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### Eleven Years: The Lexington Lyons

Leather clubs empower our communities through the visibility of their service, whether that is through education and outreach, having notorious and/or educational runs, or by fundraising and being visibly known as a community benefactor.

The Lexington Lyons celebrate 11 years of service to the community this coming August 22. Founded in 1998, there are 6 full members today and 11 Associates.

The Lyons are humorously known as "the Leather Junior League" for being a down home group of folks from the Bluegrass State that share an interest in the leather/levi lifestyle. The group travels to events throughout the country while supporting organizations here at home and is recognized by an international presence as committed to bettering both our home community and the national and international Leather Brotherhood.

The organization has over the years received local, regional, national, and international accolades and awards for its service work. Again this year several members of the organization were nominated to the community's highest award: The Pantheon of Leather.

Over the years the organizations membership has included many titleholders including several Mr. Kentucky Leathers, Mr. International Rubber, the first Kentucky Leather boy, to name a few.

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### Fairness—4th of July Parade

Lexington Fairness invites you to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade! We will have a float in this year's parade to commemorate the Stonewall riots as well as all LGBT milestones over the last 40 years.

Signs with significant dates and events over the last four decades will be available for you to carry so you're encouraged to dress in the style of any decade between 1969 to now. The concept aims to educate as well as entertain.

But no matter what, our 4<sup>th</sup> of July float will be fabulous and fun! For more information, go to [www.lexingtonfairness.org](http://www.lexingtonfairness.org) or check Lexington Fairness's Facebook page.

Ten years ago, gay rights advocates in Lexington worked tirelessly for months lobbying for a Fairness Ordinance in Lexington. On July 8, 1999, the city council voted in favor of the proposed ordinance. Read the story on page 8

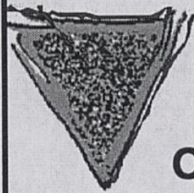
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**We are currently seeking  
new board members -  
next meeting July 9,  
7pm at the Pride Center.**

## **LEXINGTON LYONS** ...continued from page 1

Just in the last four years, the club has raised and disbursed over \$31,000 to beneficiaries across the country. They were instrumental in assisting the New Orleans AIDS Task Force in their rebound after hurricane Katrina. They fund meals for PWAs and their loved ones across Kentucky. They sponsor the state's GLSO and are a benefactor to not only our own AVOL but also Nashville CARES, the AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati, The AIDS Volunteers of Northern Kentucky, and two hospice organizations.

The members are continuing sponsors of the Leather Archives. They have been responsible for over \$7,000 raised for the Cleveland Leather Awareness Weekend charities. They sponsor the Leather Spirit retreat weekend in KY and have hosted an annual party at International Mister Leather in Chicago that brings over 500 folks for a taste of Kentucky hospitality (bourbon included) as a kickoff for the weekend. Their cookbook, filled with the best of southern hospitality, is available for order through the email below.

Additional past beneficiaries include The Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League of Washington DC, International Deaf Leather, and the Atlantic Bear Leather Festival weekend. The Lyons have consistently supported the Great Lakes Leather Alliance, Mister Kentucky Leather, Midstates Leather, Kentucky Leather Sir, and International Deaf Leather titleholder's runs.

For more information on the Lyons, their upcoming annual yard sale and ongoing fundraisers and events, visit their web site at:

[WWW.LEXLYONS.ORG](http://WWW.LEXLYONS.ORG)

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The Lyons meet at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, every second Monday at 7pm. You are invited to join them in celebrating the diversity of our community.

# Community News

## Rainbow League Summer Season

Have you heard about the Rainbow League? Are you interested in joining a GLBT bowling league here in Lexington? If so, read on! The Rainbow League's Summer Season bowls on Thursday nights at 7:00pm at the Eastland Lanes (Collins Bowling Center) on New Circle Road near Winchester Road.

This is a sanctioned, mixed league with 3 Bowlers per team in any combination of male/female/transgender bowlers. Fees are \$12/bowler/wk. Shoe rental is included. Sanction fees for new bowlers do apply. The league is primarily geared towards fun and is more social than competitive. All skill levels are welcome.

A 7:00 pm sign-up / Meet And Greet will be held Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Eastland Lanes for the Summer Season. All are welcome. New bowlers should attend to register and assemble teams. The Meet And Greet is free. There is no charge for shoes or lane fees.

The Summer Season begins the week after, on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm and will run for 12 weeks with an Awards Ceremony week 13. For more information or to register yourself or your team in advance, please contact Morgan Fry at 859-420-6398 / [morgan@morganfry.com](mailto:morgan@morganfry.com).

## Imperial Court of KY

Reign 28 of the Imperial Court of Ky has officially begun. Congratulations to His Most Imperial Majesty Emperor 28 Wes Nelson and Her Most Imperial Majesty Regent Empress 28 Nicole Diamond.

Reign 27 led by Emperor Wayne Clayton (Daddy Wayne) and Empress Eve St. Mychal raised over \$40,000 for various Lexington charities. The Court is the Rainbow Sponsor of GLSO and helps keep the Pride Center open for business. For information about their activities see:

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

## Kroger Cards

GLSO has received our second check from the Kroger Company for \$220. We now have over 60 cards distributed. If everyone recharges their cards once a month for \$100 or more, we will receive \$240 or more a month.

The cards work this way: we put \$5 on each card. We then give them to supporters for \$5. You recharge the card at any Kroger store and use it for food, prescription drugs, flowers, cigarettes, and Kroger gas. It works as a debit card. GLSO will receive 4% of the money you put on your card. Cards are available through board members and at the Pride Center.

**GLSO News and eNews Deadline: July 15**

**As we move into a team approach to putting out this newsletter, it is important to meet the deadline.**

**Send articles and ads to [lexingtonlso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonlso@yahoo.com)**

## Teen Gay Straight Alliance

The GLSO Community GSA meets every Tuesday at the Pride Center from 7 until 9 pm. Teens ages 15 through 19 are welcome to attend. The Pride Center is located at 389 Waller Ave. We are actively looking for new members as well as new advisors. For info contact Mary at 266-5904 or email:

[marycrone@insightbb.com](mailto:marycrone@insightbb.com).

There are now GSAs in the public schools in Lexington but not all the schools will have a GSA in the fall. If you need help in organizing a school GSA, would like ideas or videos to stimulate discussions, or any other materials, please give contact Mary at the numbers above.

Our community GSA plans to go to King's Island on Pride Night at the end of the summer. We also could set up some movie nights. If you are a teen or know any young people, LGBTQQS including children of GLBT parents, let them know we would love to have them attend.

We are also in need of a few more adult advisors, age 22 or over. You can use the contact info for Mary Crone above.

## Bluegrass Women's Network

Hi, Ladies! You are cordially invited to join The Bluegrass Women's Network. The BGWN is a social group based in Lexington and open to lesbians from across Kentucky. We use a Yahoo group website to announce and coordinate our events; it's not a chat group.

We meet up and make friends! Our goal is to enrich our lives with great friendships and memories

of good times spent together. If you don't have access to a computer, that's ok, we also have a phone list.

Membership is FREE and there are no obligations. BGWN members are invited to parties, card games, book discussions, brunches, potlucks, softball, and whatever else we can dream up! It's easy to join. Send a request to: [thebluegrasswomensnetwork-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:thebluegrasswomensnetwork-owner@yahoo.com).

Lynn and Debby will send you the link to apply for membership. The Bluegrass Women's Network now has 109 members and we are growing. Come join us. We look forward to meeting YOU soon!

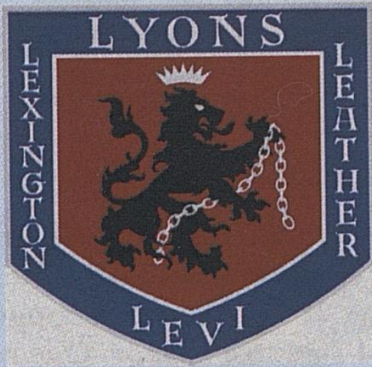
## JustFundKY

JustFundKY is planning "A Night Out", a picnic with the pops type event which will be at the Kentucky Horse Park on September 12. We need you to volunteer your time, expertise and/or money to make this year's event the best ever!

The next Planning Committee meeting will be on Wed., July 8th, from 6:30 to 7:30 at National City Bank (corner of Main Street and DeWeese). Newcomers are welcome to attend.

For more information or to volunteer contact Rachel Oskins, 859-533-5093 [r.oskins@insightbb.com](mailto:r.oskins@insightbb.com), or Dennis Stutsman 859-523-6505 [dmstutsman@hotmail.com](mailto:dmstutsman@hotmail.com) or visit our web site: <http://www.JustFundKY.org>.

We thank all of our past and present volunteers for all you have done and continue to do to ensure our success! Please join us and add your contributions to better the LGBT Community. It takes all of us!



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**JULY 13:** *Meet us! 7 PM, at the Pride Center*

**JULY 27:** *Celebrate with us at Lexington Pride*

**AUGUST 15:** *Annual Charity Yard Sale*

**AUGUST 15:** *Crossings night out - 10 pm - ??*

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## Insight Group

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Dana is looking for someone who would be willing to organize another Insight get-together on the third Friday night of the month. Contact him at 859 230-2428.

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## Lex. Lyons & Levi Club

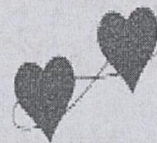
**Monday, July 13 at 7 pm**  
**Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.**

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## TransKentucky

TransKentucky meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30pm, doors open at 7. We are a support, social, and resource group. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals.

We include cross dressers, transsexuals, gender queers, intersexuals, and others who do not fit the standard gender norms or who are questioning their gender. Supportive allies are also welcomed. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For info and place contact [TransKentucky@gmail.com](mailto:TransKentucky@gmail.com)



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***Thanks for helping us make a  
difference in the lives of those in need.***



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## Local Ordinance 201-99 Lexington Fairness

In January of 1999, activists in Louisville successfully campaigned for a Louisville-Jefferson County fairness ordinance. Shortly after that victory, leading advocates in Lexington began meeting frequently. (If Louisville had one, why shouldn't Lexington?) They strategized for months. Four, five, six nights a week, time spent away from their family and friends.

The group lobbied the council members, polled the city's populace and networked with friendly groups and churches. A few days before the public hearing, volunteers knocked on every door they could find, talking – or at least trying to talk – to citizens about the proposed ordinance.

July 1, 1999 – The hearing room was packed with people. So was the overflow room. The fierce passion of the individuals in the rooms mixed with the intense July heat made it impossible for anyone to stay cool.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government council was considering a measure that would ban discrimination the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The public hearing was on this night, and everyone anticipated a thorough debate. Testimony from gay rights advocates and opponents of the measure persisted for hours. Emotional narratives were heard from both sides. Fatigued by the summer temperature and extensive rhetoric, the council adjourned.

Had the countless hours been wasted? Did any of their efforts make an impact? Had any of the members been persuaded to change his or her vote by either side? What would the outcome ultimately be?

July 8, 1999 – The LFUCG council voted in favor of the proposed ordinance. And they did it with a 12-3 vote.

Ten years have passed since the ordinance became city law – Local Ordinance 201-99. Many positive things have happened in the way of equality. But LGBT are still seen as “separate but equal” on several fronts.

Not long after Lexington passed 201-99, Henderson passed their fairness ordinance only to repeal it in 2001. In 2003, Covington adopted, and still has, a fairness ordinance.

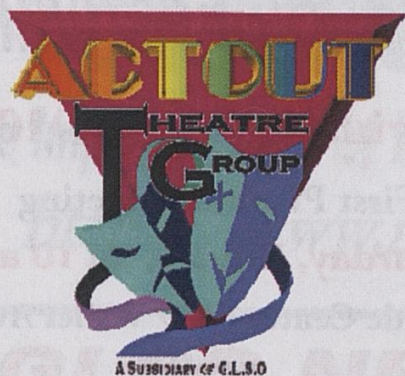
The Commonwealth of Kentucky overwhelmingly voted in 2004 to ban same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships. State LGBT employees had job protection humiliatingly stripped from them by Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Diversity Day in 2006.

The yearly meetings of our state's General Assembly have become a right-wing bully pulpit as bills targeted at denying rights to LGBT citizens are commonplace. Several religious and “family” groups get fired up and apply immense pressure on our elected officials. In the end, representatives or senators, even the friendly ones, support the damning measure because 1) we're not considered as a powerful constituency and 2) we're not politically popular.

LGBT in the Bluegrass State still lack many of the basic rights and privileges seamlessly enjoyed by straight couples. One step forward, five steps back. Victories are claimed when vile legislation is killed in committee or in a chamber, but the community rarely celebrates restored rights.

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# Thanks for a Fabulous Pride Festival

GLSO thanks the Pride Festival Committee for their 12 months of planning and many hours of hard work to make Pride Festival 2009 a wonderful event. We appreciate your commitment. Great Job!

## Pride Festival 2010

First Planning Meeting  
**Saturday, July 25, at 10 am**

Pride Center - 389 Waller Ave.

## The Pride Festival Planning Committee

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**Roni Palmer - Activities**      **Karen Taylor - Logistics**

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### Lexington Fairness Ordinance *continued from page 8*

Louisville, Lexington and Covington enacted fairness ordinances and state workers' job protections were reinstated thanks to an executive order signed by Gov. Steve Beshear. But we're a state of 120 counties and a ridiculous amount of municipalities. Simply put, Kentucky is largely a state where LGBT are not protected on the most basic of levels.

Forty years ago, our community – the LGBT family – demanded equality and respect on the streets of New York. Ten years ago, gay rights advocates in Lexington worked tirelessly for months to make sure their friends and family were protected by law. The “fight” now sluggishly moves along. Momentum is wasted when the fires that rage when detestable things are done become flickers in a few days.

Have we truly honored the memory of those before us, many of whom died for our cause? Have we carried their legacy forward in a way that would make them proud? More importantly, would they be satisfied with the status quo?

Lexington Fairness would like to thank Reign 27 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky for their service this past year. Emperor Wayne Clayton (Daddy Wayne) and Empress Eve St. Mychal raised over \$40,000 for various Lexington charities! They will never know the true impact their efforts had.

Lexington Fairness would also like to congratulate His Most Imperial Majesty Emperor 28 Wes Nelson and Her Most Imperial Majesty Regent Empress 28 Nicole Diamond! We wish them nothing but success in their reign!

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# Allen Ginsberg

By Daniel Mandel-Anthony

Allen Ginsberg is known as an icon for gay men and as an advocate for gay rights in general, as well as being one of the most important poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. But for many years he struggled with his sense of identity, not only as a poet and non-conformist during a time of intense change, but also as a gay man with an abiding admiration for - and attraction to - heterosexual men.

Ginsberg waffled between embracing his sexuality and denying it. In a letter to fellow beat writer Jack Kerouac from 1950, Ginsberg writes: "all my queerness was a camp, unnecessary, morbid, so lacking in completion and sharing of love as to be almost as bad as impotence and celibacy."

Though his exploration of heterosexuality was usually brief, his fear of his homosexuality was one of the more powerful of the neuroses that plagued Allen Ginsberg. In 1958, when Ginsberg is railing against critics of the beat movement, homophobia spills out of him as he calls his detractors "enemies of culture and civilization and a bunch of perverted fairy amateurs."

The only defense for this is that Ginsberg was, in many ways, such an inspiration. A walk through a book of his selected poems will reveal how big a personality Ginsberg had. To pigeon-hole Ginsberg as a self-hating gay man or any such thing would do an extreme injustice to him. In his poetry you will find Ginsberg living out the advice he gives in the last line of his poem *Cosmopolitan Greetings*: "Candor ends paranoia."

Indeed, Ginsberg's candor is what kept me from exploring Ginsberg's



work when I was younger; I could not always handle or retain interest in his very detailed accounts of his own body and sexual

experiences.

Ginsberg's poetry ranges from the very personal to the universal. Part of Ginsberg's early fear of his sexuality could be connected to a fear that his sexuality could hurt his desire for universal appeal as a poet. If he was perceived as a gay poet, critics and conservatives could write him off as someone who uses his being different as a shtick to make up for a lack of skill.

Allen Ginsberg's poetry can be very graphic and shocking. Many of his lines, taken out of context, even appear pornographic. But his poetry always has a point.

Even the poem titled *Sphincter* can grab you if you can look past the mentions of his hemorrhoids to see the kind of sad, lonely, wistful musings of the aging poet for what they are: an old man worrying about his body (more specifically, his sphincter).

Ginsberg appeals to me more when he leaves behind the particular and focuses on bigger things: a nation, a generation, the world, the universe. A great example of this is found in his poem *Under the world...* In this poem, Ginsberg lists graphic and violent images in a way that builds until the end.

Is he trying to simply shock us, depress us, make us unhappy? No. Ginsberg never simply goes for shock value. He is facing an ugly truth and asking us to do the same. Simply by expressing *what is* in the way he does and not telling us how to feel about it

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or respond, the poem achieves powerful poetic effect. The poem seems to go from the particular and end in the universal.

The poem ends with these words: "endless lakes of tears... under the world there's pain, fractured thighs... toy soldiers crowding the Pacific... dragontooth mines & jellied fires fall on straw roofs and water buffalos... Under the world there's broken skulls, crushed feet, cut eyeballs, severed fingers,



## Jane Addams

1860 – 1935

by *mary crone*

Jane Addams was the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931. She was a founder of the Settlement House movement in the United States and is recognized as having significant influence on the development of social work as a profession. In the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century she built a reputation throughout the United States through her writing (eleven books), public speaking, and international efforts for peace. She created a model for social change and worked on a wide range of issues including child labor, public health reform, garbage collection, labor laws, and race relations. In 1920, she was one of the founders of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

There is some controversy about whether she was a lesbian, but there is enough evidence for me to count her as one of us. Addams shared forty years of her life with Mary Rozet Smith. Historian Blanche Cook notes that when Smith and Addams traveled together, Addams always wired ahead to order a

slashed jaws, ...homeless millions, tortured hearts, empty souls."

In this poem are images that, perhaps, a straight poet might not have chosen. But they are used to express the misery of all of humanity, gay and straight alike.

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large double bed for their hotel room. They also owned a summer house together in Bar Harbor, Maine. Some historians call this a Romantic Friendship or a Boston Marriage and say that we should not assume that they had a sexual relationship. If a heterosexual couple lived together for 40 years, what would that be called? A friendship?

Historian Lillian Faderman writes that Addams "spent her adult years, ... with women, in long-term relationships that we would describe as lesbian today." The consistent requests for a double bed settles the matter for me.

Jane Addams was born in Illinois in 1860 into a prosperous "upper" class family. Her mother died from tuberculosis when Jane was two years old. Jane's father, John H. Addams, was the President of The Second National Bank of Freeport, a Senator of Illinois, and owned a prosperous grain mill. Jane was raised to be a "lady" in a culture where class membership dictated one's role in society and carried certain expectations, (loving women was probably not one of those).

Addams' father encouraged her to pursue higher education, not a common path

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for women in that time period. A number of colleges for women were created in the 1800s, but there was a lot of resistance to educating women.

One argument at that time was that education would cause more blood flow to the brain thus reducing blood flow to the womb causing women to become more masculine. There was concern that educated women would not marry or be unable to have children. John Addams warned his daughter not to lose her femininity and to keep in mind that marriage and motherhood were expected. Education was for self improvement but "ladies" were not expected to work for a living.

Researchers have found that an unusually high percentage of women who went to college during the last two decades of the 19th Century never married. Did they go to college because they desired financial independence and did some of them know they wanted a life apart from men?

The mid to late 1800s was a time of increased immigration and industrialization; cities became increasingly crowded and unsanitary. Many social problems were identified including poverty, alcoholism, prostitution, and the spread of diseases. But these problems were not really seen as the responsibility of the elite. Immigrants and poor people were blamed for their poverty and low moral standards. Well-to-do people were morally superior; they did not spread disease, succumb to alcohol, prostitution or "unusual sexual practices".

It followed that "upper" class women could teach "those below them" how to live better lives. Ladies were expected to use their education to work as volunteers, often through churches, to alleviate problems and "improve the morality" of the "under class." Addams attended Rockford Female Seminary, graduated in 1881 and then

GLSO News & eNew Deadline

**July 15**

We will put the newsletter together as a team for the first time in July. This makes the deadline crucial.

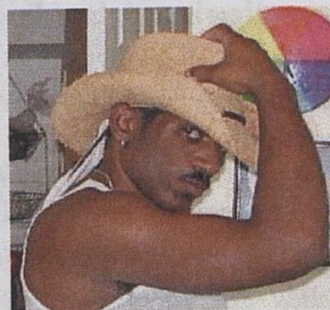
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spent seven months at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Her father's died suddenly in 1884 and Jane inherited \$50,000. Jane and her stepmother went to Europe for a two year tour, another tradition for "upper" class women.

After returning home, Jane became more certain that she did not want to be married or to have a conventional life. In 1887, she returned to Europe with Ellen Star, a teacher and "close friend" since college. Lesbian historians consider this to have been a partnership. Jane and Ellen visited London's Toynbee Hall, a settlement house for boys. The settlement movement focused on the causes of poverty and tried to develop programs that would help the working class, poor and homeless.

Toynbee Hall became Jane's and Ellen's main inspiration for Hull House which they established in 1889 in Chicago. Jane used all of her inheritance from her father to back this project. When Addams started meeting people in the neighborhood, historian Louis Knight says, "she held rather narrow views on class and race," stemming from her privileged upbringing. But, gradually, as her work at Hull House progressed, her views broadened and she became passionately committed to social justice and reform. "She spoke daily with many people," Knight said. "She slowly ceased to see them as 'the other.'"

Jane and Ellen were the first two occupants of Hull House, which would later be the residence of about 25 educated women, dedicated to settlement work. They believed in learning first hand about those they sought to help by immersing themselves in the lives and culture of the poor and working class.

Hull-House was located in the midst of a densely populated urban neighbor-

hood peopled by Italian, Irish, German, Greek, Bohemian, and Russian and Polish Jewish immigrants. At that time, each of these groups was considered to be a separate race. During the 1920s, African Americans and Mexicans began to put down roots in the neighborhood and joined the clubs and activities at Hull-House.

At its height, Hull House was visited each week by around 2000 people. Its facilities included a night school for adults, kindergarten classes, clubs for older children, a public kitchen, an art gallery, a coffeehouse, a gymnasium, a girls club, a swimming pool, bathhouse, a book bindery, a music school, a drama group, a library, and labor-related divisions. Her adult night school was a forerunner of the continuing education classes offered by many universities today.

In addition to making available services and cultural opportunities for the largely immigrant population of the neighborhood, Hull House afforded an opportunity for young social workers to acquire training. Eventually, Hull House became a 13 building settlement and included a playground.

The "residents" provided classes in literature, history, art, music, domestic activities (such as sewing), and many other subjects. Hull House also held concerts that were free to everyone, offered free lectures on current issues, operated clubs for both children and adults, and was a regular meeting place for labor unions. Jane encouraged her clients' pride in their ethnic heritage, and felt that the residents (employees) could learn as much from their clients as clients were learning from them.

**To Be Continued in August**

## Spotlight on the Beautiful People...

...by Helena Handbasket.

This month I am going to be a little self-indulgent and finally respond to the emails I have received asking me just who Helena Handbasket is and where she came from. Well, if you really wanna know, here goes...

My full name is Helena Handbasket, First Lady of Rhythm, Beauty, and Laughter, and I am originally from Richmond, IN but have called Lexington home since 1988. I have been watching drag in this town since I was old enough to get into the bars and always thought, "I could do that." It has always been on my list of things to do before I got too old to do it.

So, just one year ago I went to a Halloween party as Helena and she evolved. My first public appearance was in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade last year walking in front of the GLSO float and my first performance was at the Divas of Hazzard show with the Imperial Court of Kentucky and I was hooked.

I joined the court soon after and have been involved in their many causes ever since. It really feels good to know that I am doing something worthwhile and beneficial for my community while still having a blast doing it. Since beginning with the court last year, I became the Debutant of the Year and I also won my first pageant, the Miss Mary Christmas pageant.

I also got to sponsor my own charity show called "I Am Woman... Hear Me Roar" which I am proud to say was a fun night. All of the girls that participated made it a really special evening for me. Thanks to all of you (you know who you are). Special thanks go to my mentors, Nicole Dia-

mond, Natalie Gaye and Mya St. James.

I would have to say that I love to perform to the songs of Bette Midler the most, although working a Pink, Cher, Tina, Barbra, or Dolly number is fun too. I like to think I'm a versatile kind of girl that way.

Patrick Howell is my favorite designer although I sometimes get a little crazy and throw things together that he would never put his name to. It's all about having fun. My most embarrassing moment was when my wig fell off while doing the song "Bitch" by Meredith Brooks. I was being cocky and naughty and the hair went to the floor. I thought I'd die (but of course, I didn't).

I struggle with my disease but have learned to live with it. I'm sure you've heard of the new 'gay' disease... HTS. It stands for Homosexual Tourette's Syndrome. It is very scary because you never know when it is going to hit. Without warning sometimes I suddenly break out into a show tune or dance sequence. Imagine being in line at the grocery store and I suddenly belt out, in full voice, "Everything's Coming Up Roses."

My favorite music to listen to is Classic R&B but I enjoy all types of music. I am currently reading *Vodka and Chocolate* by Brady Hudson. My favorite TV show changes but currently it is "Beautiful People" on LOGO. My dream vacation spots include, Maui, Mykonos in Greece, and Florence,



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Italy. My dream date would be Jake Gyllenhall. Whew, he is so hot.

I have a wonderful partner named Dean and this November will be the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when we met. I was immediately taken with his eyes and smile but then when I saw his legs (at the gym) I was sold. He was a keeper. I must admit that I am a size queen and his big "heart" is what has kept me happy all these years. (That is what that means, isn't it?) The other love of my life is my baby, a party cocker spaniel named Chance. He has been with us for 14 years and is still kicking.

I would most want to be remembered for making people laugh and smile. I just love the sound of honest laughter. I strive to make the world a better place by trying to always keep my word. If I tell you that I will be there, you bet I will be there.

So, there you are. If you want to know more, just ask me when you see me out on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Our Minister, Cynthia Cain, is on leave until mid August. This means that various groups and individuals at the church will be presenting the worship services. Unitarians follow many different spiritual paths, or none at all. This makes for diverse and interesting services presenting a wide variety of beliefs and non-belief. Here are two that are planned for July:

July 5th - Soapbox Sunday is an opportunity for anyone, including visitors, to speak on any topic. There will be a time limit of 3 minutes per person in order to accommodate as many people as possible.

July 19 - "A Brief History of Liberalism," a 25' presentation by Prof Dennis Altman that traces the birth of liberal thinking and its growth through history to its role in modern day America. (sponsored by the Humanist Forum)

Join us at 11 am any Sunday.

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