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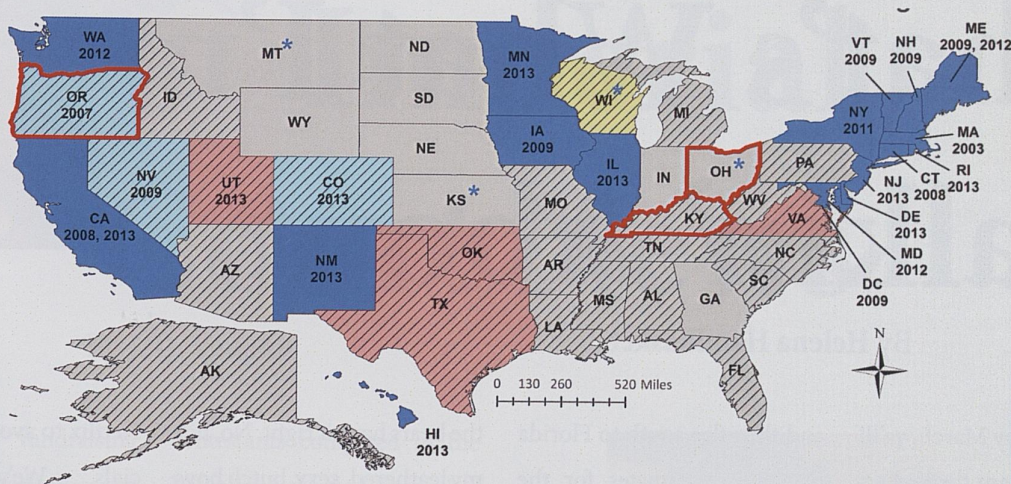
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That's What I'm Talkin' About



By Helena Handbasket

Happy March, ya'll! I am thrilled we are nearing the end of all of this snowy, wintry weather that has blessed us these last few months. Here's hoping Punxsutawney Phil misread the signs and March does not bring any freezing temperatures or Springtime blizzards. Strangely enough, I've had the opportunity to sit back and take a cold, hard, and even colder look at myself this winter. Let me tell you, I have learned a lot.

It's a surprise but I've decided that I don't really like winter. I'm just not a cold weather person. I lived in Minnesota for just over 4 years and I can assure you that this Kentucky winter was just as bad as any of the winters I lived through up north. I used to laugh at people that claimed to be "snow birds". You know, those people that live here during the warm weather months

and then flee south to Florida or warmer climates for the winter. Well, suddenly, I've reached the place in my life where that concept doesn't sound like a bad idea. We could all use a break from the insufferable cold winters.

Close your eyes and picture the perfect Christmas with me. I'd wake up next to my honey on Christmas morning. We would have a nice Christmas breakfast together, put on some shorts and flip flops, then take our puppy child, Mitchell, for a walk on the beach. We could sing Christmas Carols with the waves of the ocean as our only accompaniment. Who says a traditional Christmas must be cold and covered with snow? Just because of one tired, old song that's overused? Honey, I'm dreaming of a warm Christmas, not a white one.

Something else I've learned about myself is that I think

the bears have it right. No, not my leathered, sexy, butch boys but actual bears. I've always heard that bears hibernate during the winter months and honey, they have the right idea! They are certainly a species with above average intelligence on this one.

Let's talk about the right way to hibernate. To start, a cuddle buddy is a must. My honey and I have done plenty of that lately and I'm not complaining! *wink* But, we've become pseudo-hermits this winter. Thank goodness for Netflix and TV Land for keeping us entertained.

Finding the right entertainment is key. Here, in the comfort of our own home, we can watch endless amounts of movies and shows without the constant interruptions from people getting up for popcorn. We are hooked on the TV show "Scandal" and we've loved watching it on

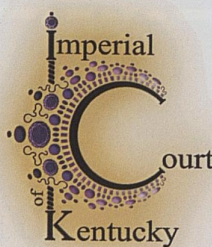
Netflix to avoid the commercials. We've watched so much that we're waiting for the next season now!

Confession time about "Scandal." When I watch Carrie Washington, I generally feel that I may be a lesbian trapped in the body of a drag queen. Of course, the President is hot too. So, maybe I'm suddenly bisexual... just sayin'.

I've also realized that some of the best television shows are those from the past. I rekindled my fantasy friendships with "Will and Grace" and my boys from "Queer as Folk".

Yes, it's been a long, cold winter. Y'all just have to find a way to hibernate and do something productive with your time. Sometimes the most productive thing you can do is to relax, refuel, and revive. And baby, I can tell you it sure feels good.

Until next month, love ya'll.



Imperial Court News

By J. D. Vaughn

February fundraising endeavors progress at full steam for Emperor Patrick and Regent Empress J.D. of Reign 32. Working in conjunction with the Scott County Humane Society, the Imperial Court of Kentucky held the annual "Wags n Drags" event on February 8 at the Grand Reserve. The event showcased Regent Empress 32 J.D. Vaughn, Empress 31 Trinity, Empress 30 Shotz, Empress 29 Helena Handbasket, Imperial Princess Royale 32 Kali Dupree, and Marquise Aurora Cummings. The group entertained a large crowd while guests were treated to a silent auction, a pet parade, and food and drinks. The event raised over \$6700 to benefit the Scott County Humane Society.

The following week, the Court held the Mister and Miss Gay Valentine Pageant at Pulse Nightlife. Several

contestants competed in the Valentine's-themed categories. Jayda Colby won the title Miss Gay Valentine 2014, while Lairica Andrews was runner-up. Mister Kenneth J. Squires won the Mr. Gay Valentine title. All three contestants will advance to the Entertainer of the Year Finale in May.

Then on Valentine's Day, Emperor 29 Clayton Burchell and Emperor 30 Fred Worsham hosted the Single and Bitter event at Crossings. Several court entertainers impressed the Friday night crowd at Crossings with their Valentine's musical selections.

On Thursday, February 20, the Court welcomed the North American Bear Weekend attendees with a kickoff show at Pulse Nightlife. The crowd loved the event and the proceeds were distributed to

Later that week, Emperor 32 Patrick and a delegation of



Emperor 32, Patrick Thompson with Empress 27, Gracie Steeles of the Imperial Court of New York during the Imperial Court of All Connecticut's Coronation.

Court members attended the Connecticut Court Coronation in Hartford, CT. Several Imperial Court of Kentucky members were honored with titles during the visit.

The Court wrapped up the month of February with three events, the Drag Olympics on February 26, a Kentucky Invasion Show on February 28, and the 2014 Mardi Gras

Ball. Keep an eye out for April's edition of GLSO's LinQ for updates on these events!

March shows no sign of being less great for fundraising. The Court already has several events planned. On Sunday March 16, the court will host the 18th Annual Falsies Awards, a yearly award ceremony for local entertainers and community members. This

year's ceremony will feature 18 awards, with such categories as: Outstanding Achievement in a Special Performance, the Michael Thompson Community Service Award, and the New Image Award. In addition, nominees for ABSOLUT Diva of the Year will perform the night of the ceremony and a winner will be announced from the nominee with the highest fundraising total from tips and donations. The doors open to the event at 7pm and will be held at Bogart's Lounge, located at the Campbell House. The

ceremony begins at 8pm. The Court will host a Comedy Show at 9:30pm on Wednesday, March 19 at Crossings. The event will feature comedy performances from the Court Monarchs and lines of descent. The Court scheduled two college outreach events in March. The first is a mini college pageant on March 27 at Transylvania University. The second is a show at ECU on March 31. More information on all events of Reign 32 at the Court's Facebook (ImpCourtKY) or website: www.imperialcourtkentucky.org.



Jo Dee Monroe at Miss Gay Valentine



Current and last 3 Reigning Empresses of Kentucky, from left to right: Her Imperial Majesty Empress 29, Helena Handbasket; Her Most Imperial Majesty Regent Empress 32 and Empress 22, J.D. Vaughn; Her Imperial Majesty Empress 31, Trinity; Her Imperial Majesty Empress 30, ShotZ

A New GLSO Group Provides a Safe Space for Hispanic LGBT Community

The Gay and Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO) is going to start a group directed at the Hispanic community starting on March 28. The group will meet the first and fourth Friday of every month in the Pride Center at 7 p.m. The Center is located at 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100. From the outset, the mission of the group will be to provide a safe place for Hispanic gay, bisexual, and transgender people to discuss what happens to them on a daily basis. There will be serious moments and moments full of laughter. It's a time

to talk about the problems that gay Hispanics face and to celebrate the triumphs and special moments of each person. The possibility of meeting new friends and uniting a big group of people from Lexington and the surrounding areas also exists. The group will be led by a Hispanic graduate student in psychology named Roberto Abreu. He is very happy to begin this group, which is free to the public. His vision is that the group will go developing discussion topics and other activities. Besides excellent discussions, there will be snacks and beverages.

Un Nuevo Grupo del GLSO Ofrece un Lugar Seguro para la Comunidad Gay Hispana

La organización para gays y lesbianas (GLSO) va a comenzar un grupo dirigido a la comunidad hispana a partir del 28 de marzo. El grupo se reunirá el primer y tercer viernes de cada mes en el Centro de Orgullo Gay (Pride Center) a las 7 pm. El Centro está ubicado en el 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100. Desde el principio, la misión del grupo será brindar un lugar seguro para que personas hispanas de la comunidad gay, bisexual y transexual puedan discutir lo que les pasa a diario. Habrá momentos serios y momentos llenos de risas. En el grupo hablaremos de problemas con que los Hispanos gays enfrentan y celebraremos los triunfos y momentos preciosos de cada persona. También existe la posibilidad de conocer a nuevos amigos y unir un grupo grande de personas en Lexington y áreas alrededor. El grupo será dirigido por un estudiante Hispano graduado de psicología llamado Roberto Abreu. Él está muy agradecido de iniciar este grupo, lo cual es gratis al público. Su visión es que el grupo irá desarrollando los temas de discusión y otras actividades. Además de discusiones excelentes, se ofrecerán meriendas y refrescos.

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PFLAG Lexington Meeting

Our meetings are open to parents, LGBTQs, and allies. We offer a confidential, supportive atmosphere where you can be yourself, wherever you are in your journey.

The meeting will be 6:30 to 8:30 PM on March 11 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, (2025 Bellefonte Drive). We will be showing the

award-winning documentary "Wish Me Away." The film tells the story of Chely Wright. After a lifetime of hiding, Chely becomes the first commercial country music singer to come out as a lesbian, shattering cultural stereotypes within Nashville, her conservative heartland family, and most importantly, within herself. The film

shows both the devastation of internalized homophobia, the transformational power of living an authentic life, and the conflicting responses from Nashville, the heartland and the LGBT community. Due to the length of this film, our meeting may run a little later than usual, with our support group time being shorter.



Our April 8 meeting will offer plenty of time for discussion and support, as we will have no formal presentation.



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Sleep; Or, Watch Looking?

By Matt D. Sullivan

Once a week I make myself sit and sleep-watch another episode of *Looking*, much the same as I did with *Glee* and *The Walking Dead*. This new show, airing on HBO, and having premiered this past January, follows the lives of three friends in San Francisco who all happen to be gay. The show's hook is a promise to show gay men realistically. I was drawn in by this promise at first and, so far, they've delivered. The characters feel genuine. They have jobs and struggles and hobbies. None of them seem particularly adept at anything, they aren't politicians, or celebrities, they aren't ruthless or morally superior, they are just average people. More importantly, these characters are not defined by their gayness. Watching characters who feel like an accurate representation of me and people I know is refreshing, but, unfortunately for *Looking*, this isn't enough to save a show from being dreadfully boring.

The problem with *Looking* is that it relies heavily on the premise of reality while foregoing things like exciting

plotlines. The main character Patrick, played by Jonathan Groff, is a video game designer. He's attractive, shy, and romantically and sexually inexperienced, prime material for excitement. The first time we meet him he's crawling around the woods and we're unsure of what he's doing exactly. He gets to a small clearing and it turns out another man was following him and he was cruising. The other man starts to unbuckle Patrick's belt and Patrick fumbles around for words to say, introducing himself and trying to get the name of the man who now has his hand down his pants. Patrick kisses the man, in an attempt to make the moment more intimate perhaps, and is rebuffed. His phone rings and Patrick excuses himself to answer the call. The moment tries to be awkward, it tries to be humorous, maybe arousing, but because it lasts only a moment, none of that comes through. In reality, an awkward person like Patrick would probably leave as quickly as he does, but on screen, the story comes off

rushed and amateur. Cut to the next scene and, because we barely got to see it, all of the awkwardness and humor is implicated by the droning conversation he and the two other main characters, Dom and Agustin, have while they walk to the bus stop and sit around smoking. There's a lot of talking in the show. They spend so much time talking they don't have time to do anything else (like make Patrick seem more painfully awkward through action).

Time is a technical issue for the show and I'm not sure why they chose to go with a thirty minute airing. Thirty minute shows are usually reserved for comedies or cartoons, forms of entertainment that don't hinge on any real character development. Since *Looking* tries to be real, not necessarily comedic, it requires fleshed out characters, but with a limited run time they have to revert to talking to move the story forward. Andrew Haigh, an executive producer of the show, wrote for and directed the movie *Weekend*, a movie that is similar in tone and pacing of *Looking*. *Weekend* is about the brief relationship two men have over, as the title suggests, a weekend. They meet, they bond, it could be

love everlasting or just a fling, and it ends. Not a lot actually happens, but what makes the movie intriguing is the situation and what makes the movie successful is enough time to make us care about the characters. Haigh has the ability to create a bond between audience and character in relatively short story time. He struggles to bring that to *Looking*. It's difficult to bond with three main characters, and therefore three different storylines, in a matter of ten minutes each.

There is hope, though. Episode five does what the other episodes wouldn't. We follow Patrick on a day-long date he has with a man named Richie. There is no one else to interrupt the story. The pace is slow, but not stagnant. They go to Golden Gate Park, they see a fortune teller of sorts who only speaks Spanish, we see them being intimate with each other. When the characters aren't rushed, when we have time to see them change, we can connect with them. You don't really need action then. If *Looking* would stop talking and start doing it wouldn't be so boring. I'll continue to tune in, for now; I like having noise in the background while I sleep.

Revolutionary, I'll take it...

By **Bobbie Thompson**
aka Alana's Spouse



I read an Advocate.com article a few weeks ago that identified the most vocal advocates of transgender equality. So, here is how my mind works: My definition of an advocate is someone who is in "support" or "favor" of something and actively speaks out and takes action to demonstrate their support. In this instance, the advocates on the list are in "favor" of transgender equality. The article pointed out certain steps that these advocates have taken to show their support, while highlighting their results.

It made my heart feel good to see the accomplishments

of these "steps in the right direction." Now, back to how my mind works for a moment, I am of the opinion that as people become educated regarding the transgender population and learn that "people are just people," then equality will be one result of that education.

I'll be the first to tell you that I knew absolutely nothing, not a single iota about being transgender when my friend of 25 years (a former lover and now spouse) came out as transgender. At first, it freaked me out and I thought my friend had a "mental condition." I'm not saying this to be nasty,

I'm saying this because this is what (I thought) I knew about transgender persons. I fostered this belief from a lack of education and experience with trans persons.

Through my relationship with Alana, I have found both experience and a valuable education. My reason for sharing "my side of our story" in my memoir (www.myhusbandlooks-better.com) is my attempt to educate through my experiences and to advocate for our transgender population. So, I made a comment to that initial article. "I hope to be on this list someday as a result of my memoir."

Someone responded to my comment and said, "You're not doing anything special. LOVE is special, but who you love is not." At first, I felt rather offended, as I took the comment personally. How could they say I'm not special?

As I thought about those words I began to agree with

them, though. What I'm doing, loving a transgender person, should not be inherently special. The who of love really shouldn't matter to me or anyone else. It's the love that is special, not the "make-up" of the couple.

Unfortunately, in the society in which we live today, it is something special to love a transgender person. If loving a transgender person wasn't special, then no transgender teen would be rejected by their parents. When a married person comes out as transgender, the next step wouldn't be divorce court. Most of all, there would be no need for "Transgender Day of Remembrance."

After all this, I found Brynn Tannehill's article at the HuffingtonPost.com and in big bold letters it says, "Loving a Transgender Person is a Revolutionary Act." It totally confirmed that I am special or, at least, revolutionary. I'll take it.



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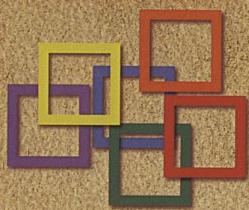
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Loving a Transgender Person IS a Revolutionary Act

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Yet another Federal judge has ruled that a state's ban on offering civil marriage and its benefits and responsibilities to same-sex couples violates the US Constitution. A judge in Texas ruled that the Texas ban was unconstitutional. The ruling has a stay on it while the case can be appealed by the state government.

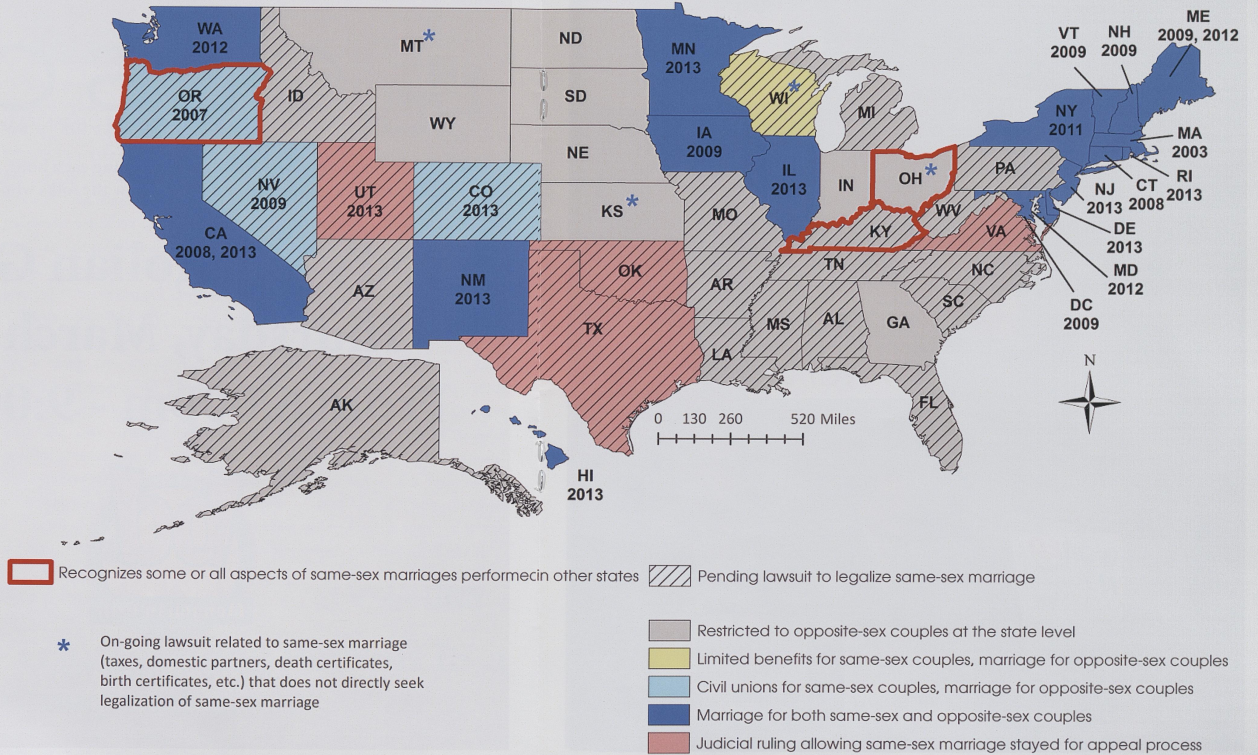
In Kentucky, another Federal judge lifted his stay on an earlier ruling that the Bluegrass State must recognize marriages legally performed in other states. The state's Democratic Attorney General had asked for a 90 day stay so that the state can decide to either appeal or prepare. For KY couples married out of state, confusion abounds about how to complete their taxes. Currently, they can jointly file their Federal returns as married but must submit state returns separately as single. No word yet on how the February 27 decision will affect tax filings.

The increasingly legal complexities are making my little map also more complex. I've now added Ohio to the states recognizing out-of-state marriages because the Federal court ruling there orders the state to recognize such marriages on death certificates. This ruling, however, if on appeal too.

Map: Jeff Jones, PhD, February 2014, middlingamerica.blogspot.com
 Data: Marriage Equality USA list of pending lawsuits, February 2014
 Note: As of 10/18/2013 six tribal nations allow same-sex marriages.

Civil Marriage Laws February 27, 2014

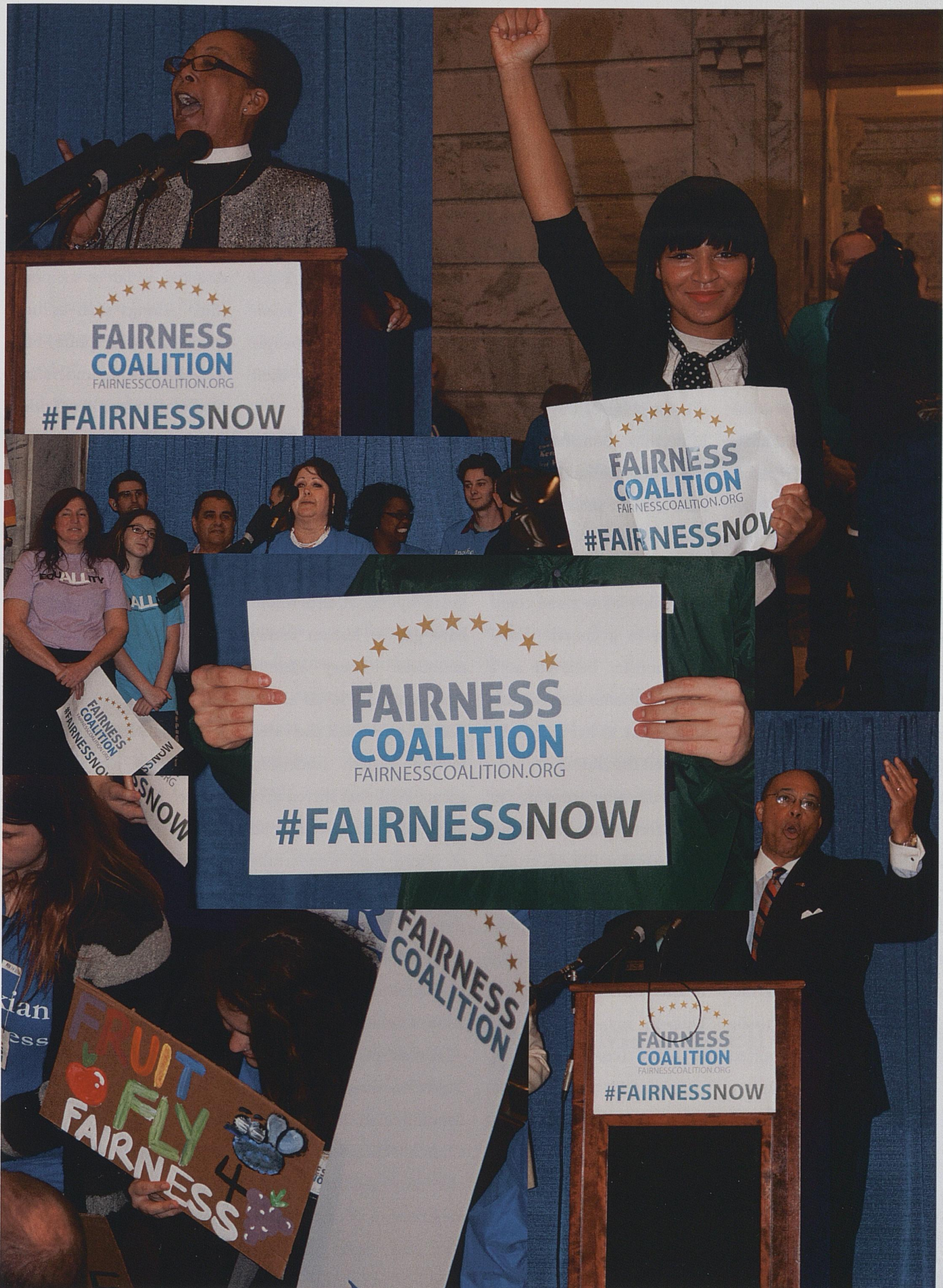
With Year Same-sex Marriage or Civil Unions Enacted Plus Pending Lawsuits



Fairness Legislative Rally in Frankfort

By Brian Hawkins





A Minister's Journey

By Scott Rollins

My name is Scott Rollins, a member of PFLAG, and the minister of Highland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Frankfort. I am writing to share my story.

I moved to Frankfort with my family in June, 2010, from Knoxville, TN, to serve as the minister at Highland. I knew very little about Frankfort before we moved up here; I didn't even know that Frankfort was the capital of Kentucky until I did a Google-search before interviewing at the church. Even though I didn't know much about Frankfort, nor the church, I wanted to make sure that they knew about me.

I made sure that the church search committee heard my "Audrey story." Audrey is a dear friend of my family and a former minister co-worker at my church in Knoxville. Audrey also happens to be a lesbian. I fully supported Audrey both in our ministry together and in her sexual orientation. I told that story openly and freely as I met with the search committee. After the church hired me, I shared that Audrey story

with others who might not have heard it.

It wasn't long into my tenure at Highland when I heard the first rumblings of discontent about my "views on homosexuality." One person, in a word, went "postal" on me at a meeting of our church leadership. Soon after, he left the church because I "didn't believe in the Bible." Another church leader shared with me that she felt conflicted and didn't know if she could remain in a church where the minister believed as I did about same-sex relationships. True to her word, she soon left the church.

Shortly after moving to Frankfort, I found out about the Lexington PFLAG group. I was loosely involved in the Knoxville PFLAG group before moving, so I began to attend the local meetings. Due to my commitments at home (coaching sports, running kids to sports and dance and school events, etc.), I couldn't attend every meeting but I always felt grateful to be a part of this great group when I could! I even began to tell folks from

my church about PFLAG and my involvement in it. I didn't betray any confidences by sharing stories I heard at PFLAG, but I did let my church people know how horribly LGBT people have been treated by their church "families".

We watched the video "For the Bible tells me so," over several PFLAG meetings and I immediately ordered a copy. I shared it with several families in my church, all of whom have gay or lesbian family members. Every family who watched it loved it, so I decided to present the video to our church leadership group. Well, that stirred up a few other church leaders, all of whom were wonderfully involved in the life of our church, and whom my family loved. Ultimately, they could not "agree to disagree" on the issue of homosexuality.

Let me explain that phrase, "Agree to disagree." In our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), our only requirement for membership is our confession that "Jesus Christ is Lord." And while saying

that Jesus is Lord means that Christ, and not I, am Lord over my life, everything else about our faith is non-essential as far as membership. Things such as how we interpret Scripture, how we vote, how we understand God's role in the life of other people...None of these can form a checklist of what a person must believe. As the minister of a Disciples church, I cannot tell people that they must think a certain way about matters of faith, but I sure can tell them how I feel about things. Especially about issues important to me, who are not "issues" after all but are people I care about and who have been treated so harshly by the church, a group who has been charged by its Lord to "love your neighbor as yourself."

But, there were some folks who could not "agree to disagree" on this, so they left. And I have to admit, that group's leaving hurt a good bit. It hurt personally for my family and for me, and even more for others in our church who had known these folks a whole lot longer than I have. These

folks had also held leadership roles which now would be vacant, and of course (not to be crass) they took their money with them too.

Now, if you are still reading this ramble, please don't think I am trying to gain any pity points with anyone, nor to have you think, "Poor Scott, what a good guy he must be." I'm not really a good guy (to know me is to know this), but I made such a public and consistent sharing about my views on GLBT because, first of all, when I think "GLBT", I don't think of letters and issues and "them." I think of my buddy Audrey. I think of her partner Miranda. I think of other gay and lesbian friends I have made over the past few years. And I feel like I need to be public and consistent in this stuff, especially with church folks, because most churches don't speak openly about God's love for all people, including GLBT people. Plus, I know that whatever bad has happened to me in all of this, it is nothing at all compared to how GLBT people continued to be treated, in churches and in society at large.

Another reason why I am not peddling for your

sympathy is because, over time, all the wounds that may have been created from folks leaving have been healed over, and, from my view of things, the vitality of our congregation is stronger now than it has been in any of my time in Frankfort. I have heard more people speak supportively of GLBT individuals and who agree with my belief that God blesses committed same sex relations just as God blesses heterosexual relations. And while I know that there are others in our church who may not agree with me on this, they are willing to agree to disagree. Furthermore, this summer, our denomination, at its biannual General Assembly in Orlando, voted overwhelmingly in favor of a resolution entitled, "Becoming a People of Welcome and Grace for All." This resolution resolves that the church is "striving to become a people of grace and welcome to all God's children though differing in race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance or theological perspective..." and calls on the church to "affirm the

faith, baptism and spiritual gifts of all Christians regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and that neither is grounds for exclusion from fellowship or service within the church, but we celebrate that all are part of God's good creation." In the weeks leading up to this vote, I had shared this resolution, and my supportive thoughts on it, in many ways in our church (with leadership, among all the congregation); not once did I hear a comment of opposition to this resolution.

But the good news doesn't end there. For much of the summer, the City Commission in Frankfort has debated over a Fairness Ordinance for our city, which would include "gender identity" and "sexual orientation" in its list of prohibited discriminations. During this agonizingly long process, citizens of our community had the opportunity to

share their thoughts on the Ordinance. For many of these citizens (actually most of them), this gave them a chance to bash GLBT folks. Very often it was a minister who did the berating, often quoting Scripture to supposedly prove their point. A couple times, I spoke up as well, as one of the pitifully few ministers who spoke openly in favor of the Ordinance. One time some of my talk made the paper, but other times I could be seen on the TV news, the balding back of my head very obvious in the commission meeting. Furthermore, I was grateful for the many people from my church who attended many of the meetings, wearing their blue "Another Kentuckian for Fairness" t-shirts. And in the end, it all proved worth it, as the City Commission made Frankfort the 5th city in Kentucky to pass a Fairness Ordinance!

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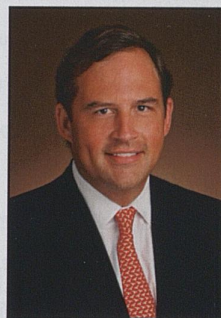
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Spring Cleaning for the Soul

By Rev. Marsha J. Moors-Charles



We've survived the holidays and hopefully the snow! What a winter! I know that we are all looking forward to spring. We've all had enough of the cold, long nights! I cannot wait to see the blooms of the flowers and trees; to feel the sun's warmth; and to bask in the sunshine with friends on patios, porches, and parks!

As we lean into spring, we come to another important season, not just on our calendars, but in our spiritual lives. You may be like me and share an upbringing that emphasizes both Spring and Fall cleaning around the house. For us that means cleaning every nook of the house, from floor to ceiling. We'd pull out furniture, wash windows, and scrub floors, baseboards, and walls. What a chore but there wasn't a spot of dirt afterward! Our reward is a breath of clean air and a crispness in the energetic spirit of the house. I am not as dedicated to these twice-year cleanings as my Mom but I still try to give a little extra effort.

This article is about more than just cleaning our homes. We are invited to do a similar spring cleaning of our lives. For many of us in the faith community, we observe the season of Lent which leads to Easter. Lent has often been coupled with feelings of shame, guilt, or unworthiness.

That's very unfortunate. Lent offers us an opportunity to reflect and do some spring cleaning of our souls. Instead of giving up chocolate for Lent (as many do) or simply having the discipline to only eat fish on Fridays (as others do), Lent calls us to a deeper action. That action is an important one.

Why not commit this year, whether or not you are a part of a faith community, to give up something for Lent? Go further than abstaining from a particular food. Instead, you should strive to give up what stops you from being all you are. Give up self-doubt and those thoughts that build a poor self-image. Stop trying to convince

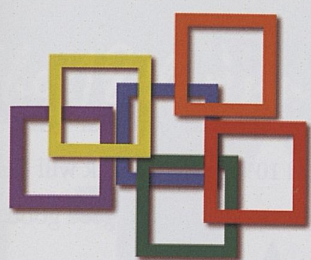
people in your life that you are worthy. Slow down and forget anxiety or busyness. Give up judging or allowing yourself to be judged. Give up revenge or self-righteousness. Give up trying to become something you are not. Give up trying to live up to the expectations of others who want to define your life.

Sound easy? It's not! But it changes us in a liberating way when we can give up any and all those things or people who seek to bring us down. Living into ourselves requires reflection and coming to grips with who we are and what we want to be in the world. And then, once we have made that self-discovery, it takes tremendous courage and a lot of risks to live into God's imagination for our lives.

What lies beneath the surface that allows grit and smugness to influence our outlook? When we move the furniture standing in our way and pick up the heavy rug that is weighing us down, we might discover those things that need to be swept away. Find the closest broom and get rid of that baggage that keeps you from dreaming, from loving, from embracing who you are and all life can be.

I admit that often times in our religious circles, we can make things seem complicated. Rules and doctrines become more important than people and relationships. That is such a mistake! Lent isn't only for the ones who come to church every week. You can participate in this important transition from Winter to Spring 'no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey'.

I like spring cleaning because I get to do it over and over again—year after year. It's the same reason I love the season of Lent in our spiritual lives. I get to do it over and over again—I get to reflect on things in my life that I want to change—or let go of; or people in my life I need to forgive—or let go of; or involvement in my community that I want to increase. I get to look deep into my soul and ask meaningful questions. And then, I get several weeks to process it all and once Easter comes, I'm ready for renewal just as the tulips are pushing through the ground! This year, maybe you might find time to do some spring cleaning of your own just in case your life can use a good dusting.



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Volunteers Needed!

FUNdraising ~ Subcommittee Members

Planning fundraising events, spreading the word, entertainment: local popular bands to play at events .

Getting the word out on Social Media like Facebook, Twitter, word of mouth etc...

Community members of all identities, age groups, and ethnicities are invited to show their support as a viable part of our Pride celebrations.

2014 LEXINGTON PRIDE FESTIVAL!

- First Aid
- Stage Hands
- Trained Bartenders
- Set up/Break Down
- Kids Activities

Events leading up to the day of the Festival such as:

- Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction
- Mr. and Ms. Lexington Pride Pageant
- Representing Lex Pride at Louisville Pride Parade

Contact: volunteers@lexpridefest.org or volunteers@glso.org

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Help the GLSO: Dine to Donate

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 13 for a chance to have a good dinner, meet the GLSO Board, and help your LGBT resource center! Dine at BD's Mongolian Grill in Hamburg between 6:00-9:00pm on March 13 and 10% of your check will be donated to the GLSO. Two GLSO board members will be guest grilling each hour, so don't miss this opportunity to get a good meal and get to know the folks who operate the GLSO. We look forward to seeing you there!

Calling All Pride 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 for volunteers for the day of and the duties leading up to the Festival. There are many volunteer opportunities in all areas including merchandising, first-aid, services, activities, stage hands, set-up and breakdown 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 volunteers@lexpridefest.org or fill the volunteer application out at www.lexpridefest.org and click on volunteer application.

Mr. & Miss Lexington Pride Pageant

Attention all drag queens, biological women, trans-women, drag kings, biological men, trans-men, and well, EVERYONE! If you would like to represent your community in the upcoming Mr. & Miss Lexington Pride Pageant to become the official representatives of the Lexington Pride Festival, come out and compete for the title, crown and medallion! Contact pridepageant@lexpridefest.org for pageant rules and applications! The event will be held at 9pm on April 13, 2014 at the Bar Complex.



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Honoring the best in gender illusion and community service

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Bogart's Lounge, The Campbell House

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Door @ 7:00p.m. • Show @ 8:00p.m.



Hosted by Emperor 28 Wes Nelson and Empress 21 & 28 Nicole Diamond

Cast productions from The Gilded Cage Divas and the Rhythm Cabaret, with special performances by Regent Empress 32 & Empress 22, J.D. Vaughn, Emperor 32 Patrick Thompson, members of the Reign 32 Female Line, and many others.

Visit us online at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org • Net proceeds to benefit the charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky.



March Calendar

All meetings are hosted at the GLSO Pride Center unless otherwise noted

Saturday, March 1

1:30-3:30PM GLSO Fundraising Committee
7:30-9:00PM TransKY Meeting
8:30PM-11:30PM Mardi Grad Ball*

Sunday, March 2

6:30-9:30PM Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, March 3

6:00-9:00PM Company Q Troupe Practice
8:00-9:00PM AA Meeting at AVOL*

Wednesday, March 5

7:00-9:00PM LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, March 6

6:30-8:00PM GLSO Board Meeting

Friday, March 7

3:00-4:00PM Outloud! Radio 88.1FM WRFL*

Saturday, March 8

9:00-10:00PM KYBourbonBears Board Meeting

Sunday, March 9

6:00-8:00PM Imperial Court Meeting
6:30-9:30PM Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, March 10

6:00-9:00PM Company Q Troupe Practice
8:00-9:00PM AA Meeting by AVOL*

Tuesday, March 11

6:30-8:30PM PGLAG Meeting*
8:00-9:00PM HIV/AIDS Support Group at AVOL*

Wednesday, March 12

7:00-9:00PM LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, March 13

7:00-9:00PM LOVEboldly Board Meeting

Friday, March 14

3:00-4:00PM Outloud! Radio 88.1FM WRFL*

Saturday, March 15

1:30-3:30PM GLSO Fundraising Committee
7:00-10:00PM LGBT Movie Night

Sunday, March 16

6:30-9:30PM Team Lex Volleyball*
8:30-11:30PM Falsies Awards*

Monday, March 17

6:00-9:00PM Company Q Drama Troupe Practice
8:00-9:00PM AA Meeting at AVOL*

Wednesday, March 19

7:00-9:00PM LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, March 20

6:30-8:30PM GLSO Board Meeting

Friday, March 21

3:00-4:00PM Outloud! Radio 88.1FM WRFL*
7:00-10:00PM Senior's Bistro Potluck

Sunday, March 23

6:00-8:00PM Imperial Court Meeting
6:30-9:30PM Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, March 24

6:00-9:00PM Company Q Troupe Practice
8:00-9:00PM AA Meeting at AVOL*

Wednesday, March 26

7:00-9:00PM LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, March 27

7:00-9:00PM 2014 LexPride Planning Meeting

Friday, March 28

3:00-4:00PM Outloud! Radio 88.1FM WRFL*
7:00-9:00PM Hispanic LGBT Discussion Group

Saturday, March 29

1:30-3:30PM GLSO Fundraising Committee
3:00-5:00PM RagingGrapeApe Planning Committee

Sunday, March 30

6:30-9:30PM Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, March 31

6:00-9:00PM Company Q Troupe Practice
8:00-9:00PM AA Meeting at AVOL*

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at the
Pride Center

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Telephone Directory



<i>HIV/STD Testing, Services and Information</i>	
AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL)	859 225 3000
Health Department, Fayette County	859 288 2437
Health Department, Woodford County	859 873 4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502 584 1254
Moveable Feast	859 252 2867
Northern Ky Region	859 341 4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859 323 5643
<i>Community and Social Groups</i>	
24-Hour Crisis Line	800 929 8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	800 999 9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859 967 9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859 277 1877
Council for Peace and Justice	859 488 1448
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	859 539 3058
Lexington Fairness	859 951 8565
Lexington Human Rights	859 252 4931
Lexington Pride Festival	859 253 3233
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1 800 273 8255
PFLAG Lexington	859 338 4393
PFLAG Louisville	502 223 1323

SisterSound	859 806 0243
Social Services, Lexington	211
Speaker's Bureau	859 266 5904
TransKentucky	cassiemt@yahoo.com
Transgender Youth Family Allies	1 888 462 8932
Trevor Lifeline 24/7	1 866 488 7386
United Way	859 313 5465
<i>Religious Groups</i>	
Bluegrass United Church of Christ	859 233 0208
Faith Lutheran Church	859 266 7621
First Presbyterian Church	859 252 1919
Lex Friends, Quakers	859 254 3319
Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church	859 255 1075
St. Martha's Episcopal Church	859 271 7641
Unitarian Universalist Church	859 223 1448
Woodland Christian Church	859 266 3416
<i>College Student Groups</i>	
Berea College ACE	859 958 3633
BCTC Gay-Straight Alliance	859 246 6365
Centre College BGLA	859 238 5332
EKU Alphabet Center	859 622 5041
EKU Pride Alliance	859 622 1027
Morehead State University	606 783 2071
TUnity (Transy)	859 445 3822
UK Gay-Straight Alliance	859 257 8701
UK OutSource	859 323 3312

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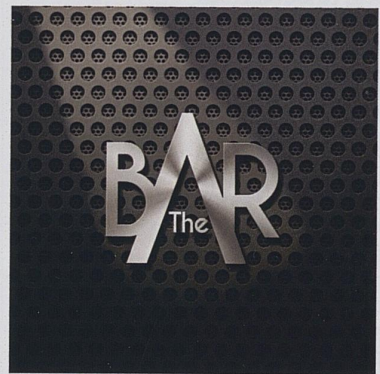


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Sun. April 13, 2014

9 PM

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For Applications contact: pridepageant@lexpridefest.org

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