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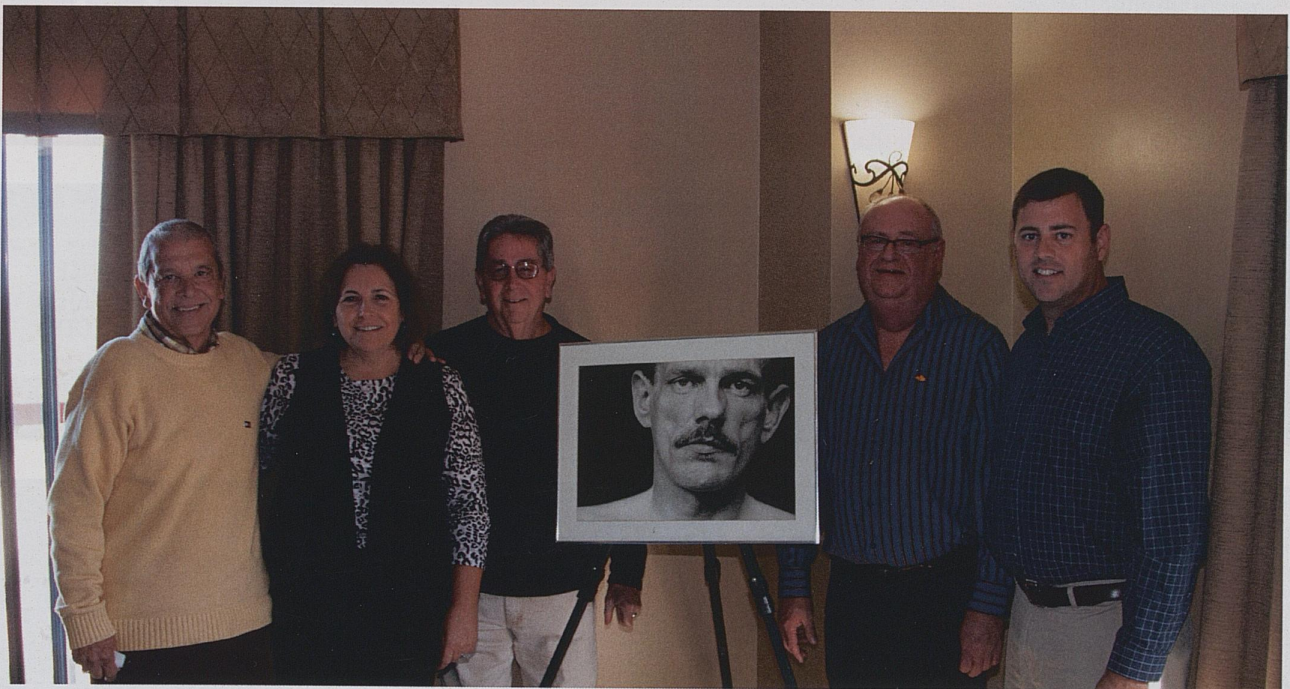


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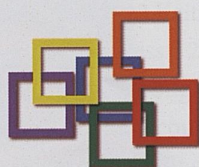
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That's What I'm Talkin' About

By Helena Handbasket

Food, Glorious Food! Don't you just love food? I know I do – which led me to the question, why do we love food so much?

Of course, food nourishes our bodies and keeps us from being hungry. But, our love for food has to be more than just to sustain us and give us energy. Wait... I can't just make a statement like that without saying, it should be that way. We should just eat to live – to keep us healthy. Then maybe we wouldn't be a country full of big ass people (myself included). Oh honey... Mamaw wishes she was still a 32 inch waist but she does love her pumpkin pie and whipped cream. Just sayin'. But sadly, instead of eating to live, we live to eat.

Food has become the catalyst that holds together our social lives and sense of well-being. We plan to get together with family or friends and it seems that the first thing we discuss is where we want to go to eat or what dishes we are going to prepare for the gathering. And, don't get me wrong... I am right there with ya'll and I look forward to that crockpot full of meatballs or

that vat of artichoke dip with pita chips (an old friend of mine that I don't see anymore always made the best artichoke dip... I miss that - and her). I wish we would plan things around an activity and be less focused on eating all of the time. I think we would be a healthier people.

We speak of "comfort foods". Why is it that food gives us comfort? I love potatoes. I will eat a potato just about any way you might fix it. I like them mashed with butter or gravy (or both). I like them scalloped, baked, loaded, boiled, creamed, fried in bacon grease... if you can fix a tater, I'll eat it. Potato... tater... tah tah (no wait, tah tah isn't a potato reference although to a crying baby, a nice tah tah would be considered comfort food, I guess).

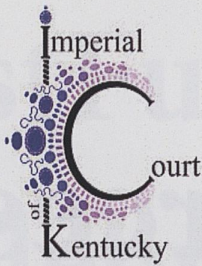
You know Miss Helena is no doctor (although I do remember playing doctor a few times when I was growing up, but that is a totally different story for another time), but I think that the reasons food gives us comfort is more than the feeling that the food gives us on the inside and making us warm and full. I think it has a lot to do with the positive anchors we probably received

growing up – whether from our mother or mamaw. Maybe from the biscuits and gravy that granddad might have made you when you came to visit. Can't you just close your eyes and remember the smells that would permeate through the house when you would go home and realize that dinner was being prepared? In my opinion, comfort food is not only food that makes us feel good... it is also food that inspires a memory of a happier time spent with people that made us feel good about ourselves and our surroundings. My mommy used to make me a chocolate meringue pie when I would go home to Indiana to visit. That was the most wonderful thing in the world to me. Taking that first bite of that pie, still warm because I couldn't wait until it chilled. Oh yeah – there was nothing better.

I must admit that I do love to feed people. I like to prepare the food and then enjoy being with the people that consume the food that I have prepared. It satisfies that need to nurture I suppose (since breast feeding is not an option – a mouth full of latex or silicone would not be considered comfort food).

Anyway, this is the month of November and of course we celebrate Thanksgiving this month. So, when you plan what you will be doing, I know there will be a lot of talk about food. When you are planning these dishes, remember to put all of the love you can into each dish, knowing that you are creating a memory for those that will be eating the food you prepare. And, when you are eating those dishes that have been so lovingly prepared for you, remember to make sure to tell those that are feeding you just how much you appreciate them and how much you love the foods that they have made for you. That food – and those memories that you will make while eating together – THAT is comfort food for the soul. Amen... and pass the biscuits please! Send comments or suggestions to HelenahandbasketKY@gmail.com





Imperial Court News

By J. D. Vaughn

Greetings from the Imperial Court of Kentucky.

October started off with a bang as 22 members of the Imperial Court of Kentucky represented the court at the Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire's (Cincinnati) Coronation 22.

His Most Imperial Majesty Emperor 32 Patrick Thompson and Her Most Imperial Majesty Regent Empress 32 J.D. Vaughn were honored and proud that so many of the local court members travelled and represented at Cincinnati's Coronation weekend.

Several of our local court entertainers performed throughout the weekend. The Kentucky delegation also hosted two events, a Coronation After-Party and a Victory Show that raised over \$2000 for the Cincinnati Court.

The new Cincinnati monarchs, Emperor 22 Keith Roberts and Empress 22 Freeda Bangkok, brought several Cincinnati court members down to Crossings Lexington on October 23 for a Cincinnati Invasion Show.

The Cincinnati court will return the favor later in the year, and have the Kentucky Court up for a fundraiser in Cincinnati. Look for an announcement of that show in the next issue of LinQ!

The Imperial Court of Kentucky was also represented by court members at Toronto's Coronation the weekend of October 12th.

On October 9th at Crossings Lexington, Marquise to Reign 32, Stratosphere, presented "Duct Tape Diva's". The evening was filled with creative outfits and performances.

Then on October 16th, Her Imperial Majesty, Imperial Crown Princess 32 Christina Puse, hosted her annual show "Divas of a Decade" at Crossings Lexington. This show had several of our local court entertainers impersonating their favorite divas, including Mariah Carey, Janet Jackson, Dolly Parton, Madonna, and Pink.

Finally, the month concluded with the annual Diva of Darkness Halloween pageant at Pulse Nightlife on Wednesday, October 30th. Results from that pageant will be in next month's article.

Looking forward to November, the Imperial Court of Kentucky is making its annual College Campus tour with stops at Morehead State University on November 5th, Eastern Kentucky University on November 14th, and Berea College (date TBD). At each of these stops, the court assists the LGBT group at that school put on a show or forum to raise money for the group and provide outreach to the LGBT college communities.

Later in the month, Emperor 32 Patrick and the men of the court will present their annual Turnabout Show on November 20th at 9:30 pm at Pulse Nightlife. This is the night when the male line of descent take their turns at drag while the ladies provide support and run the show. There is always a packed house for this event so come out early to see the guys turn it up!

The Court will end the month of November with a Christmas Kickoff Show on November 27th at 9:30 pm at Crossings Lexington. This will kick off the holiday fundraisers for the court as

they prepare for their annual AVOL Kids Christmas Show (December 8th), Very Fairy Christmas GLSO fundraiser (December 11th), and the Mr./Miss Mary Christmas Pageant (December 18th).

The Court will also distribute paper Christmas trees to the local bars during the month of November. You may purchase one from your favorite establishment's bartender for a donation of \$1. All money raised from the tree donations will be included with the total for the AVOL Kid's Christmas Show.

If you would like to make a preliminary contribution to the Imperial Court of Kentucky prior to the calendar year end, please contact any Monarch or Imperial Court Board of Director member. Remember as the end of year approaches, your donations are tax deductible as the ICK is a recognized charity organization. For further information or to see upcoming events of Reign 32, visit the Court's social media sites on Facebook (group name Imperial Court of Kentucky) or online at www.imperial-courtkentucky.org.

LGBT Resources at UK

Information from <http://www.uky.edu/Diversity/resources.html>

The University of Kentucky hosts several student-run organizations that recognize and support LGBT students.

The main resource for LGBT issues is UK OUTsource, located on the first floor of the Student Center (directly beneath Starbucks).

OUTsource provides an affirming, safe, and confidential space for LGBTQQA students to learn more about gender identity, human sexuality, and related issues by providing access to academic, cultural, and interpersonal resources; and aims to change the campus climate and culture to become more inclusive of LGBTQQA students by embracing diversity.

OUTsource provides free condoms courtesy of AVOL (AIDS Volunteers of Lexington).

The University of Kentucky Gay-Straight Alliance aims to improve acceptance and to provide a social safe-space to discuss relevant and nonrelevant LGBTQQA topics. UKGSA meets every Thursday that school is in session in room 357 of the Student Center (third floor, by the small ballroom) at 7 pm. Meetings are open to everyone.

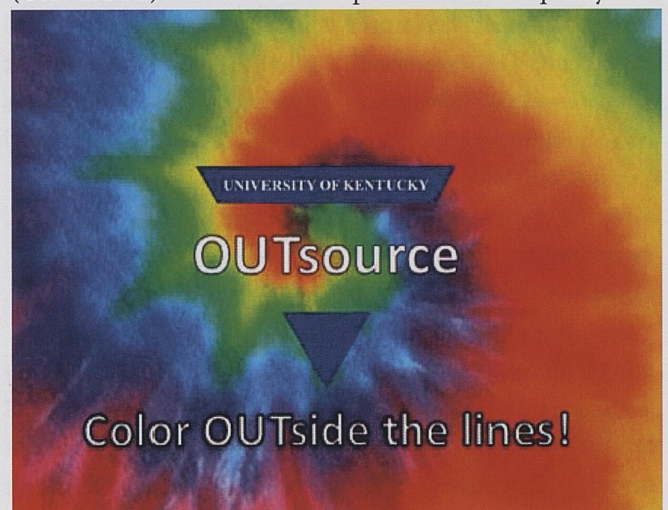
The College of Law has its own resource center called OUTLaw. OUTLaw provides a safe, supportive environment for LGBT students at

UK Law, educate the university community about LGBT issues in the law, assists in the recruitment of talented sexual minorities to UK Law, and serves the greater community outside the university.

On the HealthCare side, Health Occupation Professionals for Equality (UK HOPE) is a LGBT

advocacy group for health professional students, faculty and staff of the University of Kentucky medical campus.

We are open to all members of the UK Healthcare community, whether gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual or transgender; the only requirement is a desire to promote LGBT equality.



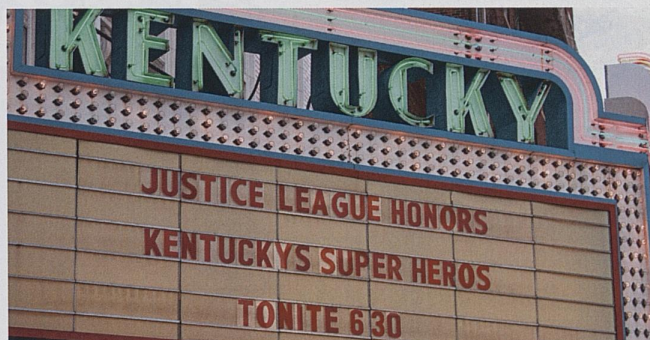
JustFund Kentucky Celebrates Super Heros

On Thursday, October 3, a gathering of Central Kentucky's LGBT Community leaders was held in order to pay tribute to Kentucky's Super Heros. The event was JustFundKY's annual grants awards presentation held this year at the historic Kentucky Theater.

This year, JustFundKY distributed awards to LGBT projects and organizations from across the state as well as paid tribute

to members of the LGBT community who made a significant contribution to LGBT issues by inviting them to participate in a panel discussion.

Local government officials from Vicco to Louisville were asked to discuss their cities' efforts to pass Fairness Ordinances and or Domestic Partner Benefits packages for city employees.



Among the participants were Moderator Renee Shaw, Mayors Johnny Cummins (Vicco), Steve Connelly (Berea), Sherry Carran (Covington) Bill May (Frankfort), Vice Mayor Linda Gordon (Lexington), Council At Large Steve Kay (Lexington) and other Kentucky superheros who

discussed how LGBT progressive policies are being adopted in communities across the state.

This year JustFundKY also awarded grants to 10 community-based organizations that advocate and advance fairness for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens.



Above: The Kentucky Theater's famous marquee

Left: Spectators filled the auditorium

Photos by
Brian Hawkins

The 2013 grants were:

The Nest \$5000

Lexington Fairness \$2500

Murray State Out Racers

\$1000

Institute 193 \$4000

GLSO \$7500

Statewide Fairness Coalition

\$5000

Carnegie Center \$2500

EKU's Alphabet Center

\$2000

AVOL \$2500

BCTC Alliance Project

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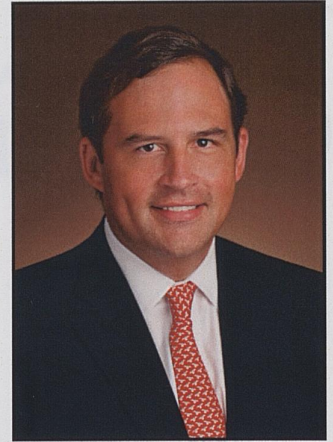
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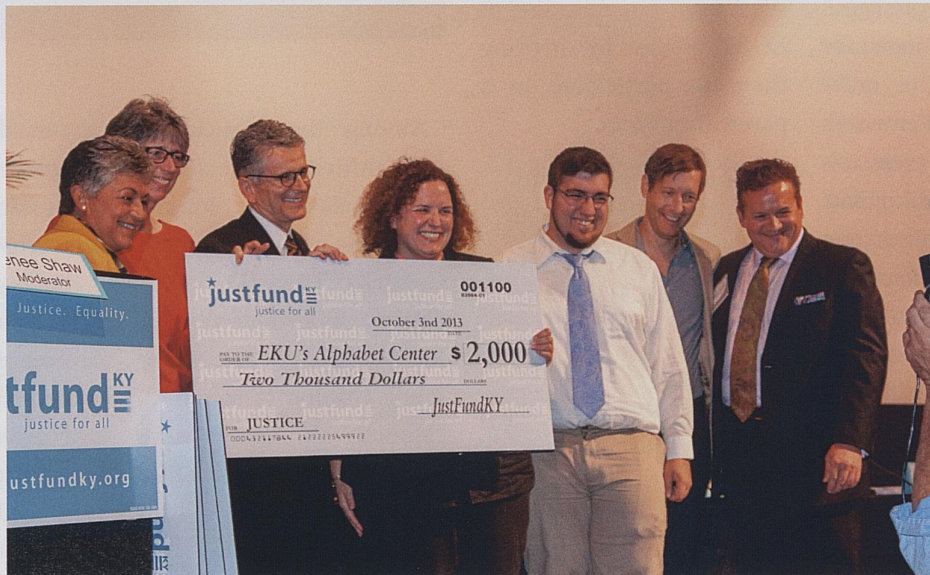
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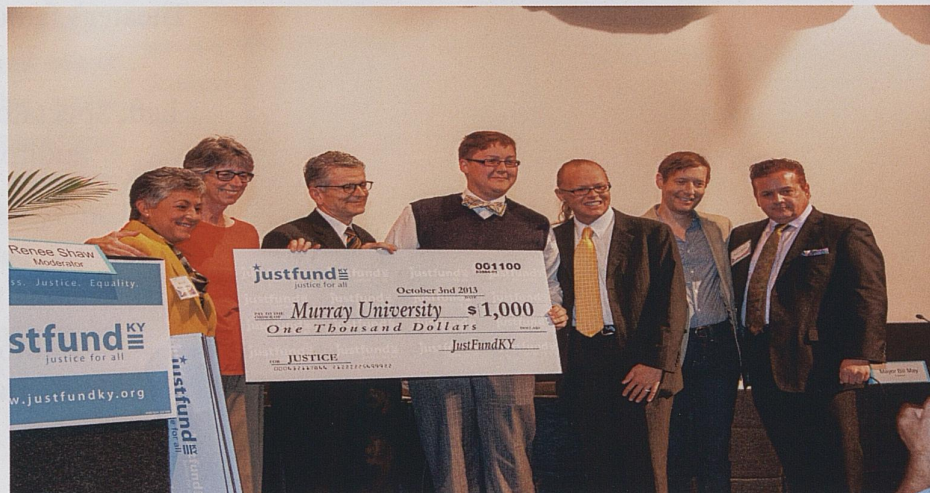


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Above: JustFundKy awards EKU's Alphabet Center;
Below: JustFund Kentucky awards Murray University



Moveable Feast Turns 15

By Brian Hawkins



Over 250,000 meals served

In October, 1988, Moveable Feast Lexington began delivering meals to hospice patients and those living with HIV related diseases in the Lexington area. Since inception, they have delivered over 200,000 dinners, almost 50,000 lunches, and 50,000 bags of groceries. On October 20, 2013, members of Moveable Feast, volunteers, and contributors gathered to celebrate the 15th anniversary of this great organization. Appetizers, beer and wine were served before an awards ceremony honoring those who have made the most significant contributions over the years. Awards were given to Lisa Foreman, Don

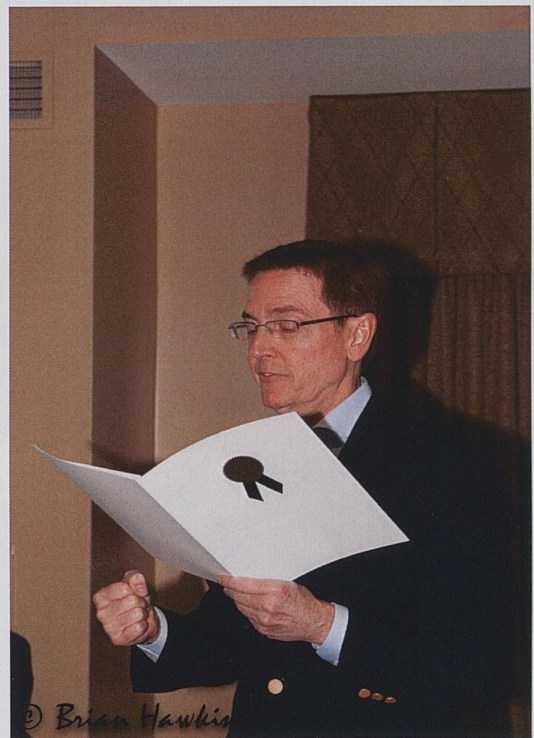
Reichert, Phil & Loris Points, Gary Waits, Louise Booth, Mary Ellen Slone, Charles Colson, Mary Brinkman, Bill Chandler, Host Communications, Imperial Court Kentucky, Mudworks, Bourbon N' Toulouse and Church of the Resurrection. Mayor Jim Gray of Lexington also joined the celebration and after a short speech, proclaimed October 20th as Moveable Feast Lexington Day.

Stephanie Oghia, Moveable Feast board member, commented on the celebration.

"Today was a chance for the community to gather and celebrate the past 15 years of Moveable Feast and to look forward to many

more. We are honored that Mayor Gray was able to join us and thank him

and the community for their continued support of Moveable Feast."



Mayor Gray reads proclamation declaring Moveable Feast Day

TURV BOUT

Wednesday, November 20
Fun begins @ 9:30pm



pulse
nightlife



Net proceeds to benefit the charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky.

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Fairness.org



We are pleased to welcome our newest member organization, the Fairness Campaign in Kentucky! The Fairness Campaign has recently merged with Kentucky Fairness Alliance to create a more unified, stable, and successful LGBT equality movement in the Bluegrass State!

We connected with Chris Hartman, the Director of the Fairness Campaign, to learn more about Kentucky's new joint organization and how it plans to better serve the state's LGBT community.

Equality Federation: Please tell us about the Fairness Campaign and its mission. Chris Hartman from the Fairness Campaign: Since 1991, the Fairness Campaign has been working in Louisville, Kentucky, to build a community with a broad, inclusive vision of the work for social justice. The Fairness Campaign was founded on, and remains directed by, these key principles for our work:

We believe gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people have the right to respect, dignity, and full equality.

We believe that dismantling racism is central to our work.

We believe that all issues

of oppression are linked and can only be addressed by working in coalition.

We believe in non-violent, grassroots organizing that empowers individuals and builds a social justice movement that creates lasting change.

EF: Why did the Fairness Campaign and Kentucky Fairness Alliance decide to merge at this time?

CH: Having historically been associated with efforts in Jefferson County, in recent years the Fairness Campaign has taken on enhanced levels of responsibility across the commonwealth through its involvement with the statewide Fairness Coalition, which includes the ACLU-KY, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, and Lexington Fairness.

As the Fairness Campaign broadened and deepened its relationships and base of support outside Louisville, a merging with Kentucky Fairness Alliance, which previously led the statewide effort, appeared a logical move for leaders of both organizations.

EF: As a new unified group, how are you better equipped to educate and advocate for the LGBT community?

CH: With this increased capacity, the Fairness

Campaign will be able to make stronger connections and build more support across the commonwealth than ever before. The consolidation of databases, legislative tools, and communications infrastructure will truly streamline the fight for LGBTQ rights in Kentucky.

EF: As a new combined organization, what are your immediate goals? What are your long-term goals?

CH: The Fairness Campaign's first move as Kentucky's LGBT civil rights organization is to hire a part-time Western Kentucky Organizer to compliment the Fairness Coalition's Eastern Kentucky Organizer in Berea. We'll also continue to support the grassroots organizing work in Berea, Morehead, and nearly a dozen other communities across our commonwealth.

Our ultimate goal remains passage of a statewide anti-discrimination fairness ordinance, which, we feel, is wholly dependent upon the strength and momentum of these municipal movements. We anticipate several more cities will need to pass local fairness ordinances before the Kentucky General Assembly will have a full discussion on the anti-discrimination law.

EF: What events can we hope to see following this merger?

CH: On October 19, we'll be hosting our "Fairness Over Louisville" party, where folks can meet Mayor Johnny Cummings and Police Chief Tony Vaughn from Vicco, Kentucky, of recent Colbert Report fame for becoming the smallest city in America with LGBT fairness protections.

We just held a community-wide celebration in Frankfort, our state's capital, to honor their recent passage of an anti-discrimination fairness ordinance last month, and we'll be hosting plenty of advocacy opportunities both at the local level and in the State Capitol once the legislative session is back in full swing next January.

EF: How can community members engage with the new organization?

CH: Facebook and Twitter reign supreme! We release all our news, volunteer opportunities, and updates on social media first, and we also send out regular missives chocked full of LGBTQ and allied events in Kentucky. Folks can sign up for our newsletters at www.Fairness.org.

Congratulations to the Fairness Campaign and Kentucky Fairness Alliance on a successful merger! We look forward to celebrating your progress toward these exciting goals in Kentucky!

Praisefest 2013

Draggin' for Jesus

By Pam Lee-Miller

An Old Fashion Revival: with a bit of a Pulsed nuance sprinkled on top!

It was not your typical Sunday “go-to-meeting” Tent Revival nor your ordinary Sunday night get together. It, Praisefest 2013, Draggin' for Jesus - Revival, was something special that is not experienced every day.

It was something extraordinary, holy, amazingly woven together, where Queens and a King in all sizes and shapes with hair big and short gathered to celebrate and pay it forward in extravagant and glorious manner.

I swear, it was sort of like standing and experiencing

an excerpt from scripture in a new and refreshed version. I, for one, am thankful to have been privy to such a wonderful encounter of the Divine kind.

Helena Handbasket, most often known to us “church folks” (members of Bluegrass United Church of Christ or BUCC) as Anthony Smallwood, has a heart for giving back to the world and uses her creativity to share the good news of the Gospel in unconventional ways in order to raise money to feed hungry children in the Lexington area. Last year, when BUCC found itself with the opportunity to be part of the local God's Pantry backpack program, we all knew we wanted to participate but

we also knew we had to fund it. Helena came forward with an unconventional idea that pushed theology into both action and into a location where church might otherwise be excluded. She put together the first annual Praisefest - Draggin' for Jesus, where queens gathered and performed to raise \$3,540 the first year. Every penny, every tip, every donation received during that show, went to pay for food that the church packed into weekend supplies that are added to Lexington's underfed and underprivileged middle school student's backpack. In each backpack there is enough food to provide the student with seven healthy meals, so the student doesn't

have to worry about where their next meal will come from until he/she gets back to school where meals are free. As of October 15, BUCC, has packed 1000 backpacks and provided 7000 meals to children who may not have been able to eat had it not been for a group of queens and kings and the generosity of the community.

This year when the opportunity arose, Helena once again did her magic and put together an exceptional line-up of folks who graciously brought their talents and big hair and boobs and glittery dresses and manly suits.... and they brought “church”. I myself had never been to Pulse nightlife. I'd never been to



a drag show other than the one I'd seen at PRIDE and I don't know that I've ever experienced a more tangible moment of Holy encounter.

I stood back and I watched Queens in their lovely attire, big hair and make-up - done so much better on them than on me - "bring it"... and when I say "bring it", I mean they took me to church. I watched tears well up in the eyes of both performers and audience members as something extremely Holy began to settle over the dim lit environment. I looked at hands, as tips were held out and wondered where the money for each tip came from— what kind of work those hands did; and I watched as each performer touched the hands of those giving and I felt those electric "God bumps" rise up on my skin. As folks brought forth their offering, paying it forward in a sense, every single tip received was placed in a trunk located on the stage where each tiny gift suddenly turned into something of the extravagant nature.

I watched our minister,

Rev. Marsha Moors-Charles, sing the song she'd written for BUCC and watched as she took in tips that kept on coming. I wondered how many of the folks gathered there were privileged enough to have a church family and wondered if any wanted to be part of us---because they already were without even knowing it.

I listened as the crowd clapped and watched as they swayed to Dove award winner, Kenny Bishop as he shared a bit of his own story of faith. I watched our eighty year old straight matriarch stand on a stool so she could see what was happening and she danced and clapped and smiled like a kid in a candy store....and I thought....yes, this is for sure the "kindom" of God. (I couldn't use Kingdom, cause there were lots of queens present!). It was special...oh so special...

During one particular moment, Helena spoke between tears, about how her Mommy, Addie, always fed the hungry. She said, "this cause touches my heart, y'all cause my mommy never let

anyone go hungry and I can't stand the thought of some child not being able to eat... And suddenly, all at once in the midst of a nightclub, among people of all sizes and colors and orientations, Helena broke into a song her mommy sangand as the notes moved out, vibrated through the air, bounced around, jostled about the place, jumped synapses and landed and suddenly... peace fell over the room. And something bigger than all of us moved out, in and around and wrapped us...wove us into a net of acceptance and grace. It was of the Divine Kind, Holy.

I felt as if I was standing right next to about 100 burning bushes all singing, 'Yes, Jesus Loves Me. And I felt IT at work....that thing so much bigger than myself, moving in and touching us in our heart spaces. Yes, there was a revival going on right there in a little bar

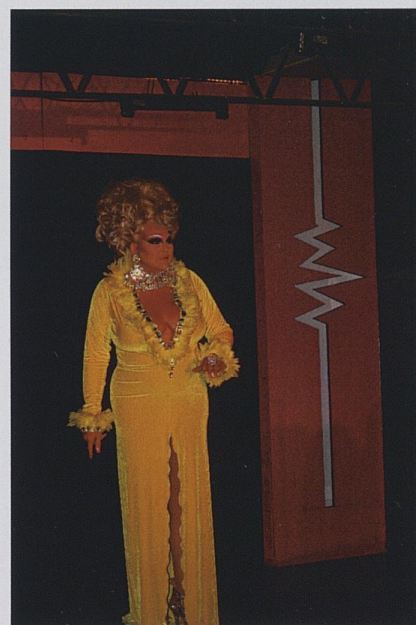
on Winchester Road called Pulse. Lashes were teary and nails were glittery and love..., well, the love was amazing.

When all the money was counted... checks from old girlfriends and money orders from those on fixed incomes and challenges of big dollar amounts... mixed all in with \$1.00 tips that flowed all night. Well love, a revival, and a hand full of queens and a king, and generous folks raised \$6,820 to date this year.

I like to think about the hand of a hungry child reaching into that backpack some Sunday evening when the refrigerator is bare and I like to envision the power of the singing, the gracious heart of the community and think... This Is What Love Does!

*"Do you love me,"
Jesus asked.*

"Feed my sheep."



The Stoning of Betsy J.

By Sandy Spaulding

*Pacifists rise above war.
It's paint and noise, not blood.*

In the dim night light, I hear Betsy breathe, her small body spooned in the curve of my own, her red curls damp with sleep. She's barely five. God, how did this happen?

If I had it to do over again, would I come out? Or would I have done it like generations before me, and had a lover in the afternoons and no one noticed. Or like Eleanor Roosevelt, traveled with a companion, and writing love letters they'd burn when I died.

In the 70s I loved a woman at last. I bravely thought I

could be straight and gay if I worked it right. After all, lesbian in LA was all about the night--dinners on the Huntington Beach pier, sex on the beach, closing little lesbian bars where you danced and drank Bacardi Cokes, and later jammed into booths at Denny's for breakfast at 3:00a.m--and for me, it was also driving home at dawn to be a wife and mother by day.

However, when Joan, an MCC minister came along, I left the bars and my good, but stricken husband, and took the children with me into gay

life as a MCC pastor's wife to a Minneapolis congregation of 80 bright, loving homosexuals.

At the same time, Anita Bryant, a minor singer and orange juice spokesperson on TV took a stand against Rock music, calling for a return to decency. Dade County Florida just had passed an ordinance against discriminating against gay people. Jerry Fallwell saw his chance, and tapped her to be the face of his Christian Coalition to save America's children. He exhorted mass donations preaching homosexual

genocide to please God, while siphoning millions into their private pockets all in the name of Jesus.

June was Pride month. The liberal Twin Cities was proud of its tolerance, but that year the parade and park crowds were seen at best as a legal right, but at worst, flaunting in an incendiary time.

While I had heard about the 17 suspicious MCC church fires, gay members being outed, bomb threats ignored in the press, and indifference to the murder of gay Christians, I had decided this was Mary Tyler Moore's

OUR YEARS OF
LOVING DANGEROUSLY

Minneapolis; bad things don't happen here.

That Sunday, Annie 13, Pete 10, Betsy and I worshipped with our "family" for the best hours of everyone's week. We hugged, sang, ate, and laughed, safe and together in that little neighborhood Quaker church, as they had for many years before we came.

However, when it was time to go home, something was different. We saw people with signs moving to surround the entrance. As we started toward the doors, a rock shattered the stained glass window above our heads. Some gasped. Others quickly bent to save the pieces of precious colored glass. Gary, our deacon, cautioned us to stay inside.

"We can't. They want to scare us away," Joan said. "Please call the police and the Quakers. Keep the church open as long as people need it."

We headed out the door, the five of us holding hands. The car was across the street on the other side of the angry crowd.

They were chanting.

"God said Kill Fags."

"Shame on gay scum."

"God hates you."

"Gay church go away! We don't want your demon ways".

A woman hollered, "God will throw your filthy children into the fires of hell".

"How's that for gay Sunday School!" Annie quipped. "And what did you learn today?"

"Eyes ahead", Joan said. "Bible says when you walk on water, don't look down."

I glance back and saw "Kill a Queer for Christ" spray painted on the side of the building. TV cameras, and police rolled up, but I worried the Quakers would bail.

"Pacifists rise above war. It's paint and noise, not blood."

We moved down the steps toward the sidewalk. I turned and saw young

boys had begun pelting us with small stones as their parents jeered and shouted "No faggots in our neighborhood."

People spit on us and waved fists.

Betsy had picked out her best pink summer dress. The next stone hit the flounce of her skirt blunting its impact, but the second hit her arm. She looked back over her shoulder, surprised and angry.

The next rock hit her on the back of her head. She grabbed her hair and started to cry. We shielded our faces and moved faster.

More stones came, aimed at Betsy. Peter and Annie

pushed the bigger kids down hard.

"When I turned to confront them, Joan grabbed my elbow."

"No! Walk!" Betsy clutched my body.

"Why don't they like us? Why did they hurt me?" Betsy pleaded.

Annie bent, grabbed a rock to return it. I blocked her arm.

"We don't harm! Give it to me now."

Annie handed me the rock and I pushed it into my pocket. Betsy's tears were fierce now, powerless at the



Photo by Brian Hwakins

loss of some primal trust.

I scooped up my child, running now, the others following. We fell into the car, locking the doors. The protesters moved fast, spitting, and egging our windows.

Peter surveyed the wound on his arm, pulling on his best plaid shirt sleeve to blot a small bloody place.

Annie announced, "We could have taken them out, you know."

"And what would be remembered then? My kids flattened the neighborhood. Fine."

"But mom, they hurt us."

She insisted. "The police, ZIP! Our car's a rolling omelet"

"Nothing a cheap car wash can't cure," I assured her.

The first major intersection had a long signal. "They figure if my babies are hurt, we'll leave and they win. I don't think so."

"We need to buy an RV so we have someplace to live while we wait for this light to change." Peter said anxiously.

*"Christian's one.
Lions zero, huh
mom?"*

Annie was as smug as beat up winners get

Now they're home and safe in bed. Betsy has a band

aid in her hair. Before MCC, being a Christian was always pleasantly invisible.

I sat through sermons making to-do lists on the back of the program and ate a lot of Jello salad. The only losses were Tupperware. Sunday school was an hour kid free.

God and I got along—when in doubt be kind. Not complicated. I don't disturb the peace just because I can!

*This was a stoning.
It changes things.
These bigots have
birthed one new
activist.*

Now, my kids are quarter cup martyrs because I was born gay and fell in love with a woman, but today I am angry.

Betsy stirs. She turns slightly, pulling her bear close. I leave a kiss on her wound.

Many faces stream my memory in the fight for gay rights, but Betsy was the first. Awhile back, her ten year old daughter asked me about the stone on my desk.

Children of LGBT parents have unique stories to tell. This is the first part in our series discussing the issue and its impact on our families.

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Loving Boldly to Heal

By Burley Thomas

LOVEboldly inspires forgiveness by acknowledging a history of community based violence.

Dropping 'Christian' and 'gay' together in conversation is guaranteed to ignite some explosive debates.

LOVEboldly exists to create safe spaces where civility exists in conversations about faith and sexuality.

LOVEboldly hopes to confront stereotypes in and about Christians and the LGBTQ community, help heal the damage done by the church historically against lesbians and gays, and invites traditional conservatives to participate in SAFE discussions.

Heidi Weaver saw the need to bring people together to build relationships and formed LOVEboldly. Bringing together 'traditionally-minded' with progressive Christians, some being LGBTQ, allows for gradual change.

"Bridge building is used to describe our work that

metaphor isn't accurate," Weaver says, "That implies we allow abuse to come back across the bridge."

LGBTQ people have often been abused in the name of religion and LOVEboldly inspires forgiveness by acknowledging a history of community based violence.

"LOVEboldly has a lot of 'skeptical Christians coming, looking for helpful ways to outreach. They wouldn't call themselves allies just yet, but they definitely want to help heal the damage between the LGBTQ community and the church," Weaver says.

Monthly SAFE (Sexuality And Faith Engagements) events provide LGBTQ and traditionalists an outlet for asking questions the best way they can. Many visitors are stepping out of their comfort zones and, lacking experienced feedback, don't realize they offend. LOVEboldly encourages

compassion for the effort being made to grow.

"The outcome is beautiful"

"The outcome is beautiful," Weaver says, "The changes you have within yourself outweigh the goals of changing someone else's perspective. Great things happen when we open ourselves to one another."

Putting out fires and soothing the war wounds left behind, LOVEboldly replaces hostility with diplomacy. Weaver: "Let's just set aside our differences and focus on the fact that we're all human and how we can reinforce that value."

For more information about LOVEboldly, visit their website www.loveboldly.net.

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Lexington: A Fair Place to Live

By Jonathan George

Who would have thought Lexington is such a fair place to live? Not me, at least initially. I came out at my liberal boarding school and came back to Kentucky in May, thinking that I'd have to be more selective with my fabulousness here. Turns out that 70 percent of Kentuckians think that the LGBT population deserves the same legal protections as anyone else, and 93 percent think that no one deserves to be bullied or abused due to sexual orientation or gender identity. And no, I did not take a statewide poll; I went to Lexington Fairness.

For 4 years I've been away from Lexington at boarding school; in those 4 years, Lexington Fairness has made strides in tearing down stereotypes of Lexington being a discriminatory city. They have created and funded multiple projects, which have made a fair environment.

Those two statistics I pulled

out, those came from a poster campaign by LexFair, as I found they fondly refer to themselves. In June of this year, these posters sported a fun fact or statistic to show people the realities of acceptance in Lexington.

But, as it turns out, a few posters does not a fair city make, sadly enough. This is where all of the other dauntingly productive projects come in.

Project Speak Out has been a hallmark of recent LexFair achievements. In the past year alone, this program has equipped about 130 people with the tools to help reduce school age bullying. And a significant group of these trainees? UK graduate students: students who are going on to become teachers in the coming years. So now there is a new generation of teachers equipped to reduce bullying in schools. Another upcoming program is the Lexington Leaders project.

This is meant to consolidate and distribute local LGBT history. Teachers will have access to this information in order to create an LGBT inclusive curriculum.

A few weeks ago, Roy Harrison, the current chair of LexFair, relayed all of this information to me. All of it. I recognize the unquestionable resolve of him and the other 7 board members that create LexFair.

Now, their combined efforts are more or less focused on the Good Giving Challenge. This is a fundraising challenge put on by the Bluegrass Community Foundation, which could result in a \$15,000 increase in LexFair's endowment. The challenge is from November

1st to December 31st and can be found at goodgiving-guide.net. The money that could result from the challenge already has huge implications for the group.

LexFair is run entirely by volunteers, meaning that everything achieved thus far has been the result of what the board does in their spare time. No big deal. The board has already started talking about how the money from the Good Giving Challenge could go to fund a paid full-time employee. This employee would amplify the reach and ability of LexFair. With a paid worker, LexFair will be able to accomplish so much more for Lexington. Look out Kentucky, the future looks pretty fair.



August Cover Girl Diva Lilo Wins National Title

My story starts January 2013. I was appointed the first ever Miss Kentucky Femme Fatale United States and had my ticket to go to nationals in March. It was a rough ride to get ready and I had my fair share of speed bumps along the way but I didn't let it get in the way of my dream.

Pageants are expensive to say the least and I had worked hard to save money for my dancers, hotel rooms, gas, food, costumes... the list goes on. As pageant day came closer and closer things seemed to fall apart, my back up dancers started backing out, so I had to change my talent last minute and so began a long list of setbacks.

One afternoon I walked out to my car to find that someone had broken in to it and stolen 70% of my drag, all of my make-up, my shoes, 2 outfits, all my jewelry and my hair were

gone.

*My heart sank and
all I could do was
cry!*

Having to push onward I had to look at the positive side of things, my gown wasn't taken and most of the special things for the pageant were not in my car. The hard earned money I had saved so far had to be spent again on things to restock what I had lost. I had organized a benefit show to help raise money for my trip to nationals. It ended up being a smaller event than I had hoped for but the ones who were there showed me just how much they loved me and we raised enough for me to go.

Then, to add the cherry on top, I got sick with a bad head cold a few days before the pageant. So me and my fairy godmother packed the car and headed to Harrisonburg VA for nationals, just the two of us, me sick as a dog!

On our way to the pageant

we met an old friend who had hair for me to use for the pageant. This was the last item that I needed to compete in the pageant. It finally seemed that things were falling into place at long last.

That weekend I competed against 7 other girls from

across the United States for the title of Miss Femme Fatale. Getting emotional during my interview was the start of showing the judges just how passionate I was about my art form and how badly I wanted to be crowned.



That night I worked the runway in my Americana fashion, looked beautiful in my creative evening gown and sang and danced my heart out during my talent. That night I was awarded most beautiful and placed first runner up to the national title. I was so excited and pleased with myself for not giving up and pushing on when all else had failed. This was my first national pageant and I had done very well, proving to all that with determination and a strong will you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. I was still hungry for the national title and was determined to qualify to compete again next year. In the pageant world

the first runner up still has a job to do, if for any reason the girl who won was unable to fulfill her duties as the title holder, she could be asked to step down and give up her title in which case the first runner up would become the new title holder.

On Sunday October 6, 2013 I was crowned Miss Gay United States Femme Fatale 2013-2014 at Ziegfeld's Secrets, a nightclub in Washington DC during the Gay United States Icon pageant. It was a whirlwind weekend where I found myself in our nation's capital with my dreams finally coming true! After a phone call, a hard decision and an overnight 8 hour

trip to Washington DC I was ready to accept my new title. Just now sinking in, I'm so excited to be given the chance to represent the United States. This is a passion of mine and with this title I hope to open doors for other girls who have dreams of becoming NATIONAL! I had been watching, working and preparing to become part of the Gay United States family for the past 2 years and I could not be more excited to join the system along side some amazing title holders past and present. I am now currently looking for promoters to hold prelims for nationals next year. I hope to be a great representative of

the title and system. I definitely have my work cut out for me as I hope to bring 15+ femme girls, as regional title holders, to nationals next year. With this title I will be able to travel to different states, meet new people, make lifelong friendships and be a role model to young up and coming femme girls. My heart is overwhelmed with all the love and support I have gotten from my family, friends and fans!! If you want more information about the Gay United States Pageant System please visit our website at www.gayusp-system.com! Be national, Be United!!



Diva Lilo looks to her fans for inspiration

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GLSO Health News

By Jeffery A. Jones, PhD

Health Insurance. Part Three in our series of survey results

In January 2014, the Affordable Care Act (AKA Obamacare) will begin full implementation. So this month we are looking at health insurance data from the 2012 Fayette County LGBT Health Assessment. Our LGBT study participants are similar in many ways to Lexingtonians overall, but there are some key differences.

As with most Americans, the majority of respondents report they get their health insurance from

their employers. In fact, two-thirds of respondents have private, employer-provided health insurance. Thirteen percent also report purchasing a private health insurance policy directly.

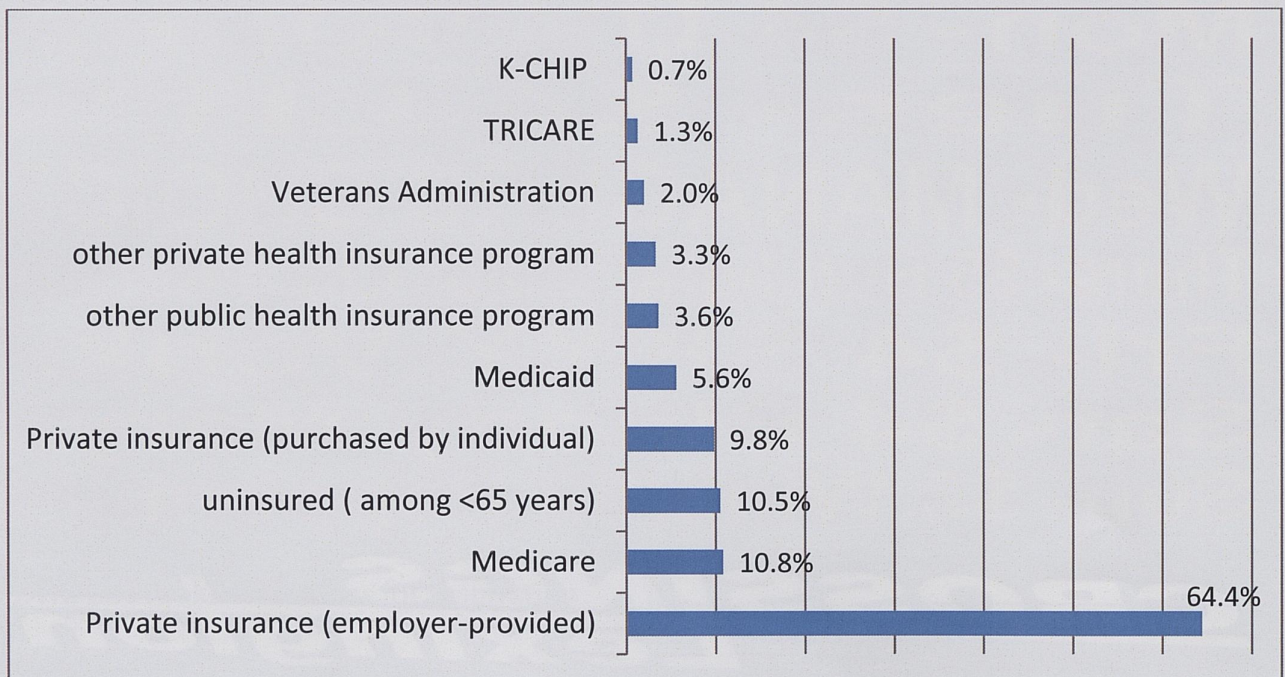
One in four respondents, however, say they use a public health insurance program such as Medicare (11%), Medicaid (6%), the Veterans Administration (2%), TRICARE (1%), K-CHIP (1%) or some other public health insurance program (3%). By

comparison, an analysis of 2006 Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services data found 14% of Fayette County residents were then enrolled in Medicaid.

One in ten study participants report they are currently uninsured compared to almost one in four (23%) Lexingtonians overall. Thus, the LGBT people in our study were considerably less likely to be uninsured than other Lexingtonians. Moreover, uninsured respondents' demographics show they

tend to be similar to insured respondents in age, race, and relationship status. They differ, however, in having lower education levels and also are much more likely to be transgendered. While overall respondents report fairly high levels of routine and preventative care, the uninsured respondents report receiving medical, dental and eye exams far less often. The expansion of health access through the ACA may especially help transgendered Lexingtonians.

Types of Insurance Coverage Self-Reported by Respondents



PFLAG Lexington Meeting

PFLAG Tuesday, November 12, 2013 6:30 to 8:30pm at the GLSO Pride Center.

Several transgender members of the Lexington community will discuss their personal journeys as individuals -- and one, as a parent. We will look at current issues and family perspectives that are highlighted in a book edited by Rachel Pepper - "Transitions of the Heart: Stories of Love, Struggle and Acceptance by Mothers of Transgender and Gender Variant Children."

Presentation first hour; support group meeting second hour.

TransKentucky Meeting

TransKentucky is pleased once again to host Dr. Tannock a local endocrinologist at our December meeting to discuss transgender health care, hormones and other medical issues. This should be an excellent meeting and is usually well attended. If you've ever had questions about transition with hormones, this is your chance to find answers. Meeting is Saturday, December 7, 2013. Meeting starts at 7:30pm and runs until about 9:30pm. Doors will likely be open by 7pm for those wishing to change clothes on site before the meeting.

AVOL News

November:

November 7 - Fair Housing Workshop with Art Crosby
November 14 - Red Cross Disaster Relief Preparedness - Are you prepared?
November 21 - Ambassador Training

December:

Dec 7 - Holiday ornament making and cookie decorating party for kids and adults. Spanish and English versions of T'was The Night Before Christmas will be read. Everyone welcome.

Thank you so very much for getting everything listed in the calendar of the October issue.

These meetings are every week or month

AA meeting - open to everyone - every Monday @ 8pm

HIV/AIDS Support Group - peer lead meeting, confidential, and open to everyone - the second Tuesday of every month. Next meeting November 12 at 7pm

Tai Chi - Every Wednesday at 7:30pm

Yoga - Starting November 5 - Every Tuesday at 5:15pm

Starting in January we will be adding cooking classes, backyard gardening and Quit Smoking from Cooper Clayton LGBT Smoking Cessation Classes.

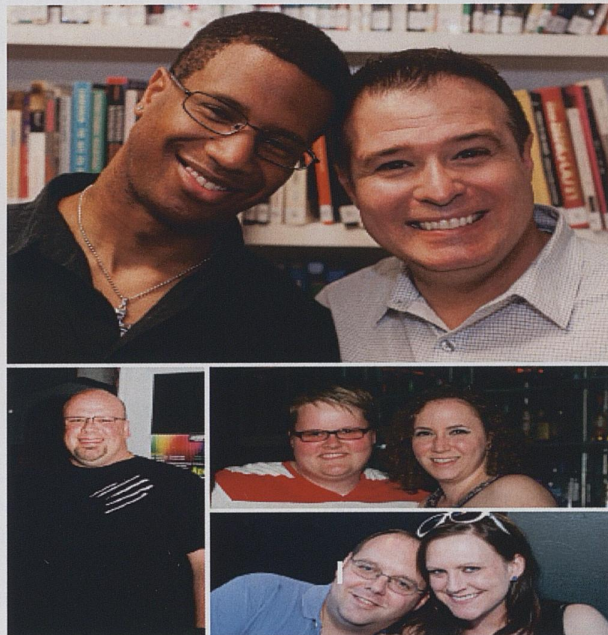


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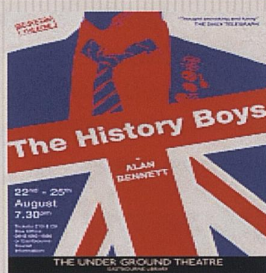
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Gallery Hop

Our last chance this year to see what the local artists have been up to. From the sublime to the ridiculous, these shows never disappoint. This hop is always a bit chilly but we have the wine and the glances from strangers across the room to keep us warm.

This November 15 from 5 to 8 p.m.
www.galleryhoplex.com



History Boys

History class was never like this! (or we would definitely have paid more attention) This riveting look at how different generations have dealt with the struggle of coming to terms with their homosexuality, will definitely move you. This is the last show for Kentucky Conservatory Theater this season.

It runs from Nov 8-24. www.mykct.org/

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Lady Cat Basketball

Pre-season Top 10 ranked, two straight elite 8 appearances, now SEC powerhouse, our Lady Cats have come a long way in just a few short years. Thanks to Matthew Mitchell, Sunday afternoons at Memorial Coliseum are electric with Big Blue Nation energy-- a far cry from the days when we did the chicken dance, rolled giant dice and prayed not to lose by 50. We say NEXT!



Dallas Buyer's Club

Not since Brokeback Mountain has there been this much buzz about two Hollywood hotties playing gay. Perennially shirtless favorite Matthew McConaughey and former teen heartthrob (My So Called Life) Jared Leto team up to bring us this epic tale of enterprising HIV positive men who illegally buy and sell early treatment drug AZT. Both actors lost enormous amounts of weight and Oscar is calling their names. Oh, and Leto plays a transsexual (carve his name on the statue). In theaters now.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

*All meetings are hosted at the GLSO Pride Center
unless otherwise noted*

Friday, November 1

3:00pm Outloud! Radio Show WRFL 88.1
7:00pm GSA Halloween Dance*

Saturday, November 2

6:30pm TransKentucky Meeting

Sunday, November 3

6:30pm - Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, November 4

4:00pm GLSO Grant Writing Committee
5:00pm Gay Writers Initiative
8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL

Wednesday, November 6

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, November 7

6:30pm GLSO Board Meeting

Friday, November 8

3:00pm Outloud! Radio Show WRFL 88.1

Saturday, November 9

9:00pm Kentucky Bourbon Bears Board Meeting

Sunday, November 10

6:00pm Imperial Court Meeting
6:30pm Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, November 11

4:00pm GLSO Grant Writing Committee
5:00pm Gay Writers Initiative
6:30pm GLSO Accessment Committee
8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL

Tuesday, November 12

6:30pm PFLAG Meeting
7:00pm AVOL HIV/AIDS Support Group

Wednesday, November 13

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, November 14

7:00pm LOVEboldly Board Meeting

Friday, November 15

3:00pm Outloud! Radio Show WRFL 88.1
7:00pm Senior's Bistro (Potluck)

Saturday, November 16

Dine To Donate w/GLSO
10:00am GSA Advisor Planning Meeting
7:00pm LGBT Movie Night (Military Theme)

Sunday, November 17

6:30pm Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, November 18

4:00pm GLSO Grant Writing Committee

5:00pm Gay Writers Initiative

8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL

Wednesday, November 20

Editorial Deadline for LinQ Magazine
7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, November 21

7:00pm 2014 LexPride Planning Meeting

Friday, November 22

3:00pm Outloud! Radio Show WRFL 88.1

Sunday, November 24

6:00pm Imperial Court Meeting
6:30pm Team Lex Volleyball

Monday, November 25

4:00pm GLSO Grant Writing Committee
5:00pm Gay Writers Initiative
6:30pm GLSO Accessment Committee
8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL

Wednesday, November 27

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Friday, November 29

3:00pm Outloud! Radio Show WRFL 88.1

*The Gay-Straight
Alliance for Youth
meets at 7:00pm
every Tuesday.*

* not hosted at the Pride Center



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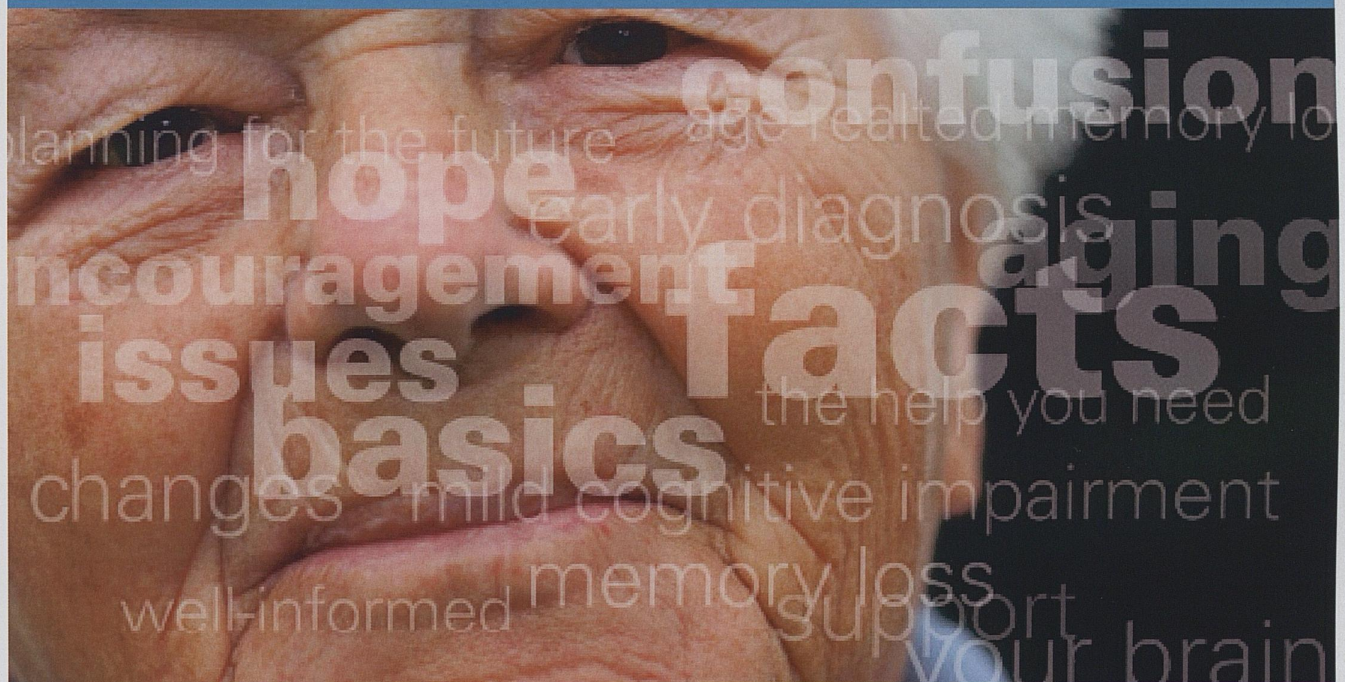
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<i>Community and Social Groups</i>	
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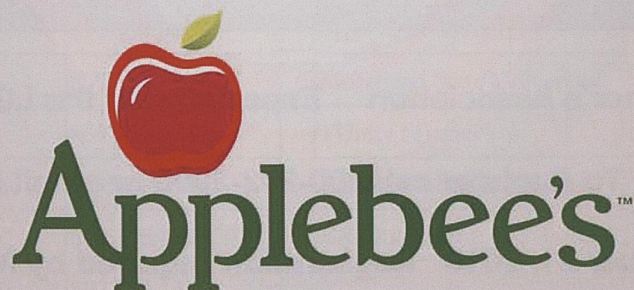
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