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## PRIDE PICNIC

The Pride Picnic, the largest queer pot luck in Kentucky and our best-attended pride event, will be Sunday, June 16 at Windy Knoll Farm, rain or shine. There is a large indoor arena in case it rains. Parking may be tight, so come with a friend. There is no charge (**Directions on page 14**)

The Picnic will have excellent entertainment including **Wishing Chair**, whose new CD **Crow** will be available and **The Queen City Rainbow Band**, a marching band and flag corp from Cincinnati, who will be making their Kentucky debut.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share using this last name division as a guide. We vary this each year but if you have a favorite dish that does not fit the list, bring it on.

**A-K Main Dish**

**L-S Salad or Side Dish**

**T-W Dessert**

Cold Drinks and water will be sold by GLSO to help cover the costs. There are lots of expenses involved in organizing the picnic, including renting sound equipment, tables, porta potties, and buying paper products and fried chicken. Selling drinks, raffle tickets and pride items help meet these costs and insure its continuation.

In addition to food, you might want to bring sunscreen, lawn chairs or a blanket to make yourself comfortable, and money to spend at the vendor tables. Please do not bring alcohol; we don't want to offend the horses.

## Coronation XXI Fiesta Royale

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will present Coronation XXI, Fiesta Royale on Sunday, June 9th at the Radisson Plaza Hotel on Vine Street in Lexington. The ceremony will mark the climax of a weekend of events celebrating the spectacular success of Reign XX. Under the leadership of Empress Natalie Gaye and Emperor Chris Rhorer, the Imperial Court has raised more than \$35,000 for charities in the Bluegrass Region during the past year.

A highlight of the evening will be a command performance by former Empress of New York City, Fiona St. James, a member of the cast of HBO's landmark series *Oz*. Other features include election of the new Empress and Emperor for Reign XXI. Imperial Crown Princess XX J. D. Vaughn and Countess XX Nicole Diamond will vie for the title of Empress XXI and Imperial Crown Prince

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XX, Orvis Kean will seek the confidence of the voting membership to be Emperor XXI.

Kentucky artist Robert Morgan will be presented with the organization's highest honor, the James F. Herndon (Sweet Evening Breeze), Lifetime Achievement Award. Elections will also be held for the Board of Directors and the Henry Faulkner Community Service Award. Nominees for the Faulkner Award include, Mary Crone, Harold Hamilton (AKA Cheyenne), Dale Lee Hodge (AKA Tiffany Andrews), Terry Mullins and John Ridener.

Attendees will be treated to command performances by Empress Fiona and the reigning Empress of Cincinnati Gypsy Russell; the reigning Empress of San Antonio, Kristie Pe'Vey; Imperial Crown Princess of Kentucky XVIII, Taylor Bryce; Empress XVII of Kentucky, Eden Towers; Empress II of Cincinnati, Kate Central Parkway and a special command performance by the first Imperial Court Entertainer of the Year winner, Nicole Diamond.

Production numbers staged by Former Miss Gay USA at Large, Chelsea Pearl, will be performed by members of the line of descent and the cast from the newly renovated Gilded Cage Showroom at The Bar Complex in Lexington.

Events surrounding Fiesta Royale begin on Friday June 7th with the In-Town Show at Club 141. Saturday's fare features the State Dinner, The Out-Of-Town Show and The Nine-Inch Males Review. Sunday night's Coronation will be followed up by a Victory Brunch on Monday morning. All events, locations and costs are listed on page 3. For tickets call Michael at 252-2867. For other court news, see page 20.

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# Pride Month

## A Prideful Past

### Pride Concert

The Lexington Men's Chorus presents its tenth Pride Concert on Saturday, June 8 at the Opera House at 8 pm. They will be presenting their own version of "The Producers", the recent Broadway hit.

Milton and Randy will be playing the Nathan Lane and Mathew Broderick characters. These "Lexington producers" will be working on a scheme to stage "The World's Gayest Musical." As they have "tryouts" you will hear selections from Maime, Sunset Boulevard, Evita, Oklahoma, The Lion King, and The Producers.

Tickets are \$20 and \$15 and are available from chorus members or by calling 269-9739 or online at [www.lmcky.org](http://www.lmcky.org).

### Integrity and Dignity

Dignity and Integrity are sponsoring a potluck social for all GLBT people of faith and GLBT supportive religious/spiritual organizations in the community. Join us on Sunday, June 9, at the Pride Center at 1 pm. All independent faith organizations and church groups are welcome to bring information about themselves to share.

This event is open to everyone, there is no charge, so come get to know people of a variety of faith traditions, look over information about a variety of organizations, and meet share a good meal. Former MCC members are especially welcome.

Bring a dish to share if you can, your presence is more important than the dish. For more information contact Lynn at 335-8635 or Cary at [cary@yahoo.com](mailto:cary@yahoo.com).

Dignity has recently been "visited" by an undercover member of a right wing Catholic group -see page 16

## A Powerful Future

### Unitarian Universalist Church

Our Pride Service will be on June 2 at 10:45, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. Rev. Cynthia Cain's sermon is entitled "The End of the Rainbow". Interweave will be going out to lunch after the service, please join us.

### Coronation Events

#### Friday, June 7 In Town Show

Club 141 Doors open 8:30, show 9:30 \$5 donation.

#### Saturday June 8 State Dinner

Radisson Plaza Hotel Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30, \$25 in advance

#### Out of Town Show

Club 141 8:30 \$5 donation

#### Nine Inch Males Review

Club 141 10:30 \$5 donation

#### Sunday June 9

#### Coronation XXI - Fiesta Royale

Radisson Plaza Hotel  
Doors open 5:30 Ceremony at 6  
Tickets \$10 donation in advance  
\$20 donation at the door

#### Monday June 10 Victory Brunch

Radisson Plaza Hotel 11 am  
\$20 donation at the door.

## GAY PRIDE SHOW



Tiffany & Company invites you to Crossings, 117 N. Limestone on Wed., June 19th for our 3rd Annual Gay Pride Show! Your \$5 donation promises you a night of fabulous entertainment! The Entertainers for the evening are: Tiffany Andrews, Val E Sheridan, Rayna Starr,

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## ***Pride Events continued***

Mescha, Miss Sheena, Stacey Bryant, and Briana Carey. Show begins at 10 p.m. with all of the proceeds going to Moveable Feast. Come and show your pride and support for what promises to be a fantastic evening for a wonderful charity!

### **"Bear" Chest Contest**

Join the Moonshine Bears for a fundraiser for Moveable Feast and "Bear" Chest Contest Saturday June 8th at CROSSINGS in Lexington. Cash prizes for the best "bear" chest and runner-up will be awarded. Anyone interested in competing can sign-up at Crossings anytime, up until 10 PM the night of the contest. The competition will be hosted by Dale Lee aka Tiffany Andrews. The Club will also sponsor a 50/50 cash raffle and jello shooters. A \$2 donation at the door will benefit Moveable Feast.

**Men's Night Out** will show *Torch Song Trilogy* at the Pride Center at 7 pm on thursday, June 13. Please join us for this classic gay movie.



**Lesbian Movie Night** will show *Desert Hearts* on Fri., June 14, at 7 pm. Join us at the Pride Center, bring a snack to share.

### **Jubilee Fellowship**

On Thursday, June 20, at 7 pm at the Pride Center, Jubilee Fellowship will facilitate a discussion on "Coming Out to God." If you are seeking a safe place to consider God's invitation to come out, please make plans to attend. Jubilee Fellowship meets in the home of Rev. Corina every Wed. night at 7 pm. For more information call 264-7006 or email CWBM121893@aol.com. .

## **Rainbow Volley Ball League Tournament**



A volley ball tournament starting a 9 am will be held on Saturday, June 22 at the Dunbar Center, 545 N. Upper. Bring a team and play for your favorite charity. No admission. For info contact Larry Collins at AVOL 222-1918, Steve Medley at the Fayette Co. Health Dept, 288-2456 or Mark Johnson at Volunteers of America 254-3469,

## **Pride Reading**

This year the Pride Reading will take place at the Pride Center and is open to all interested readers and listeners. Join us on Saturday, June 22 at 11 am We encourage you to bring poetry, short fiction, nonfiction, or whatever you write even if it fits none of these categories. We would certainly enjoy hearing some music from the song writers in the community.

We will provide light brunch food, and would appreciate contributions. Call Davina if you know you want to read at 361-9509. If you don't call ahead, bring your work; there will probably be time for everyone to participate.

## **ACTOUT Theater Group The Laramie Project**



**The Laramie Project** by--  
Moises Kaufman directed by Homer Tracey will be presented the last two weekends in June. Join us at the Central Library Theater in downtown Lexington

**The Laramie Project** chronicles life in Laramie, Wyoming during the year following the murder of Matthew Shepard. It is a breathtaking theatrical collage that explores the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights of compassion of which we are capable.

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**Show Times: 2 pm Sunday 23rd and 8 pm Sat 22nd, Fri 28th, and Sat 29th**

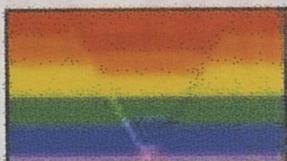
The play will feature Shayne Brakefield, Rose Coleman, Buzz Cornelison, Dana Lynn Floro, Josh Paugh, Marcus Roland, Ron Sarver, Michael Thompson, and Whitney West.

### Transgender Movies

At 2 pm on Sunday

June 23, at the Pride Center Diversity films presents the documentary **OUTLAW**, featuring Leslie Feinberg who self-identifies as a "gender outlaw." In this film, Feinberg presents hir (pronounced here) life experiences and encourages the audience to consider a different way of looking at gender. Feinberg is the author of *Stone Butch Blues*, *Transgender Warriors*, and *Trans Liberation, Beyond Pink and Blue*. S/he (or Sie) is considered to be one of the most influential activists in the movement for GLBT rights. Sie is also the winner of the Lambda Literary Award.

We will also show the feature film, **Hedwig and the Angry Inch**, an anatomically incorrect rock odyssey. (if we are able to hook a DVD player up to our TV.) Hedwig is a transgender glam-rocker who is leading her rock band on a tour of the U.S., telling her life story through a series of concerts at Bilgewater Inn seafood restaurants. Her tour dates coincide with those of arena-rock star Tommy Gnosis, a wide-eyed boy who once loved Hedwig... but then left with all her songs. Hedwig wears no less than 41 outfits during the film, contributing to the tendency of reviewers to refer to her as a drag queen. Hedwig is beyond that label-she transends gender. This movie should have received several Academy Award nominations. Join us for a fun afternoon.



## Lake Cumberland Pride

As a new group to Kentucky we invite all to join us in our first Pride Picnic at Alpine Park in Daniel Boone Nat. Forest on Sunday June 23 at 3 pm.

[www.r8web.com/boone/picnicSOM.htm](http://www.r8web.com/boone/picnicSOM.htm)

## Bowling Tournament



The Rainbow Bowling League, the Thoroughbred Invitational Tournament, Inc. and the Bluegrass Chapter of the KFA are jointly sponsoring the Fourth annual Rainbow City Scotch Doubles No-tap Bowling Competition.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2001, at Collins Southland Lanes, 205 Southland Drive. The entry fee is \$12 per person. Registration begins at 2 pm, bowling at 3. Bowling should be completed by 5. There will be cash prizes, as well as a chance to win a 50 \ 50 raffle. The organization with the best score will have its name inscribed on the traveling trophy.

In Scotch Doubles No-tap, knocking down nine pins (as opposed to ten) is scored as a strike and two people bowl each frame as partners in strict rotation. An established average is not required and no experience in bowling is necessary. If you do not have a partner, we will find one for you during registration. All you need to do is bring yourself.

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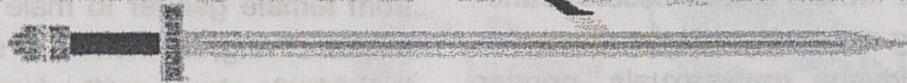
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**Saturday June 8, 2002**

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**RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL**

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**COCKTAILS 5:30 PM; DINNER & AWARDS 6 PM**

**OUT OF TOWN SHOW**

**CLUB 141, \$5 DONATION**

**SHOW 8:30 PM**

**9" MALES IN REVIEW**

**CLUB 141, \$5 DONATION**

**SHOW 11:30 PM**

**Sunday, June 9, 2002**

**CORONATION XXI**

**\$10 IN ADVANCE; \$15 AT DOOR**

**RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL**

**DOOR 5:30 PM; CEREMONIES 6 PM**

**Monday, June 10, 2002**

**VICTORY BRUNCH**

**RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL**

**11 AM; \$20 AT DOOR**

**For advance ticket information contact Michael  
at 859.252.2867, or see any member of the Board  
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## Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance

LDGA is a social support group for anyone who transcends gender norms and wishes to socialize with other like-minded people to discuss issues we face. The group is free and open to anyone who dresses, acts, or thinks differently from the gender in which they were raised.

Male and female crossdressers, transvestites, drag queens and kings, transgendered individuals, transsexuals, gender outlaws, and gender questioning individuals are welcome. Family members of gender euphoric persons are encouraged to participate as well. We also welcome supportive friends and community members.

The group meets on the second Monday and fourth Sunday of each month at 7 pm in a private home in Lexington. In June we will meet on 10th, but will make other plans for the Sundry meeting. (There are Trans movies at the Pride Center that afternoon.) Email LexDGA@aol.com or call (859)433-

8388 for the location. Meetings are not a substitute for therapy; the group founders do not offer therapy or counseling. You may dress however you feel comfortable.

## FTM & Intersex Listserve

This listserv is open to male-identified transpeople who are making or have already made an official change in status from female gender to male gender (via full-time living, hormones, or surgery) and individuals born with incomplete or ambiguous genitals who identify as male in adulthood. There is a great need among FTMs and intersexuals to disseminate legal and medical information specific to Kentucky as well as a need to discuss social, political, and legal implications of being transgendered.

For privacy, membership to this listserv is restricted. For more information, contact FTMinLex@yahoo.com or view <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FTMinKY>

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# PRIDE CENTER NEWS

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## Pride Center Library Highlights:



### A Proud History

By Jane Minder

What better time than Pride Month to read about the history of GLBT people. You expect to find history in books at the library but so often our history is not on the shelves. Well, at the Pride Center Library you can discover our stories from the beginning of human existence through today. You may find that these true stories of the past are just as compelling as our lives today. Learn about those who came before you and how their lives have lead you to yours. Here is just a sampling of the GLBT history you will find:

The Alyson Almanac: The Fact Book of the Lesbian and Gay Community (HQ 76.25.A48)

The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Movies, Vito Russo (PN 1995.9 H55 R969; VIDEO Cell)

Drag Diaries, Catherine Chermayeff (HQ 77.D38 C522)

Long Road to Freedom: The Advocate History of the Gay and Lesbian Movement, Mark Thompson, ed. (HQ 76.8.U5 L65)

Making History: The Struggle for Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights, 1945-1990, Eric Marcus (HQ 76.8.U5 M36)

One Year After: The Historic March on Washington, D.C. (VIDEO OneY)

The Other Face of Love, Raymond deBecker (HQ 76 O87.B396)

Reports from the Holocaust: The Making of an AIDS Activist, Larry Kramer (RC 607.A26 K73)

Stonewall, Martin Duberman (HQ 76.8.U5 D85 S881)

Surpassing the Love of Men: Romantic Friendship and Love Between Women from the Renaissance to the Present, Lillian Faderman (HQ 75.5.F33)

These and many other books and videos can be check out from the Pride Center Library. The Pride Center at 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100 is open Monday-Saturday, 10-3.

## Mammogram Project

By Sharon Howard

As part of our continuing effort to improve the social, emotional and physical well being of the GLBT community, the GLSO Pride Center is developing a program to provide free screening mammograms to lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women who would not otherwise be able to obtain this necessary and potentially life saving test. The program will provide 15 free mammograms in central Kentucky and 15 free mammograms in 3 separate areas of eastern Kentucky for a total of 60 mammograms.

Workshops will also be held in each of the 4 areas of focus to provide instruction in the need for and the correct method of performing monthly breast self-exams for an additional 200 women.

We have sent a letter of inquiry to four foundations and have all ready received an application from two that are interested in funding our proposal. We need help writing grants for this mammogram project and general grants to fund the daily costs of keeping the Pride Center open. If you are interested in assisting with the grant writing process please call the center at 253-3233. Experience is helpful but certainly not necessary.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:45 am UU Church Pride Service Interweave Lunch 5:30 pm Lex. Men's Chorus 4 pm Imperial Court Pride Center 7 pm HUGS (Call for location)	3 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 7 pm P-FLAG Berea Public Library-Berea 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	4 9 pm Rainbow Bowling Southland Lanes 7 pm Sistahs in the Life Pride Center	5 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship (see article) 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	6	7 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) 8:30 pm Court In Town Show-Club 141	8 Pride Center Open 10-3 10 am Lex. Men's Chorus Executive Committee 10 am Writing Workshop Pride Center 8 pm Men's Chorus Pride Concert -Opera House 6-12 pm For Court Activities see page 3 10 pm Bear Chest Contests Crossings
9 10:45 am UU Church 1 pm Integrity-Dignity Pot Luck Pride Center 5:30 pm Coronation XXI- Fiesta Royale-Radisson 7 pm C.O.L.T.s Pride Cente 7 pm HUGS (Call for location)	10 11 am Court Victory Brunch Radisson 7 pm Fairness Steering Committee-Pride Center 7 pm Lex Dress & Gender Alliance(Call for place) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	11 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 9 pm Rainbow Bowling Southland Lanes	12 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship (See article) 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	13 7 pm Men's Night Out Pride Center	14 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) 7 pm Lesbian Movie Night Pride Center	15 Pride Center Open 10-12
16 10:45 am UU Church 12 - 4 pm Pride Picnic Windy Knoll Farm 7 pm Dignity - Pride Center 7 pm HUGS (Call for location)	17 7 pm GLSO Board Meeting Pride Center 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	18 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 9 pm Rainbow Bowling Southland Lanes	19 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship (See article) 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) 10 pm Gay Pride Show Crossings	20 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship Coming Out to God Discussion Pride Center	21 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	22 Pride Center Open 10-3 9 am Volley Ball Tourna- ment Dunbar Center 11 am Pride Reading & Brunch Pride Center 8 pm The Laramie Project Library Theater
23 10:45 am UU Church 2 pm The Laramie Project Library Theater 2 pm Transgender Movies Pride Center 3 pm Lake Cumberland Picnic Alpine Park 6 pm Imperial Court 7 pm HUGS (Call for locatio)	24 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	25 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 9 pm Rainbow Bowling Southland Lanes	26 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship (See article) 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	27	28 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) 8 pm The Laramie Project Library Theater	29 Pride Center Open 10-3 2 pm Bowling Tournament Collins Southland Lanes 8 pm The Laramie Project Library Theater

## Directions to Pride Picnic Windy Knoll Farm

### 3263 Cleveland Road North

From Lexington, go out of town on Winchester Rd heading east or take New Circle Road around to Winchester Rd. From the intersection of Winchester and New Circle, go 5.5 miles east toward Winchester. Turn left (south) onto Cleveland Rd (RT 1973). Down 1/2 mile on the left will be David's Fork Baptist Church. The Windy Knoll driveway is right next to the church property. A mailbox with the street number 3263 will be on your right, directly across from the driveway. Turn left into this driveway.

From I-75 north or south, take exit 110, Route 60, which is Winchester Rd. Go East on Rt. 60, towards Winchester, about 2 1/2 miles to Cleveland Rd. The directions are then the same as above.

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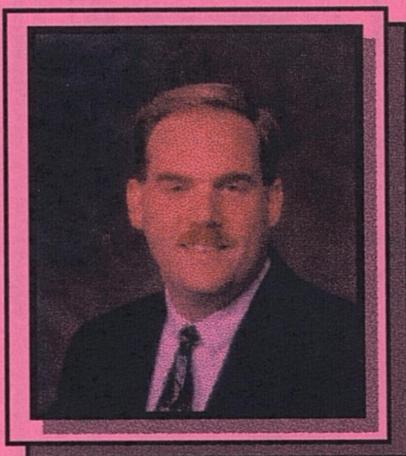
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## Dignity

A right wing Catholic group has been printing information about the local Dignity chapter on its web page, "Against all Heresies", for several months.

Their web address is [www.web-spawner.com/USERS/GAYDIOCES](http://www.web-spawner.com/USERS/GAYDIOCES). Recently, an "undercover" visitor from this group attended a Dignity service at the Pride Center. Information about that meeting then appeared on the web page attacking the group and some of the Catholic Priests in our area that accept and/or actively support Dignity.

The members of the local Dignity chapter have had a variety of reactions, including feeling that their welcoming nature has been betrayed; anger that their words have been taken

out of context, and concern that local members will feel vulnerable. Dignity and Integrity are planning a joint potluck on

Sunday, June 9 and welcome representative of all faith traditions to join them. (see page 3) This would be a great time for people of faith to gather with Dignity and Integrity to support their work.

Dignity holds a regular mass on the third Sunday of each month at 7 pm at the Pride Center and a pot luck get together on the first Sunday of the month. Call Richard for information at 268-1351 Integrity meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on the second Sunday of each month. Call Rev. David Boyd or Rev. Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or [JBIntegrity@aol.com](mailto:JBIntegrity@aol.com). Dignity.

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## **Imperial Court of KY A SUCCESSFUL REIGN**

Reign XX has proven the most successful the Court's 20 year history raising over \$35,000 dollars for local charities. Congratulations to Empress XX, Natalie Gaye and Emperor XX, Chris Rhorer. The designated charity of the reign is Moveable Feast Lexington, a volunteer organization providing home delivered meals and nutritional support to people living with HIV/AIDS in the Lexington/Fayette County area. More than \$13,000 has already been awarded to Moveable Feast during the year.

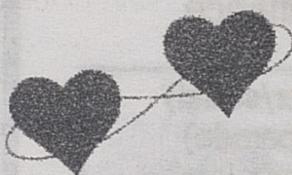
The Femme Fatale 2002 calendar proved the biggest moneymaker for the reign earning more than \$10,000. Other successful projects include the 2002 Falsies Awards Ceremony in April and the Entertainer of the Year shows produced by members of the female line of descent.

We have had a number of activities during the last month. The Court held Miss Derby pride the first week of May. There were six lovely contestants vying for the title, and our congratulations go to Janelle Claiborne, the new Miss Derby Pride 2002. On May 8, ICP 20 JD Vaughn presented a Broadway Show as her contribution to the ICK Entertainer of the Year shows.

On May 15, The Court had its announcement show for ICK Entertainer of the Year for this year. These shows were produced by Empress Natalie's line of descent and the community was treated to several fun and innovative shows. The criteria for winning was the show that raised the most money. Congratulations to Countess Nicole Diamond, who is the Imperial Court Entertainer of the Year. Her show, Hollywood Legends raised \$1081; the combined total of all shows produced was over \$4000. Thanks to Janelle, Nicole, Cavier, Lady Marmalade, and JD for the great events.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky traveled to Buffalo, New York for Coronation 11 on May 19. Those in attendance were Empress 20, Natalie Gaye; Emperor 19, Donnie (EV) Royse; Imperial Crown Princess 20, J.D. Vaughn; Countess, Nicole Diamond; and Prince, Wayne Clayton. Good luck to Clyde and Vicki as they pass the torch. All who attended had a fabulous time and best wishes to Emperor Paul Toy as he continues the hard work of the Buffalo Court.

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## Coming Out To God

The phrase "coming out" is used to mean many different things. My "coming out" experience was a truth acknowledging process. God is the ultimate source and keeper of truth. God does not need us to reveal anything about ourselves for His benefit. He knows all things and sees all things. Coming out to God is about acknowledging to ourselves, as well as to God, our true nature. If we embark on this thing called life determined to do things our way, in our own strength we will most likely end up coming out to God with our fists shaking at the sky declaring we will make it on our own, independent of God. God is a gentleman and will never force His will upon us. He desires that we depend on Him because we want to, not because we have to.

On the other hand if we approach life determined to fulfill the purpose God has placed us here on earth for we will end up coming out to God with our arms open wide to embrace all that He has planned for us. If we are afraid to come out to God we will find life to be a very unpleasant experience for the most part. All of us fall in different places on this spectrum at different times in our lives. Coming out to God is a life-long process. It is personal and unique to every individual.

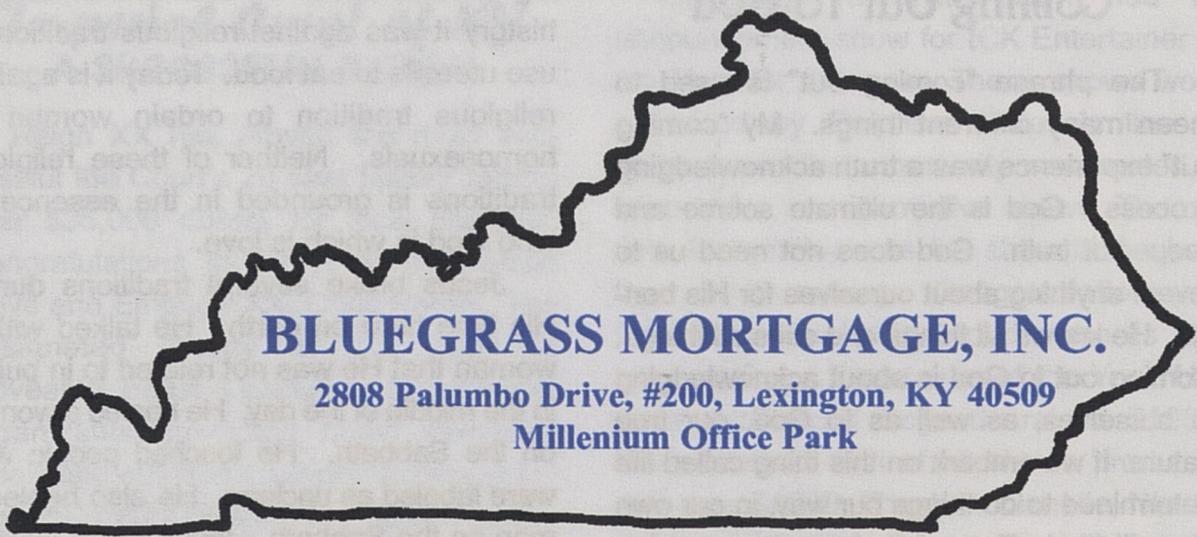
It is sad that many teachings of the mainstream Christian church attempt to dictate who is qualified and who is disqualified to approach the living God. God does not call the qualified but qualifies the called. In the process of coming out to God we must separate what religious traditions teaches versus what the Holy Scriptures reveal about the character of God. The scriptures say that when we look at Jesus we are looking at God. This same Jesus said that religious traditions often times become an obstacle for those seek-

ing to know God. At one time in Church history it was against religious tradition to use utensils to eat food. Today it is against religious tradition to ordain women or homosexuals. Neither of these religious traditions is grounded in the essence of who God is which is love.

Jesus broke several traditions during His time here on earth. He talked with a woman that He was not related to in public in the middle of the day. He healed a woman on the Sabbath. He touched people who were labeled as unclean. He also healed a man on the Sabbath. Jesus never hesitated breaking a tradition if that tradition in some way was hindering the manifestation of God's unconditional love.

Truly, it is rare to run into someone who has a problem with Jesus or His teachings. It is all too common to find people who will not give God a second thought because of traditional teachings of the institutionalized Christian church. Are you among those who have rejected the whole idea of serving God due to the some of the teachings that have come out of the Christian church? If so, it may be worth your while to take a second look at the Jesus of the Bible. He is waiting for you to "come out" to Him. John 6:37 says "All that the Father has given to Me shall come to Me. He who comes to Me I will in no way cast out."

June 20th at 7pm at the Pride Center there will be a discussion on "Coming out to God". If you are seeking a safe place to consider God's invitation to "come out" please make plans to attend. If you are unable to attend Rev. Corina Wood of Jubilee Fellowship can talk with you personally about any questions you might have. Jubilee Fellowship meets in Rev Corina and her spouse Beverly's home on Wed. nights at 7pm for worship and Bible study. Contact us at 264-7006 or email [CWBM121893@aol.com](mailto:CWBM121893@aol.com)



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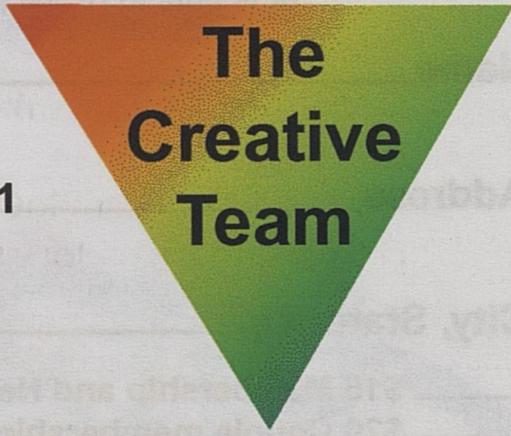
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## Mia's Pride T-Shirt

Local gay artist, Tim Daley, was having a hard time finding a Lexington based Gay Pride shirt. Thinking about it, he approached Maribeth of Mia's about incorporating the gay pride flag into a Mia's T-Shirt. They were very supportive, and he designed a shirt. They bought the design, and printed the shirts just in time for pride month. Although not a pride shirt per se, it does incorporate the gay pride flag very stylishly. The T-shirts are for sale at Mia's 120 S Upper in Lexington.

**Ky BiWay.** a support group for bisexuals will meet at the picnic this month. For information contact Lovingheart at [KYBWay@ureach.com](mailto:KYBWay@ureach.com). Check out our web page at [www.geocities.com/ky/biway](http://www.geocities.com/ky/biway)

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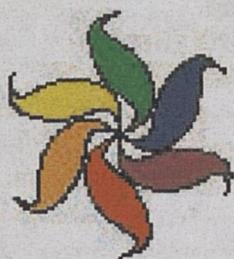
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