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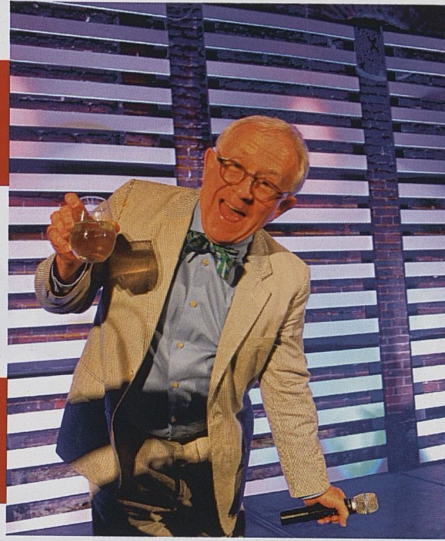
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# That's What I'm Talkin' About



By Helena Handbasket

Gay marriage, gay marriage, gay marriage. That is all I have heard lately. Gay marriage. I agree that it is a very important issue and I also agree that now is the time to confront the “powers that be” to ensure equality and fairness. If politicians take a vow to represent ALL of the people in their jurisdiction, then we certainly can't be left out of that discussion. That being said, gay marriage is not the only issue that stands between us and equality. When gay marriage equality is passed in Kentucky (keeping a positive attitude that it will), there will still be other issues that will require us to step up and speak out.

I'm one of those who understand the need for Kentucky to pass marriage equality. I recently tied the knot, myself. Oh, don't get too excited. I've been with my other half for 23 years now and we had a wonderful wedding in November of 1992, officiated by Kelly Flood at the Unitarian Universalist church on Clays Mill. It was a lovely ceremony and we were surrounded by about 50 of our favorite friends and loved ones. Of course, we knew that it wasn't legal. We thought it might be a good idea to do

it again now that we're recognized in a few states.

We didn't jump through all of the hoops married folks usually do. Instead, we opted for a little flight to St. Paul/Minneapolis, Minnesota for our second nuptials. We lived there for over four years and so we knew our way around. Plus, we could get the 3 (or maybe 5) day waiting period waived if we went before a judge with a good explanation on why we needed to expedite the process (and no, Helena is not pregnant).

The judge was sweet as she could be and was incredibly supportive. She posed for a picture with us before we left. Her willingness to help us out certainly impressed me. We applied for our license afterward. The public servants there were so friendly and an older, jovial gentleman seemed very willing to share in our joy of the moment by making jokes.

After finishing the paperwork, we proceeded to the wedding chapel to exchange the rings (the same rings that we have been wearing now for 22 years). When we lived in St. Paul, we resided about 15 minutes away from the Mall of America. Each time we would go there, we would walk by the “Chapel of Love” Wedding Chapel and wonder “who

in their right minds would ever go to the mall to get married?” Well, now we know. We would!

Our little ceremony was lovely. It lasted all of 15 minutes. She asked if we wanted to and we each said “I do” then we gave each other back our rings, signed a few more papers and voila, we were officially married! We each wore faded jeans and white shirts. We immediately went out to the amusement park that is in the center of the mall and we rode the roller coaster to celebrate.

Here is the best part of this article. The world hasn't come to an end. No one stopped having babies or getting married because we got married. As a matter of fact, I can't find one thing that is different in the world since we did this, not even in our own home. We have been living together for 23 years and life has just gone on as usual. Which leads me to believe, if this were legal in Kentucky, I don't think anyone will suffer because of it. Life goes on as usual. And life is good.



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# Imperial Court of Kentucky News



By **Christina Puse**

**G**reetings everyone! The Imperial Court of Kentucky is so excited to announce the beginning of Reign 33 this year. Earlier this month, Coronation 33 was held at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Lexington on June 1st. His Imperial Majesty, Emperor 32, Patrick Thompson & Her Imperial Majesty, Empress 22 & 32, J.D. Vaughn officially stepped down from their monarch positions and passed the torch onto the new monarchs of Kentucky, His Most Imperial Majesty, Emperor 33, Tim "Pappaw" Logsdon & Her Most Imperial Majesty, Empress 33, Christina Puse. Since Coronation, Reign 33 has already been hard at work planning more ways to raise money for our local charities. On June 20th, the ICK attended the Lexington Fairness Awards Dinner. Not only did we have a great time, we were very excited to see so many people within our community recognized for all of their hard work and dedication. Congratulations Lexington Fairness and to the recipients of the awards! On June 28th, the ICK also attended the annual Lexington Pride Festival for GLSO. Early in the evening, an event was held at

Crossings Lexington with a show entitled "Pride Show: Celebrating Diversity." This was the first show to kick off Reign 33 for the year. It was a pleasure to be able to party with our community and raise money for our local charities! Coming up for the month of July, we will be out and about within the community to remind everyone of our event for the 4th of July. You are invited to walk with us in the 4th of July parade which will be held at 2pm that day. We will be meeting at the Herald Leader at 1:30pm. We are teaming up with Lexington Fairness for the walk within the parade. After the parade has ended, we will be heading to Crossings Lexington for our Independence Day show at 5pm. We look forward to seeing everyone!



*Above, His Most Imperial Majesty, Emperor 33, Tim "Pappaw" Logsdon & Her Most Imperial Majesty, Empress 33, Christina Puse.*

If you haven't already, please find us on Facebook under The Imperial Court of Kentucky or visit [www.imperialcourtkentucky.org](http://www.imperialcourtkentucky.org) for further updates on our events coming up for July. As of now, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your love and support! See you all soon!





# 2014 Lexington Fairness Awards

By Glenn Means III, MPA

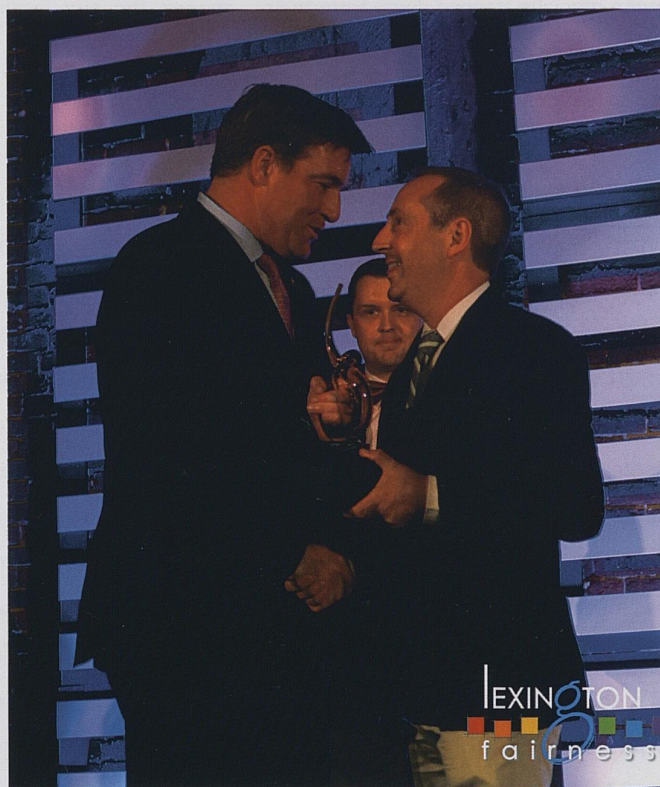
The 7th Annual Lexington Fairness Awards Dinner was held at the Grand Reserve on June 20th, 2014 where award recipients were honored for their committed efforts towards progressing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) equality and fairness. This year's awards included the Ally for Fairness Awards, Jennifer Crossen Out for Fairness Award, Fairness Leadership Award, and the Ernesto Scorsone Political Leadership Award. The sold out crowd was entertained by comedian Leslie Jordan, and singer Deanna DellaCioppa. Among the worthy award recipients included current Attorney General Jack Conway who received the Ernest Scorsone Political Leadership Award. Attorney General Jack Conway was honored for his courageous leadership in declining to appeal the US District Court Judge Heyburn's ruling holding that the Kentucky Constitutions amendment

banning gay marriage in Kentucky violates the US constitution. Conway took a stand for the LGBT community and without hesitance voiced his concern. He was most quoted for his line where he stated that he would not "defend discrimination." In remarks, Conway said he "led from [his] gut," and that "it was the right thing to do." The Ally for Fairness Award was awarded to AIDS activist Leslie Beatty whose works range from volunteering and being an avid financial support of Just FundKY, Moveable Feast and AVOL. One of the many noted efforts include her running a photo campaign for World AIDS Day in 2013. The Jonathan Baker Fairness Leadership Award was awarded to three honorees that included philanthropist and businessman Brandl Skirvin, former ECU professor Doug Burnham, and his sister Belinda Tarpley-Sottung. Skirvin has not only been an active voice in the LGBT community but he continually has contributed

to many organizations in the Lexington community including the American Cancer Society, AVOL, GLSO, the Imperial Court of Kentucky, JustFundKY and Lexington Fairness. Tarpley and Burnham were both presidents of the Gay Service Organization and traveled throughout the state speaking to several colleges to bring awareness to others about being gay and not living in the closet. The Jennifer Crossen Out for

Fairness Award was awarded to Bob Morgan. Morgan has been an active voice in the LGBT Lexington community and helped gather 100 years of Lexington queer history that was exhibited at Morlan Gallery. Morgan has helped make many names come to life and help the LGBT community celebrate their wonderful LGBT community history. Some past recipients of Fairness Awards include

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Above, Kentucky Attorney General accepts the Ernesto Scorsone Political Leadership Award.





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Lexington Mayor Jim Gray, former Lexington Vice Mayor Isabel Yates, Jackson Cofer, Mary Crone, State Senator Kathy Stein, and Pastor Bill Kincaid.

The Fairness Awards are a tribute to the leadership exhibited by the LGBT community in Kentucky and serve as a fundraiser for the group's bullying prevention program, Project Speak Out. The event also included the premiere of a video celebrating the work of Lexington Fairness and its allies in passing the Fairness Ordinance in Lexington fifteen years ago. Chairman Roy Harrison followed with remarks on the importance of the successes the LGBT movement has had, as well as a renewed call to action to continue the struggle for human dignity.



*Photos by Eric Shock and Katie Decker.*

*Top left, friends and colleagues meet and greet during the event. Top right, attendees smile for the camera. Center, the talent kicks it up a notch as guests are entertained by a performance. Bottom, as the night goes on, the community continues to smile and celebrate during the evening festivities.*



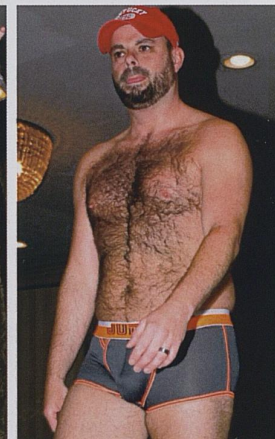
# From the Bear's Den

By Scott B. Perry

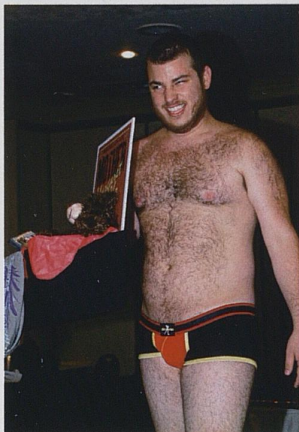
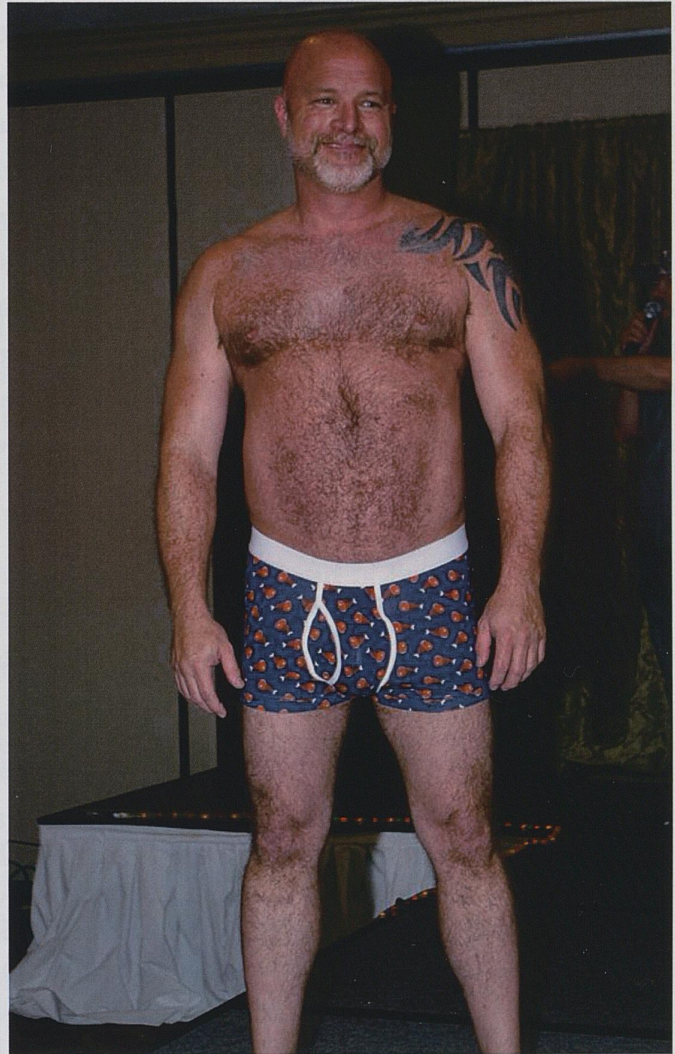
The 2014 Kentucky Bourbon Bears Annual Big Baskets of the Bluegrass Charity Auction was a big success. This year's event raised over \$6,400.00, breaking all previous records. The profits from the event will be split between the students Gay Straight Alliance part of the GLSO and Lexington Fairness. Following are some photos from the event that was held on Friday, May 16th at the Campbell House Inn.

Special Thanks to Alex with Femme Fatal for providing our entertainment for the event and our models (gay and straight) that donated their time to help us exceed our goal.

Also, the Kentucky Bourbon Bears membership drive is June and the KBB will have a booth at Pride.





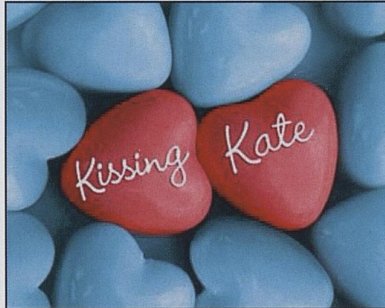


Various members of the Bourbon Bears and their friends came to celebrate at the Charity Auction. Models strutted their stuff down the runway and plenty of items were up for auction. With your help, they exceeded the record amount for their event.



## Around the Library:

# Kissing Kate



By Kristine Nowak

**K**issing Kate, by Lauren Myracle, tells the story of sixteen-year-old Lissa, who is dealing with the aftermath of kissing her best friend, Kate, at a party. Kate has been Lissa's best friend since they were twelve and Lissa adores and idolizes Kate. However, since they kissed, Kate is

avoiding Lissa and trying to pretend that nothing ever happened between them. The story focuses on Lissa's efforts to deal with her sense of loss and confusion, find new meaning and new friends, and struggle to discover and accept her own sexuality. The story also features several significant subplots that show other characters of all ages trying to find love and positive interpersonal relationships, whatever their life circumstances. The book is written in simple but evocative language and skillfully interweaves Lissa's story with flashbacks of her past with Kate. It is recommended for ages fourteen and

up, and would be particularly recommended to teens or young adults who are in the process of coming to terms with their own sexual identity and figuring out how it may affect the significant relationships in their lives. The book does include some negative language (including a few homophobic slurs), but more generally presents a compelling portrait of a young woman coming to accept herself and find positive ways to work towards what she wants from life. This book is in the Young Adult section of the GLSO Library. Come check it out!




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*Are you 50 years of age or older AND LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender) or someone who is attracted to or has had an intimate or sexual relationship with someone of your same sex or gender?*

**The Gay and Lesbian Services Organization** and the Institute for Multigenerational Health at the University of Washington need your help with a ground-breaking project. Our goal is to understand the aging and health needs of our communities for generations to come. You can enter a raffle awarding a \$100.00 VISA Gift Certificate to three randomly selected individuals by completing the raffle participation form. To enter the raffle and request a questionnaire visit <http://CaringAndAging.org/raffle>, email AgePride@uw.edu, or call 1-800-558-8703. You are eligible for the raffle regardless of whether you complete a questionnaire or not. Please keep in mind your participation in the project is completely voluntary. If you have any questions about the project, please contact us at 1-800-558-8703 or visit our website at [CaringAndAging.org](http://CaringAndAging.org). *Voice your needs!*

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# Summer Parties Made Easy



By Ranada West-Riley

Summer is here and nothing says summer more to me than being outside, noshing and cocktails! I don't know about you, but I've been on quite a few picnics or outdoor parties in my life. So, I've learned a few things through trial and error. Whether you're having a patio party, going boating, or having a quiet date at the Arboretum, food and drink are in order and can make or break the event. Here are a few tips for your next outdoor party that will truly make the event a success!



## Ranada's Recommendations

### #1 - Choose Your Spot

Before you start, remember that you've got to carry everything to your chosen spot. Opt for paper and plastic to lighten the load (and recycle!). You want to impress your guests, not have an Ironman Marathon workout.

### #2 - Keep It Simple and Easy, Yet Elegant and Flavorful

Whether you're running to the supermarket to pick up some imported cheese and smoked meats or you're cooking your favorite creation, remember that the foods you pick should be simple and easily moved. The possibilities are still endless. Make a summertime chilled soup and bring in a thermos. Wraps and quiches can be a great option and can be served cold.

### #3 - Temperature, Temperature, Temperature!

Remember while packing up the cooler, chill everything thoroughly and toss in plenty of ice. To be safe, food shouldn't sit outdoors for more than 1 hour while on ice or ice packs. Food borne illnesses can quickly set in if food is below temperature for very long.

### #4 - Ambiance and Mood Is *Everything*

People eat with their eyes long before they take a bit, so accessorize and go all out with nice tablecloths or picnic blankets. Flowers and plants are an even better special touch. Don't forget the lighting, especially if it's in the evening. Votive or floating candles in a fishbowl are perfect for this.

### #5 - It's All About The Essentials

Pack the Essentials and make sure you're fully equipped for your event. Here's a reliable list of things you will need for your outdoor event:

- Picnic basket or cooler
- Bottled water (*tip: you can freeze overnight and use as an ice pack*)
- Outdoor dinnerware and Flatware or plastic silverware
- Napkins
- Glassware
- Corkscrew
- Tablecloth or Blanket
- Decorative centerpiece (*a homemade beautiful dessert is perfect*)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray or citronella candles
- Trash bags



# LGBTQ Perspectives Wanted

By Dani Rosenkrantz

Dr. Kristen Mark, Ph.D., an Assistant Professor of Sexual Health Promotion, and members of her Sexual Health Promotion Lab are seeking LGBTQ participants for focus groups to learn more about sexual desire and relationships! Why sexual desire? In past research, sexual desire has been associated with romantic love, relationship satisfaction, sexual satisfaction, and other important interpersonal phenomena, while the absence of this feeling has often been suggested as a signal of relationship problems. Research

has also highlighted a difference in beliefs and patterns of desire between men and women and has suggested the necessity of understanding the object of desire, explaining that desire fluctuations may be more reliant on what is being desired than on an innate spontaneous feeling. Only a few studies have explored experiences including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer identified populations, leaving the literature at risk for heterosexist generalizations. The purpose of their study is to create an object of sexual desire measurement scale for use with diverse gender and sexual identities,

using a focus group exploration as the foundation for scale development to use the real life experiences of diverse individuals to help create the scale. Additionally, the focus group data will also be used to answer research questions about sexual desire in general within this population, since so little is known at present. Since traditionally this research has been more focused on straight cisgender populations, Dr. Mark and her team are aiming to include many LGBTQ perspectives to broaden understanding to be inclusive of diverse gender and sexual identities. The team will be running focus groups

from July 20-August 20th with a goal of recruiting at least 20 LGBTQ and straight individuals, respectively, for each group. Participants will be entered to win a \$40 gift card and enjoy free refreshments! If interested in participating, please contact the focus group coordinator Dani Rosenkrantz at [dani.rose@uky.edu](mailto:dani.rose@uky.edu). To find out more about the Sexual Health Promotion Lab, visit their website at <http://www.kristenmark.com/research/shp-lab/>. The team is excited to learn from you!



*Right, a former Miss Kentucky signing the cover of Story at the GLSO's 2014 Lexington Pride Festival.  
Below, pride festival bracerlots.*



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# An Impromptu Education

By **Bobbie Thompson**  
-aka Alana's Spouse-

If I say Laverne Cox, Carmen Carrera, Janet Mock, or Buck Angel, most folks I know will ask, "Who is that?" That's because trans men and women are just not very well known in central Kentucky.

As the spouse of a trans woman, I want to do whatever I can to bring up the subject and educate people whenever possible. I see it as education step 1. One must be willing to talk about the unique position life affords me.

On February 28, 2014, I had knee replacement surgery at a local hospital. I'd say "hello" and make general small talk with the hospital staff when they visited my room. Then, I'd ask the question, "Are you familiar with trans issues?"

Usually the answer would be "Not really." That would be my opportunity, so then I'd say, "Well, my spouse is transgender and will be here soon." Questions would always follow, which I found wonderful. Questions shows the education is working. These staff took interest and formed more questions as an indication of interest.

One of the first questions would usually be "So was your spouse born a man or a woman?" I love that question because I

can say "Actually she was born a woman with a man's body and she prefers feminine pronouns like she or her." I loved these little educational sessions. They were wonderful because when Alana arrived during visiting hours, my "students"



*Laverne Cox, Carmen Carrera, Janet Mock and Buck Angel are four of the most visible members of the trans community on the national stage. But many people in Kentucky are not as aware of trans issues and the more publicized face of those issues in society*

would know how to address her properly because they had already been "educated" as to the proper pronouns to use with a transwoman.

Of course, I kept a copy of each of our books on my bedside hospital tray. Several folks picked them up and took interest. A few even said, "Now that I've met a trans woman, I really need to read these books to learn more." More proof that a little education opens the mind and interest in further education.

Another opportunity I've had to educate on the subject of transgender issues was during a shopping trip at Fayette Mall. Alana and I were shopping with friends. I was walking a few steps behind the others when I saw several young ladies looking at

Alana. As I approached the young ladies one said to the others "That's a man in a dress."

I politely tapped the young lady on the shoulder and said "No, honey, that's a trans woman." Then I asked "Are you familiar with trans women?" She casually replied "No." I elected to use that moment as a learning opportunity and I handed her one of our bookmarks that read "These books are a good place to start learning that trans women are not men in

dresses."

After a few more words, she apologized and said the key phrase "I didn't know any better." I replied "That's OK because in the beginning I thought Alana was simply a man in a dress, too, until I learned the difference. Now, you know better and if you ever hear anyone else say, "That's a man in a dress," you can tell them there is a difference.

After our exchange, I turned and walked away. I was happy that I'd had another impromptu opportunity to educate. Even when it's just one person at a time.





## PFLAG Central Kentucky Meeting

PFLAG Central Kentucky meetings are held 6:30 to 8:30pm the second Tuesday of the month at St. Michael's Episcopal Church (2025 Bellefonte Drive in Lexington). Typically, we have a program the first half, followed by our support group. We welcome members of the LGBTQ community, their families, friends and allies.

July 8 we will be showing the award-winning film, Prayers for Bobby, the difficult true story of a religious mother's struggle to accept her gay son – a story both heartbreaking and inspiring.

August 12 we will hear from local writer Wynn Malone, author of Finding the Grain. She will discuss the modern history of lesbian fiction writing, focusing on the role of family and straight friends in stories.

September 9 a representative from

the Fayette County Schools will address LGBTQ issues and services within the public school system.

October 14 a couple will share their personal journey in loving, respecting and supporting their gay son.

November 11 our speaker is Derek Penwell, minister, professor, writer, activist, and head of Kentucky Faith Leaders for Fairness.

(PFLAG is not is not a religious or church-affiliated organization; however, we recognize that faith and faith leaders have a significant impact at a personal and societal level.)

We welcome LGBTQs, their family members, friends and allies. PFLAG meetings are a safe, confidential setting where all are accepted and respected.



Right, Zachary Simon Myers and his dog stop by and visit the Lexington Fairness Tent during the GLSO's 2014 Lexington Pride Festival



## Company Q: A Social Justice Theatre

By **Theo Meacham**

Imagine a place where young people are encouraged to share their lives and their stories through theatre.

Founded in 2012, Company Q provides such a safe place. A social justice theatre ensemble focusing on LGBTQIA+ youth ages 14-22, Company Q explores relevant issues in the lives of young adults and strives to educate the communities in which we live. Through improvisation and devising, we turn our discussions into original theatrical work.

Company Q will be launching an annual fund in early June. To give to Company Q's annual fund, please visit our facebook page. We need your help to continue our work!

Company Q is a member of the Pride Youth Theatre Alliance, an international organization serving artists who work in the field of Queer Youth Theatre. For more information about joining or volunteering, contact Company Q at [companyqlexington@gmail.com](mailto:companyqlexington@gmail.com) or connect with us on facebook - [www.facebook.com/companyqlexington](http://www.facebook.com/companyqlexington).





# Lexington GSA Needs You

By **Robert Cardom**

The Lexington Gay-Straight Alliance is a program aimed at providing a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\*, questioning, and queer teens to get support, learn, and have fun. In addition to our weekly meetings from 6-8pm on Tuesdays, we also host the Lexington Pride Prom, the Halloween Dance, and a new leadership development initiative funded by a JustFundKY grant. All of our work is made possible by the work of our volunteers.

That's where you come in! LexGSA is looking for volunteers to help us to maintain and grow our program so that we are responsive to the evolving needs of our teens. There are several opportunities to volunteer:

Advisors facilitate at least one meeting per month at the GLSO Pride Center

on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Experience leading small groups is helpful. Advisors must be at least 24 years of age and submit to a criminal background check. Chaperones help us to offer inclusive dances, where students are free to be themselves and not worry that their gender or that of their date will bar their attendance. Chaperones must be at least 24 years of age, submit to a background check, and be willing to fill in as needed during our dances. Chaperones often take turns helping students register at the registration table, serving food in the refreshments area, and patrolling the dance floor.

Local school GSAs often ask us for speakers on a range of topics ranging from healthy relationships, career development, living as an LGBT adult. Speakers must be available during the afternoon, when most school GSAs

meet, and must submit to a background check.

Are you interested in getting involved with LexGSA? Email Robert Cardom at [Robert@glso.org](mailto:Robert@glso.org) for more information or to apply. All new volunteers will be required to attend a weekend orientation to be scheduled in August.



*If you want to get involved with the GLSO's Gay Straight Alliance for youth, you can:*

- **Attend a meeting (teen youth)**
- **Email Robert Cardom at:**  
[robert@glso.org](mailto:robert@glso.org)
- **Donate to the GLSO**

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## Gay Sustainable Network of Kentucky

By **Mark Spoon**

We are looking for others within the gay community interested in a more sustainable, resilient and environmentally healthy lifestyle. This group targets those who already are or those just interested in becoming urban-farmers or a homesteaders who want to discuss practicing permaculture principles and fueling on organic real food. We are forming a core group of individuals or couples in the region. Our goal is to create a time-share, help each other develop markets and generate

more sales, share supplies, materials and skills, and knowledge to make future pursuits and endeavors easier. We can all be more successful and obtain our goals easier by working within a network together. The group is open to all, urban or rural, property owners, renters or just volunteers that want to learn for future plans and help make a difference with other similar minded people.

For questions or to join, please direct email inquiries to: [BlueKentucky@live.com](mailto:BlueKentucky@live.com).



# Arbor Youth Services, Serving LGBT Teens and Young Adults

By Stephanie Oghia

Arbor Youth Services is a local non-profit that serves children from birth to 25 years of age. AYS provides safe alternatives for at-risk children, youth, and their families through services that promote growth and development. One community AYS serves are LGBT young adults. Many LGBT teens are often kicked out of their homes upon turning eighteen. While some of these teens come from the Lexington area, several more come from rural areas. These youth in crisis set their sights on Lexington, thinking they will find a way to make it in a city. These teens have aged out of Arbor Youth Services' Mash Drop Inn Shelter (Central Kentucky's only

shelter for children 6 weeks-17 years of age), but have a difficult time navigating Lexington's adult shelters. AYS is hoping to one day have a shelter and transitional living for 18-25 year olds. 18-25 year old homeless LGBT young adults use AYS Street Outreach Program for day services. The young adults are provided lockers to store personal items. The staff helps them secure legal identification, SNAP benefits, and birth certificates. AYS has a kitchen, shower, and laundry room these young adults can access during the day. Young adults are

offered job training with agencies such as Job Corps, or provide assistance to those wanting to finish their GED or high school. They also help young adults apply for college or trade schools. Young adults are also helped with resume building, preparation for interviews, and financial counseling. AYS also provides referrals to other organizations, such as AVOL, to those that qualify.

People who are homeless often have trouble applying for jobs, as they have

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no phone number or address to use. AYS provides young adults an address and phone number, allowing young adults access to the job market. Young adults are also helped with resume building, preparation for interviews, and financial counseling. When applying for jobs, AYS provides the use of a computer and internet for online applications.

Young adults are either referred to AYS by other agencies such as the Hope Center and Catholic Action Center, word of mouth on the streets, or by community members who are aware of their services.

AYS Street Outreach Program serves 30-50 youth and young adults each month.

Executive Director of AYS Stephanie Spires spoke about the importance of providing direct access to services for these young adults. "It's a full time job to be homeless. When no one else knows what to do with a kid, they send them to us and we figure it out."

If you would like to find out more about AYS and their services, go to [www.ArborKy.org](http://www.ArborKy.org). You can also find them on Facebook at Arbor Youth Services, Inc. You can also donate bus passes, hygiene products, and other items at their location at 536 W. Third St.



**For more information about  
Arbor Youth Services**

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# Advances in Suicide Prevention:

## Research, Practice, and Policy Implications for LGBT Populations

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In its efforts to address behavioral health disparities, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has prioritized the goal of suicide prevention among vulnerable populations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans. Despite strong indications of elevated risk of suicidal behavior in LGBT people, limited attention has been given to research, interventions, or suicide prevention programs targeting these populations. This webinar will offer participants up-to-date information about what is already known about LGBT suicide risk across the lifespan as well as what is being done to improve future research.

Dr. Russell will report on the findings of an expert panel focused on the need to better understand suicidal behavior and suicide risk in sexual minority populations. He will summarize existing research findings; he will also share recommendations for addressing knowledge gaps and applying current knowledge to relevant areas of suicide prevention practice.

Dr. Haas's presentation will focus on recent efforts to address the critical need for valid, generalizable data on the sexual orientation and gender identity of individuals who die by suicide. This will include a brief review of

how the lack of systematic data about suicide mortality among (LGBT) people significantly limits our understanding of suicide risk in these populations, and hence our ability to develop and implement appropriate and effective intervention and prevention strategies. Recently, agencies and organizations responsible for collecting and reporting on mortality data convened to address this challenge. Dr. Haas will report on the outcome of this meeting and describe the next steps in a ground-breaking effort to determine the manner and causes of suicide mortality among LGBT people. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of opportunities for participants to become involved in this work.

Dr. Ryan will provide information about recent developments in the Family Acceptance Project, a research, intervention, education and policy project that helps ethnically and religiously diverse families to support their LGBT children in the context of their family, culture, and faith communities. This research-based family support model includes counseling strategies, assessment tools, and multicultural family education materials to help parents, foster parents, and caregivers prevent health risks, including suicide, and promote their LGBT children's well-being.

### Learning Objectives:

- Review what is known about suicide risk among LGBT populations across the lifespan.
- Identify gaps in research and describe how this impacts our understanding of the scope of the problem and design of prevention strategies.
- Describe new work to develop and test a protocol for collecting postmortem data on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Explain a research-based health and mental health family support model that helps ethnically- and religiously-diverse families to support their LGBT children.
- Identify relevant resources available to researchers and practitioners.

### Register Online:

There is no charge. Space is limited. Please register at: <http://edc.adobeconnect.com/e1ta2xrhtb7/event/registration.html>

After you register, you will receive an e-mail containing information about how to participate in the webinar. Please note that we do not offer CEUs or certificates for our webinars.

If you have any questions, please contact [rwillmer@edc.org](mailto:rwillmer@edc.org).







# July Calendar & Telephone Directory

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

## Wednesday, July 2

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

## Thursday, July 3

6:30pm GLSO Board Meeting

## Saturday, July 5

1:30pm GLSO Fundraising Committee

7:30pm TransKentucky Meeting

## Sunday, July 6

2:00pm Neon Jungle Planning Committee

3:30pm Company Q Drama Troupe Practice

6:30pm Team Lex Volleyball\*

## Monday, July 7

8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL\*

## Tuesday, July 8

6:30pm PFLAG Meeting\*

7:00pm HIV/AIDS Support Group hosted by AVOL\*

## Wednesday, July 9

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

## Thursday, July 10

7:00pm LOVEboldly Board Meeting

## Friday, July 11

7:00pm Hispanic LGBT Discussion Group

## Saturday, July 12

9:00pm Kentucky Bourbon Bears Board Meeting

## Sunday, July 13

3:30pm Company Q Drama Troupe Practice

6:00pm Imperial Court of Kentucky Board Meeting

6:30pm Team Lex Volleyball\*

## Monday, July 14

8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL\*

## Wednesday, July 16

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

## Thursday, July 17

6:30pm GLSO Board Work Session

## Friday, July 18

7:00pm Senior's Bistro (Potluck)

## Saturday, July 19

1:30pm GLSO Fundraising Committee

7:30pm FREE Nicholasville Drag Show\*

## Sunday, July 20

All day Editorial Deadline for LINQ Newspaper

2:00pm Neon Jungle Planning Committee

3:30pm Company Q Drama Troupe Practice

6:30pm Team Lex Volleyball\*

## Monday, July 21

8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL\*

## Wednesday, July 23

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

## Friday, July 25

7:00pm Hispanic LGBT Discussion Group

## Sunday, July 27

3:30pm Company Q Drama Troupe Practice

6:00pm Imperial Court of Kentucky Board Meeting

6:30pm Team Lex Volleyball\*

## Monday, July 28

8:00pm AA Meeting hosted by AVOL\*

## Wednesday, July 30

7:00pm LGBT Discussion Group

## Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	800 929 8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	800 999 9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859 967 9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859 277 1877
Council for Peace and Justice	859 488 1448
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	859 539 3058
Lexington Fair Housing Council	866 438 8617
Lexington Fairness	859 951 8565
Lexington Human Rights	859 252 4931
Lexington Pride Festival	859 253 3233
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1 800 273 8255
PFLAG Central Kentucky, Inc.	859 338 4393
PFLAG Louisville	502 223 1323
SisterSound	859 806 0243
Social Services, Lexington	211

## Community and Social Groups

Speaker's Bureau	859 266 5904
TransKentucky	cassiemt@yahoo.com
Transgender Youth Family Allies	1 888 462 8932
Trevor Lifeline 24/7	1 866 488 7386
United Way	859 313 5465

## College Student Groups

Berea College ACE	859 958 3633
BCTC Gay-Straight Alliance	859 246 6365
Centre College BGLA	859 238 5332
EKU Alphabet Center	859 622 5041
EKU Pride Alliance	859 622 1027
Morehead State University	606 783 2071
TUnity (Transy)	859 445 3822
UK Gay-Straight Alliance	859 257 8701
UK OutSource	859 323 3312

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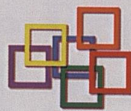
AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL)	859 225 3000
Health Department, Fayette County	859 288 2437
Health Department, Woodford County	859 873 4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502 584 1254
Moveable Feast	859 252 2867
Northern Ky Region	859 341 4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859 323 5643

## Religious Groups

Bluegrass United Church of Christ	859 233 0208
Faith Lutheran Church	859 266 7621
First Presbyterian Church	859 252 1919
Lex Friends, Quakers	859 254 3319
Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church	859 255 1075
St. Martha's Episcopal Church	859 271 7641
Unitarian Universalist Church	859 223 1448
Woodland Christian Church	859 266 3416



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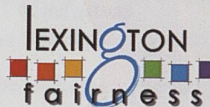
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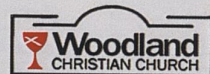
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