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NO on the AMENDMENT What You Can Do to Help

What we do in October can have a great affect on our efforts to defeat the amendment to the Kentucky constitution. Volunteers are needed to go door to door to talk to registered voters about the ballot measure. We also need phone bank and office help and volunteers to staff tables at a variety of events. We are now set up with office space at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. Contact Netta Brooks at netta@noamendmentky.com or 396-5251.

Door to door canvassing is a very effective technique in educating and influencing voters. We plan to go door to door every weekend in October. Meet at the Pride Center at 9am on Saturday and/or Sunday for training, food, and encouragement. Our experience has been that folks are with us 2-1, and that it's our personal stories that make a difference.

Our phone bank will be in operation on week nights. We will be calling to recruit volunteers, to raise money, and to encourage voters. Call Netta to volunteer. We also need volunteers to talk to people at house parties, coffee shops, concerts and other events.

Of course, there is an ongoing need for donations to finance our work. You can help by coming out to **bowl with us on Oct. 2** and by attending other Bluegrass Fairness events. (details next page) You can send money directly to

**No on the Amendment P.O. Box 2904
Louisville, KY 40201-2904.**

...more Fairness on next page

Imperial Court of KY International Court of Distinction

Join the Court as we kick off Lexington's Halloween festivities with the annual **Diva of Darkness Pageant**, to be held Wed, October 27th at Club 141. Doors at 8:30 p.m., with the show starting at 9:30 p.m. Cover is five dollars. For an application, please see Regent Emperor 23 E.V., Empress 23 Lady Marmalade, or contact Board President Wayne Swope at NicoleDiamond1@aol.com.

Empress Nicole the Great, President of the International Court Council and Founder of the Jose Honors Awards, along with our benevolent Founder, Absolute Empress I Jose, the Widow Norton, are pleased to announce that the Imperial Court of Kentucky has been selected as the International Court Council's 2004 ...continued on page

BOOKWORM SALE

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Halloween Party Oct 30



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What this Amendment Says

This is how the question will be presented to voters.

"Are you in favor of amending the Ky Constitution to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be a marriage in Ky, and that a legal status identical to or similar to marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recongnized?"

The inclusion of "legal status similar to marriage" means that businesses that provide any domestic partner benefits to gay or straight couples will no longer be able to do so. Most people see this as unfair and once educated are willing to vote No in November. You can help educate voters.

Every one of us can talk to friends and acquaintences about our lives and the issues involved in our struggle for civil rights. Your personal stories make a difference. Perhaps you want to be able to make medical decisions if your partner is hospitalized. Or simply to be at her bed side. Or you own a home together and want inheritance rights. See page 15 for other issues to talk to people about. For more info or to get involved call 859-806-4114 or www.bluegrassfairness.org.

"The freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men."

Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, 1967

BOWLING FOR VOTES

The KFA Action Fund is sponsoring a bowl-a-thon with proceeds going to the Vote No on the Amendment Campaign. It will be on Sat, Oct. 2 at Collins Southland Lanes, 205 Southland Drive, Lex. The entry fee is \$15 per person. Registration at 1:30 p.m., bowling at 2 p.m.

The entry fee will be waived if the bowler brings in a minimum of \$50 in pledges. This event has the potential to raise \$2,500 if fifty bowlers will bring in \$50 each. For information and pledge sheets, call Jim Dickinson at 252-5801 (JLD50ALJ@qx.net).

Community News

Bookworm Sale

On Saturday, Oct. 16, The Bookworm will be having a clearance sale of all its inventory at the Pride Center, 289 Waller Ave. from 10 am to 5 pm. 25% of sales will be donated to GLSO.

New hardback and paperback books will be sold for \$1.34. Topics include general fiction, business, politics, personal finance, African American, education, feminism, sports, and literature.

Clothing including tank tops (\$2) t-shirts (\$2.67), sweat shirts (\$3.34), and flex-fit hats (\$2), will be sold. There are Hispanic Pride and African American Pride shirts, and some UK logos. There are also Art Prints, a cash register, and a security system with four cameras, a monitor and a VCR.

SisterSound Invitation

SisterSound has started a new season of singing together. We are looking for new members and we do not require auditions. Come to a rehearsal, meet some people, try singing with us and see what you think. No previous experience required.

Rehearsal are at 6 p.m. every Sunday at Lansdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Road. We're looking forward to an exciting season. For info call Patti at 806-0243 or paowens@excite.com. Visit www.geocities.com/sistersound.

Lyons Levi/Leather Club

The Lexington Lyons meet every other month at the Pride Center. The next meeting will be on October 11 at 8 pm. We also meet for brunch at Mia's on the last Sunday of each month at 1 pm. You are welcome to join us.

Boycott for Equality October 8, 2004

Boycott For Equality is an Atlanta based group that is encouraging GLBT Americans and their straight allies to withdraw from the economy on October 8 in three specific areas.

1. Do not purchase anything. Do not generate sales tax or business revenue.
2. Don't work. Take the day off. Do not generate payroll taxes, or income taxes.
3. Do not use cell phones. Dropping out of the communication network is a way to measure the impact of our presence.

For info visit www.boycottforequality.org or call Dale Duncan 757 257-6215 or email Dsd@boycottforequality.org

Actors Guild Play: *Stop Kiss*

Actors Guild will be presenting *Stop Kiss*, a poignant and funny play about an unexpected love that blossoms between Callie and Sara. The production features Sara Heifetz as Callie and Laurie Genet, a Lexington favorite, as Sara. Their first kiss provokes a violent attack that transforms their lives in a way they could never have anticipated. This will be a directing debut for AGL's Artistic Director Richard St. Peter.

Stop Kiss opens on October 22 and runs through November 7 with shows on Thursdays at 7:30, Fri. and Sat. at 8pm, and Sun. matinee at 2. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$18 seniors, \$15 students. The first Thursday, Oct. 21 is a preview performance with lower ticket pricing (A - \$20, Sr. \$15, St - \$12). Pay what you can performances at Wed. Oct 29 and Sunday Oct 24. Season Tickets also available.

Imperial Court News cont.

International Court of Distinction. The award will be presented in Boston in mid-November.

The Jose Honors are presented annually in recognition of reigning monarchs and court chapters that have exhibited exemplary service to their communities. The Imperial Court of Kentucky continues to raise funds for organizations that offer support to the homophile community, including Bluegrass Fairness, The Ky Fairness Alliance, Moveable Feast, and the Gay and Lesbian Service Organization (GLSO).

Thank you, Lexington, for your continued support of the Court. Without you, we would not have been able to receive the Court of Distinction honors. We look forward to seeing you at future shows, and are privileged to serve such a wonderful, nurturing community.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers

Lexington has a new club in town. Frontrunners/Frontwalkers is back and ready to get in step. We will be meeting twice weekly for running/walking and socializing. Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. at the UK Arboretum. Plan to meet near the Water Tower.

If you have any questions, please call Hal Kutter or Ken Waibel at 859-294-7944 or email Hal at haroldkutter@aol.com.

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RAINBOW LEAGUE

CONVERTS TO SOCIAL BOWLING

The Rainbow League is sponsoring social bowling every Wednesday at Collins Lanes on Southland Dr. starting at 9 p.m. There is no obligation to come every Wednesday night. Participants will pay the open bowling rate - roughly \$10 for three games. Payment of ABC sanction fees is optional. Shawn Fritz will maintain statistics for those who want to be sanctioned and participate in the tournaments sponsored by the International Gay Bowling Org. For info call Shawn Fritz at 859- 271-8919

SoulForce Lexington

Soul Force Lexington continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We follow the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Ghandi and Martin Luter King Jr. to confront "spiritual violence" against GLBT people.

Members come from a variety of religious backgrounds and are united in their belief that GLBT people and our allies have to directly confront the religious organizations and individuals that are using the Bible to preach against us.

SoulForce

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Halloween 2004

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Community News

SoulForce cont. from pg 4 (against us.)

Jamie has designed a web site KentuckyAmendment.com and has had bumper stickers made in support of the No on the Amendment Campaign. Bumper stickers are available at the Pride Center or can be ordered at his web site.

For information about meeting location, call Jamie at 859 230-5625. and see web page at www.SoulforceLexington.org,

Late Breaking Fairness News

Suzanne Pharr, political activist and theorist, author of *Homophobia: a Weapon of Sexism* and Mandy Carter, one of the nation's leading African American lesbian activists have joined the No on the Amendment Campaign. Fairness is organizing a Public Forum at which these two women will speak here in Lexington. (see pg 16)

Diversity in Gender Alliance

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lexDGA>

The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance meets the first Saturday evening of each month at a private location. Contact Kelli at kellindel@hotmail.com for info.

We welcome all people who transcend gender norms or who are questioning their gender identity. We welcome transsexuals, intersexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, drag Kings, drag Queens, gender queers... and more. Family and supportive allies who would like to discuss trans issues are welcome. This is not a therapy group.

40+ CLUB FOR WOMEN

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and their younger friends) who are interested in attending a variety of activities together. We have gone to plays, sporting events, museums, and enjoyed many meals together. With the 40+ Club you don't have to go it alone.

We meet every month on the second Sunday at 2pm at the Pride Center to plan the next month's activities. Bring you ideas and join us on Sun. Oct. 10 and plan to go out to eat afterward. We are planning a number of activities in October.

Keeneland's Fall Racing begins on Oct. 8 and continues, Wed. through Sun., until the end of the month. Post time is 1:15p and general admission is \$3. Keeneland is always fun and beautiful in the Fall.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, at 8p Etta May will be at Comedy Off Broadway in Lexington Green. Nationally known local favorite, Etta May will have you rolling with laughter. By the time you read this we have probably already bought tickets for reserved seating. You may still be able to attend, call Jane or Ginger at 253-0061

For some free "high brow" entertainment, join us at the N. Y. Metropolitan Opera tryouts on Saturday, Oct. 30th at noon at Memorial Hall, UK. Highly accomplished singers will be competing to join the Metropolitan Opera Company.

How about Halloween? Can we put together a costume party? Info, call Ginger and Jane at 859-253-0061 or

MEN OF ALL COLORS TOGETHER

KY Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is a local chapter of a national gay multiracial organization which fosters a supportive environment where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers. For information call 859-351-4453 (Jon) email MACTky@aol.com, or www.mactky.com

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PRIDE CENTER NEWS and ACTIVITIES



389 Waller Ave. 859-253-3233 Mon-Sat we open at 10 am.

We stay open until 5 pm on most days, and on Wed until 7p

Bluegrass Fairness and No on the Amendment now have office space here.

Free Bumper Stickers

Another Person of Faith Voting No on the "Marriage Amendment"

Jamie McDaniel has made bumper stickers for the Campaign. Come and pick one up at the Pride Center any day. Jamie is the coordinator for SoulForce Lexington. More information about SoulForce on page 4.

There will not be an October LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Discussion Group

The discussion group meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Pride Center and is open to all. We strive to make this a safe space where you can be yourself. If you are just coming out, or are new to the community, this is a great place to come meet some good people.

If, on the other hand, you have been out forever and would like to participate in some lively discussions, please join us. For more info contact Jane at lady-janey@yahoo.com

UK Support Group

A new GLBTQ support Group is starting at UK. meeting on Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45. Not a therapy group or social club, just a safe place to get support. We will talk about issues that can sometimes be difficult to discuss including: coming out, flirting, sexuality, spirituality, family, employment, relationships, homophobia.

This group is free and for UK/LCC students only. Facilitators: Colby Cohen-Archer, PH.D and Sherry Rostosky, PH.D. Call 257-8701 or crcohe2@uky.edu

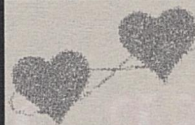
A Secret love

Janet Sager and Joyce McPherson, a lesbian couple from Danville, had 38 wonderful years together. Sadly, all 38 of the years they shared were kept hidden deep in the closet, due to their fear of the societal stigma.

Joyce departed this life in May of 2003. Janet, guided by the memory and spirit of Joyce, has taken her physical loss and transformed it into an energetic work promoting equality and acceptance for the GLBT communities.

Janet burst from the closet by opening JB's Place, named after Joyce, and an up and coming Pride Center smack dab in the middle of Danville.

Janet has now compiled a CD chronicling hers and Joyce's life together entitled "A Secret Love." This CD is available for purchase. The price is only \$5 and the CD will be available at The Pride Center or by calling Janet at 859-238-7307. Also available are copies of a book that Joyce wrote titled "Holey Bible." This book takes a satirical look at the gaps and contradictions in the Holy Bible. The book will sell for \$10 and is also available at The Pride Center or by calling Janet.



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Spiritual Resources

INTEGRITY

Integrity is a group dedicated to exploring issues within the Episcopal Church and Christianity as they relate to GLBT people. It meets every second Sunday at Saint Michael The Archangel Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Drive in Lexington. The October gathering will be Sunday October 10 at 4 p.m. in the Chapter Room of the church. The group is very pleased to host the new rector of St Michael, The Reverend Steve Teague. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend and participate.

St Mychal The Martyr

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive. Rev Ken Waibel performs mass every Sunday at 10:30. The OCCA performs blessings of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women to the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

The Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church, and is open to married, divorced, and single individuals, welcoming all persons regardless of the blessings or problems of their lives.

Society of Friends - Quakers

Do you seek a religious home, without creeds or required statements of belief? Are you looking for a meaningful spiritual community? Are you concerned for peace, justice and reconciliation? We invite you to join us for silent worship where we do not have the complications of rituals or programs. We believe that in such periods of quiet waiting we can open to spiritual resources which will enable us to live more calmly, more compassionately and more creatively in this chaotic age. Sundays, 10:30a-11:30a, 649 Price Avenue, Phone 254-3319. Everyone is welcomed.



Unitarian Universalist Church

The UU Church of Lexington actively supports the GLBT community and its work for civil rights including the right to marry. Our Board of Directors recently passed a declaration in support of No on the Amendment. Our Sunday services are at 9:15 and 11 am. There is religious education for children during the second service. There is also a teen group; this year we are looking at Eastern Religious beliefs, although discussions also turn to US politics. For information visit www.uucl.org

Unitarian Universalists do not have a dogma or creed ...continued on next page



St. Mychal the Martyr Parish

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"A Christian community celebrating diversity"

that defines the beliefs of all members. Our UUA President has suggested that we each work on an elevator speech, a short response to the question What is a Unitarian Universalist? that we can say before the elevator gets to the top floor.

One answer to his suggestion reads: Unitarian Universalism grew out of Christianity with the Unitarians believing in the unity of God and the Universalists believing in universal salvation. (One reason we are called the no hell church).

We have developed into a religion that draws spiritual wisdom from many different sources. It is a place where people come together to share and learn from each other's spiritual journey.

We help each other in our search for God or the sacred, even though we realize that each person's vision of God or the sacred is different. We believe in the importance of individual conscience, spiritually and socially, as well as the responsibility that comes with that freedom.

Erin Christman. UU in Minnesota

Not all UUs would be comfortable with the emphasis on spirituality and God in this statement. But we all welcome the chance to discuss such issues. There will be an active Adult Ed program at church this year. For more info see www.uucl.org

Gay Spirituality Icon #8

By Fr. Ken Waibel

The second in our series of GLBT spirituality consolation icons (those icons that surface from positive experiences in our lives) is best named: Wisdom is Power. Contrasted with the rather famous saying Silence = Death; knowledge, and doing something with it, equals life and strength. Much like our last icon (Being Out) speaking the truth of what one knows might initially bring on some hardships but will always bring about an eventual good.

Let's try putting this another way: Many of us GLBT persons have been forced by our churches and social structures to prove to ourselves our worth both to self and to God. We have had to wrestle with rather loud preachers who proclaim, in the name of Jesus, that we gay folk are damned to hell and are the spawn of a horrible new way. The secret agenda, organized by folks who usually hardly know each other's names, is destructive to the very fabric of life itself and certainly will destroy the family unit.

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<p>31</p> <p>9 a Voter ID Walk- PC 9:15 & 11 UU Church Service First Sunday Lunch 10:30 a Mass @ St. Mychal the Martyr 4 p Integrity at St Michaels 6 p SisterSound rehearsal</p>	<p>More information about many of these events is in this newsletter. You can call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page. Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC. Call for Place may be abbreviated - Call</p>				<p>1</p> <p>Pride Center open til 5pm 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 a Voter ID Walk- PC 9a Frontrunners / Frontwalkers Arboretum Pride Center Open 10 - 3 1:30p Bowling Fairness 8 pm Diversity in Gender - call</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>9 a Voter ID Walk- PC 9:15 & 11 a UU Church Service 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal 6 p SisterSound rehearsal 7p MACT PC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>GLSO Board Meeting 7:30 pm Tenemos una persona que puede hablar español en la oficina cada a las 3 pm hasta 5 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7pm GSA for Youth ages 15 - 20 call mary for place 266-5904 Pride Center Open til 5</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:45 Frontrunners/ Frontwalkers Arboretum 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA -call</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pride Center open til 5pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pride Center open til 5pm 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 a Voter ID Walk- PC 9a Frontrunners/ Frontwalkers Arboretum Pride Center Open 10-5</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9 a Voter ID Walk- PC 9:15 & 11am UU Church Service 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal 1 pm Lyons Brunch Mia's 6 pm Imperial Court PC 6 pm SisterSound rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm Gay Straight Alliance for youth (Call Mary for place or info 266-5904) Pride Center open til 5pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 pm Faimes Steering Committee, P C Pride Center open til 5pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 pm Discussion Group 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA 9:30 ICK Diva of Darkness Pageant Club 141</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pride Center open til 5pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pride Center open til 5pm 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 a Voter ID Walk- PC 9a Frontrunners/ Frontwalkers Arboretum Pride Center Open 10-5</p>

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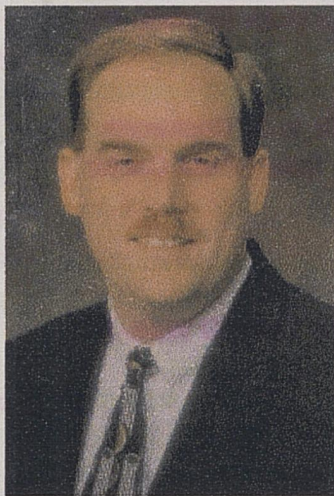
To counteract this nonsense we GLBT persons have had to arm ourselves with wisdom and truth. We have had to study the Sacred Scriptures of Christians, Hebrews and Muslims (often in the original language) in order to see that what is quoted as truth in modern times is not necessarily what was spoken or intended by the author or community represented.

We have had to learn the civil law, and learn it well, to arm ourselves with whatever words may be present that protect and defend who and what we are. We have become wise. We have become armed with truth. And therefore we have become dangerous.

This wrestling with dogma and law (religious and civil zealots) is tiring and can quickly lead to despair and isolation. Sad to say that many GLBT persons have

already given up on God, and certainly on Church, and find it almost impossible to trust any church figure or teaching. The positive aspect of this struggle is that it makes us stronger and more likely to be heard by those educated within our society.

Ever GLBT person has had such a struggle. Whether academic or personal, we have had to search inside for what we know to be true. Did God create us this way? YES! Does God love us this way? YES! Are we good citizens, good parents, good employees, good spouses, and good neighbors? YES!! Do we have justification in the Sacred Scriptures of the Hebrews and Christians and Muslims? YES we do, but it takes some study to see them. This study is worth it. It makes us strong. It will change the world.



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No on the Amendment What You Can Do... Continued

In addition to the volunteer activities listed on pages 1 and 2, you can help defeat this amendment by talking to people you know and by writing a letter to the editor of your local paper. Here are some ideas for talking or writing. Use these to build personal statements or letters. Send letters to your local paper and include your full name, address & phone.

I have two women friends who have lived together for many years. One is 65, the other is in her 50s. The older of the two has had to retire and has poor drug coverage. If these two were married or domestic partners, she could be on the younger woman's group insurance. I think it is unfair for these two women not to have the benefits other married couples have.

It seems to me that a strong society is built on strong, committed relationships where people take care of each other. I am pleased that gay and lesbian people want to be a part of making good, solid communities. I believe their relationships are important to all of us, and that is why I opposed the constitutional amendment.

This year's constitutional amendment on the ballot opposes not only same sex marriage but any similar relationships for all unmarried people. What are they saying? It's better not to be in a relationship than in one? There are all kinds of relationships and families these days. I think all of them need our support.

All families are important. Families today take many forms: blended families, containing children from previous marriages; single mothers or fathers raising children; big extended families who always have room for one more in their home. Gay people are a part of these families and are creating families all over this country. They

are very active as foster parents because they are willing to take children other people will not. I value all families: that's why I oppose this divisive amendment.

It is no surprise that people disagree with each other over same sex marriage. It is a new idea for most of us. However, from the media and from our own family members telling us about their gay lives, we are learning how gay people love and honor one another. So why not marriage? Their marriage takes nothing away from me. In fact, I think society will be stronger.

When my friend died of devastating cancer, his lifelong partner was kept from his bedside by the dying man's family. I have never seen such heartbreak. People who love each other should be able to protect each other and share all of life's passages. I think this constitutional amendment divides families and loved ones, not unite and strengthen them.

Gay people can live together in a loving relationship for a lifetime and yet when one dies, the survivor doesn't get the other's social security benefit. This seems wrong. Why should my gay friends not get the same protections in their old age as my heterosexual friends?

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are basic promises of the US Constitution. Don't we want them to apply to everyone, no matter what race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation? I believe that getting married is part of the pursuit of happiness. I think gay people should be able to pursue the same kinds of happiness that the Constitution promises heterosexuals.

Gay people pay taxes just like you and I do. They should be protected by the Constitution. Their relationships should have legal recognition, just like yours and mine. They should be able to participate in all the institutions of a free and democratic society.

TAKING A STAND IN KY

by Suzanne Pharr

*Suzanne Pharr, political activist and theorist, author of two books, **In the Time of the Right: Reflections on Liberation and Homophobia: a Weapon of Sexism.** Suzanne is also founder of the Women's Project out of Little Rock, Arkansas who's mission is to end racism and sexism. Suzanne travels the country supporting the efforts of civil rights activists throughout the United States who are involved in fights against the religious right. She has joined KY NO on the Amendment Campaign.*

For good or bad, I'm pretty well known among my friends and political colleagues as someone who has opposed marriage of all kinds since my early 20s. And here I am, working on Kentucky's NO on the Amendment campaign. It's not the place I expected to be but here's why.

Since the 1980s, I have monitored the activities of the right-wing in this country. I've written about them, and I've worked on campaigns to defeat their electoral strategies. One thing I know about the Right is that they have no piecemeal strategies: everything is of a larger piece. Almost every electoral strategy has multiple goals, all focused on the future. The overall goal is to build, build, build: a larger constituency, greater power on every level, and a sea change in thinking throughout this country.

It's not about simply Democrats and Republicans; it's about the merger of church and state, with power in the hands of a few. It goes to the heart of the question of whether we will have a diverse, pluralistic society working toward human rights for all or whether we will have a central religious and economic authority

that will dictate the limits of our freedom.

I see the constitutional amendments prohibiting same sex marriage on the ballots of 11 states this fall as part of this larger agenda. I simply had to come to Kentucky to work for two months on the NO on the Amendment Campaign. There are two questions to be addressed here: 1) why 11 constitutional amendments at this particular time, and 2) why is Kentucky important?

Why 11 constitutional amendments? One answer is that the LGBT movement has done successful organizing over the past 35 years, and the Right wants to stop our part of the cultural revolution. We are a piece of their overall effort to destroy the gains of the Civil Rights Movement and its children: the Women's Movement, the People with Disabilities Movement, etc. We represent the values of autonomy and freedom, equality and justice.

Other reasons are both practical and political. One is that they have had significant success in using people's homophobia as a way to move many wedge issues and to get out the vote. They hope unmotivated voters will be riled up enough to come out and vote for the amendment and cast a vote for conservative candidates. Their overall base will be increased.

Another is that the Right wants to set a course for bypassing activist judges and to take issues to the people for a vote. The Right has had a successful strategy in acquiring control of media outlets, especially small radio stations. They have a strong organizing base in churches. Using these, they can easily shape a lot of public opinion to vote their way.

These same sex marriage constitutional amendments open the way for many more to come. Since the 1970s, the Right has been enraged by *Roe v. Wade*. Now, with constitu-

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tional amendment victories behind them, the Right can take reproductive rights to a popular vote. Immigration issues. Affirmative action. The list goes on, progressive issue after progressive issue.

Why is it important for us to face off on this issue in Kentucky? Simply put, it is critical to stop the Right here in the middle of their own base in the South. Southerners of good conscience have to hold the line here. Nowhere would a victory for the LGBT community and all progressives have greater national impact than here.

The other reason it is important to have a strong, victorious campaign here is because we have a good chance to win. Kentucky has the infrastructure laid by the Fairness Campaign and the Kentucky Fairness Alliance over the past 15 years. Our polling shows that people have become accustomed to thinking about the LGBT community, discrimination, and equal rights.

The constitutional amendment provides Kentucky with an excellent opportunity to build on that work: to develop a larger voter list, identify more leaders, get more volunteers involved, and educate more people about the broad issues of fairness and justice. It gives Kentucky a chance to build the necessary progressive infrastructure for fighting off future attacks and for building a state with human rights for everyone.

To reach these goals, thousands of undecided voters (read: confused or maybe lacking good information) must be talked to face to face. That means, teams of volunteers going door to door, giving information and identifying voters. Volunteers are needed for database entry, for phone banks, for recruiting other people to be involved, for fundraising, for distributing materials. Money is also needed. There are of

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The campaign is staffed and rolling. There are field staff in Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Henderson, Lexington, Louisville, and Owensboro. The press is giving us good coverage. There are internet communications, web site, and direct mail. House parties and direct donor asks are happening all over the state. Over 1500 people have been involved in some way in the campaign thus far. There is a way for every interested person to participate, give us a call.

I came to Kentucky to work on the NO on the Amendment Campaign after I finally had to say to myself: "Suzanne, be smart and look at the larger picture here. Don't be duped into thinking this is simply about same sex marriage. It is about destroying any efforts for personal freedom, equality and justice in this country. Pack your bags and go to Kentucky."

I invite all of you to join me, Mandy Carter, Pat Hussain, the campaign staff and leadership team, and our hundreds of volunteers in this important moment in the struggle for justice for everyone. You will be empowered by this work. Please consider giving a donation, an evening or weekend of phone banking or door knocking, or taking a week's vacation to join us for the last 10 days of the campaign.

In Lexington: Netta Brooks at 396-5251 netta@noamendmentky.com (office now at the GLSO Pride Center)

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Jim Keller 278-0947

Wishing Chair

We do not have concert dates in Kentucky in October, but if you are going to Women's Week in Provincetown we will be playing on Oct. 15 at the UU Meeting House with Lucie Blue Tremblay.

We are spending time this month and next in the studio recording our next CD. The fundraising effort has been going well but we still have a ways to go. If you would like to help, check out the partial donations levels listed below or on our web site. www.wishingchair.com. Make a donation and receive a signed copy of our CD in the Spring. Thank you to all who have donated so generously already.

Wishing Chair has been booked on the Olivia Cruise Line tour to Alaska, May 8-15, 2005. Thanks to all who have been singing our praises to them -- it worked! We would love to have Ky folks join us. Let them know that part of your reason for going is us! Visit Olivia's web site at <http://www.olivia.com/cruises>.

We continue to devote time and energy to raising money for environmental, peace, human rights and diversity causes we believe in such as PFLAG, The Freedom to Marry Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, Re-Tree Lexington and Amnesty International

Wishing Chair Donation Levels

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**Mail to: Wishing Chair, PO Box 187,
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Saturday, Oct. 16

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Like most other non-profit organizations, GLSO has less money this year to operate the Pride Center and continue all our great programs. You can help by subscribing to this newsletter, becoming a GLSO New Sponsor for 2005, or by making a donation. Here are some details.

GLSO Sponsorships

It is time to consider being a sponsor of GLSO. We will be sending out letters to current newsletter sponsors by Nov. 1. Here is information about levels of sponsorship. Each level includes everything on previous level with the exception of number and type of free ads.

These levels were designed with organizations or businesses in mind. We are in the process of designing individual donor levels.

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State Employees Donate to GLSO

If you are a Kentucky state agency employee you can donate to the Lexington Gay Lesbian Service Organization (GLSO) through payroll deduction. Each year, as part of the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC), state employees donate millions of dollars to such charities as United Way and the Christian Appalachian Fund, all very deserving organizations.

For the last two years I've been able to target my KECC donation directly to the GLSO. I think its a great way to help "my" community by helping GLSO keep the Pride Center open, publish the GLSO News and continue all the great work that put the "S" in GLSO.

If you are a state employee and would like to donate to GLSO through KECC here's what you do. When you get your KECC form fill in the box labeled "Other" like this:

Organization name: Lexington Gay
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Address: P.O. Box 1172

City: Lexington State: KY

Zip: 40588-1172

Amount: BE GENEROUS!!!

At the end of the year GLSO will receive your donation minus a ten percent processing fee (that's what all the other charities get too). If you want GLSO to be notified of your donation just include your name and address at the bottom.

It's fast, easy, and tax deductible. If you want more information check out the KECC web site at www.kecc.org or email Jane at ladyjaneky.org.

Ky. Fairness Alliance, Bluegrass Chapter Seeks Steering Committee Members

The Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) invites applicants to join the organization's steering committee. KFA is a statewide, non-partisan network of people and organizations dedicated to:

Promoting equality for all people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Educating the public about the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Facilitating the passage of information between local and statewide efforts.

Supporting local efforts that are consistent with the goals of the Alliance.

KFA seeks to advance equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people through leadership development, public education, and by encouraging participation in the democratic process.

We especially encourage applications from people of diverse ages, sexual orientations, ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. Responsibilities of board members include:

Clarifying and overseeing the organization's mission and taking responsibility for long-range planning

Establishing policies for the organization's operations

Raising funds for and giving funds to the organization

Overall fiscal and legal responsibility of the organization

Membership on the Steering Committee of the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance offers exciting opportunities to work for progressive social change. The organization is an active one, with Steering Committee members meeting monthly. In addition, service involves about 5-10 hours a month of related work, including committee planning and assignments, e-mail and other

communications, conference calls, and fundraising activities. Steering Committee terms are for two years and will begin in January 2005.

In January, we will be preparing for the next Ky Legislative session. There are likely to be more bills with anti-gay content brought up for a vote. We need new members to help us prepare to work against such legislation.

Interested persons may apply by completing the on-line form at www.bluegrass-fairness.org/form. Those selected to serve will be notified by phone and/or U.S. mail. Announcements of new members will be made in November 2004. Questions can be directed to Mahjabeen Rafiuddin at mrafiudd@nccj.org or Jerry Thomas at jerry.thomas@eku.edu.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

The Central Kentucky Chapter of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC) is a progressive organization that includes work for gay rights among their projects. The meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Living Arts and Science Center, 362 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, (corner of MLK and 4th Street.)

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth believes in the power of citizens, working together, to challenge injustices, right wrongs and improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians. GLBT people need to be supportive of KFTC and other groups that are allies to us. We should consider being active participants, becoming allies in the work that is being done to make our country more free and more just.

KFTC has an anti-discrimination work team that has participated in the work for GLBT Rights. KFTC invites you to their meetings. Contact jllynjenks@msn.com or call Janet at 389-8575.

DISCOVER ARBONNE

by Dani Vandivere

My name is Dani Vandivere, cancer survivor, advocate and an independent Arbonne International consultant. Arbonne is a Swiss health and wellness company with all products made in the USA. Arbonne uses no animal by-products, no petrochemicals, no dyes or chemical fragrances. We are botanically based, pH correct, hypoallergenic, Dermatologist tested, and never tested on animals.

I will be demonstrating Arbonne products at the Pride Center on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2 pm. Come learn about healthy alternatives for skin care, make-up, aromatherapy, nutrition and diet. Many of our products are herbal and they are reasonably priced. At this free demonstration you will have the opportunity to try our products before purchasing.

Did you know that what you put on your skin goes directly into your bloodstream? There are now many medications on the market that come in transdermal patches, including patches to help you stop smoking, for pain relief, appetite suppression and hormone replacement. They work because the skin is not a barrier, but actually absorbs much of what it comes into contact with. Just as these medications enter your blood stream, so do a variety of skin care products.

Just as you read the labels on the foods and medications you use, why not take the time to read the labels on what you put on your skin. Your skin is a living organ that needs to breathe and be nourished.

What do the following items have in common? Motor oil, Vaseline, Mineral oil, Wax candles, Acetone, SD40 alcohol, and Animal fat. One or more of these items are found in 98% of skin care products on the market in the USA today. When people tell

me that all skin care products are alike, I say, "Well you are 98% correct".

Petroleum based products all come from crude oil, like Pennzoil only refined to various levels. Wax candles are most often paraffin, carnuba, or candalia. Alcohol dries or dehydrates the area of application, this sends a message to your brain to send more oil, and people suffering with already oily skin have to fight increasing oil when they use products with alcohol.

Animal fat is found in most soap and used as a base for many skin care products. Lanolin is frequently used in body lotions. Did you know that lanolin is derived from sheep -- technically sheep sweat -- and it causes many skin allergies, and leaves a residue on the skin that is not easily removed? Imagine the soap residue on your shower. If you wanted to use most of the above items on your skin, go to the hardware store to buy them, it will save you lots of money!

Thankfully, there is an alternative to using these harmful, aging ingredients. You can use skin care that are herbal and botanical based, pure, safe and beneficial and reasonably priced. As an Arbonne independent consultant, I will listen to your needs, answers your questions and help you to design your own personal system. You can learn about toxin awareness, why you shouldn't use anything containing animal by-products and petrochemicals, how to regain your natural balance and take steps to prevent cancer, disease and premature aging. Discover how to take 5-10 years off your face!

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Volunteers Needed

The Best Friends Day Center is interested in recruiting individuals to volunteer at the center, which is a day program for individuals with memory impairment. We run a dementia-specific program designed to provide persons with memory loss a safe, fun environment and offer family members a break from the often 24-hour caregiving role.

Volunteers at the Best Friends Center provide companionship to program participants during staff-led activities such as art expression, singing, reminiscing, group exercises and games. We are always looking for volunteers who are flexible, have a

sense of humor, and possess a willingness to offer time and friendship. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Janice Paul at 266.5283, or janice.paul@alz.org.

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