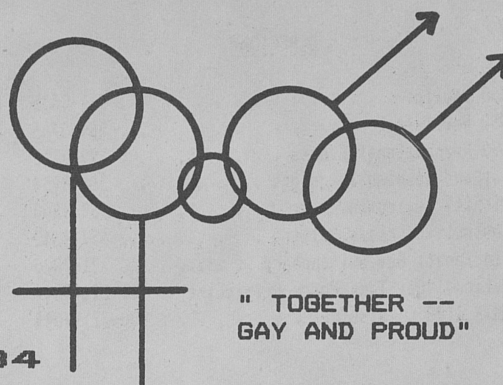


GSO NEWSLETTER

LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION
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LOCAL NEWS

On March 31st, we will be having a Wine and Cheese party at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 3564 Clays Mill Pike from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Live piano music will provide a quiet atmosphere. Admission is \$5.00.

On April 21st, we will have our first Square Dance. Music will be provided by the Reel World String Band. The fun will start at 7:00pm and continue until 11:30pm. Admission will be sliding scale from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Our regular monthly potluck will be on Sunday, April 1st. As the newsletter goes to print, the location is still not resolved. Call the numbers on the calendar to find out where the potluck will be.

If you are interested in hosting a future potluck, please call Mac at 269-8766.

The GSO Office is no longer at St. Stevens Church on American Avenue. The building was sold in early March to a new church that was unwilling to provide us with office space. Until a new office can be found, we will be meeting at various places. Check the calendar for the location or a number to call to find out where we will be meeting.

Due to our losing the American Avenue office, the Gayline will be temporarily suspended until a new location is found where we can install the phone. Watch the calendar for times and dates when the Gayline resumes operation.

GSO Potluck

Potlucks are just one of the activities that GSO offers for people to get together and socialize. No cooking skills are needed; potato chips, soft drinks, etc. are always welcome. So even if you can't cook, you can still come and enjoy the good times.

Check the calendar for information on the April Potluck. Many thanks to Larry for hosting last month's potluck.

ALUMINUM AND PAPER DRIVE

In order to raise money for GSO, we have been collecting aluminum and newspapers for recycling. In March, we raised over \$40.00 from aluminum cans and newspapers that we recycled. If you would like to help us and help stop the waste of our natural resources, contact any GSO Board member for details on when and where you can deliver the goods.

BE A GSO MEMBER

One way you can help support GSO is by becoming a member. Memberships are now \$10.00 a year. We will be announcing special privileges and bonuses for our members in the near future. If you would like to join, send your check or money order to:

GSO
P.O. Box 11471
Lexington, Ky 40511

Help us to continue to serve the Bluegrass Gay and Lesbian community by joining today.

National News

Both Gary Hart and Walter Mondale, the top two contenders for the Democratic Presidential candidacy, have stated that, if elected, they would issue an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal hiring. Neither, however, would promise the same for discrimination in the military or in the granting of security clearances. The candidates responses were from a questionnaire sent to all presidential candidates by 5 national gay rights groups.

New cases of AIDS in San Francisco continue to be reported at a rate of over 1 per day.

A survey of bathhouse patrons in San Francisco by 3 psychotherapists showed that while most respondents were aware of the AIDS risk guidelines, few were putting them into practice. In particular, posters placed in the baths last summer, explaining what sexual practices are most likely to be risk factors, have had little effect on patrons, less than half of whom said they had even seen them. And, three fourths of those bath patrons interviewed stated that they would continue their same behavior elsewhere if the baths were closed, a move some AIDS researchers have suggested as a way to slow the spread of the deadly disease.

The CDC AIDS totals as of February 3, 1984 lists 3409 known cases, of which 76.4% (2432 cases) are Gay or Bisexual men.

Supporters of the California Gay Rights bill, vetoed by Governor George Deukmejian, marched in protest and vowed to work for the defeat of the governor and conservative lawmakers who opposed the bill. San Francisco mayor Dianne Feinstein, first elected to office with the help of gays but who lost standing when she vetoed a gay-oriented ordinance, also spoke against the veto.

DIRECTORY

GSO Gayline 231-0335
 GSO Newsletter 269-8766
 GSO Recreational Events 299-0352
 Gay and Lesbian Democrats 266-3934
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 Louisville Crisis Hotline 502-637-4342
 Cincinnati Gay Switchboard 513-221-7800
 National Gay Task Force CrisisLine . 800-221-7044
 NGTF AIDS CrisisLine 800-221-7044

POSITIONS OPEN

You may have noticed that the newsletters are getting smaller and smaller. There are two main causes for this. First, it's expensive to print the newsletter (the newsletter is the largest item on the GSO budget, running over \$1800 last year) and by keeping the newsletter small, we cut our operating expenses when funds run low. Secondly, and the reason I'm writing this, is that I am only an "acting" editor. I do not have the time necessary to produce a large newsletter. GSO is currently in need of volunteers to help with all phases of the newsletter. If you are interested in helping with the newsletter, please get in touch. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
 Mac

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 25	26	27	28	29	30	GSO Wine and Cheese Party at the Unitarian Church, Clays Mills Road from 7:00 to 11:00pm
1 Potluck 1:30pm Call 299-0352 or 269-8766 for directions.	2 GSO Business mtg 8:00pm at the Comprehensive Care Center. Call 299-0352 or 269-8766.	3	4	5	6 Cards and Games Call 269-8766.	7
8 Bowling at South- land Lanes from 4-6pm (299-0352).	9	10	11	12 First day of 9th Annual Southeast- ern Conf. for Lesbians and Gay Men, Birmingham, Alabama	13 Mr. Gay Kentucky contest at the Loft, Louisville. Cards and Games Call 269-8766.	14 Mr. Gay Kentucky contest at the Loft, Louisville
15 Rainy Day Rap/Discussion Group Call 269-8766	16	17	18 Last day to submit items to appear on May Calendar.	19	20 Cards and Games Call 269-8766.	21 GSO Square Dance with Reel World String Band at Arts Place on North Mill from 7:00 to 11:30pm
22 Bowling at South- land Lanes from 4-6pm (299-0352).	23 Newsletter and Calendar mailing meeting, 7:00pm Call 269-8766 for details.	24	25	26	27 Cards and Games Call 269-8766.	28
29 Rainy Day Rap/Discussion Group Call 269-8766	30					