbooks, continental breakfast and snacks. There will be a 1 1/2 hour lunch break on the second and third day.

If you cancel at least 14 days before the workshop, you will receive a full refund less a \$120. processing fee. If you need to cancel within 14 days of the workshop, you will not receive a refund, however your may register to a future workshop.

**Guarantee:** If after participating in the entire workshop, you believe the experience you've received was not beneficial to you and you give written notice to the presenter within an hour after the end of the workshop, your money less \$150 for materials will be refunded to you within five business days.

For questions or to register, feel free to phone (859) 552-6533, or e-mail: [jessica@imagoconnection.com](mailto:jessica@imagoconnection.com). There are pamphlets available at the GLSO Pride Center.

## Recovering Our History

In February, we printed information about some notable GLBT African American leaders. No one commented on the fact that I included only men on that short list. Now that I have more room, here are some women and one more man you should know about. Any one with an interest in GLBT History is welcome to submit an article for this ongoing column. -  
*mary crone*

### Deborah Batts (Federal Court Judge)

Deborah Batts is most well known as the first openly Lesbian African American to be appointed as a Federal court Judge. Before her appointment by then-president Clinton in 1994, Batts had many years of law experience and had made a name for herself as a judge. Batts was even recommended for nomination during Bush senior's administration.

Batts began her studies at Radcliffe College and then attended Harvard Law School. After finishing her law degree, she worked both as a litigator and as Assistant

U.S. Attorney in New York. She then taught family and property law at Fordham University. She is known as a strong supporter of equal rights for the LGBT community.

### Mandy Carter (Activist)

As a career activist, Mandy Carter, is well known as an outspoken and articulate voice for the African American LGBT community. She is the recipient of numerous awards which testify to her commitment to ending oppression and her ability to organize others around this most noble of causes. She has worked closely with the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum and was awarded their Bayard Rustin Award for political activism in 1999.

Currently Carter is focusing her efforts on monitoring and responding to the Religious Right's efforts to foster anti-gay attitudes in communities of color. She also works closely with the Democratic party, serving as a Member-At-Large on the Democratic National Committee and on the DNC Black and Lesbian Caucuses.

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### **Ruth Ellis (Activist)**

Ruth Ellis's life began 70 years before Stonewall, an event that some consider to be the start of the LGBT rights movement in the United States. Although by her own account Ellis's life was unextraordinary, many in the LGBT community would disagree.

Ellis owned her own business in a time when very few African Americans let alone African American lesbians owned businesses; she and her girlfriend opened their home as a gathering spot for gays and lesbians before there were bars, community centers, or other public LGBT gathering places; and she lived openly as a lesbian for more than half a century.

Although Ellis passed away in October of 2000 at the age of 101, she will be remembered in part because of the documentary "Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis at 100." Ellis will also be remembered for her work in the LGBT seniors movement and for leading the San Francisco Dyke March in 1999 at the age of 100.

### **Lorraine Hansberry (Writer)**

Sharp witted and controversial, Lorraine Hansberry elicited much attention, praise, and criticism for her work as a writer. She is most well known for writing "A Raisin in the Sun" which won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for best play of the year and was the first play produced by an African American Woman on Broadway. When asked if she won the Circle award because she was black, Hansberry replied that if she had that it would have been the first time in America that anyone had been given an award for being a black woman.

Hansberry used her identity as an African American woman to inform her works throughout her short career and life. These works included "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window," and "Les Blancs," as well as a collection of letters and other writings that were published after her death. Although married in 1953, Hansberry later divorced and publicly proclaimed her lesbian identity in a letter to the the Lesbian

periodical "The Ladder."

In 1965, she died of cancer at the age of 34. Another play adapted from her writings, "To be Young, Gifted, and Black," was produced off-Broadway four years after her death. Through this work and others Hansberry still continues to influence and inspire black writers and artist 37 years after her death.

### **George Washington Carver (Inventor)**

George Washington Carver is one of the most well known African American historical figures as well as one of the most important figures in American Agriculture. Most school children know him as the inventor of hundreds of uses for the peanut and the person who popularized peanuts as an agricultural crop.

Although primarily famous as the driving force behind the peanut's growth in importance in agriculture, Carver is also notable for many other reasons. Carver was the first African American to attend Iowa State University as well as its first African American faculty member. His research included many other plants other than the peanut, and his work as an educator and innovator within the agricultural community led to the spread of "movable schools" or extension agencies to the South.

Carver died in 1943, and has since been honored with commemorative postage stamps, a fifty-cent coin, and inclusion in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans and the National Inventors Hall of Fame. One fact about Carver's life which is rarely if ever mentioned is his sexuality, which may not be relevant to most of his achievements but is integral to the understanding the inventor as a whole.

*This information was taken from a Resource Kit for Black history Month published by GLADD and is available on the internet.*

## Volunteer Awards Banquet

We have not set a date but we are beginning to plan for the Volunteer Awards Banquet. Nominations for the Wasson and Rainbow Community Service Awards are now being taken. These awards are for the individual (Wasson Award) and the community groups (Rainbow Award) that through volunteerism has done the most for our community in the last year (or more)

Anyone can nominate a person or a group for these awards. Write a short paragraph concerning their accomplishments and send to [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com) or bring it by the Pride Center. We will post them on our web site: [www.glsopc.org](http://www.glsopc.org).

Everyone in the community can vote by coming by the Pride Center during the first week of June. Dates and times will be printed in May and June issues of this newsletter. The winners will be announced and honored at the Pride Banquet.

**The GLSO Web site is updated frequently.**

**Check us out at:  
[www.glsopc.org](http://www.glsopc.org)**

*Thanks*

to Russ Draper for donating a box of paper and other items to GLSO. The next two months of the newsletter will be printed on his donation. Thanks

*Russ*

The newsletter cost us over \$600 to print and distribute. This is why we are not using color this month. **We would appreciate donations or subscriptions from everyone that reads the newsletter.** The Pride Center costs us \$800 in rent and about \$300 in utilities every month. We need your support!! Thanks

**We need your financial support to keep the Center open and to continue these community based projects.**

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**JODIE PETERS**

Many studies show that volunteering your time, experience, and help to others can lengthen and improve your life. Unpaid acts of kindness give you a sense of wellbeing and lower stress hormones in your body. This can lead to improved cardiovascular health and other physical and mental benefits.

While speaking in Winchester last month, Dr Zorba Pastor advocated community involvement of all types to increase the sweetness, quality and length of your life".

Although it's not known exactly how the act of being helpful and kind to others increases your life expectancy, there are several strong theories. Shelley Taylor, a professor of psychology at UCLA and author of *The Tending Instinct*, says that helping others can relieve your own accumulative stress. "You can derive physical and psychological benefits from knowing you are making someone else's life worthwhile," she says.

So what exactly can you do? It makes sense to focus on things that are important to you. I, for example, am drawn to helping adults who need more education. Giving real, practical help to an adult learner has a great impact not only on that person's life but also their entire family and the community as a whole. And I benefit as well; the best conversations in recent memory have come to me while giving mature student rides to class.

Issues that inspire your passion are more fun to work on. You are much more likely to follow through, stay involved for a greater length of time and solve problems creatively. All of which will provide you with immeasurable rewards.

**Volunteering with the GLSO Pride Center** is one option. They need people to **staff the center during evening hours**, particularly from 5 to 7. More people would come in if they knew someone would be there every evening.

GLSO would also love to have several **volunteers work on this newsletter**. They could use a News Editor and a Features Editor. Or, you could write an article for the newsletter every few months. Almost all the work of the GLSO is carried out by volunteers, so call us and get involved. The office # is 859 253-3233. Or call Mary Crone at 266-5904.

How helpful are volunteers? The Los Angeles GLBT Community Center reports that since tracking volunteer hours in 1997 volunteers have contributed more than \$11 million dollars in time and service to their organization. Our goal is smaller, we would like to add a few new volunteers a month and build our membership/subscriber list to 300. Why not you? Give us a call, you will reap the rewards of a longer and healthier life.

### **Soulforce Equality Ride**

Now traveling throughout the country, the Equality Ride is taking 33 young adults on a seven-week bus tour to confront colleges that ban the enrollment of LGBT students. Through dialogue with administrators, faculty and students, the young activists are making clear the harmful effects of the false notion that homosexuality is a "sickness and a sin," and "a threat to the nation and the military."

To make public their case for equality, the participants hold vigils, Bible studies, class discussions, community forums, and press conferences. Through this process, these activists are bringing hope and healing to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and are empowering other young GLBT people to stand up for themselves.

### **40+ Club**

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and younger friends) who attend a variety of activities together. We usually meet the second Sunday of each month for planning. Please contact Ginger at 859-253-0061 or ggclr@yahoo.com for information about our next meeting or to be added to the mailing list.

# Religious and Spiritual Resources



## Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation. We do not just accept our GLBT church members, we celebrate their lives and advocate for equal rights.

On Wednesday evening, April 12, we will be hosting a Seder, the traditional Passover meal celebrating freedom and justice. Anyone interested in attending can contact Mary Crone at 266-5904. Lisa Davison will be joining Mary in conducting the service. Davison is a Professor of the First Testament at the Lex. Theological Center and an active member of Soulforce.

We are a church that honors many spiritual traditions. There are Yoga classes every Monday night and Sunday Sanga, a Buddhist discussion group, meets at 10 am every Sunday morning. We invite you to attend our worship services, Sundays at 9 and 11 am. and to our Adult Religious Exploration classes and discussions on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9.

On Wednesday, April 19, an Adult RE class, **Building Your Own Theology**, will begin. We offer this every few years and it is always a favorite. From the introduction: "Ultimately, we are all theologians. We all ponder the great life issues. Theology is the reflection upon meanings, values, and convictions. Conviction is more than belief or feeling, It combines reason and feeling with a will to act."

Unitarian Universalism has been on record as supporting the rights of bisexual, gay, and lesbian people since 1970. We have advocated against sodomy laws and job and housing discrimination. We have advocated for ceremonies of union and same-gender marriage, the right to serve in the military, the right to lead congregations as ministers and religious professionals, and the right to be parents. We are now on

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record as supporting the rights of transgender people. As part of our national organization, the Office for Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns offers many resources including a same sex marriage guide with outlines for several different marriage or union ceremonies. Check it out at [uua.org](http://uua.org), under Programs and Services.

## Jubilee Fellowship

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email: [jfellowship@aol.com](mailto:jfellowship@aol.com)

[www.jubileefellowship.us](http://www.jubileefellowship.us)

We meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am. We have a Sunday school class at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm. We accept prayer requests sent to us by phone or email. Do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood with any concerns or questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Milestones

We often do not celebrate some of the major events in our lives publically. Our Engagements, Union Ceremonies, Anniversaries and New Baby Arrivals may be acknowledged by our close friends, but they have yet to make the Herald Leader. It is time for this to change. It would be great for our community to know how many of us are celebrating our lives together in significant ways.

GLSO invites you to submit announcements of events important to you for our new Milestone Column. For \$5 you can print an announcement in a 2.5 by 1 inch space. In addition to the milestones listed above, we will include birthdays, graduations, or any other event that is of importance to you.




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## Integrity

Integrity is excited to announce a new group specifically for young adults ages 18 to 30. Gen Y Integrity will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Join us on April 16.

Our regular Integrity meetings will continue on the second Sunday of every month at 4 pm. In April that will be on the 9th. We have lively discussions about everything from current events to spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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For more info.: (859) 243-0998  
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## Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave, between 6th and 7th, parallel to N. Broadway. Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves.

Our services are unprogrammed meetings which means we sit together in

silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or none.

We do not have a creed. We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in the equality of all people and work to improve the lives of all people.

## RELIGION AND HOMOSEXUALITY

Did you feel that you had to give up your religion when you came out? Do you have questions about Biblical statements about homosexuality? Do you wonder if GLBT people are part of other religious traditions?

We have many books in the Pride Library that speak to these issues. Library cards are free so come to the Pride Center and check out a book. We are at 389 Waller Ave. See the Pride Center page (pg 6) for information about times we are open.

Here are some of the books you can find here:

- Lesbian Rabbis
- AIDS, God, & Faith
- Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth: A resource for congregations in dialogues on sexual orientation.
- Holy Homosexuals
- Gay Priest
- Lesbian Nuns
- What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality
- Living In Sin
- Openly Gay, Openly Christian
- Coming Out to God
- Embodiment: An approach to sexuality and Christian Theology
- Wrestling With the Angel
- The Preacher's Son
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We invite you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information visit : [stmychalthemartyr.org](http://stmychalthemartyr.org).

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email [kypadre@aol.com](mailto:kypadre@aol.com) for more information.

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 or .....www.webspawner.com/users/glsoqxnet  
 Pride Gallery (Thomas).....225-3035

**Student Groups:**

EKU Pride Alliance.....alliance@yahoo.com  
 UK Lavender Society.....uklavender@yahoo.com  
 Moorehead State Univ. (Ned).....606 783-2294  
 UK Lambda (Sara & Dave) info@uklambda.com  
 Berea College ACE League (Ryan) 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:**

AVOL, AIDS Volunteers Inc. ....225-3000  
 Lexington Health Dept. (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  
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**Community Groups**

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     Office.....276-2917  
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 Lex. Human Rights Commission.....252-4931  
 Lex. Men's Chorus (Kenneth).....255-1974  
 Louisville Youth Group.....502 894-9787  
 MACT Men of All Colors Together (Jon)....351-4453  
 mactky@aol.com  
 Moonshine Bears of Kentucky (Jim)...859 299-2047  
 www.moonshinebears.com  
 Narcotics Anonymous.....278-7103  
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 Pride Alliance of Central KY. (Gary) ..859 236-4547  
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 Pegasus Travel.....253-1644  
 Rainbow Families of Lex. (Cheryl).....533-6309  
 Sienna (Gender Identity Issues).....502 346-5298  
 SisterSound (Patti).....806-0243  
 Sisthas 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:**

Interweave (Unitarian-Mary).....266-5904  
 Integrity (Episcopal-Rev. Stone).....277-7511  
 Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers).....254-3319  
 Jubilee Fellowship (Rev. Cori).....859-514-5518  
 MCC Elizabethtown (Rev. Cathy).....888 340-6223  
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 KY Pagan Forum ..... http://go.to/kypaganforum/  
 RainbowWind (Pagan-Sarah).....273-2455  
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