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Pride IDOL

The Pride Idol Contest is back! Bill Chandler will be your host at all events.

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The preliminaries will be at

1. **Mia's Restaurant & Bar, 120 S. Upper**
9pm Thursday, April 5
2. **The Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.**
6-8pm Tuesday, April 10
3. **Crossings, 117 N. Limestone St.**
8-10pm Friday, April 20
4. **The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main St.**
9pm Tuesday April 24

The registration fee is \$10 and applications can be picked up at any of the participating locations or can be taken off our web site www.glsopc.com. If there are enough participants, a semi-final round will be scheduled. The finals will be held at the Pride Picnic in June at Windy Knoll Farm. At that time, the audience will vote for their favorite singer.

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

ActOut Tryouts

Act Out is looking for 6 actors (5 male and 1 female) for their June play *The Paris Letter* by Jon Robin Baitz. Homer Tracy will be directing. Auditions will be at the Pride Center 7pm Thursday April 26th and 2pm Sat April 28.

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Imperial Court

The Imperial Court of Kentucky invites you to join us for two very exciting events in April. On Wednesday, April 18th, we will be hosting an erotica-themed show entitled "Check Your Basket" as a fundraiser for the Kentucky Fairness Alliance. This event will be held at The Bar Complex with doors opening at 8:30 and the show starting at 9:30. There will be a \$5 cover, with proceeds going to KFA.

On Wednesday, April 25th, the Entertainer of the Year series will come to a close with the crowning of our Entertainer of the Year for reign 25. Come support your favorite female line member and help them take home the crown. Doors at 8:30, show at 9:30, with proceeds benefitting the charities of the Court.

Congratulations to our newest round of Drag Hall of Fame inductees, inducted at a very successful Falsies Awards ceremony on March 20th-- Karen Kollett, LaToya Baccall, and Cheyenne.

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AVOL Beaux Arts Ball

This year's Beaux Arts Ball is on April 7 and will be held at the Old Tarr Bourbon Distillery, 899 Manchester Street. AVOL is the benefiting charity. Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 and are available at Third Street Stuff, The Pride Center, KY Theter, and The Black Market.

The music of Q-Burns Abstract Message, Parlour Boys, CunninLynguists and The Juan Maclean will follow throughout the evening. Come dance with us until 3 am. There will also be fantastic performances by the UK Dance Ensemble at 9, Mecca at 10:45 and a Drag Show at midnight. There may be a Fashion Show in there somewhere, but then the whole night is a fashion show of sorts. For more information: beauxArtsBall@hotmail.com

ACT OUT AUDITIONS *continued from page 1*

Wall Street powerhouse Sandy Sonnenberg finds his personal and professional life threatened by the unraveling secrets of his past. A tragic game of financial and moral betrayal is played out over four decades and between two friends at the cost of family, friendship, love and marriage.

Reviewers agree that this is a wonderful play: "Head and shoulders above most current dramatic offerings, *The Paris Letter* has potential to rank beside works of Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams. Baitz writes vibrant, stingingly literate dialogue." *Variety*

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GLSO Thanks the Court for their generous donation of \$1,000

Community News

Fairness Fundraisers

KFA will host two fundraising drag shows. On April 18th, the Imperial Court of Kentucky will host a show at the Bar at 9 p.m. on behalf of the Bluegrass Chapter. The Chapter hopes to draw in a large Lexington crowd to support fairness for all. On April 28th, the Kentucky Fairness Alliance will host a different drag show in the showroom of Connection in Louisville.

Josh Zuckerman at Crossings

Josh Zuckerman, the nation's number one recording artist on Sirius Out Q Radio and MTV/Logo, will be performing at Crossing on Tuesday, April 10. Josh has appeared with the Indigo Girls, B.B. King, and Macy Gray. He has performed at numerous Pride Festivals and club venues across the country.

With influences from Bon Jovi to Faith Hill, and a little Elvis Costello, Zuckerman rocks while reminding his audience that being real is the only way to be. The show starts at 9:30, cover is \$5. Info at www.joshzuckerman.com. Crossings 117 N. Limestone, ph 859 233-7266.

PRIDE MONTH PLANNING

MONDAY, APRIL 16

7 PM AT THE PRIDE CENTER

Everyone welcome to attend.

Artists: display a piece of your work at the Pride Center during June. We also need items for the picnic raffle and people willing to volunteer an hour or two at the June 10 Pride Picnic. call mary 266-5904

Wishing Chair

Wishing Chair is scheduled to play two times in the Central Kentucky area in the next week. These are their only shows here until the fall so be sure to come and check out the new material that we're working up for the next CD, due out sometime late this year

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Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons will meet April 9 at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoy the Leather/Levi Lifestyle. For info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser for GLSO Pride Center

Friday, April 13

7 p.m. \$5

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Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship has a new meeting location, St Mychal the Martyr located at 1350 Eastland Dr, Suite #5 in Lexington. Eastland Dr. is off New Circle Rd one block North of Winchester Rd. Once on Eastland Rd, take your first left. It is "Inside" New Circle. It is in row of small offices behind Mi Mexico near New Circle

We are meeting on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for Bible Study. We are studying a curriculum based on John Bever's book, *Driven By Eternity*. Call 859 514-5518.

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love.

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Upon learning of the award Sinkford, said, "It's an honor to be recognized within such a religiously diverse group. The richness and variety of African American spiritual life is a joy to behold."

Beliefnet says: "While by no means comprehensive, the list represents some of today's most prominent--and controversial--spiritual figures, as well as those whose lifelong efforts have earned them a place in history."

Beliefnet offers resources for dozens of religious traditions, with the aim of helping readers explore their own spiritual paths. Beliefnet is a recipient of the Online Journalism Award for General Excellence Online, the highest honor given by the Online News Association.

Voices of Kentuckiana Concert

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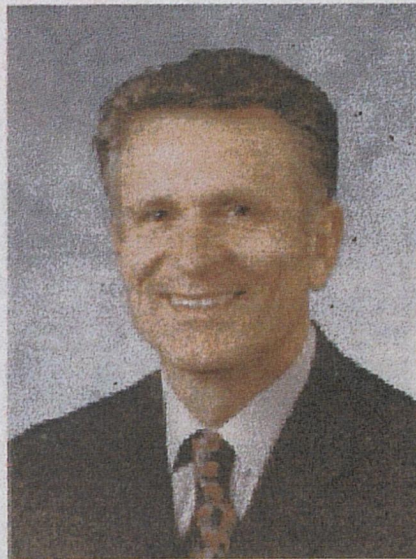
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Bluegrass Women's Network

Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women of all ages. Debby and Lynn are building a list of women who are interested in receiving emails about events. They have set up a Yahoo group to make it easier to e-mail announcements. If you want to be on the list, contact them at debbywoman@gmail.com.

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Highlights of Kentucky Fairness Alliance

The March 27th edition of the *Advocate* features a segment on Lexington as a great place for LGBT people to live. A writer for the magazine came to Lexington and met with many members of the gay community including the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance. The article highlights and quotes several people on the Bluegrass Chapter steering committee.

Vice-chair Shannon Stuart-Smith talks about the relatively cheap cost of living in relation to high salaries. Chair Paul Brown discusses how Lexington has a strong sense of family, and Jeffrey Moore, a Henderson native, mentions his desire to live in Lexington as opposed to leaving the state. The article includes a photo of steering committee member Burley Thomas, who graciously acted as host to the *Advocate* writer, and commentary on Jennifer Crossen's Windy Knoll Farm, which will be the site of the GLSO pride picnic on June 10.

Overall, the article placed Lexington on even-footing with bigger cities such as Dallas and Tucson and represented Lexington as supportive, open, and friendly.

Fairness Legislative Update

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance breathed a sigh of relief when SB152 was killed in committee before reaching the floor of the House for a vote. SB152 sought to deny any state-funded institution from offering domestic partner benefits to its employees. Proposed by Senator McGaha, the bill passed through the Senate with no problem and went on to the Health and Welfare Committee of the House. Despite intense lobbying efforts from the Family Foundation, the Committee killed the bill on an 8-8 vote. The bill needed nine votes to get out of committee.

Reps. Tom Burch and Stan Lee have asked the attorney general Greg Stumbo to give an official ruling as to whether domestic partner benefits violate the 2004 Marriage Amendment. Such a ruling could take time and likely means that SB152 will proceed no further during this legislative season. The bill may resurface in 2008, so the Kentucky Fairness Alliance will start preparing now to insure that the bill does not make it out of 2008's session or any session.

No significant pro-gay or anti-gay legislation was adopted this year.

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Rediscovering Our History: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Lesbians



Eleanor Roosevelt was one of the most remarkable people of the Twentieth Century. After a difficult childhood, she married her distant cousin, Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR), in 1905. FDR became President in 1932 and Eleanor became a ground breaking First Lady who was one of her husband's most trusted advisors. After his death she became our first representative to the United Nations and chaired the UN committee that drafted and approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. President Harry S. Truman called her the *First Lady of the World* in honor of her extensive human rights work.

A lot more could be said about Eleanor Roosevelt, but this article will focus on her relationships with lesbians, particularly her love for Lorena Hickok, and how those friendships influenced her life and the presidential policies of FDR.

In the first eleven years of their marriage, Eleanor had five children while supporting her husband's successful campaign to become a New York State Senator in 1910. In 1918, Eleanor discovered that Franklin was having a long term affair with her social secretary, Lucy Mercer. She was devastated and offered Franklin a divorce. FDR asked Eleanor to stay and agreed to end the affair. Their marriage became a strong friendship but they never again shared a bedroom. Historians agree that Franklin had contact with Lucy up until his death in 1945.

This affair caused Eleanor to consider how she might have a life independent of the needs of her husband. She supported Franklin through his unsuccessful campaign for Vice President in 1920 and his years of illness and recovery from polio. But she also established friendships with women who shared her interests in politics and social change.

A number of her close friends were lesbians. Throughout the 1920's, Eleanor spent at least one night a week in the Greenwich Village home of Elizabeth Reed, an attorney and expert in international affairs, and her life partner Esther Lape, a

college professor and publicist. These women encouraged Eleanor in her dedication to politics, education, and progressive reform. Eleanor increased her activism, continuing her relationship with the League of Women Voters, and joining the Women's Trade Union League, and the Women's Division of the New York State Democratic Committee.

Eleanor was even more closely tied to Nan Cook and Marion Dickerman, another couple who also lived in the village. These friendships were not hidden from FDR who found Eleanor's friends to be politically astute. He had ongoing conversations with women he met through Eleanor. In fact, it was on a picnic in 1924 with Eleanor, Nan and Marion, that FDR suggested that the three women build a retreat within his family estate, Hyde Park. He drew up a lease giving all three of them a life interest in the property.

The three women shared the \$12,000 construction cost and Stone Cottage was completed in 1925. Eleanor, Nan and Marion established themselves as co-owners by embroidering all the towels and bed linens with their initials "E.N.M." These initials were also carved in the furniture that Nan hand crafted.

In 1926, the three women built a larger building near Stone Cottage in which they established Val-Kill Industries, an assortment of manufacturing projects that provided work for farmers in the area who had little work or income to support their families during the

winters. The simple, well-made furniture, pewter and weaving produced at Val-Kill is highly valued by collectors today. The factory closed during the Great Depression but it did make an impression on FDR and served as an example for larger New Deal initiatives during his presidency.

In 1927, Dickerman suggested that the three of them purchase the Todhunter School for girls in New York City where she was Vice Principal. They all shared an interest in giving young women a rigorous progressive education. Eleanor taught American history, English, and current events for the next ten years. She included lessons about the lives and contributions of immigrants, poor people, African Americans and women. She took students on field trips to the New York Children's Court and various tenements and markets in the city so they could see the problems facing New Yorkers and how the government might address them.

In 1932, Eleanor Roosevelt became acquainted with Associated Press reporter Lorena Hickok. Their relationship has been a matter of debate since 1978 when archivists at the F.D.R Library discovered 18 boxes containing 3,500 letters the two

women wrote to each other over 30 years. The debate focuses on their relationship: was this a friendship or a love affair?

Rodger Streitmatter has edited a book, *Empty Without You, The Intimae Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok*, containing 300 of their letters along with commentary and information from other sources. He firmly believes that these two remarkable women were lovers. Much of the following material is taken from that source. The book is available in the Pride Library.

Hick was assigned to cover FDR when he was governor of New York. Hick saw that Eleanor was not a typical political wife, but a woman with her own career and experience in political activism. When FDR was nominated as the Democratic candidate for President, Hick recommended that a reporter be assigned to Eleanor. She was wary of being assigned to "women's news" and wanted to continue to cover FDR. She did agree to interview Eleanor and the two women found that they enjoyed each other's company.

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In her biography of Eleanor, *Reluctant First Lady*, Hick described how Eleanor frequently sought her out for private chats, breakfast in her hotel room, and in general pursued a relationship with her. When the reporter who had been assigned to Eleanor resigned from the AP, Hick was given the assignment. This time she took it on gladly. She wrote about Eleanor in very flattering ways, calling her "an outstanding civic and welfare leader".

During the rest of the campaign, Eleanor and Hick spent a lot of time together. It was during this time that Hick's feelings for Eleanor led her to compromise her professional ethics. Specifically, Hick allowed Louis Howe, who was running the Roosevelt campaign, to see her articles before she sent them to her editors in New York. Hick recognized what was happening and after the election asked to be reassigned, saying she could no longer be objective about the Roosevelts.

In the months following FDR's landslide victory (Nov. 1932), Eleanor and Hick spent a great deal of time together, going out several nights a week to plays or concerts and having late dinners together, often in Hicks apartment. For Christmas that year, Hick presented Eleanor with a sapphire and diamond ring. Eleanor tried to protest but that the gift was too valuable, but was induced to wear it, which she did for the next four years.

After the election, but before the inauguration in March of 1933, Eleanor and Hick spent many days together, including weekends at Val-kill. On March 4, 1933, FDR was inaugurated as President of the United States. Eleanor wrote a list of events in her engagement book, and at the bottom wrote "Said good-buy to Hick." The next night she started the exchange of letters with Hick that continued for thirty years.

Only eight letters from 1933 survive. Hickok destroyed most of her letters to Eleanor and most of Eleanor's to her in the 1960s. As she dropped the letters into a fire, she told Anne, Eleanor's daughter, "your Mother wasn't always so very

discreet in her letters to me."

In the letters that remain, Eleanor used endearments and expressed love for Hick. One example:

Hick darling, All day I've thought of you...I want to put my arms around you, I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort, I look at it & think she does love me, or I wouldn't be wearing it."

In July of 1933, Eleanor and Hick went on a road trip together through New Hampshire and Maine and into Canada. The secret service was set against the idea but FDR declared the women deserved a holiday and that Hick could protect Eleanor as well as any man. They were gone for three idyllic weeks and were not recognized until they returned to Maine on their way home.

FDR requested a special dinner with them on their return so he could be the first to hear of their adventures. In private with Eleanor, he jokingly referred to Hick as "your man." FDR's ability to accept Hick, and to encourage Eleanor in her activism, proved to benefit his presidency. Politically, Eleanor was often disparaged by Republican opponents who criticized her for making public speeches and taking positions on issues.

Eleanor was aware of the pressure being put on Hick by the Associated Press and she suggested that Hick might be an asset to the administration by investigating federal relief programs and writing reports for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA). Hick resigned her job as a reporter and traveled across the U.S., sending reports to Harry Hopkins (head of the FERA) and FDR. The President was impressed with her work and read many of her reports aloud in cabinet meetings.

When she returned to Washington from various trips, Hick lived at the White House, occupying the room adjoining the first lady's bedroom. While they were apart, they continued to write letters and sign them with phrases such as "I love you deeply & tenderly" and "I long to hold you in my arms."

In one letter Eleanor explained that in a recent phone conversation she couldn't say "je t'amine et je t'dore" (I love and adore you) because her son James was near by. She called it "our little saying." Streitmatter points out that her caution indicates that she was aware of keeping the more intimate part of their relationship secret. In another letter, she commented on the Washington gossip about her daughter's affair, remarked on the frequency of gossip in D.C. and concluded "how lucky you are not a man."

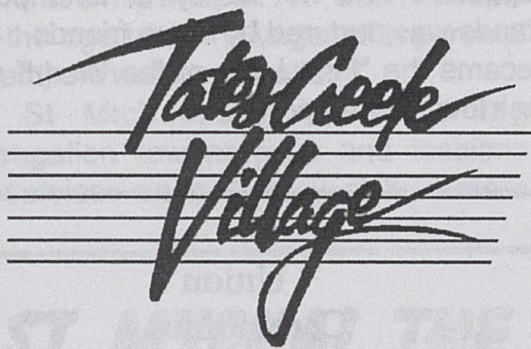
Hick's letters to Eleanor also contained some revealing intimacies. For example: "Most clearly I remember your eyes with a kind of teasing smile in them, and the feeling of the soft spot just northeast of the corner of your mouth against my lips." They both wrote of their desire to live together when Eleanor was no longer First Lady.

When Hick traveled to the coal mining region of West Virginia, she found the living conditions so appalling that she called Eleanor and suggested she might want to come see for herself. Eleanor was so

overcome by the conditions there that she convinced FDR to use this location for a homesteading project already approved by Congress. "Arthurdale" became one of the successful New Deal projects.

During the Christmas season of 1933, Hick came to spend three weeks at the white House with Eleanor. Eleanor's schedule and family matters kept her away from Hick quite a lot and Hick left in anger to visit friends in New York. Eleanor called and apologized several times and finally convinced Hick to return to Washington for her final week of vacation time. Their relationship was strained twice more during 1934, in March on a trip to Puerto Rico and during a summer trip through several western states. Dozens of reporters followed them everywhere and Hick became very angry at the lack of privacy.

Hick's emotional volatility and
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Eleanor's very public life put stress on the relationship but did not cause it to end. It did change over time, turning into a supportive friendship - a relationship I recognize as one way lesbians are able to continue to be in "family" relationship with former lovers/partners.

In 1941, Hickok moved into the White House with the Roosevelts when she was hired by the Democratic National Committee as Executive Secretary of the Woman's Division. This time, however, she was not in an adjoining room but occupied a bedroom down the hall from Eleanor. After a few years she found a little house where she lived in as long as her health permitted. She had a relationship with another woman during these years,

In 1936, Eleanor remodeled the Val-kill factory for her own use as a retreat and eventually as her home. After her husband's death, Eleanor moved to Val-kill permanently. Here she wrote many books, entertained world leaders, advised American political figures and worked as a delegate to the United Nations.

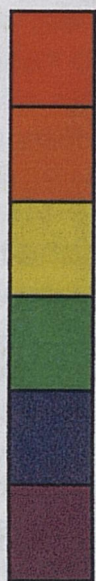
Hick had a number of health problems, many related to diabetes. Her political jobs were sometimes not enough to support her. Eleanor helped as she could and in 1954, she convinced Hick, frail and partially blind,

to move to Val-kill. The two of them wrote several books together. Hick remained living there after Eleanor's death in 1962, until her own death in 1968.

Reading many of their letters, learning about their difficult times as well as their happiness, created a picture for me of two people in love struggling to have a relationship under difficult circumstances. It is not just the explicit expressions of love in their letters, it is the many aspects of their intertwined lives that testify to a committed and meaningful relationship. Did they have a sexual relationship? I don't know but hope so. But that is really not the main point. They did have a love relationship.

It is difficult to know how appropriate it is to label historic figures as GLBT. Personally, I believe Eleanor was a lesbian or bi-sexual but do not know what she might have labeled herself. From mid-life on, many of her intimate relationships outside her family were with lesbians. Lorena Hickok was certainly her most intimate committed relationship.

These friendships were a vital part of Eleanor's life. Her progressive ideas were supported and her ability to take public stands was nurtured by these friends. She became the "First Lady of the World" with their love and support.



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Every Sunday morning there is a Buddhist meditation at 9 am, followed by a Buddhist discussion group (Sanga) at 9:45 in the Allen House next to the Church. Rev Cynthia Cain and Rev. Gary Bennet will also be offering classes before church.

Integrity

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Integrity is a support group for gay and lesbian Episcopalians that meets on the second Sunday of each month, which will be April 8 this month. We meet at St Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte Drive at 4 pm. All GLBT people over the age of 18 (younger with parental consent) are welcome to attend.

St Michael's is a welcoming congregation toward gays and lesbians with services each Sunday at 8, a more

contemporary service at 9, and a more traditional service at 11:15. For more information please call 859 243-0998 or email at stmintegrity@yahoo.com.

St. Mychal The Martyr

stmychalthemartyr.org

The mission of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish is to provide a church that welcomes all people in all their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 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. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain 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.

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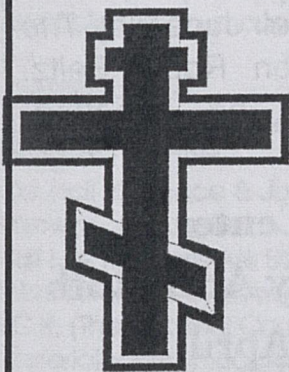
Sunday Worship 10:30

Saturday Evening Prayer 5 pm

1350 Eastland Dr. #5

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The Positive View

Part 3: Family of Choice

Family-of-origin can be a source of support and a source of stress for lesbians and gay men. Some members of our original family are joyfully supportive of us; some are not so supportive. Past research has shown that many gay men and lesbians experience, at least initially after coming out, some negative response from their family (Laird, 1996; Rostosky et al., 2004). While the negative responses of most families moderate over time and most gay men and lesbians feel a "good amount" of support from family members, for a sizeable group it remains a challenging issue.

For this reason, and because many gay men and lesbians look to their friends for empathy and support, the creation of "families of choice" is an important positive aspect of gay and lesbian life (see Barker, Herdt & de Vries, 2006). Families of choice may include current partners, former partners, children from current and past relationships, friends, and select family members. Families of choice play an important role in the emotional and physical support of gay men and lesbians and can bring much joy to life.

One lesbian wrote, "I found it to be the lesbians who showed up, my friends who became my family when no one else was around to help with the hard things - physically and emotionally." Other lesbian women wrote about "feeling connected to a chosen family on top of my given family" and "my family of choice (friends I spend holidays with) is a positive."

One gay man observed, "I have a big community of friends and extended family. My brother, who is married with children, is the opposite. When they got married and had kids, he lost all his friends. He says he wants me back as a close family member but in truth I get much more love and support from my 'chosen family'."

Another gay man offered, "I feel that one of the most positive things about being a gay

man is the ability we have to create our own extended families. We shelter those seeking refuge from families who no longer want them to be a part of them. I know this is something that all adults, gay or straight, are able to do, but as a gay man, it's more important."

For couples, the support of family is important to their relationship quality, including both original and chosen family: "I think because we are not only gaining support from our friends but from our family, I think that can only serve to strengthen our feelings for each other." It is often close friends who serve as role models and who support our relationships through good times and not-so-good times.

Who is your chosen "family?" What positive impacts has your family of choice had on your life? Do they know what they mean to your life? Are there things you can do to build a stronger or more extensive "family" network?

For more information about our work, go to www.PrismResearch.org. Dr. Sherry is Sherry Rostosky, PhD, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology at UK. Dr. Skippy is Ellen Riggle, PhD, Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science at UK. This series is based in part on: Riggle, E.D.B., Whitman, J., Olson, A., Rostosky, S.S., & Strong, S. (2007). *The Positive Aspects of Being a Lesbian or Gay Man*.

ActOut Tryouts

Act Out is looking for 6 actors (5 male and 1 female) for their June play *The Paris Letter* by Jon Robin Baitz. Homer Tracy will be directing. Auditions will be:

Pride Center

7 pm Thursday April 26th

2 pm Sat April 28

more info on pages 1-2

The GLSO

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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
 or 888 425-7282
 Barren River Region.....800 559-4448
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 Northern Kentucky Region.....859 341-4264
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 Moveable Feast Lex. Inc. (Terry).....252-2867

Community Groups

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 Office.....276-2917
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 Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S. (Morris).....225-9169
 Bluegrass Fairness.....859 806-4114
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 First Link (formerly-Ask Us).....313-5465
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 Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers).....254-3319
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 Norse Pagan Community (Rev. Pat).....268-1640
 KY Pagan Forum http://go.to/kypaganforum/
 RainbowWind (Pagan-Sarah).....273-2455
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Put Newsletter in the subject line.



GLSO PRIDE IDOL

The Competition Starts April 5, 2007



Thursday , April 5, 2007- Mia's Restaurant & Bar, 120 S. Upper. 9:00 pm



Tuesday, April 10, 2007- GLSO Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. 6:00 - 8:00 pm

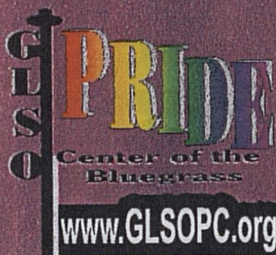


Friday, April 20, 2007 - Crossings, 117 N. Limestone St. 8:00 - 10:00 pm



Tuesday April 24, 2007 - The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main Street. 9:00 pm

This annual event not only show-cases the rich talent in our community but it is also designed to be a fund-raiser for the GLSO Pride Center of the Bluegrass. Please know your participation in this event will be greatly appreciated and is highly encouraged, and I Thank you in advance for sharing your Talents.



Sincerely
Bill Chandler, Pride Idol Host &
Pride Center Office Manager

