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Imperial Courts Charitable Fundraising Events

The Imperial Court of Kentucky continues an amazing year of fundraising with over \$50,000 raised in Reign 28. March is full of fun and exciting things to mark on your calendars. The first big event is new; Wags and Drags will be March 20 at Bellini's, 115 West Main Street. Tickets and information available at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org

The second March event is one of our most popular events. The Academy of Drag Arts and Sciences will be hosting the Annual Falsie Awards on March 30, at the Kentucky Theatre. Special Guest and recipient of the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award will be The Lady Chablis from Savannah Georgia.

That's right, The Lady Chablis from the movie *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* will be here to entertain. Come support your local community as various awards of accomplishment are honored that evening. Make your plans now to be at this event, it will be one that you will not want to miss.

Emperor Wes and Regent Empress Nicole along with the Board of Directors continue raising much needed funds for the charities of the Bluegrass through various events. Come out and join in the fundraising efforts of our community by supporting one of the ICK's upcoming shows. Check out our events on our website and on our Facebook page and Myspace pages.

A big Thank you to the community for this past month of fundraising. Empress Nicole's Birthday Extravaganza raised over \$5,200 thanks to everyone

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GLSO Raffle: a Week at the Beach

GLSO invites you to consider a vacation week at the beach in October, 2010. We will be selling \$10 raffle tickets for this beautiful four bedroom living space located at Pawley's Island South Carolina. Atlantic Ocean waves out the front door, salt water creek with a dock out the back door.



The house can accommodate eight to twelve people with views of the water from every bedroom. There are two porches, a kitchenette, ping pong table and a flat screen TV. In October the water is still warm enough for swimming and the beach is great for walking. Last fall we watched some baby turtles emerging from a nest, saw dolphins swimming by and amazing birds in every direction.

Here is a thank you from last year's winner: "2009 was a tumultuous year for our family, at least until June 28, 2009. That's the day I received a call

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Win a Beach Vacation *cont. from pg. 1*

from Mary Crone telling me I had won the Pawley's Island raffle trip. My mother was with me that day and our excitement could not be contained. I knew immediately I would be taking my entire family, mom, brothers and sisters.

Our family's journey through the first half of the year included the loss of our father, the progression of mom's Alzheimer's and mending fences with each other. I am convinced the trip was meant to be. The house and scenery were perfect and projected harmony and calm to each of us. It was the perfect vacation. Thank you GLSO and a special thanks to Mary for this special gift." *Betty*

Tickets will be \$10 and the number of tickets is limited to 250 so your chances are good. You could get a group together and pool your money to buy tickets. They will be for sale at the Pride Center and from GLSO Board members starting in mid March. The drawing of the winning ticket will be at the Pride Festival on June 26 in downtown Lexington. You can see more pictures on our web site by the end of March.

Imperial Court *cont. from pg 1*

coming together and working as a community. We particularly want to thank Crossings for hosting this event and making us always feel so welcome!

The Mardi Gras Ball was a fabulous event with tasty food, silent auction, a Dixieland Band and drag performances. It was wonderful to have the Court, AVOL, GLSO and Fairness working together on this event. We know the weather kept some of you away, we hope you will join us next year.

The First Annual Comedy show was a huge success, even with some last minute changes. Thanks to everyone who came out and laughed and partied with Clayton and Michelle at this show. What a great evening of laughs and socializing!



Community News

Imperial Court *continued from pg 2*

Congratulations to Christina Pose' being crowned Miss Gay Valentine 2010. What an amazing night of fundraising for the Imperial Court of Kentucky as Jacqueline Storm, Miss Gay Valentine 2009 stepped down. A special thank you to Pulse Nightlife for their continued support of the ICK and for hosting this amazing event.

Remember to mark your calendars the weekend of June 4 - 7 2010 as Coronation weekend - The Pride month kick-off as three nations come together under one roof for the 45th anniversary celebration of the International Court System. Special Guest Speakers to include Stuart Milk and Judy Shepard.

Thanks again for your continued support of the Imperial Court of Kentucky as we strive to raise much needed funds for our community.

PFLAG

There is a group working to establish a local PFLAG (Parents, Friends & Family of Lesbians and Gays) chapter. They will be meeting twice a month on Sundays at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. Email Sandy Linville at kylinvilles5@insightbb.com if you are interested. Once they are organized, this group will be a great resource for people who need information and support as well as a way to give support to LGBT friends and family members.

Lexington Pride Festival
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GLSO YARD SALE

GLSO NEEDS YOUR unwanted items you find in your closets or in your garages. So get a head start on spring cleaning and look in April's Newsletter for more information.

LGBT Radio Show

Announcing Kentucky's only LGBT radio Show, *OUTloud*. The show airs on Wednesdays from 8am to 9am on WRFL, 88.1 fm. You can also stream the show online at www.wrfl.fm.

It will be based on a talk show model but they are not yet able to take calls on air. Listeners can phone in comments off air at 859-257-9735. Congratulations to Vincent Purcell, Bo Burnett, and Watson for getting this underway. www.outsourceoutloud.org for more information.

SisterSound

SisterSound is rehearsing for their May concert. This is a non audition chorus. For more information send an email to info@sistersound.org.



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389 Waller Ave., Ste. 100 Hours 10am to 3pm M, Tue, Thur, & Fri.

Phone 859-253-3233

Bible Study Group

A gay affirming Charismatic Christian bible study will be meeting every Sunday at the Pride Center at 10:30am. You can email Karen at ktaylor@fewpb.net, or call the Pride Center at 859-253-3233 for more information.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wednesday at 7pm
Pride Center 389 Waller, Ste. 100
All Are Welcome

Insight Group

Mar. 5th at 7pm Potluck & a Movie /
March 19th at 7pm Games Night.
BYOS For more info call 253-3233.

Young Adult Group

A group for young adults is starting to meet at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. They will meet on the First and Third Sundays at 5 pm. Contact Tyler at trumpetbnddork@gmail.com.

GLSO News On-Line

To receive the e-newsletter send an email addressed to: newsteam@glso.org. Put "on-line newsletter" In the subject line.

There is a request for a \$20 a year donation but you can receive the e-newsletter with a smaller donation or free.

Lex. Lyons Levi & Leather Club

Monday March 8th at 7 pm at
The Pride Center,
389 Waller Ave., Ste. 100.

TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. The group provides a safe place for transgender individuals and people who feel they do not fit into the standard gender norms to express their true selves.

While the group is not therapeutic in nature, we can provide information, advise and share resources from our unique experiences. Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend meetings to gain understanding and be supportive of their loved ones.

TransKentucky meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For information contact TransKentucky@gmail.com or call 859-963-6606.

Bluegrass Women's Network

The Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women who identify as lesbian. Membership is free and there are no obligations. We use a Yahoo group website to announce events. We also have a phone list.

Members plan a variety of activities such as potluck dinners, plays, movies, parties, card games and whatever else we manage to dream up! Our goal is to enrich our lives with great friendships.

Interested in joining go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/thebluegrasswomensnetwork/> and apply to join. Facilitators are Debby Hemstock and Lynn Matlock.

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Lexington Fairness

By Craig Cammack

Lexington Fairness has been active in the community 18 years. We have seen a lot change throughout those years and are proud of the service we've been able to offer. But, as time changes, so does the responsibility of our community organizations. Now is the time for Lexington Fairness to find partners and allies and spread the word of fairness further into the Central Kentucky region.

Over the past year, Lexington Fairness has worked with likeminded organizations through the Statewide Fairness Coalition. The goal of this group is to bring together voices from around the state to work on broadening the rights of the LGBT community in the commonwealth. Other founding group members include ACLU of Kentucky, Fairness Campaign, Kentucky Fairness Alliance and Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

Through organization of the Statewide Fairness Summit in Frankfort, young and old were able to come together and share thoughts and visions on what issues need to be tackled and confronted. The organization is also putting together the Kentucky Advocacy Day on February 24th, which will include training on how to be a citizen lobbyist, as well as a rally being held at the Capitol Rotunda. Lexington Fairness is excited and proud to be a member of this group.

As important as partnerships with other LGBT-oriented groups are, Lexington Fairness also recognizes the need to connect with complementary community groups. We truly have our heart committed to collaborating with local high school and college Gay Straight Alliances, working alongside Imperial Court of Kentucky, AVOL, JustFund KY, Moveable Feast, GLSO

and Lexington Pride Festival. We all work together for a wonderful cause. But, in order to reach out to more allies and supporters, Lexington Fairness is venturing outside our safe zone.

We are excited to be involved with the Lexington Art League for the upcoming *Passing: Fashioning Drag* exhibit and performances. This event examines the history, art and craft of drag in Kentucky. The state has been deeply steeped in drag history and the exhibit and performances are about bringing the knowledge and craft for the general public to enjoy. Not only will this be an entertaining event, but, it will also be extremely educational, as most citizens do not understand the background Kentucky has with this art form. We hope you will be able to support this exhibit and performances, coming to Lexington April 23 - June.

Additionally, as part of Lexington Fairness' membership with the Statewide Fairness Coalition, we were able to meet with African delegates during a World Affairs Council. Talking with the 20 representatives from across the African continent, all coalition members were surprised how few rights these represented countries provide to their LGBT community. It truly was an educational experience for us, but, we found that the representatives were also educated in how we are able to form a coalition from different organizations, while focusing on distinct goals. Again, Lexington Fairness is proud to be a part of this coalition and have the opportunity to learn from such educational experiences.

Finally, Lexington Fairness is looking to continue community partnerships with churches, arts organizations, social work organizations and others who share complementary visions. We are currently examining ways we can work with the Kentucky Classical Theatre Conservatory's

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Winner of Logo Contest Receives Prize

Last month at our Marketing and Publicity meeting for 2010 Lexington Pride Festival



Anthony Mejean received his \$100 prize check from the Chair Chad Hudley.

Anthony was picked out of several design artists. We are very proud of his design and can't wait to see it on our t-shirts. We will once again hold another contest next year as soon as we decide on the theme. So be sure to be ready to sign up for the contest. We hope to be able to make the prize even better next year.



DRAGGIN' IN DINNER!

Coming Sunday, March 21st, The Volunteer Committee of Lexington's Pride Festival, "A Horse of Every Color," cordially invites you out to Club Caliente, 1209 Versailles Road, and witness us "DRAGGIN' IN DINNER!"

A donation of \$5 grants you full access to an all you can eat Chili Spaghetti and Salad dinner with Garlic Bread and dessert! In addition to the dinner there will be a number of female illusionist's for your entertainment pleasure. Where else can you and your friends enjoy dinner and a show for the low, low cost of 5 bucks? There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Doors will open at 5pm, Dinner served at 6pm with the Show starting at 7pm. Please contact Thomas Collins for additional information at 859-576-6837.

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SummerFest program and looking to see how we can reach the faith communities to support our fight for fairness. We look forward to working with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission, as well as educational and social work organizations, in continued development of Lexington Fairness' *Speak Out Project*, which is examining and developing anti-bullying awareness education.

We look for new and creative ways that can create in-depth partnerships with community organizations. Meaningful work in the community will continue to provide a deeper understanding and support from the general public. The longer we can sustain this image, the stronger we can fight for fair and equal rights. We hope to hear from you soon. Feel free to connect with us at info@lexfair.org.

GLSO Pride Center Update

The GLSO Pride Center has again seen an increase in use during February. There were two meetings of the new group organizing a PFLAG chapter. (see page 2) A new group is starting in March for young adults (see page 4). Some of the organizers are former member of out Gay Straight Alliance for youth. They will be doing outreach for other GLBT people in the twenties.

Lots of GLSO committee meetings meet We always need volunteers interested in serving on committees. The newsletter committee needs writers (see page 10) and someone to take newsletters to local businesses.

Our web site is building every day. Go to www.glso.org for the current calendar. Details about upcoming events can be found there. We are also on Facebook.



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COMMUNITY LET'S COME TOGETHER!

The GLSO News is always looking for contributors. Some people write news stories, reporting on their particular community group or organization. Other people write feature articles. A few people have sent in pictures. We love having contributors and want more!

We plan to print more pictures; if you would like to contribute yours, be sure you have the permission of the people in the picture. Send the names of those pictured and some information about where and when the picture was taken. We do not promise to print all pictures.

If you would like to write for us, we can accommodate a wide variety of writing. If you have an idea for an article, just give it a try and send it in to articles@glso.org.

Here are some ideas from the Newsletter Team.

Letters to The Editor These can be about articles you have seen in the newsletter good or bad, something you would like to see changed added/deleted to the newsletter format, a correction that may be needed. We reserve the right to edit and will not necessarily print everything we receive.

Coming Out Stories Always a favorite, can be from the perspective of straight allies.

Being Out Stories There are many situations that arise in our lives that call for a creative responses. How did you handle a new coming out situation? How did you come out at work or even in a job interview? What do you do if someone assumes you are straight and asks you for a date?

Downtown Pride Festival 2010 We have heard some wonderful stories about how people are enjoying our still fairly new downtown GLBT Pride festival. If you would like to share with us your impressions of that day this year it would be great.

Reviews of a book, movie or TV show. What do you love, what do you hate?

GLBT History Write about an event or a person from our collective past. There are many sources of information on line and in the history books in our Pride Library.

Hate Speech We have printed a number of articles about the effects of hate speech, and there is still much to say. You are invited to add your thoughts and opinions.

Interviews/ Profiles If you would like to write about one of our local GLBT activists, leaders or volunteers that would be great. It could be in the form of an interview or a profile.

Straight Allies We are interested in stories from straight allies and family members.

We do not often include articles about National or International GLBT issues, but if there is one that is of interest to you that you believe our readers would enjoy, we will be glad to consider it for the newsletter.

We ask that all articles come in by the 15th of the month. That gives the staff time to read and edit your work. We also have to shorten articles occasionally. We will send your submission back to you for approval if we make any major changes. Changes of spelling and grammar will not be returned. The length of articles can vary, but in general, one page, such as this one, is a good length.

Jackie Cobern

Editor GLSO Newsletter



**2010
Film
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There will be receptions following the first showing of each film.

The Garden

Thursday March 4, 5: and 7:30pm
Kentucky Theatre

Filmmaker Scott Hamilton Kennedy's Oscar-nominated documentary follows a group of low-income families struggling to protect a 14-acre urban farm in the South Central Los Angeles

Holly

Sunday March 7, 2 and 4:30pm
Lexington Public Library Theater

A young Vietnamese girl is sold into prostitution by her family, and then tries to escape her dismal life by beginning a platonic relationship with a 40-year-old American named Patrick (Ron Livingston), a stolen-artifacts dealer. The Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center will lead a discussion after the 2pm showing.

At Home in Utopia

Thursday, March 11, 5 and 7:30pm
Kentucky Theatre

In the mid-1920s, thousands of Jewish immigrant garment workers pooled their resources and built four cooperatively owned apartment complexes in the Bronx. What happens when immigrants, factory workers, and Communists find the American dream?

Mine

Sunday March 14, 2 and 4:30pm
Lexington Public Library Theater

Explore the devastating effects Hurricane Katrina had on the lives of dogs and dog owners separated during and

after the storm. The Lex. Humane Society will sponsor a reception.

In Search of Our Fathers

Thursday March 18, 5 and 7:30pm
Kentucky Theatre

In Search of Our Fathers is a first-person story of Marco Williams' seven-year search to learn about his father, to uncover the circumstances surrounding his birth, and to come to terms with what it means to grow up fatherless.

Frozen River

Sunday March 21, 2 and 4:30pm
Lexington Public Library Theater

On a Mohawk reservation on the Canadian border, Ray Eddy (Oscar-nominated Melissa Leo) teams with widowed tribe member Lila Littlewolf to smuggle illegal immigrants into the United States. This riveting drama was nominated for multiple Independent Spirit Awards, including Best Feature.

Lemon Tree

Thursday, March 25, 5 and 7:30pm
Kentucky Theatre

Palestinian widow fights to keep her lemon grove from being destroyed when Israeli security forces declare it a threat to the Israeli defense minister living next door. Teaming with a young lawyer (Ali Suliman), the widow takes her case to the Israeli Supreme Court.

Good Hair

Sunday March 28, 2 and 4:30pm
Lexington Public Library Theater

Chris Rock travels from beauty salons to science labs to comb through the mystery of African American hair in director Jeff Stilson's insightful and hilarious documentary. Comments from Ice-T, Nia Long, Rev. Al Sharpton, Raven-Symoné, Maya Angelou and others on just what it means to have "good hair."

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Spotlight on the Beautiful People...
by Helena Handbasket

This column shines the spotlight on people in the community that deserve recognition. Beauty is not always skin deep and these "beautiful people" either devote their time and energy to a worthy cause or just plain make our lives better by entertaining us. Either way, it is time that they are recognized for their talents and efforts.

Our spotlight for the month of March is on "Daddy Wayne" who was raised on a farm 5 miles from the town of Benton, Kentucky. He moved to Lexington in 1984 to go to UK and remained after obtaining a Bachelor of Architecture Degree in 1988. Daddy Wayne has been partnered with Wayne Swope for nearly 17 years. They currently have no pets.



DW: "A pet would probably not survive at our house, because we are never home long enough to provide the proper care for a pet. My community involvement includes being the current President of the Board of Directors of the Imperial Court of Kentucky; Emperor 27 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky, and also the Imperial Crown Prince 26 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky. While reigning as Emperor last year, I chose to dress in Renaissance-themed attire inspired by the Showtime Series "The Tudors". There is a wonderful designer in New York City, David Menkes that created my initial look. Thereafter, many of my outfits were designed by Patrick Howell, here in Lexington."

HH: What would you consider

your favorite charitable organization here in Lexington and why?

DW: "The Imperial Court of Kentucky. This organization has been important to me for many years as it should be for any gay, lesbian or transgendered individual in our community. This organization has a long standing record of raising much-needed funds for other non-profits in our region and beyond, all while providing great entertainment. Very few charitable organizations have such an impressive record of financial credibility. Most of our donations are raised \$1 at a time by individuals who give of their time and talents to help us raise money."

"The Imperial Court has a Board of Directors comprised of nine individuals who work tirelessly planning events and keeping the organization operating as a business. Each one does so without any compensation other than the fulfillment they get from "Giving Back" to the community. Isn't that what "Charity" is all about."

"Most people in our community may not know that the Imperial Court of Kentucky is part of something much greater. The Imperial Court System is one of the oldest and largest predominantly gay organizations in the world. The Imperial Court System was founded by Jose "The Widow Norton" in 1965. Currently there are 66 court chapters in the USA, Canada and Mexico. Each chapter works to raise money for their communities. However, last fall all chapters combined their efforts to raise over \$90,000 for the Matthew Shepard Foundation which is dedicated to eradicating hate crimes in the USA."

"The Imperial Court of Kentucky was a huge contributor to this effort raising \$8,000 for this cause. This just proves that we have one of the hardest working and dedicated group of individuals right here in Lexington as well

as a very generous community that helps us reach our goals. This is especially true this year, as the Imperial Court of Kentucky has currently raised over \$50,000 for our charities (as of the publication of this article). To recognize our accomplishments, the International Court Council has honored Lexington as the host of the 45th Anniversary Gala this year. This event will spotlight our community and recognize gay rights activists from all over the country. “

HH: I am sure people want to know more about Daddy Wayne, the individual. Tell me about yourself.

DW: “My favorite music to listen to is dance, R&B, Jazz, Pop and some Country. My favorite color is purple. As far as a favorite movie, *Beaches* is still at the top of my list. I have a few favorite TV shows: *The Tudors*, *Brothers & Sisters*, *White Collar*, *Drop Dead Diva*, *Project Runway* (Thank God for DVR). My favorite actor is Jonathan Rhys Meyers and my favorite actress is Sandra Bullock.

“The book I am reading right now is *The International Building Code*, although if you are not an Architect or Engineer this is not a book I would recommend. My dream vacation would be to go to Greece to tour the remains of Ancient Greek Architecture.”

“What attracts me to a man most I suppose would be a man’s smile but then I would work my way downward! If I was stranded on a desert island, the three people I would want to be there with me would be my partner of 17 years, Wayne Swope. If there has to be two more, I’ll go with Jonathan Rhys Meyers from *The Tudors* and Eddie Cibrian from *CSI Miami*. I’ll design us a hut and watch them build it!”

“The biggest misconception or false rumor about me is that in the past people have implied that I am not very

approachable. I am basically a quiet person until you get to know me. Having been an Emperor, I was forced to come out of my shell a little. Growing up, my older brother always told everyone that I only spoke when I had something important to say, then watch out!!”

HH: Daddy Wayne, complete the next 3 sentences... The world would be a better place if...

DW: Everyone would treat others with the respect and courtesy that they expect for themselves.

HH; I strive to make the world a better place by...

DW: Doing everything I can to raise awareness for the GLBT community and raise funds for those in our community that are less fortunate.

HH: The thing I would most want to be remembered for would be...

DW: Shortly after Wayne and I met, his Father told him that I was a hard worker and a good person. That is good enough for me!!! In all honesty, I really do not require much praise for anything that I have done. I believe that truly charitable acts are done so without regard to oneself or expectations of recognition.

HH: Daddy Wayne, I know you are a busy person so it means the world to me that you took the time for this interview. I honor all that you do to make the city that I live in a better place. I wish nothing but love and success for you always. Thank you Daddy! Miss Helena loves ya.

*** If there is someone in the community that you feel deserves to be honored in this column, send your request to AdvicefromHelena@aol.com and let’s be myspace friends. Look me up at <http://www.myspace.com/helenah>

THE "SIGNS" OF SPRING

AQUARIUS

(January 21-February 19):

Relationships are turbulent this month, fraught with misunderstandings and conflicts. The road is bumpy and has many blind curves. Assess situations with a clear head and you'll discover the greatest obstacles were just a compilation of smoke and mirrors. You'll need to adjust your attitude but discover the adjustments will pave the way for a smoother ride.

PISCES

(February 20-March 20):

You are impatiently waiting to greet Spring this month, dear Pisces. Days pass smoothly and gainfully. Financial situations bloom in a big way but beware of people who promise prosperity in return for a small investment. They may only succeed in separating you from your money.

ARIES

(March 21-April 20):

You expend a lot of energy in play and work this month. Be careful to conserve. You may face choppy waters in your relationship(s) early but love and...ahem...sex will carry you safely to calmer seas by month's end.

TAURUS

(April 21-May 21):

You start the month focused and driven but relax some by mid-month. A woman will prove to be a guiding light or, possibly, a spark to your flame. By the end of March, you'll do something which surprises people—even yourself.

GEMINI

(May 22-June 21):

You are ultra sensitive this month, Gemini. Don't resort to childish head games. Friends may seem to leave you behind as they squander money and party hearty but your conservative restraint will allow you to afford a memorable celebration later this summer. Stick to your agenda.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22):

You grow tired of your routine and feel unappreciated for your efforts. Avoid impulsively making drastic changes in your life at this time; you would likely regret it. Maintain your heading and you'll see improvements by the end of the month. Enjoy the night life!

LEO

(July 23-August 21)

This month you find your social calendar full and you are loving your popularity! Around the 15th, you will be forced to find the answers to some rather difficult questions. Your conclusions may not be what you expected.

VIRGO

(August 22-September 23):

Relationships will be in the eye of your storm this month. You may choose this time to take some important chances. A financial opportunity presents itself near the end of March. Don't pursue it unless you can afford to lose your invested monies.

LIBRA

(September 24-October 23)

Your activity level soars this month. Use this welcome energy to your advantage. However, use caution...you don't want to burn out. Money matters and relationships with others keep you busy in March. They'll prove exciting but exhausting.

SCORPIO

(October 24-November 22):

You will finally address relationship issues. Despite having avoided them in the past with determination, you recognize the need for discussion. Communication proves beneficial and you find yourself pleasantly surprised that your reluctance to face the problem(s) was ill-founded.

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Spiritual Points of View and Resources

St. Mychal The Martyr
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You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Kenneth Waibel performing mass. We are at 1033 Industry Rd. Suite #5, off Winchester Rd. We are a liturgical church, our worship filled with ritual and our hearts filled with joy.

The Mission of St. Mychal is to provide a church that welcomes people in all their uniqueness and giftedness. Our church performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains all persons into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

Our church is available for meetings and receptions. Rev. Ken offers couple counseling and can also speak to individuals about the spiritual concerns. Rev. Ken can be contacted at 859 338-1195.

Ahava Center for Spiritual Living

Ahava is an open and affirming community which accepts all religious paths. We are located at 300 Sherman Ave. Our services are Sundays at 9:45am. Call 859-797-7794 or www.Ahavacenter.com.



The Unitarian Universalist Church
3564 Clays Mill Rd.
Public Support for GLBT Rights

The U.U. Church has worship service at 11am each Sunday. We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates our GLBT members. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd., just inside Man O' War. Please pay us a visit.

Interweave, the GLBTQS support group, will be meeting on Sunday, March 21. We will have a potluck lunch and a program so bring a dish and join us.

Gender Neutral Bathrooms

The U.U. Church now has two Gender Neutral Bathroom, that can be used by everyone. Interweave requested this change in order to create a more welcoming space. This provides an option for people who are transitioning, who's gender is not obvious, and for parents who want to take their child into a bathroom with them.

Ours is a liberal religious tradition with room for many beliefs. Our congregation includes people who are Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Pagan, Muslim, Atheist, Agnostic, and Humanist.

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Who Love's Ya?

By Karen Taylor

We have taken a look at two of the more prominent scriptures the institutional church uses against us, but what does the Bible say about who we are in Christ? For the next several weeks we will be looking at a number of verses that describe who we are as Christians and how God sees us. I highly recommend that you read these verses at least once a day and preferably out loud to help you internalize the value God the Father holds for you.

I am loved! "The Lord has appeared of old to me saying: Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you." Jeremiah 31:3. An everlasting love is one that never ends. The scriptures tell us that nothing can separate us from God's love, Rom 8:35. God loved me so much that He gave up His only son to die a horrible death on the cross so I might be able to live in eternity with Him, John 3:16; 15:16. I once felt so unlovable that I couldn't believe that God loved me. I hated myself and was unable to accept any type of love from others. But gradually God began to show His love for me through His people (a group of gay Christians).

Little by little my heart softened and I saw just how much God did love me. Then I had to go through the difficult process of learning to love myself. The one thing that helped me the most was praying that God help me see myself as He saw me. Before Jesus died, He left us two commandments: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. We are unable to do either of those until we are able to love ourselves in the same way God loves us. Always know that you are loved!

I am accepted. "To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." Ephesians 1:6. Christ redeemed us, He chose us before the beginning of the earth. He has adopted us as sons and daughters by the blood of Christ. The Greek word for accepted means: to endue with special honor, to be highly favored. This is really an important point to truly get, as many of us are not accepted by our families, friends, co-workers, or our church.

There are many different reasons why some choose not to accept another, but the One who truly matters, does totally accept us. He is able to look through our flaws and see the one He created. The one He desires to be in relationship with. We are accepted by Christ.



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I am a child of God. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe His name." John 1:12. This blends in well with the previous verse in Ephesians. As Christians, we have been adopted by God to become His child with all the positives that go with being royalty, more on that later.

I was raised in foster homes from the time I was 10 years old so the one thing I wanted most in the whole world was to have a family. When it finally sunk in that I was a child of God, I saw that I did have a family, a large family, the family of God. Like most all families, this family of God is not without its problems and conflicts. Like in a natural family, these problems/conflicts do not make me any less a part of the family. There are times I might want to run, or avoid certain members, but that's ok. I am a child of God.

I am Jesus' friend. What better friend to have than Christ. He walks with you, never leaves you, gives help when needed, encouragement, strength, a shoulder to cry on, a hug when you need to be comforted. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:13. We have a friend in Christ. In the words of Christ, "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." John 15:14. His commands were simple, to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and might, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

I say it's simple but actually it can be pretty difficult when you do not love yourself. Besides praying for God to help you see yourself as He sees you, there are affirming scriptures to recite to yourself such as "For You formed my inward parts: You wove me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully

wrought in the lowest parts of the earth." Psalm 139:13-15. *What a friend we have in Jesus.*

I am a joint heir with Jesus, sharing His inheritance with Him. "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. If indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:16-17. The Greek word for heir denotes a joint participant, coheir, and fellow heir, one who receives a lot with another. I could write several pages on this truth alone.

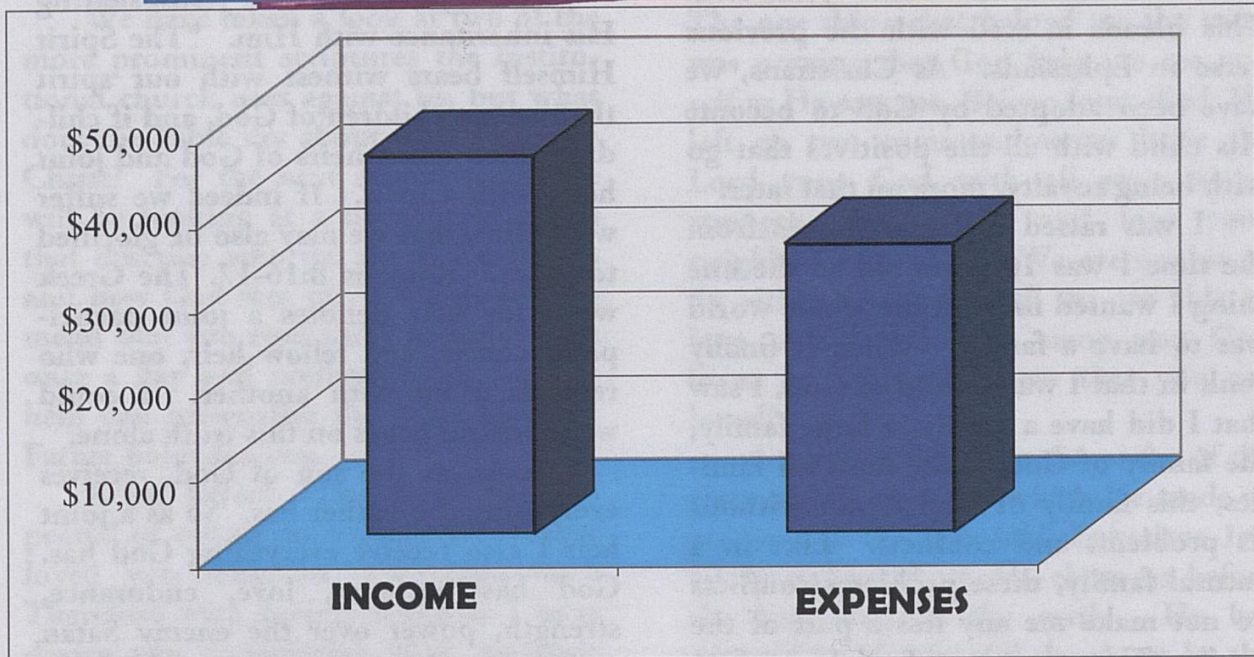
Jesus, as the son of God, receives everything the Father has. So as a joint heir I also receive everything God has. God has patience, love, endurance, strength, power over the enemy Satan and so much more. As His child we have all that as well. It's just a matter of learning how to access it. When a family adopts a little baby, that baby takes on the name of the parents. With that name comes identity, a sense of belonging, in some cases power, and a right to all that name implies. We are joint heirs with Christ.

I pray that God helps us all to fully understand and accept the truth and power in these five facts: We are loved, we are accepted, we are children of God, Jesus is our friend, and we are joint heirs with Christ.

I welcome any questions or thoughts you might have on this subject. Just email them to one of the Pride Center's new email addresses: articles@glso.org. Until next month I pray that God's love rules our hearts and mind in Christ Jesus. Blessings in Christ!

Come meet like minded Charismatic Gay Christians each Sunday at the Pride Center at 10:30am for Bible Study. Call 859-253-3233 for more information.

2009 GLSO Income/Expenses



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SAGGITARIUS

(November 23-December 22):

Energized, you'll burst on the scene this month and compete for center stage. While in the spotlight, use caution! Weigh all facts and circumstances before you take a stand. Examine the view from outside the box and see if it alters your perception of things.

CAPRICORN

(December 23-January 20):

March starts off in a very industrious and productive vein but you soon feel your efforts are being overlooked. Confrontations with co-workers and loved ones result in your getting assistance and support. The month will end, leaving you feeling much more appreciated and less isolated.

Kroger Cards Ongoing Fundraiser

In March 2009 GLSO launched it's Kroger Card Project Fundraiser. The fundraiser is ongoing year round to anyone who that is interested in helping support the GLSO Pride Center. You can pick one up at the Pride Center, or ask any GLSO board member they will be glad to get you one, or call 253-3233.

The way it works is you purchase a card from us for \$5 then you put \$20, \$30, \$50, \$100, up to \$500 on it and buy your groceries, or gas, or prescriptions. Then we get 4% of all recharges over \$5000.

Since March of last year we have sold close to 100 cards making our donations up to now \$1,002.

Everyone ready for Spring Cleaning? Because GLSO is getting ready to have their traditional Spring Yard Sale April 16-17. We will be collecting stuff so give us a call at 859-253-3233. Look in the April issue for more information.

The GLSO Directory

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