

**GAY and
LESBIAN
SERVICES
ORGANIZATION**
Lexington, Kentucky

The **GLSO NEWS**

November 2005

A Publication of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization

AVOL ART FOR LIFE

Life is a celebration, and AVOL is leading the way with its 2005 fundraiser, Art for Life. ART for Life Art Auction will be November 6, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mansion at Griffin Gate located at 1800 Newtown Pike in Lexington.

This year's event will feature gourmet hors d'oeuvres, fine art, a live and silent auction, live entertainment, a cash bar, and perhaps even a ghost sighting! The cost will be \$25 (price includes one drink ticket) or two tickets for \$40 (price includes two drink tickets) for a spectacular evening steeped in Southern charm.

Local and nationally known artists will be featured including Arturo Sandoval. Our feature piece this year is a 1974 Keeneland billboard. Join us and enjoy great food, music and exquisite art! For more info on this event, sponsorship, art auction updates or to donate art please call (859) 225-3000 or visit <http://www.aidsvolunteers.org>.

World AIDS Day is Dec. 1. Watch for details coming soon.



ActOut Tryouts

Auditions for the next ActOut play will be on Nov. 3 (Thurs.) and 4 (Fri.) at 7 pm at the Pride Center. The play will be the controversial *Corpus Christi*. There is a perusal script at the Pride Center.

This play asks audience members to consider the possibilities of a present day religious savior. Thirteen male actors perform a variety of parts. Joshua is born in a sleazy motel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Joshua hitchhikes across the desert having occasional conversations with God, performing miracles, and gathering disciples. The play will be performed during the first two weekends in January

Volume 20 Number 11

2006 Imperial Court Calendar Bombshells

The Imperial Court of Kentucky has partnered with Lexington artist and photographer Kurt Gohde to produce "Bombshells," a pinup calendar featuring local female impersonators to be sold as a fundraiser for Moveable Feast Lexington.

The calendars will be unveiled at a reception and Bombshell-themed show at The Bar Complex on November 16th. The reception will start at 8 pm. and the show will start at 9:30 pm. Cover for the show is \$5. Calendars are \$12 each or 10 for \$100. Purchase of a calendar will allow for free admission to the show.

This is Gohde's third calendar in collaboration with the Imperial Court, having produced the immensely popular "Femme Fatale" and "Fairy Tales" calendars in 2002 and 2004 respectively. "Bombshells" features such local favorites as Natalie Gaye, Cammie Dietrich, Phoenix Gaye, J.D. Vaughn, Tracy Taylor, Eden Towers, and Lady Marmalade in all their unintentionally exhibitionistic glory. They are the girls next door whose charms are revealed in that moment when they realize they've been caught in what might be an embarrassing pose.

...Continued on next page

GLSO Members
Sponsor All of the Work
We Do - Thank You
Become a member - page 5



**GAY and
LESBIAN
SERVICES
ORGANIZATION**
Lexington, Kentucky

GLSO NEWS

Vol. 20 No.11

Published Monthly by:

GLSO

P.O. Box 1172 Lex., KY 40588

www.lexingtonglso@yahoo.com

www.webspawner.com/users/glsoqxnet

News Editors

**Mary Crone
Jackie Cobern**

GLSO Board

**Joan Brannon, President
Tom Collins, Vice Pres.
Ben Salyers, Secretary**

**Thomas Collins
Mary Crone
Lindsay Mattingly
Jen Meclenburg
Terry Mullins**

**Pride Center Office Manager
Bill Chandler**

GLSO Membership & Newsletter:

**Individuals or Couples \$20.
For One Year Subscription.**

Opinions expressed in the GLSO News are those of the authors and don't necessarily represent those of the GLSO Board.

Submissions received after the deadline, which is the 15th of each month, may be cut or not printed when space is limited. The staff reserves the right to edit or reject submissions

Gusting winds grab at their long legs. They are ogled as they take what they thought were private baths. Their skirts get hung on tree branches and door knobs and blown into the air by haphazardly-placed fans. The elements conspire to deprive them of their clothing.

Today we find ourselves at war abroad and at home. The war on terrorism and battles for social justice begged for the creation of this calendar. The pinups troops originally placed on their footlockers in WWII were meant to motivate them and remind them of home. These pinups are meant to do the same, yet there is more significance to their existence.

The models featured in "Bombshells" are at times model *and* soldier. The drag community is often at the forefront of community mobilization efforts (think Stonewall). Here, they are portraying the helpless "girl" next door, yet are just as likely to be unsung activists fighting for equal rights for all Americans and raising money for local organizations that do the same.

For more on the history of pinup calendars and to see an example of one of the many wonderful pinups included in the Court's 2006 calendar, see page 8 - 9. After the reception, calendars will be available at the Pride Center, Moveable Feast, from various local retailers, and on the Court's website <http://www.impcour.org/kentucky>

ANOTHER NOTE PRESENTS

"WHAT SHALL WE GIVE"

Another Note, a men's choral ensemble, will present "What Shall We Give," a holiday benefit concert on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at Woodland Christian Church, 530 East High St. A \$12 suggested donation at the door will be given to Movable Feast, providing meals to persons living with HIV/AIDS and to homebound Hospice patients.

The title of our concert comes from one of our songs, "What Shall We Give. This year has seen a lot of suffering, especially for people affected by the many natural disasters. "There are still people here in the Bluegrass affected by AIDS and HIV who need our help," says Artistic Director Steve Johnson. "This concert is our way to give back to our community through Movable Feast.

What Shall We Give will feature a mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas and Hanukah selections guaranteed to help you ring in the holiday season in true Another Note style!

Community News

40+ Women

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and younger friends) who are interested in attending a wide variety of activities together. We have some great events planned for the next couple of months beginning with wine tasting and a concert at Equus Run Vineyard on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 1 until 4 pm. Equus Run is located at 1280 Moores Mill Road Midway, KY, off Leestown Rd, RT 421. This is a benefit for God's Pantry. Admission is 2 or more non-perishable food items.

On Sunday, November 13, at 2 p m, the 40+ Club's monthly meeting will be held at Pride Center followed by supper at an Ethiopian restaurant.

In December we are planning a Holiday Weekend in Louisville. On Friday, Dec. 9 we will attend Voices of Kentuckiana's Holiday Concert, "I Still Believe". (www.voicesky.org) On Saturday, Dec. 10, we will celebrate December birthdays at the Connection Nightclub. We will be getting hotel rooms for Friday & Saturday night.

If you have questions or would like to be added to the 40+ mailing list, call or email Ginger and Jane at 859-253-0061 or ggclr@yahoo.com for information.

Rainbow Families

The Rainbow Families activity for November is still in the planning stage. Call Cheryl or Jen at 859-523-3083 for information.

Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) is an organization for gay and lesbian parents and their children in the Lexington area. Our mission is to show our children that there are other families like theirs. We invite parents as well as those who are just starting their journey to parenthood to join RFOL. To become a member call Jen at 523- 3083 or join <http://Groups.yahoo.com/groups/rfloky>.

Woman's Place

Women's Place has been established on the UK campus as a safe space for women. We believe that basic safety and freedom from fear is essential to an environment of true opportunity, equality and excellence. We are located at 106 Frazee Hall and are open M - F from 9 - 5. We can be reached at 257-3564 or 257-3574. For information see www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Woman'sPlace.

Woman's Place was created in response to a study conducted last fall by the Center for Research on Violence Against Women. The study found that 36.5% of women at UK reported having been either beaten, raped, or stalked during their time at UK. These statistics are appalling embarrassing, and preventable.

UK's Women's Place is committed to implementing creative, research driven strategies to effectively address physical, sexual and psychological violence against women. We will provide training, educational programming, consultation and advocacy.

Eardrum is the student group of UK's Women's Place, dedicated to "engaging, educating, and empowering the UK community on women's rights and issues, specifically violence against women." We are doing several outreach projects, education and awareness programming. We meet on Wednesday nights at 8 in the Student Center room 205.

We can make a difference for every student on this campus. We are inviting everyone regardless of race, gender, class, sexual orientation, religious background, or other such categories to attend our meetings. We are an open group committed to helping students. If you have further questions and/or comments, contact us at eardrumUK@gmail.com.

Miss Gay Ky US of A Classic

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, The Bar Complex will host Miss Gay Kentucky, 2005, an official preliminary to Miss Gay USofA. The Pageant begins at 9:30, admission \$5.

Several national winners will be starring: Latoya Bacall, Miss USofA 2005, Tina Devore, Miss USofA Classic Emeritus, and Ginger Manchester, Miss USofA Clasic 2004. Celete Holmes, Pride of West Virginia Emeritus and Natalie Gaye will also be featured.

Registration for contestants is at 4:30 pm and there is a \$75 entry fee. Contestants will be judged on interview, gown and talent. For contestant packets or question please contact LaToya or John at 859 294-0901.

SisterSound

SisterSound is rehearsing for its winter concert to be held on January 21. This is our tenth anniversary season and it is not to late to join the chorus as we

prepare for a wonderful concert. If you have ever sung with SisterSound and have thought of coming back, this is the season to do it. Or if you have thought about joining us but have not, come lend your voice as we prepare to put on our best shows yet. We are a non-auditioned chorus.

Rehearsals are at 6 pm every Sunday at Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd. For information call 806-0243 or email Patti at paowens@excite.com .

Vollyball

The Fall indoor season of volleyball began on Sunday 10-2-05 and will run through 12-18-05. We play between 1 and 4pm. The cost is \$30 for the entire season or \$4 per week. The gym is located at 545 No. Upper Street - the old Dunbar High School gym. This is just south of West 6th Street. Upper is one way - towards downtown. The gym sits back from the street on the right side,

art for *Life*

November 6, 2005
The Mansion at Griffin Gate
1800 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$25 for one ticket (includes one drink ticket)

\$40 for two tickets (includes two drink tickets)

Featuring gourmet hors d'oeuvres, fine art, a live and silent auction,
live entertainment, and a cash bar

For more information on this event, sponsorship, art auction updates or to
donate art please call (859) 225-3000 or visit our website at

<http://www.aidsvolunteers.org>.



November Sponsors of the Month

GLSO Members

If you receive this newsletter by mail then you are a member of GLSO. We thank you for your support. You are the foundation upon which we build all our programs.

THANK YOU!

We also appreciate the contributions many of you have made in our efforts to Save the Pride Center.. We want to improve our financial security before we get to the crisis point. We are currently applying for grants - granting organizations like to see that we have solid support in the community. If you are not yet a member, please send in this form and become one. Consider giving a subscription as a Holiday present.

You will be supporting all the projects listed below.

Thank You

Pride Library The Gay Straight Alliance for Youth
ActOut Theatre Group GLSO Discussion Group
40+ Women GLSO News The Diversity in Gender Alliance
Speakers Bureau Lexington Insight Pride Month

You can receive the newsletter at a reduced rate if you need to.

Name : _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

[] \$20 -1 year Membership & Newsletter for Individuals or Couples

[] I would like the newsletter at this reduced rate \$

[] I am enclosing an additional contribution of \$

Pride Center News

389 Waller Ave.

859 253-3233

Mon. - Fri. 10 - 3 Sat 10 - 2

Open Pride Center

Saturday Nov. 12 6pm to 9pm

Jen and Cheryl will be keeping the Pride Center open in the evening on the second Saturday of each month. In November that will be the 12th. We will be giving the walls a new coat of paint and would love to have you join us. We will provide some food and good cheer. You can also drop by to chat or to check out a book or video.

Other Saturday nights we will be showing films, playing games, or just hanging out. Check next month's newsletter to see what we will do in December.

Lexington Insight

A group for Gay Men

Friday, Nov. 4,

Pride Center 7:30

Join us every 1st Friday

DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wednesday 7 pm

Pride Center 389 Waller Ave.

Open to all.

Jane at ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

Diversity in Gender Alliance

The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance (LDGA) will be meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 pm. Call for location. LDGA is open to all people who transcend gender norms or who are questioning their gender identity including transsexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, gender queers and more. Family and supportive friends are welcome. This is not a therapy group.

Pride Center Library

By Jane Minder

With the holidays fast approaching many of us will be spending time with our families, and many of us will not. This time of year can be particularly trying if you are queer but can't be open with your family and friends. As you might imagine there are many books in the Pride Center Library that deal with family relationships. Some may help you to better understand your family, and some may help them to understand you. Maybe one will help to make the holidays a little brighter.

Beyond Acceptance: Parents of Lesbians & Gays Talk About Their Experiences, by Carolyn Welch Griffin & Marian J. Wirth (HQ 76.3.U5 G75)

Beyond the Bible: Parents, Families and Friends Talk About Religion and Homosexuality, published by PFLAG (BL 65.H64 B573)

Coming Out to God: Prayers for Lesbians and Gay Men, Their Families and Friends, by Chris Glaser (BV 4596.G38 G58)

Different Daughters: A Book by Mothers of Lesbians, edited by Louise Rafkin (HQ 75.6.D569 R138)

Loving Someone Gay, by Don Clark (HQ 76.2.U5 C57)

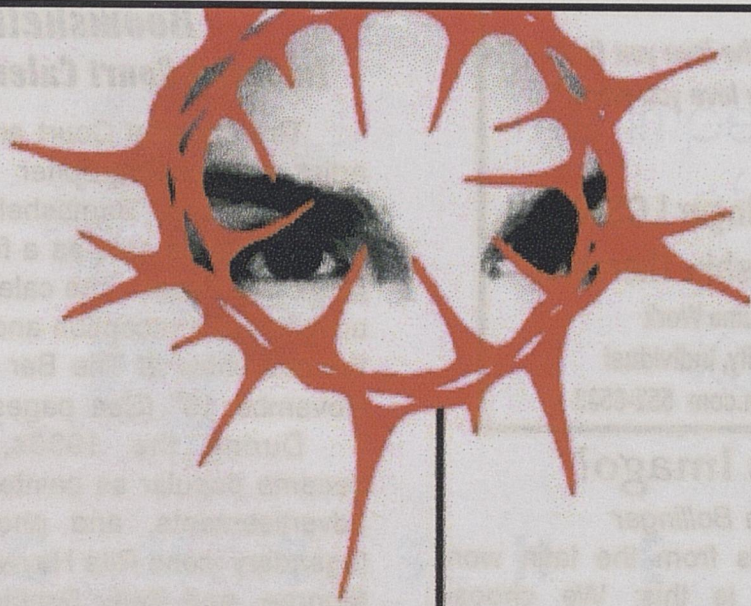
Member of the Family: Gay Men Write About Their Families, edited by John Preston (HQ 76.2.U5 M46)

Mom: Candid Memoirs by Lesbians About the First Woman in Their Life, edited by Nisa Donnelly (HQ 759.M986 D686)

Now That You Know: What Every Parent Should Know About Homosexuality, by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward (H 76.3.U5 F33)

On Being Gay: Thoughts on Family, Faith and Love, by Brian McNaught (HQ 76.25.M735 O58)

Uncle What-Is-It is Coming to Visit!! [Children's book], by Michael Willhoite (F Will U54)



ACTOUT THEATER GROUP PRESENTS

Corpus
CHRISTI
by Terrence McNally

DOWNTOWN ARTS CENTER

JANUARY

6th 7th 13th 14th 15th

PERFORMANCE DESIGNATED WITH  IS A 2 P.M. MATINEE.
ALL OTHER PERFORMANCES ARE @ 8 P.M.

for ticket information, call the Pride

Center @ 253-3233





"Keep the love you find,
Get the love you want!"

**Jessica Bollinger LCSW
Imago Relationship Therapist**

EMDR Trauma Work
Couples, Family, Individual
imagoconnection.com 552-6533

What Is Imago?

by Jessica Bollinger

Imago--this word is from the latin word "Image". The theory is this: We choose partners on the basis of unconscious attraction. We have a template in our brains of familiar love, imprinted upon us as young children by our caretakers.

We could easily come up with 10 traits that we would want in a partner. We find somebody that might have 9 out of the ten traits. A friend says, "Hey how is it with Joe?" And you reply, "No he just isn't the one."

We "fall in love" with the person who has both the negative and the positive characteristics of our caregivers. We see them across the room, maybe we only see them walk, our "antennae" go up....."HEY" Then BAM, we are head over heels in love. And that is what is supposed to be. It is all unconscious.

Our brains are very smart. There is that template that we have built in from the infancy on. Our relationship, this person to whom we were unconsciously attracted, was "meant" to be in our life.

Oh, and doesn't that romantic stage feel good with all those hormones running through our blood stream. But those hormones don't last forever, this stage ends in about two years.! Just as we make a commitment, the hormones stop and then "BAM"- things our partner does begin to drive us crazy!

This is where this "theory" of imago was created. Harville Hendrix was teaching a course about relationships at a University in Texas. But he felt like a total hypocrite because he was on his way to divorce court.

"Why can relationships be the best things in our lives, and the

continued on page 10

Boomsbells Imperial Court Calendar 2006


The Imperial Court and Lexington artist and photographer Kurt Gohde have produce "Bombshells", a pinup calendar to be sold as a fundraiser for Moveable Feast. The calendars will be unveiled at a reception and Bombshell-themed show at The Bar Complex on November 16th. (See pages 1-2)

During the 1930s, pinup art became popular as painted calendars, advertisements, and photographs of legendary icons Rita Hayworth, Marilyn Monroe, and Betty Grable enchanted legions of Americans, including troops stationed abroad during World War II. For many of these troops, pinups were their only links to the homes they'd left behind.

After Esquire magazine began printing George Petty's one panel cartoons featuring seductive women being ogled by mischievous suitors, America's mainstream fascination with the pinup began its long, interesting history. Calendars, magazine covers, matchbooks, and other advertisements offered naughty glimpses into the world of the girl next door. Many glamour models became cultural icons before and after they posed for artists, Marilyn, Judy Garland, Bettie Page, and Joan Crawford, to name just a few.

By 1960, America's fascination with pinups was waning. Paintings became increasingly realistic and explicit, perhaps due to the allure of nudity that was being fed by magazines such as Playboy. Pinup art seemed to have met its demise.

Some forty five years later, pinups have undergone a rebirth. The advent of the internet has allowed for wider distribution of pinup pictures and many artists are still working exclusively in this genre, although digital media are playing a much larger role in their creation.



The Imperial Court
of Kentucky
and
Kurt Gohde
Present

B O M B S H E L L S

A Calendar for 2006

Join us for the
2006 Calendar Launch

Wednesday, November 16
at
The Bar Complex

Reception 8:00 p.m.
Show 9:30 p.m.

\$5 or free with
calendar purchase

All proceeds to benefit
Moveable Feast of Lexington

Calendars \$12 donation each or 10 for a \$100 donation

continued from page 8

hardest things in our lives?" he wondered.

Hendrick "dropped out" and started studying and researching relationships. He theorized that we choose relationships "unconsciously" in an effort to heal ourselves, to become whole. But this process does not work smoothly.

However, he found that when we make the relationship process conscious, we can begin to heal the parts of ourselves that were wounded when we were children. We can then learn how to have healthier relationships and become "whole".

Imago relationship work takes you on this journey. There are techniques to help you make your unconscious wants and needs conscious. Both partners make discoveries about themselves and share these with each other. Imago gives us "tools" for good relationships that we were not shown during childhood.

Intentional Dialogue: a communication tool that gives empathic listening, and validation to your world.

Reinvisioning: seeing your partner in a new way. Discovering that they really are on "your team" and do not want to rewind you as happened in childhood.

Re-romantizing: getting the fun and connection back into your relationship.

Our "skin" is the biggest organ in our body. When we were first together, we touch, hold hands but as time goes by we drift apart. We stop laughing as much and doing as many fun things together. Good energy is important to infuse back into the relationship.

Restructuring Frustrations: an important tool to have in our tool box. This is a "dialogue" that we have when our partner frustrates us. In this dialogue we tell our partner what we need from them.

Relationship Vision: what we want our relationship to be, our relationship "mission statement". We write our vision of our relationship in all aspects, sex, fun, communication, vacations, family. Our partner writes their relationship vision, and we combine the two. It is written in the present tense, and gives us the "path" to live the relationship of our dreams.

So what is imago? It is a set of tools to help you get what you need in your relationship. It is the single most effective tool to get passion and intimacy with your partner. Jessica is a certified Imago Relationship Therapist, and Getting the Love You Want workshop presenter. Her next workshop is November 11, 12, 13th. Call her and sign up with you partner to begin the journey of real relationship connection! 859-552-6533



Couples
Counseling

Union
Ceremonies

Rev. Kenneth Waibel

Professional Spiritual Direction

*Ecumenical * Holistic * Inclusive*

PO Box 12172
Lexington, KY 40581

kypadre@aol.com
(859) 338-1195

GLSO RAINBOW SPONSOR

The Imperial Court of Kentucky.....252-3914

A Charity Organization

2005 PRIDE MONTH SPONSORS:

Scott Ackerman.

For all your real estate needs.....294-2055(mobile) 338-8483

GLSO NEWS SPONSORS 2005

SisterSound806-0243

Diverse music for all women

Richardson Vision Center

1757 Alexandria Drive Gardenside.....278-4201

Ernesto Scorsone

Attorney At Law254-5766

Unitarian Universalist Church

Seeking a Diverse Congregation.....223-1448

Kentucky Fairness Alliance

Bluegrass Chapter.....806-4114

Windy Knoll Farm

Riding Lessons, Trail Riding, Boarding.....299-7410

Quirk Café and Coffee.....859 846-4688

Railroad Street in Midway

Debra Hensley Insurance.....276-3244

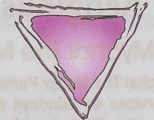
1513 Nicholasville Rd.



Laura Wigglesworth

Long Term Care Insurance Specialist1-866-582-2426 ext 4212

GLSO Newsletter Calendar November 2005

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
Visit us on the web at: www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC	7p ActOut Auditions for Corpus Christi @ Pride Center	7p ActOut Auditions for Corpus Christi @ Pride Center 7:30 Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 7:30 p LexDGA (Call for place)
10a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 2p Women's 40+ Group-PC 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC 4-6p AVOL Art For Life @ the Mansion @ Griffin Gate.	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC		7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103 	2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103
10a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's SoulForce (call Jamie 230-5625)	6p Bluegrass Fairness-PC 8p Lexington Lyons -PC 8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 15 Newsletter Dead-line	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p 2006 Imperial Court Calendar Launch @ the Bar Complex.		7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103
10a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal 6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC	7:30 p GLSO Board Mtg. 8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC		7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103
9:15 & 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal		7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC			

Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA Discussion/Speaker (Call for Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103
- 9pm - Rainbow Bowling League Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103
- Saturdays:**
3pm Narcotics Anonymous 278-7103
- Sundays:**
9:15 & 11am - UU Church Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.

Bi-weekly:

- 6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce - Call Jamie 230-5625

Monthly Activities:

- | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|---|--|
| Mondays:
7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)
7:30pm - Fairness (2nd Mon.)
8pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon-Every 3 months) | Tuesdays: | Wednesdays: | Thursdays: | Fridays:
7:30pm - Lexington Insight (1st Friday) | Saturdays:
7:30pm - LexDGA (1st Sat.) | Sundays:
2pm -Women 40+(2nd Sun)
4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun) |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|---|--|

Religious and Spiritual Resources

St. Mychal The Martyr

St. Mychal The Martyr Parish invites you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am. with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd. St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

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

The church is named for Rev. Mychal Judge, an openly gay priest and a chaplain for the New York Fire Dept who was killed on Sept. 11, while trying to rescue victims at the world Trade Center. He was made a Saint by the Orthodox Catholic Church in 2002.

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email kypadre@aol.com.

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship continues to meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am, at 713 East Loudon Avenue. We will serve the community as a safe place to come and receive the love of Jesus through a variety of resources. We have a big vision and a big God. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of call Pastor Cori Wood @ 859-514-5518 or e-mail jfellowship@aol.com.

We have a support group, Koinonia, meeting every Friday night from 7 to 9 pm, for individuals wanting to discuss spiritual abuse issues, recovery from addictive behaviors, and to re-discover your spirituality. The group is facilitated by Rev Sandy Nabozny who has a Masters in Human Services, over 20 years in drug and alcohol counseling and is experienced in dealing with battered persons. Her co facilitator is Karen Taylor who has a Masters in Education and a BS in Psychology and Sociology. Karen has three years experience in leading similar support groups. She is also an ex-ex gay group leader. For information call 514-5518.

more information on pages 16 and 20

ST. MYCHAL THE MARTYR PARISH

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30



Welcoming all people equally:
Gay, Straight, Married,
Divorced, Single

1350 EASTLAND DR. #5
(859) 389-9418

The Orthodox Catholic Church of America

*"Whether buying or selling-call me for your
real estate need!"*



*Above
the
Crowd!*

Experience Doesn't Cost ... It Pays!
Personal Service You Deserve
ABR-Accredited Buyer Representative
GRI-Graduate, Realtor Institute
Committed to Excellent Service

**Teresa Combs, ABR, GRI
RE/MAX All Star Realty**

Office: (859) 255-7711

Office Fax: (859) 245-5156

Mobile: (859) 489-1150

E-Mail: teresacombs@remax.net



STEVE ROSS

AND

MARK THOMPSON

ARE CELEBRATING THEIR

25th ANNIVERSARY

NOV. 19, 1980 --- NOV. 19, 2005

GLAD's "Spirit of Justice" Award Given to Unitarian Universalist Association President



UUA President William G. Sinkford received the GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders) "Sprit of Justice" award on Sept. 30, 2005 in a packed ballroom at the Boston Westin Hotel. The award, which was presented to Sinkford on behalf of GLAD by Hillary and Julie Goodridge, was given to recognize and honor "those individuals whose work and achievements reflect a profound dedication to our ideal of a just society."

GLAD is New England's leading legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. GLAD filed the lawsuit that became know as Goodridge v. the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health. Victory in this case in November, 2003, ended discrimination against same-sex couples who wish to be married by the state. On May 17, 2004, Sinkford joined the Goodridges in marriage at the UUA's national headquarters on Beacon Hill.

Reflecting on the changes over the past 16 months, Sinkford observed, "Gay and lesbian married couples in Massachusetts now enjoy the same legal protection that heterosexual couples enjoy. Families have been strengthened; children are better protected. And we have taken a huge step forward in advancing the American ideal of equal rights for all."

"I had the great blessing of being married myself in April, to a woman I've known for 44 years. Back when we met our marriage would have been illegal in 16 states because I'm Black and she is White.

It took 19 years from the time the first state legalized interracial marriage (that state was California) until the Supreme Court made such marriages legal throughout the land in a case ironically named "Loving v. Virginia . 19 years.

I'm angry and I'm frustrated and I bet there are many here who are as well. But

I'm also completely committed. Whether it takes 19 months, or 19 years I promise you that I will be speaking up for simple justice. And whether it takes 19 years or 90 years, I promise you that Unitarian Universalism will be standing with you, standing on the side of love. This is a great honor. Thank you so much."

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist church is a welcoming congregation. We do not just accept our GLBT church members, we celebrate them. We invite you to attend our worship services, Sundays at 9 and 11 am. We have an active teen program that usually has GLBTQ youth and/or sons and/or daughters of GLBT parents.

Interweave, our GLBT and friends support group, will be getting together to go out to lunch on Sun., Nov. 13 at the Good Foods Coop. Meet us there at about 12:45 or meet in the church lobby after the service.

We recently have begun Adult Religious Exploration classes on Wednesday nights. There are a number of classes that might be of interest to you even if you are not interested in becoming a church member. Jeff Wood, a Vajrayana Buddhist, is offering a class on Mystic Traditions starting on Wed., Nov. 2. Classes will include material from a variety of religious traditions including Sufism, Hinduism, Dzog Chen, Zen Buddhism, Jewish Kabbalah and wherever else that leads us. There will be time for discussion.

Justice and the Prophets of Israel is a five week class offered by Lisa Davison, Professor of Old Testament at Lexington Theological Seminary. She will focus on the First Testament Prophets and the concept of Justice. The classes will be on Oct. 25, Nov 2, 16, 30; and Dec 7.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 pm there will be a special showing of a film about WallMart co-sponsored by the National Organization for Women, Central KY Council for Peace and Justice, and the UU Church.

Miss Gay Kentucky USofA Classic



An official preliminary to Miss Gay USofA 2006
Wednesday December 7, 2005

▼ **The Bar Complex - Lexington, KY** ▼

Starring

Miss USofA Classic 2005



LaToya BaCall

Miss USofA Classic 2004



Ginger Manchester

Miss USofA Classic Emeritus



Tina Devore

Pride of W. Virginia Emeritus



Celeste Holmes

Also featuring *Natalie Gaye*

Registration 4:30 p.m. - \$75 entry fee

Pageant begins at 9:30 p.m. - Admission \$5.00

Categories: interview (following registration). Gown, & Talent Presentation (not judged) --**All contestants must wear white!**

For contestant packets or questions please contact:

LaToya or John at (859) 294-0901



Mr. Kentucky Leather 2005

Donnie Ray of Louisville, Ky. was chosen as Mr. Kentucky Leather 2005 before a near capacity crowd at Club Liquid in Lexington on Sept.24. The new Mr. Kentucky Leather will represent Kentucky at the International Mr. Leather Contest to be held in Chicago, IL over Memorial Day weekend, May 25-29, 2006.

The contest, sponsored by the Imperial Court of Kentucky with the assistance of the Lexington Lyons L/L club and Kentucky Leather Productions, was the culmination of a weekend of activities that included a Leather and Lace Fantasy show and a "Meet and Greet" reception on Friday night, September 23. Alex Giles of Lexington was the First Runner-Up.

Judges for the event were Michael Egdes, International Mr. Leather 2005; Dave Ganim, Mr. Kentucky Leather 2004; Master Deborah, Past President of NLA-KY; Donald Palmore, Mr. Kentucky Drummer 2001 and President of the Louisville Nightwings; and Jerry Roseberry, Mr. Indiana Falcon 2004. Chris Johnson served as Den Boy and Michael Thompson was Tallymaster.

Larry Stanley, Emperor 22 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky, was Master of Ceremonies. Net proceeds from the two day event will benefit the charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky, a 501c (3) organization. In addition, proceeds from the raffles and the Silent Auctions totaling \$173.00 were donated to the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago, IL

Prism Invites Participation

The Psycho-social Research Initiative on Sexual Minorities (PRISM) project at the University of Kentucky is announcing two new online studies. The first study is exploring the availability of affirmative mental health services to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals.

We ask participants to answer a brief survey taking approximately 15 minutes to complete. The study is being conducted by Gina P. Owens, Ph.D., and Ellen D.B. Riggle, Ph.D., at U.K. If you self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, and are over the age of 18, please go to www.coe.uky.edu/surveyor/?surveyLBTAccess

The second research study concerns the level of confidence and trust that Americans have in government. We are particularly interested in finding out why confidence might vary across different groups of Americans (for example, GLBT citizens and heterosexual citizens). This study is being conducted by Jerry Thomas, MPA, Ellen D.B. Riggle, Ph.D., and Sharon Scales Rostosky, Ph.D., of the University of Kentucky.

If you are willing to participate, You are asked to complete an on-line survey that includes questions about you and your feelings about the U.S. government. The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. This study is open to all United States citizens or residents over the age of 18. If you are interested in participating in the survey please go to www.coe.uky.edu/surveyor/?Survey=CIG

Needed: Animal Loving, responsible folks to share house sitting responsibilities. Mostly weekends, some weekdays. Beautiful, relaxing, country setting. Good walking. Need to care take cats, dogs, and a few chickens. 40 minutes from Lexington. 25 min from Georgetown.

Please call us at 502-535-7125.

Let Bank of the Bluegrass trust services help you protect your family.

Family. It can mean many things.
Sharing your lives. Raising kids.
Helping each other. Being there.

At Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Co., we know family means different things to different people. We strive to treat each family the way we wish our own family to be treated. In fact, this is our first rule in our mission to you!

Our goal is to help you achieve your goals.

Our trust department has helped create comfortable futures for families through trust and estate planning since 1981.

Our Mission to You

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”

Honesty * Integrity

Confidentiality * Patience

Understanding

Immediate Action

Go the extra mile

Kindness * Teamwork

Spirit of Friendliness

Responsiveness to needs

Knowledge of products

Know clients by name

Keep a sense of humor

Deliver a quality personal service
our clients deserve and want



BANK OF THE BLUEGRASS

& TRUST CO.

Call Kathy Milby at (859) 233-8929

or Kathy J. Banta at (859) 233-8923

to discuss how we can help you protect your family.



RELIGIOUS/ SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

continued from pages 14 & 16

Integrity

Integrity is a support group for GLBT Episcopalians and friends, a ministry of Saint Michael's Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Dr. We meet the second Sunday of every month. In November that will be on the 13th. All are welcome to attend. To contact Integrity email us at stmintegrity@yahoo.com or call Markus at 859 243 0998.

Lexington Friends Meeting

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave, between 6th and 7th and parallel to N. Broadway. There is singing for 15 minutes before the service and adult discussion between 9 and 10:15. Child care is available during the discussion period and religious education for children is held during the service.

Our services are unprogrammed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or occasionally none. Our form of worship is similar to meditation but is definitely a shared experience. We believe that in such periods of quiet waiting we can open to spiritual resources which will enable us to live more calmly, compassionately, and creatively in this chaotic age. Worship lasts for about one hour.

Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves. We do not have a creed. We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in the equality of all people and work to improve the lives of many people in a number of ways. Visit us and learn more about our varied beliefs.

KFA Education Seminar Coming Out: An Opportunity for Self and Community

Empowerment

By Shannon Stuart-Smith

Wow! Do people need to hear this stuff. On Saturday October 15, a lucky few were held spellbound by ECU Professor Marta Miranda's fascinating presentation: "The Coming Out Process: A Call to Action" at this year's Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KA) Bluegrass Chapter's Education Seminar.

Do you think you know what it means to come out? Do you believe that coming out is just a personal thing that we all have to just get through the best way we can? Have you ever wanted to tell your best friend you're gay, but can't? Do you know someone who came out of the closet only to turn around and go running back in, or worse, became a homophobe?

Have you felt ashamed when you let yourself "pass" or confused if you retreated back into the closet when you tell yourself you are out and proud? Are you ever resentful of straight people for never having to "hide" their lives, even to the point of not wanting to have straight friends? Then you should have heard what Professor Miranda had to say.

Professor Miranda took all in attendance on a journey through "the stages" of coming out. With warmth, savvy insight, boundless energy, and poignant humor Prof. Miranda combined 30 years of personal and professional experience into an absorbing story that she calls, "the model of identity development."

Prof. Miranda described with painful accuracy the early stages of coming out, one that has both an internal process of self-awareness, shame and denial, the stage she calls, "The closet has a window," and an external component that often includes choosing a safe person to tell our secret to, where "The closet has a visitor."

Continued on next page

But the marvel of Prof. Miranda's presentation was that it was not a dry academic talk about the stages of development, or a painful remembrance of things we'd all like to forget, or even an uncomfortable talk about how to come out. The message of the model was one of true validation, one of liberation, and eventually, empowerment. Guess what? The model is the same model of development we all go through, to become human beings, to become adults, to become healthy social beings.

The model is also the *same* model that predicts the stages of identity development that we all go through to overcome other forms of social oppression, such as racism, gender discrimination, classism, ageism, disability discrimination. The model predicts that there are common psychological responses to all forms of oppressions, feelings of anger, feelings of depression when we block expressing those feelings, and even feelings of identifying with the oppressors.

How is this a different message than the usual stories of coming out? Prof. Miranda made clear how coming out, social oppression, and adult development share a common underlying structure or theoretical framework.

What is coming out? Growing up all over again whether you are 16 or 60. Going through the normal stages of development, seeking safety and eventually developing personal responsibility, only this time with a twist. This time we come of age being socially, legally, and politically discriminated against. No, you are not crazy. The turmoil of coming out is a real phenomenon, a perfectly normal response to an imperfect situation. And although, just like life, you may not have created all the problems, you will have to learn how to live and thrive despite them.

Cindy Downey, who helped organize and attended the event, is co-chair of KFA

who hosted the seminar as part of its Outreach Community work had this to say:

"The seminar was excellent! Marta, as always, was very engaging and informative. Although, attendance was low, I truly feel that the seminar accomplished its' purpose. We had someone there who recently graduated from seminary and was just beginning the coming out process - so new to the community that I'm surprised he even showed up. But it goes to show that people need the help and resources that I feel we provided."

"Marta said something that really stuck with me - individuals change public opinion and public opinion changes public policy. I really believe that until the LGBT community becomes more visible (and I don't mean TV shows, etc.) to their family, friends, co-workers, etc. we will continue to fight the same battles over and over."

What was so powerful about Prof. Miranda's fascinating model at this year's KFA Education Seminar? The message was about our right to flourish, to be healthy, to be whole. It never felt so good to feel normal. The feelings we feel, the good and the bad, are all real and painfully necessary, (like the stages of grief) to complete the process that is a journey, with many breakthroughs and missteps along the way, and not a destination. And although silence feels like safety, our silence will not protect us. It is the ultimate act of courage and love to create safety for ourselves and for others by taking the journey to become visible.

November Deadline

**Thanksgiving is on the 24th so
it is very important that you
get articles and ads to us by**

Tuesday Nov. 15th

A Curious, Wanting Thing: The Charms of the BBC's Fingersmith

by Lori O'Connor

Reading a Sarah Waters novel is like watching a movie, so vivid are the author's emotional, physical, and historical details. Waters researched extensively to create the 19th century worlds of her first three novels, *Tipping the Velvet*, *Affinity*, and *Fingersmith*, and her dedication shows in every word. The stories are full of tension, passion, desperation, sadness, and tenderness leaving readers (especially lesbian readers) on the edges of their seats and wanting more.

The Welsh-born, London-based Waters is such a compelling storyteller that it only seems natural that movies would be made based on her intriguing stories. And fortunately two TV movies have been made for Britain's BBC: the controversial but hugely successful *Tipping the Velvet* in 2002 and most recently the much-acclaimed *Fingersmith*, which was broadcast in the UK earlier this year and was released on DVD in the US in September.

Fingersmith is a Dickens-inspired, Wilkie Collins-type Victorian thriller and romance set in 19th century England. London con-artist Richard "Gentleman" Rivers enlists Sue Trinder, an orphaned "fingersmith" (a petty thief or pick-pocket), to swindle the young heiress Maud Lilly out of her fortune. A twisting tale of deception, betrayal, and unexpected passion unravels sending the characters, and the viewers, on a rollercoaster of mixed emotions.

Much of the BBC adaptation's success can be credited to the screenplay's faithfulness to the book and to the sensitive and nuanced performances by the lead actresses, Sally Hawkins (Sue Trinder) and Elaine Cassidy (Maud Lilly). The story unfolds in a way that required them to repress their characters' overwhelming emotions and to reveal their

feelings for each other in more subtle ways until the sexual tension builds to the point of inevitable release.

The London-born Hawkins, who also appeared in *Tipping the Velvet*, is allowed to be more expressive and gives an outstanding performance through the wide range of emotions experience by Sue. Cassidy, a native of Ireland, is more subtle but evocative in the first part of the movie and later stunningly reveals the full depth of Maud's complex character and love for Sue.

Fingersmith also features strong performances by Rupert Evans as Gentleman, Charles Dance as Uncle Lilly, and Imelda Staunton, who was nominated for an Academy Award last year for Vera Drake, as Mrs. Sucksby.

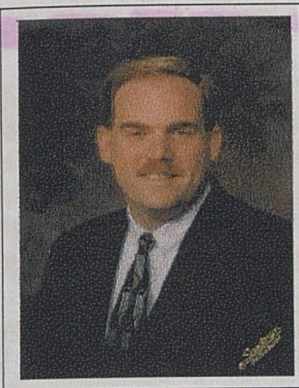
In a recent interview, Waters revealed that screenwriter Andrew Davies, who adapted *Tipping the Velvet*, has written a screenplay for *Affinity* and is shopping it around as a feature film. Sarah Waters' next novel, *The Night Watch*, set in 1940s London, will be published in February 2006.

Fingersmith will be shown at the Pride Center in December. See our next newsletter for day and time.

OLIVIA RETIREMENT

Olivia, well known to many lesbians as a cruise company, is expanding its business into building resort and retirement communities for LGBT seniors. Amy Errett, CEO of Olivia, says that "Gay and lesbian seniors often go back into the closet" when they go to retirement homes. Errett also notes that some out gays and lesbians in retirement homes have been abused and/or neglected because of their orientation.

Olivia hopes to build 150 residences by 2010 and although Olivia will advertised primarily within the GLBT community, they will sell to straight people. The cost, however, will be high, \$300,000 and up for each unit.



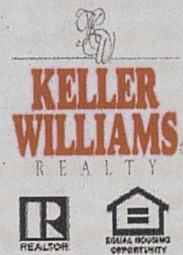
Real Estate Service With
PROFESSIONALISM

RESULTS

INTEGRITY

DEDICATION

ENTHUSIASM



Scott Ackerman

Mobile: 859-338-8483

Voice Mail: 859-294-2055

Office: 859-269-7331

E-Mail: SAcker4224@aol.com

*Serving Lexington &
All of Central Kentucky*

Call me with all your Real Estate Needs

Scott Ackerman

moving into his new office space during November

Keller Williams Realty Bluegrass

2424 Harrodsburg Rd Suite 101

Mobile: 859 338-8483 Voice Mail 859 294-2055

www.scottackerman.com

GLSO Board:

GLSO Pride Center (Bill).....	253-3233
GLSO Board (Thomas).....	225-3035
Discussion Group (Bill)	253-3233
GLSO News (Mary).....	266-5904
Subscriptions (Bill).....	253-3233
Speakers Bureau (Mary).....	266-5904
Youth, Gay Straight Alliance (Mary).....	266-5904
GLSO on-line.....	lexingtonglso@yahoo.com
or	www.webspawner.com/users/glsoqxnet
Pride Gallery (Thomas).....	225-3035

Student Groups:

EKU Pride Alliance.....	alliance@yahoo.com
UK Lavender Society.....	uklavender@yahoo.com
Moorehead State Univ. (Ned).....	606 783-2294
UK Lambda (Sara & Dave) info@uklambda.com	
Berea College ACE League (Ryan) 859 985-3633	
Centre College (BGLAD-Mykol).....	238-5332

Anonymous HIV Testing:

Jessamine County.....	885-4149
Lexington, Fayette County.....	288-2437
Madison County.....	859 723-7312
Woodford County.....	873-4541
U.K. Adolescent Medicine.....	323-5643

HIV/AIDS Info/Services:

AVOL, AIDS Volunteers Inc.	225-3000
Lexington Health Dept. (Julie).....	288-2362
HIV/AIDS Legal Project.....	502 584-1254
HIV Support (Somerset).....	679-7478 or 678-5814
Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat).....	606 864-3776
	or 888 425-7282
Barren River Region.....	800 559-4448
Louisville Region (Gerl).....	502 574-0161
Northern Kentucky Region.....	859 341-4264
Purchase Region.....	800 522-8289
Moveable Feast Lex. Inc. (Terry).....	252-2867

Community Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous (Tom).....	278-7103
Office.....	276-2917
Al-Anon (office).....	277-1877
Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S. (Morris).....	225-9169
Bluegrass Fairness.....	859 806-4114
Council for Peace & Justice (Richard)	277-6101
Fairness of Louisville.....	502 893-0788
First Link (formerly-Ask Us).....	313-5465
International Gay Bowling (Steve).....	276-3058
I.C.K. (The Imperial Court of KY).....	859 269-7756
imperialcourtkentucky@yahoo.com	
Kentucky Leather Productions (Larry).....	253-0185

Lex. Lyons Leather/Levi Club (Paul).....	619-3650
Lex. Diversity In Gender All.(R K Isaac)	979-0374
Lex. Human Rights Commission.....	252-4931
Lex. Men's Chorus (Kenneth).....	255-1974
Louisville Youth Group.....	502 894-9787
MACT Men of All Colors Together (Jon).....	351-4453
mactky@aol.com	
Moonshine Bears of Kentucky (Jim)...	859 299-2047
www.moonshinebears.com	
Narcotics Anonymous.....	278-7130
People for Unity & Fairness.....	803-1130
CUFCKT@aol.com	
Pride Alliance of Central KY. (Gary) ..	859 236-4547
(Shane) 859 854-0596	
pridealliance@yahoo.com	
PFLAG (Ed).....	(859) 200-9512
Pegasus Travel.....	253-1644
Rainbow Families of Lex. (Cheryl).....	533-6309
Sienna (Gender Identity Issues).....	502 346-5298
SisterSound (Patti).....	806-0243
Sisthas in the Life (Joan).....	252-2657
24 hr. Crisis Line.....	1 800 928-8000
24 hr. Teen Crisis Line.....	1 800 999 9999

Religious Groups:

Interweave (Unitarian-Mary).....	266-5904
Integrity (Episcopal-Rev. Stone).....	277-7511
Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers).....	254-3319
Jubilee Fellowship (Rev. Cori).....	859-514-5518
MCC Elizabethtown (Rev. Cathy).....	888 340-6223
MCC Louisville (Rev. Dee Dale).....	502 587-6225
MCC Paducah (Rev. Lillian).....	270.443-3339
Norse Pagan Community (Rev. Pat).....	268-1640
KY Pagan Forum http://go.to/kypaganforum/	
RainbowWind (Pagan-Sarah).....	273-2455
Soulforce (Jamie).....	859 230-5625
	www.soulforcekentucky.org
St. Augustines Chapel (Episcopal).....	254-3726
St. Mychal (Indep. Catholic) (Rev. Ken) ..	389-9418
Open Door (Christian-Rev. Pam).....	396-7636
Wiccan/Pagan Group (Iggie).....	492-9904

GLSO News Deadline

NOVEMBER 15

Please send all articles, ads and
directory information to:

lexingtonglso@yahoo.com

marycrone@insightbb.com

Please put Newsletter in the subject line.