

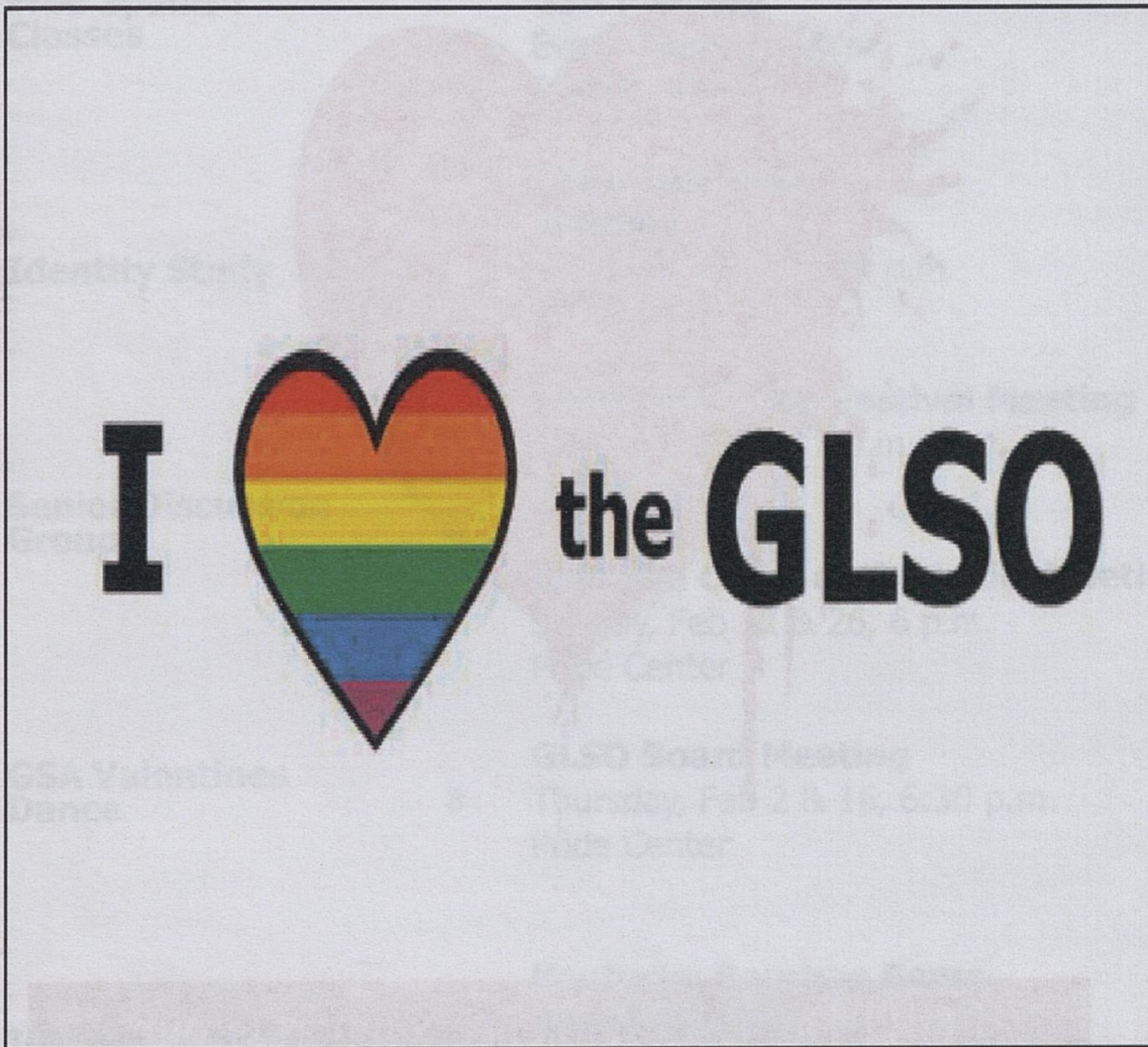
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GSA Meeting

Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Pride Center

Trans Kentucky Meeting

Saturday, Jan 7, 6:30 p.m.
Pride Center

Lexington Pride Festival Meeting

Thursday, Feb 9, 7 p.m.
Pride Center

Imperial Court of Kentucky Meeting

Sunday, Feb 12 & 26, 6 p.m.
Pride Center

GLSO Board Meeting

Thursday, Feb 2 & 16, 6:30 p.m.
Pride Center

Kentucky Bourbon Bears Board Meeting

Saturday, Feb 11, 9 p.m.
Crossings

Domestic Violence Support Group

Every Monday, 7 p.m.
Pride Center

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Don Lowe

The GLSO News is published monthly by and for the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization members and community.

The mission of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to provide support and services to the GLBTQQIA community.

The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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Pride Center Hours

Sun, Mon & Tues - Closed,
Wednes 3pm-7pm, Thurs 3pm-7pm,
Fri - 11am-5pm and Sat 11am-5pm.

GLSO launches new Membership Program

As promised, the GLSO has created a new way for you to donate!

Many of our frequent supporters had been asking us to start a program that allowed them to make a recurring monthly donation so that they could provide the same level of support for the GLSO's community programs without having to spend time writing a check every month. We heard you.

We are proud to introduce the GLSO Member Program. By partnering with an online processing service, we have created a secure system where you can set up a recurring donation of \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 monthly. Your donation will automatically recur each month, charged to either your credit or debit card, for a whole year.

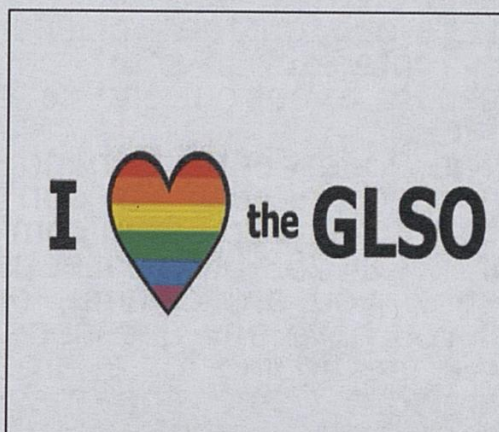
This program has a donation amount to fit every budget. If you're on a limited income, but still want to show your support for the GLSO, the \$5 monthly donation is only a commitment of \$60 per year. If you're fortunate enough to be able to afford more, you might even want to donate at the \$50 level, which is a \$600 per year donation.

As many of you know, providing the programming that the GLSO provides requires a constant influx of donations. The majority of our donations cover the costs of running Kentucky's only Pride Center. The Pride Center provides the base from which we print our popular newsletter, as well as providing a meeting place for the Pride Festival planning committee

and the Gay Straight Alliance for youth. Without your donations, these programs would suffer.

Our goal at the GLSO is to support the GLBTQOIA community, but we cannot do it without your support. When you support the GLSO, you are supporting your community.

To participate in this program, please visit our site at www.glsso.org/membership. You can also continue to donate as you always have, by making one-time donations by check or online on our website.



Free Spanish Classes

In an effort to expand programming at the GLSO Pride Center, Paul Brown, certified Spanish teacher, will begin offering an Introduction to Spanish class. This class will be a continuing education class for adults who want to expand their horizons. There will not be a strong focus on grammar but instead on developing vocabulary and communication skills. No grades. No stress. Just show up and have fun while learning a new skill. Classes will be on Saturdays starting March 10th. Classes will take place at 11 a.m. and last about an hour. It's free, so come out!

Join Senior Social Group

The GLSO is interested in starting a Senior Social Group that will meet Saturday, March 17th at 7PM at the Pride Center.

Anyone 55 or over interested in joining your community to organize some social activities for GLBTQQIA seniors, please come and bring your spouses or friends. Or come alone and meet someone! Let's plan dinners, movies, sports, trips, and outings. Let's get together for special interests, in short, any excuse to get out and have fun.

The Pride Center is handicapped friendly, so don't let that stop you from coming. Call 253-0061 to let us know you are coming, or if you have any questions. We are hoping for a large crowd. Come and meet some new friends!

A Positive View of LGBTQ Identities

Ellen Riggle and Sharon Rostovsky, professors at the University of Kentucky, have recently published a book that focuses on the positive themes in LGBTQ lives. The book, *A Positive View of LGBTQ: Embracing Identity and Cultivating Well-Being*, includes stories that people shared when asked the simple but novel question, "What is positive about having a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer identity?" The answers focus on themes such as personal authenticity and insights, having stronger relationships with family and

friends, flexibility in gender expression and roles, increased compassion for others, fighting for social justice, and a sense of community belonging. The book includes exercises to inspire readers to cultivate their own positive narratives and strengths.

There will be a book signing at Morris Book Shop (882 E. High St.) on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Refreshments provided by the Department of Women and Gender Studies (UK). For more information, visit www.PrismResearch.org.

Wednesday Night Discussion Group Is Back

Wednesday night Discussion Group is starting back at 7PM on Wednesday February 1, 2012 and every Wednesday thereafter.

The Discussion Group, held at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, is a support group for newly coming out, newly broken up, newly widowed/widower, problems with work, friends or family because of sexual orientation. In short, any problem related to being GLBT in central and eastern Kentucky.

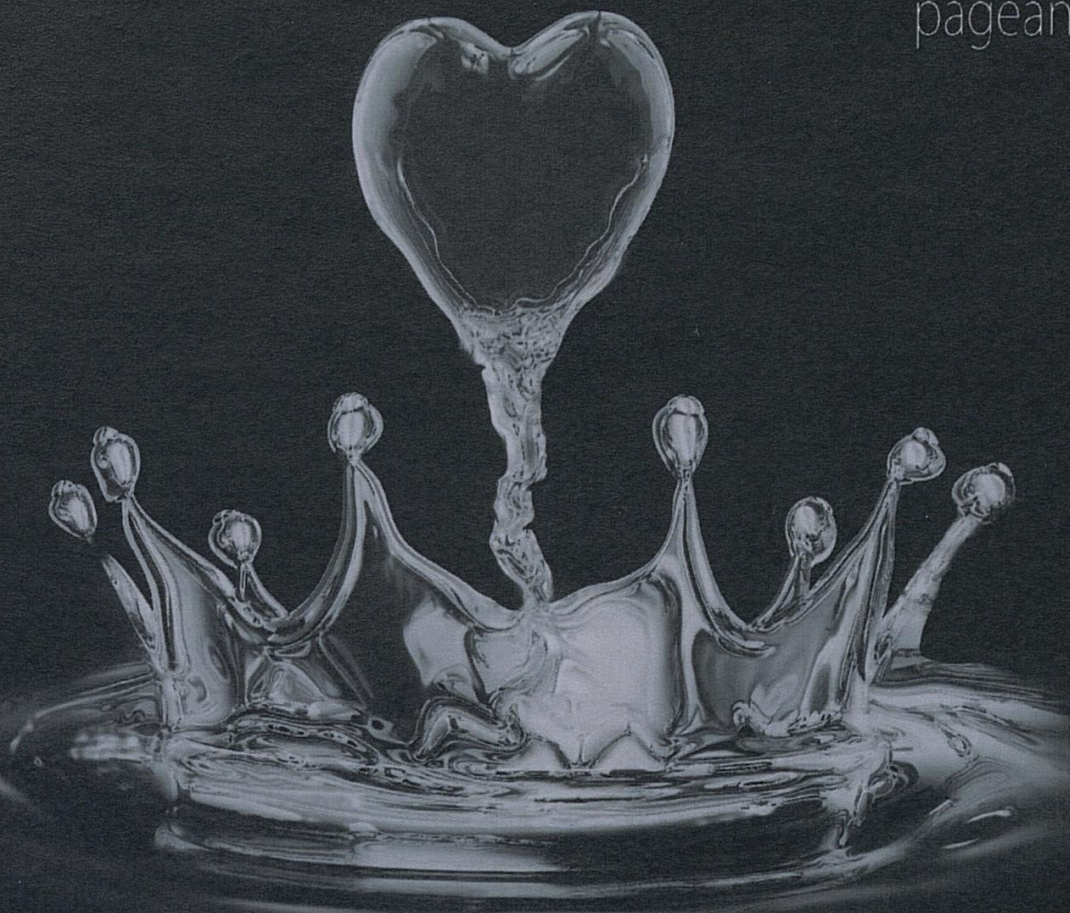
The group is a support group, not therapy. This year, there will be a topic every third Wednesday.

This month is "Being Single at Valentines". It's for those of you who are single and those of you who remember being single at Valentines. The group will be co-led by Ginger Moore-Minder and Chris Whittington. It is open to everyone.

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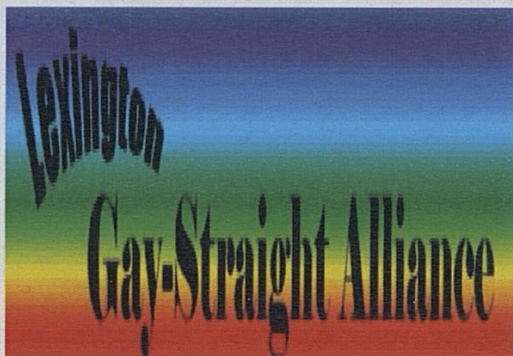
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GSA Valentines Dance

The Gay Straight Alliance Teens are having our first Valentines Dance on Feb 10 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. We will be in need of chaperones again.

This time please contact Aaron at aaron@glso.org to volunteer. We will need people to work several shifts but you do not have to stay for the whole night. We could use someone to organize the kitchen and serve food. Although we don't plan to get excessive with decorations, we could also use someone to assist an adviser by staying late, helping with clean up, and



making sure all of the teens are picked up.

The GSA has had an increase in the number of teens coming from outside of Fayette Co.

This is a good thing because there are not many school GSAs outside of Lexington. We are visiting and leading discussions in school GSAs which will bring more youth to our dances and to the Empowerment Project we will start as this newsletter is going to be printed.

LGBT Writing Contest Reading

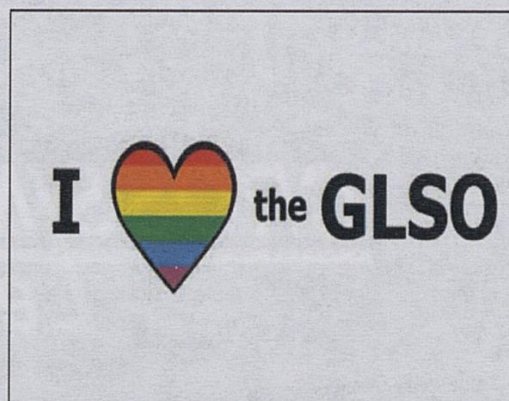
On Thursday, February 23 at 7 pm there will be a reading by winners and finalists of the LGBT writing contest conducted by the Carnegie Center.

The Carnegie Center is located at 251 W. Second St. There is no charge to attend. Individuals submitting work to this contest could identify in any way but their writing was focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender life

The Carnegie Center will announce the winners in early February.

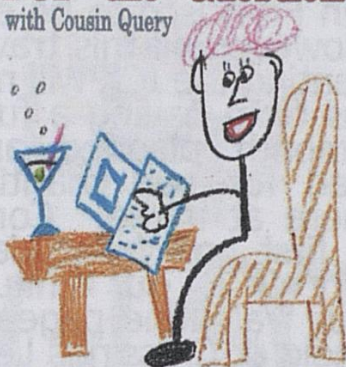
This reading will be one of the first of its kind in Kentucky. GLSO has held readings of personal work during a number of Pride Month celebrations.

This event is the first to bring together a wide variety of writers and will be advertised throughout Lexington and surrounding communities. The contest and reading is supported by a generous grant from JustFund KY.



POP the Question

with Cousin Query



Q... Hi Cousin, As a straight single mom, I have a few friends that I suspect are bi-curious, lesbian and even gay. Should a gay person expect to lose their straight friends when and if they come out and where can one find gay friends?

CQ...Many say that they have more straight friends now that they're "out", and that they're a lot happier and more confident since coming out. It's easier to be close to people when you're not hiding anything and when you're comfortable with yourself. In Kentucky, many have had horrible experiences coming out. Particularly in the smaller and rural areas, discrimination against gays is still strong. If they want to come out to friends, be careful to trust only friends who will respect their privacy and confidentiality. Friends who tend to gossip can cause problems, even if they don't mean to hurt them. Some friends will be supportive right away. Both guys and girls say it's generally easier to come out to girls. They may find that they already have gay friends and didn't even know. Most cities have organizations where they're able to meet people easily. The GLSO is a great place to network yourself with many different organizations in KY and become involved in and meet new people. You'll find new friends with whom you can share experiences and support and learn more about yourself. Gay people joke sometimes about having "gaydar", a type of "radar" for telling who is and isn't gay. Figuring out who is gay, if they're not completely "out", is like figuring out if someone's interested in you. Sometimes you can tell, sometimes you can't. They will get better at it with experience.

Have a question or need advice on something?

Email Cousin Query at advice@glso.org.

Q...Dear Cousin Query, I am a bi-sexual man but I am married to a woman. People always assume I am straight. How do I correct them without talking about my sex life?

CQ...First off, I think people that assume need to be taken down a notch or two before judging or labeling one another. If they take the time to get to know you and care about understanding you, then they will not care whether you are bi, straight, gay or whatever. Maybe if your wife dresses more of a man, or you are more feminine then it would really throw them off! You can't correct the ignorant nor can you understand why they may be labeling you as straight. Think about transforming your look and your demeanor to become a little more "metro". I think that even the smallest adjustments can make the world of difference, especially here in Gaytucky.

Q...Cousin Query, What was the biggest lie you told that made you feel so good?

CQ...Hmmm, after many lies, some good some bad, I would have to say that the biggest lie I have ever told would have to be lying about my sexual orientation just so that I could give blood. Hell, they test all the blood anyways so what's the big deal!?!?

Random Thought for the Month.

Why don't woodpeckers get headaches when they slam their head on a tree all day?

Disclaimer: Cousin Query's advice is for entertainment only!

ICK Starts New Year off Right

By Shot Z,
Contributor

We have started this New Year right with a January that was filled with exciting shows, some old and some new. We brought back the Inner Diva Pageant from Reign 29 with 8 amazing contestants! Congratulations to our Inner Diva 2012 Miss Anita Wyldkat, aka Mary Jo Perino! We also had a first for the Imperial Court of Kentucky and hosted our very first King of Drag contest. This time our Drag Brothers worked the stage and competed for our first Drag King title. Another exciting moment in January was being ask to entertain at WUKY's annual event "Heard it Through the Grapevine." This was an amazing event and the Hilton was packed! We were able to make lots of new friends and be a part of a beautiful evening. After leaving the Hilton that evening we threw on our Crowns and Gowns and headed to Soundbar for AVOL's Red Ribbon Ball. Thank you AVOL for all you do, we had an amazing time and wish you much success in all your fundraising endeavors. We then ended the month with a bang as we celebrated 30 years of fundraising by the Imperial Court of Kentucky at our Monarch's Ball 2012. Thank you to all the past Monarchs and community members that came out to show your everlasting support of the ICK.

February is going to keep us just as busy as we travel to

Courts in other cities, Halifax, Nova Scotia, San Diego and San Francisco to be exact. However, all this travel representing the ICK will not keep us from having a fun-filled month planned and executed for our charities right here at home. Coming up first on Wednesday, February 8 is our annual Miss Gay Valentine pageant being held at Crossings Lexington. The pageant begins promptly at 9:30pm, if you are interested in competing please contact Empress 30, ShotZ, at shotzwithaz@live.com for an application and rules. On Tuesday, February 14 Emperor 30, Fred Worsham along with Dowager Emperor Clayton Burchell will be reviving their show from last year, Single & Bitter. One of them is Single and the other is Bitter, but you will have to attend this fun filled night to find out which is which. Fat Tuesday comes early this year, that's right, it's in February! Join us on Tuesday, February 21 for the Mardi Gras Ball. Join our group on Facebook for details about this annual celebration! Then on Saturday, February 15 we will hit the road once again and invade Old Street in Monroe, OH. We have been invited once again to do a "Kentucky Invasion Show" at Old Street. If you've never been, it's a must, the drinks are always flowing and the crowd is amazing.

We hope to see you all soon! Remember to check our web page at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org and/or join us on Facebook for details about all of our upcoming fundraising and social events.



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If you wish to receive your **FREE** e-blast newsletter, please send your info including your first and last name and email address to chad@glso.org or sign up directly at glso.org/newsb.php.

Since we will still send our paper newsletter to anyone who wants it, you may help us to cover our printing costs by making a tax-deductible donation to the GLSO. You may send your donation to: GLSO, 389 Waller Ave., Suite 100, Lexington, KY 40504.

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Classifieds

1 BR Apartments for Rent

North Hanover Ave, just off East Main St, near Woodland Park. Kitchen & bath. Private entry. \$550 per mnth plus electric. \$250 deposit, pet friendly, Section 8 Welcome. Laundry room on site. Please call Nori at 859-230-8079.

HIV+ Partner Support Group Interest

There is interest in starting a support group for partners of HIV+ individuals. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending this, please contact Rodney at R.Day66@gmail.com.

Library Volunteers Needed

The GLSO Pride Center is in search of individuals who would like to help update the Pride Center library. We use the Library of Congress system. All of the necessary equipment & materials are available but just need volunteers willing to donate some time & talent to catalog some new additions to our library. Please contact the Pride Center for more information.

In search of: VHS to DVD Converter

Looking to borrow, rent or buy a VHS to DVD Converter. Please contact the Pride Center if you or someone you know is willing to lend, rent or sell one.

Canopy Tent for Sale

A screened tent for camping or backyard use for sale. Asking

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Whirlpool Washer & Dryer Set for Sale

Excellent condition. Hardly used. Asking \$399, no less! Will even help you load during the week after 5pm. Contact the Pride Center for pictures and more info. Serious inquiries only.

Physician Needed

Local transgender patient seeking a local physician for medical treatment. If you or anyone you know can give a referral, please contact the Pride Center.

LGB Health Study Survey

Be part of an important study of lesbian, gay and bisexual health. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LGBhealth> to participate & be registered to win a \$100 gift card to Amazon. You must complete the survey by February 15 and it only take 15 minutes to complete. For more info, contact the Pride Center.

For more information or to place a FREE classified ad in our next edition, please email the detailed info to Chad at chad@glso.org. All classifieds should be directed through the Pride Center and should be short but contain the basic information of who, what, when, where, cost, etc. Deadline for all submissions to the GLSO Newsletter is February 20, 2012.

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GLSO Phone Directory

A community resource page for gay and/or gay-friendly organizations across Kentucky.

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| Cumberland Region, SE Ky. | 606.864.3776 |
| | 888.425.7282 |
| Health Dept., Fayette | 859.288.2437 |
| | 877.606.2437 |
| Health Dept., Jessamine | 859.885.4149 |
| Health Dept., Woodford | 859.873.4541 |
| HIV/AIDS Legal Project | 502.584.1254 |
| Louisville Region | 502.574.0161 |
| Moveable Feast | 859.252.2867 |
| Northern Ky. Region | 859.341.4264 |
| UK Adolescent Medicine | 859.323.5643 |

Community and Social Groups

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| 24-Hour Crisis Line | 800.928.8000 |
| 24-Hour Teen Crisis Line | 800.999.9999 |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | 859.967.9960 |
| AA/Alcoholic Teens | 859.277.1877 |
| Bluegrass COLTS | 859.225.9169 |
| Council for Peace & Justice | 859.225.6999 |
| Discussion Group | 859.253.3233 |
| Fairness of Louisville | 502.893.0788 |
| Gay Straight Alliance, Teens | 859.266.5904 |
| GLSO Pride Center | 859.253.3233 |
| Imperial Court of Kentucky | 859.619.7521 |
| International Gay Bowling | 859.276.3058 |
| Kentucky Fairness | 270.703.1582 |
| Lexington Fairness | 859.951-8565 |
| Lexington Human Rights | 859.252.4931 |
| Lexington Insight Group | 859.230.2428 |
| Lexington Pride Festival | 859.253.3233 |
| MACT | 859.358.8335 |
| PFLAG Lexington | 859.338.7393 |
| PLFAG Louisville | 502.329.0229 |

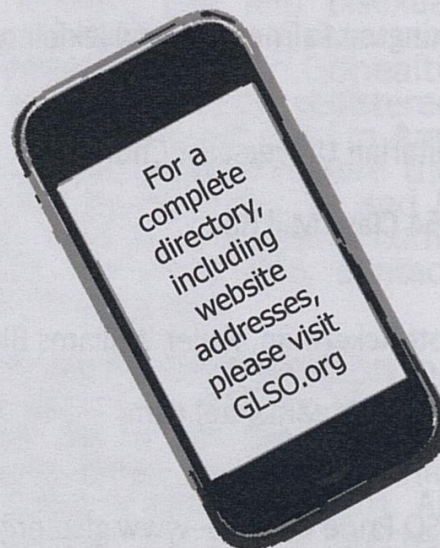
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| Social Services, Lexington | 211 |
| Speaker's Bureau | 859.266.5904 |
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| United Way | 859.313.5465 |

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| Mercy Ministry Church | 859.358.3357 |
| MCC Paducah | 270.443.3339 |
| Open Arms of God Ministry | 502.545.6355 |

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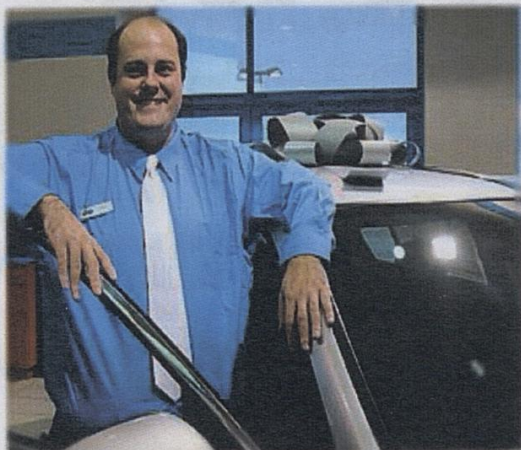
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