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### **SisterSound in Concert** **Saturday, January 21**

Believe it or not, it has been ten years since a few women gathered together in Lexington with a dream of forming a women's chorus. Those founding sisters of SisterSound Lexington's Women's Chorus had no idea just how successful their early efforts would prove.

In celebration of ten wonderful years, SisterSound proudly announces their latest concert series "10 Years of Whine, Women and Song." The title says it all. While there have been many women who have lent their voices to the effort throughout the history of SisterSound and many a song sung, there has also been a great deal of whining along with ample quantities of laughter, smiles and even a few tears.

This current theme will carry through the next two concerts. The Chorus will be reprising some of their favorite pieces from the last ten years, as well as incorporating some new women-themed pieces into their repertoire. Among the selections featured in the upcoming concert are: "And All That Jazz," "Everything's Coming up Roses" and "Harriet Tubman," along with new additions "Bread and Roses," "Nicolia" and "The New Underground Railroad."

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### **Corpus Christi**

*Corpus Christi*, Terrence

McNally's tale of a modern day messiah who happens to be gay, has sparked controversy wherever it has played since its premier at New York's Manhattan Theatre Club in 1998. ActOut Theatre Group will present *Corpus Christi*, directed by Bo List, at Lexington's Downtown Arts Center, 141 E. Main St. It will play Friday and Saturday nights, Jan. 6-7 and 13-14 at 8 pm and Sun. Jan. 15 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 or \$12 for Seniors and Students. Reservations can be made at (859) 225-0370.

In *Corpus Christi*, playwright Terrence McNally creates a Christ-like figure named Joshua who is born in a sleazy motel in Corpus Christi, Texas, the playwright's home town. Joshua hitchhikes across the desert having occasional conversations with God, performing miracles, and gathering disciples.

In contrast to the anger and hullabaloo it has inspired, *Corpus Christi* is a quiet, beautiful play that weaves in and out of the Bible and through the biography of the playwright himself, with theatrical liberty as needed. It contains the same amount of truthful elements that may be expected in any heartfelt work of fiction.

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**SisterSound Concert** ..from page 1

Please plan to join SisterSound in celebration of this important milestone on Saturday, January 21, at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. with general admission seating.

In keeping with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme, ticket prices have been rolled back to their original price - \$10 for adults/seniors and \$5 for children. Tickets, which make excellent gifts, are available from any chorus member, at the Singletary Center box office, or by calling 502-319-4044. For more information, to join the chorus or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit us in cyberspace at: [www.geocities.com/sistersound](http://www.geocities.com/sistersound).

**Corpus Christi** -from page 1

Bo List, director for ActOut's production, recalled the storm of criticism at the opening of Corpus Christi in New York City: "Critics of the original production seemed, overall, a little disappointed. They walked through picket lines, security dogs and metal detectors to see not a cultural fireworks display and not a pageant of blasphemy but rather a pleasant and calm-hearted experience".

List is a graduate of the U. K. with a B.A. in Theatre and the Univ. of Memphis with a M.F.A. in Directing. He is a founder and Artistic Director of Chance Theatre Co. For *Corpus Christi* List has assembled a cast of 13 led by Nathan Richard Wagner as Joshua, the play's central character. Reservations: (859) 225-0370

The GLSO web site is now updated monthly.

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Sign the guest book and give us suggestions of how we might make the web page more helpful to you or to newcomers to the GLBT Community. You can call the Pride Center 253-3233 and talk to Bill, Office Manager, between 10 t& 3 M - F, or Jackie who is here most Saturdays from 10 - 2 to make suggestions.

# Community News

## 40+ Club

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and their younger friends) who are interested in attending a wide variety of activities together. Our usual monthly meeting on the second Sunday is canceled for January, but we do have several activities planned.

On January 14th, we plan to attend ActOut's Play, Corpus Christi at the Downtown Arts Center, (Across from Library. (See page 1) If you would like to meet for dinner at Alfalfas at 6 please call us so we can reserve a table (Jane & Ginger 859-253-0061)

On Sunday, Jan. 15th we will go bowling at Southland Lanes, time to be decided. On Saturday, Jan. 21st we will attend SisterSound's 10th Anniversary Concert at Singletary Center for the Arts at UK. Tickets are just \$10

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.

## Wishing Chair

Wishing Chair will be playing at The Alternative in Louisville, KY, on Saturday, January 14. The show starts at 8 pm, admission \$7.

[www.louisvillealternative.com](http://www.louisvillealternative.com)

## Diversity in Gender Alliance

The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance (LDGA) will be meeting on Saturday, January 7, 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.

## Kentucky Theater

Brokeback Mountain, will be opening at the Kentucky Theater on Friday, January 6th. Directed by Ang Lee, this film has had excellent reviews and is upsetting the right wing theocrates a good deal, two good reasons to see it.

Roger Ebert and several other reviewers have given it five stars. Part of Ebert's review follows.

"Brokeback Mountain has been described as "a gay cowboy movie," which is a cruel simplification. It is the story of a time and place where two men are forced to deny the only great passion either one will ever feel. Their tragedy is universal.

The story begins in Wyoming in 1963, when Ennis (Heath Ledger) and Jack (Jake Gyllenhaal) are about 19 years old and get a job tending sheep on a mountainside. Ennis is a boy of so few words he can barely open his mouth to release them; he learned to be guarded and fearful long before he knew what he feared. Jack, who has done some rodeo riding, is a little more outgoing.

After some days have passed on the mountain and some whiskey has been drunk, they suddenly and almost violently have sex. "This is a one-shot thing we got going on here," Ennis says the next day. Jack agrees. But it's not.

Some years pass. Both men get married. Then Jack goes to visit Ennis in Wyoming, and the undiminished urgency of their passion stuns them. Their lives settle down into a routine, punctuated less often than Jack would like by "fishing trips."

Brokeback Mountain could tell its story and not necessarily be a great movie. It could be a melodrama. It *could* be a "gay cowboy movie." But the filmmakers have focused so intently and with such feeling on Jack and Ennis that the movie is as observant as work by Bergman. The more

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specific a film is, the more universal, because the more it understands individual characters, the more it applies to everyone. I can imagine someone weeping at this film, identifying with it, because he always wanted to stay in the Marines, or be an artist or a cabinetmaker."

There have been gay comedies that were accepted by broad US audiences but this film is a drama and a story of life long love. If straight people can bring themselves to see a film which focuses on love and passion between two men, many will come away with a deeper understanding that our love for each other is powerful and as sacred as theirs. This will be another step forward in overcoming homophobia. We should support this film and the KY Theater -Go see it now.

### *The Imperial Court of KY*

The yearly Miss Big Bone Lick Pageant will be held near the end of January. Don't miss the fun -watch for signs in the local bars.

### Rainbow Families

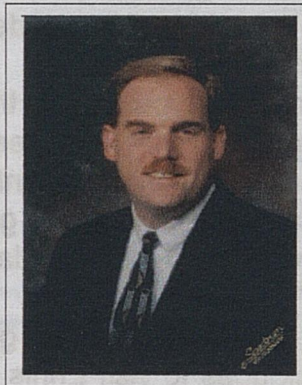
Rainbow Families is an organization for gay and lesbian parents and our children in the Lexington area. Our mission is to show our children that there are other families like theirs. We invite parents as well as those who are considering parenthood to join RFOLKY To become a member call Jen 523- 3083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

### Moveable Feast

We are in great need of drivers to deliver food to our clients. You can volunteer once a week, twice a month, or whatever fits your schedule. We know that the gas prices are discouraging but having a hot meal is life saving for many of our clients. Bring a friend along to share the work and the cost. Call 252-2867

### Gay Pride Union of Kentucky

The Gay Pride Union is a newly formed peer support group for the GLBT Community in Somerset, KY. For more information email: [Alexstalcup@yahoo.com](mailto:Alexstalcup@yahoo.com)



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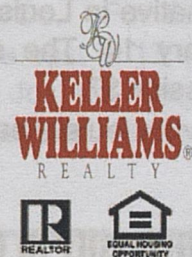
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Tickets are available at the Singletary box office, 257-4929

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# Pride Center News

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

## PRIDE CENTER OPEN

In addition to business hours

**EVERY SATURDAY 10 - 2**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 5 - 7**

**2ND SATURDAY JAN 14 6 - 9**

Drop by for a chat, visit the Pride Library, or talk about how to become more involved in the our community. We would love to have more volunteers to extend our hours, particularly evenings. Call the office and leave your number . See page 19 for other volunteer opportunities.

## Second Saturday Nights

The Pride Center will be open on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 6 to 9. If you missed us last month, come on by and try us again.

## LEXINGTON INSIGHT

A group for Gay Men

**FRIDAY, JAN 6**

**Pride Center 7:30**

Please join us for an evening lively conversation. Everyone is welcome.

## DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wednesday 7 pm

Pride Center 389 Waller Ave.

Open to all.

Jane at

[ladyjaneky@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyjaneky@yahoo.com).

We have wide ranging discussions on many topics. If you need support, if you are just coming out, or if you have been out forever but enjoy meeting new people, join us any Wednesday. We have some great conversations.

## Pride Center Library Highlights: Kentucky Authors & Artists

By Jane Minder

While Kentucky is known for horses, bourbon and tobacco we also have a wealth of talented GLBT authors and artists. The following works by Kentuckians can all be found in the Pride Center Library.

### Fiction

Johnson, Fenton. Scissors, Paper, Rock (Call number: F JohnF S419)

McElmurray, Karen Salyer. Strange Birds in the Tree of Heaven

Watts, Julia. Piece of My Heart (Call #: F Watt P613)

### Non-Fiction

Browning, Frank. Culture of Desire: Paradox and Perversity in Gay Lives Today (Call #: HQ 76.U5 B745)

McPherson, J.B. The Holy Bible: Old Testament (Call #: BS511.2 M172)

O'Ferrell, Kelly. Providence Rd Does Not Stop: A Journal of Finding and Letting Go (Call #: PS 509.L47 O32)

### Music

Bartlett, Robbie. One Girl's Opinion (Call #: AUDIO CD Bart O58)

Lexington Men's Chorus Live!: The First Ten Years (Call #AUDIO CD Lexi L679)

Wishing Chair. Ghost of Will Harbut (Call #: AUDIO CD Wish G427)



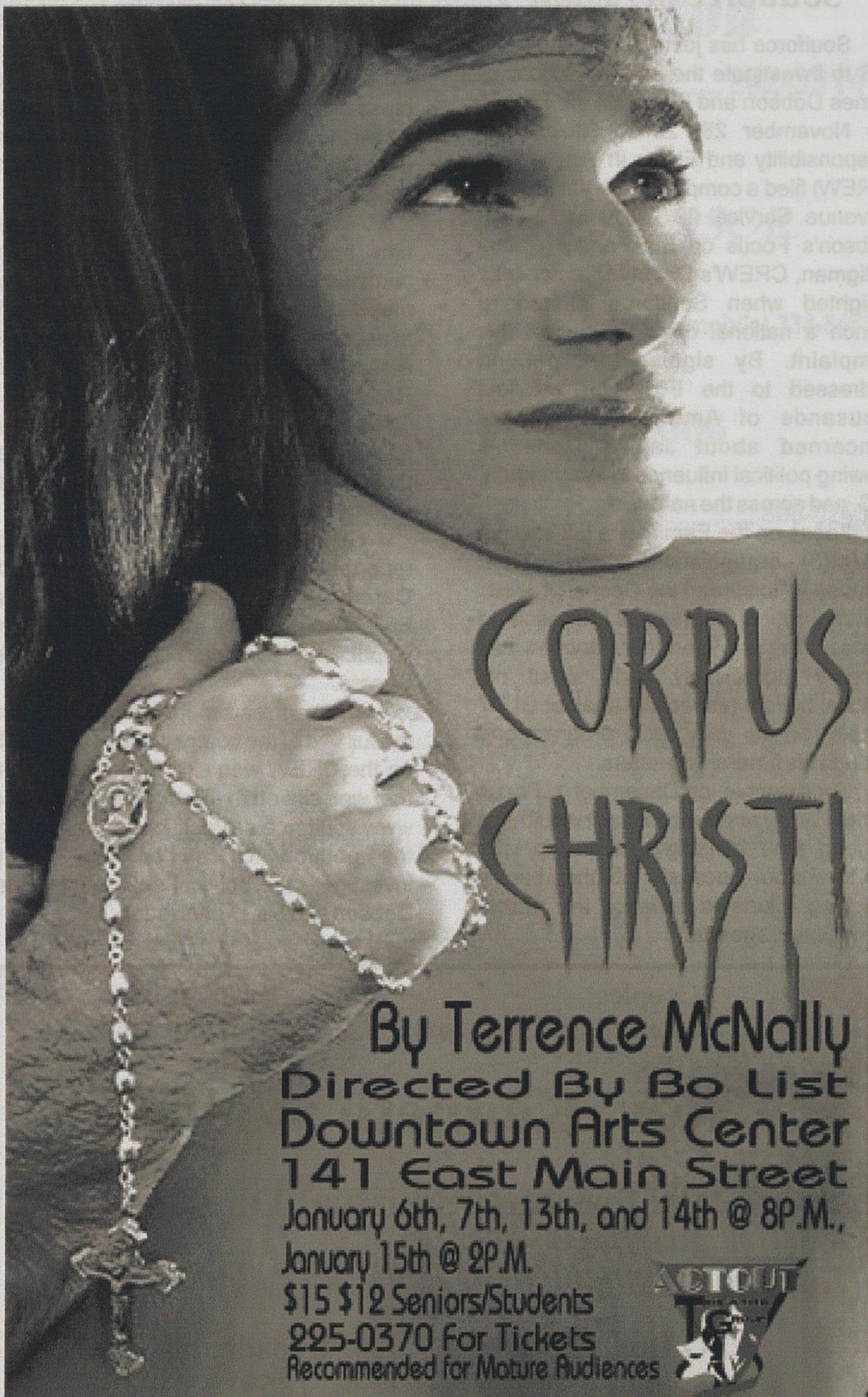
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# CORPUS CHRISTI

By Terrence McNally

Directed By Bo List

Downtown Arts Center

141 East Main Street

January 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th @ 8P.M.,

January 15th @ 2P.M.

\$15 \$12 Seniors/Students

225-0370 For Tickets

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## Soulforce in Action

Soulforce has joined in a call for the IRS to investigate the political actions of James Dobson and Focus on the Family. On November 28, 2005, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) filed a complaint with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) against James Dobson's Focus on the Family. Naomi Seligman, CREW's Deputy Director, was delighted when Soulforce offered to launch a national drive to support this complaint. By signing the petition addressed to the IRS, you will join thousands of Americans who are concerned about James Dobson's growing political influence in Washington, D.C. and across the nation.

Focus on the Family is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization whose stated purpose is "to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a practical outreach to homes." In past years, Dr. Dobson has become increasingly shrill about his political beliefs (especially against GLBT people) on his daily radio program and through his fundraising letters.

For example, on December 1, Focus on the Family announced that it would end its long time banking relationship with Wells Fargo because of the bank's "ongoing efforts to advance the radical homosexual agenda."

Earlier this year Dobson promised to dedicate his life to amending the U.S. Constitution with a Federal Marriage Amendment that would make second-class citizens of Lesbian and Gay Americans in committed relationships and deny them their basic civil rights and protections.

Although his non-profit status bars him from electioneering, Dr. Dobson continues to use his considerable political muscle to support anti-gay initiatives and to endorse candidates for political office. In early April, 2004, Dr. Dobson endorsed Republican Representative Patrick J. Toomey in his race for Senate in Pennsylvania. In addition, it was reported that Dr. Dobson actively campaigned during a rally for Rep. Toomey.

Other candidates that Dr. Dobson reportedly endorsed in 2004 include North Carolina Republican candidate Pat Ballentine for Governor and Oklahoma Republican candidate Tom Coburn for Senate.

You can read more details, including the full text of the complaint sent to the IRS, on the CREW web site. There is a link to that web site on the Soulforce web site at [www.soulforce.org/petition/1](http://www.soulforce.org/petition/1). Please sign the petition to call on the IRS to investigate the political actions of James Dobson and his organization.



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# GLSO Newsletter Calendar January 2006

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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday                             | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|----------|---|---|
| 9a and 11a UU Church<br>10:30 a St. Mychal's<br><b>New Year's Day</b>  | 8p AA Open<br>Discussion/Speakers<br>(call for place) 278-7103   | 7p GSA (call for place<br>266-5904) | 7p GLSO Discussion<br>Group-PC<br>8p Gay/Lesbian AA<br>Call for place 278-7103 | 5        | 7:30p Lexington Insight<br>@ the Pride Center<br>7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA<br><b>8P Corpus Christi @ the<br/>Downtown Arts Center</b><br>"Brokeback Mountain"<br>Opens - Ky Theater | Center Open 10a-2p<br>2p Narcotics Anonymous<br>call for place 278-7103<br>730p LexDGA<br>(Call for place)<br><b>8P Corpus Christi @ the<br/>Downtown Arts Center</b> |
| 9a and 11a UU Church<br>10:30 a St. Mychal's<br>SoulForce (call Jamie 230-<br>5625)<br>2p Women's 40 + GroupPC<br>4p Integrity @ St. Michael's<br>6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC  | 8p AA Open<br>Discussion/Speakers<br>(call for place) 278-7103   | 7p GSA (call for place<br>266-5904) | 7p GLSO Discussion<br>Group-PC<br>8p Gay/Lesbian AA<br>Call for place 278-7103 | 12       | 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA<br>(call for place) 278-7103<br><b>8P Corpus Christi @ the<br/>Downtown Arts Center</b>   | Center Open 10a-2p and<br><b>6p-9p</b><br>2p Narcotics Anonymous<br>call for place 278-7103<br><b>8P Corpus Christi @ the<br/>Downtown Arts Center</b>                |
| 9a & 11a UU Church<br>10:30 a St. Mychal<br>4p Gen Y Integrity @ St.<br>Michael's<br><b>2P Corpus Christi @<br/>the Downtown Arts<br/>Center</b><br>Newsletter Dead-line   | 7:30 p GLSO Board Mtg.<br>8p AA Open<br>Discussion/Speakers<br>(call for place) 278-7103<br><b>Dr. Martin Luther King<br/>Jr. Birthday</b> | 7p GSA (call for place<br>266-5904) | 7p GLSO Discussion<br>Group-PC<br>8p Gay/Lesbian AA<br>Call for place 278-7103 | 18       | 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA<br>(call for place) 278-7103  | Center Open 10a-2p<br>2p Narcotics Anonymous<br>call for place 278-7103<br>8p SisterSound Concert<br>Singletry Center   |
| 10:30 a St. Mychal's<br>SoulForce (call Jamie 230-<br>5625)<br>6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC   | 8p AA Open<br>Discussion/Speakers<br>(call for place) 278-7103   | 7p GSA (call for place<br>266-5904) | 7p GLSO Discussion<br>Group-PC   | 26       | 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA<br>(call for place) 278-7103  | Center Open 10a-2p<br>3p Narcotics Anonymous<br>call for place 278-7103   |
| 9a and 11a UU Church<br>10:30 a St. Mychal's   | 30   | 31                                  |  |          |   |   |
| <p>More information about many of the events are<br/>in this newsletter. You may want to call or email<br/>the group to confirm the date and time, see the<br/>directory on back page.</p> <p>Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC<br/>Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call</p> |  |                                     |  |          |   |   |

## 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:**  
2pm Narcotics Anonymous  
278-7103
- Sundays:**  
9:00am & 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.)  
6 -9 Open House (2nd Sat.)
- Sundays:**  
2pm -Women 40+(2nd Sun)  
4pm - Integrity (2nd Sun)  
4pm - Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

## Ky Fairness: Welcoming Change and Advancing Equality

"Failure is free. Changing hearts and minds is not. Advancing equality is not," reads the literature concerning the new membership program of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance: Friends & Family. KFA takes that statement seriously in its mission to insure fairness for all GLBTQ persons. The alliance hopes to advance equality not only through this program but also by embracing a new acting director.

Recently, Christina Gilgor took over as acting director of the state KFA. In said role, Gilgor has moved quickly to insure the continual growth and prosperity of KFA due to a strong personal commitment to the advancement of equality for all GLBTQ persons.

KFA feels confident letting Gilgor take the helm as her qualifications are paramount: an undergraduate degree in social work as well as a master's in public administration from UK. Furthermore, she and her partner of seven years, Julie Stephenson, set a strong example for everyone as they provide a happy home for their two small children. KFA strongly welcomes Gilgor's many contributions and talents.

One of the contributions in which Gilgor has been instrumental is the implementation of KFA's newest program rightly called Friends & Family. Gilgor has striven to see that this program succeeds in the hopes that it will develop a formalized membership club of GLBT Kentuckians as well as their friends and family.

In fact, Gilgor galvanized volunteers early in December to call people across Kentucky and encourage them to enlist in the program. One becomes a member by making a one time donation, thus becoming a "friend" or by donating a monthly, automated gift, thus earning the title "family member."

In turn, members can feel confident that they are helping to create a solid

financial base that will increase the voice and visibility of GLBT Kentuckians and to insure a fair future for all. Members will also receive an ampersand lapel pin to symbolize their commitment to equality, a quarterly update detailing how proceeds are utilized, and invitations to Friends & Family cocktail receptions preceding major Kentucky Fairness Alliance events around the state.

Those interested in making a commitment to fairness by becoming a member of Friends & Family may contact KFA's central office at 502-897-1973. Call to show support of Gilgor and Friends and Family.

## Responding to Our Opposition

*by mary crone*

Sometimes it is helpful to know what the opposition is saying; sometimes it only leads to anger or depression. So read this if you want some information, otherwise, know that we need to continue to support all of those in our community that are on the front lines whether that be lobbying the legislature, speaking up to coworkers, or coming out in High School. Anyone that would like to write about possible responses to right wing propaganda, send in your ideas (as an article or not) to [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com).

The statements in italics came from the website of Open Door Ministries, a group active in the U.K community. ([www.opendoorministries.us/](http://www.opendoorministries.us/)) They have links to the Baptist Student Group and to Southland Christian Church. They define themselves thus: "*Open Door exists as an on-campus Christian community and safe haven for individuals struggling with homosexuality. We strive to offer hope and help to those who want to begin their journey to purity.*"

They really do believe that they hold the high moral ground. Therefore, oppressing GLBT people seems like part of God's plan to them. We can state that we do not believe that loving...

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someone is ever a sin and point out that more than a few things listed in the Bible as sins, such as women speaking in church, weaving clothing made from a combination of fabrics or eating lobster, are not considered sinful by most people today. And we can remind people that we do have freedom to choose our own religious beliefs.

*'To accurately discuss the roots of homosexuality, we must realize the inherent sinful nature of all people, whether they are gay or straight. Homosexuality, when put into its true and proper context, is no different than any other sin. No one has to make a conscious decision to enter into any sinful lifestyle. That tendency is born into our being. The conscious decision that can and must be made is the decision to overcome that sin and begin living a pure and whole lifestyle, whether the sin in question is pride, lust, homosexuality, lying, gossip, adultery, alcohol addiction, etc.'*

They are saying that we mistakenly think we were born gay because we do not remember making a conscious decision to be homosexual. According to them, that is because we are all born with a tendency to sin and our identities as GLBT people is really a gradual giving in to our sinful desire to be gay. They argue that even if we are born with "homosexual tendencies," our giving in to those tendencies is a choice, a choice that is bad for us and bad for society. Therefore, making laws about homosexual "behavior" is justifiable, including sodomy laws, anti-gay marriage amendments, or laws limiting our right to parent.

In this same vein they continue:

*From a scientific/psychological perspective, there seems to be a strong correlation between the development of homosexual feelings/tendencies and dysfunctional relationships. Early in life, unhealthy relationships with family members (including parents and siblings)*

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and with peers leave deep emotional wounds. There are a number of prominent factors that are known to influence sexual development including: Abuse (sexual, emotional, physical, spiritual) - Parental dysfunction (absence, detachment, overbearing control, lack of gender affirmation) - Betrayal - Ridicule or teasing from peers - Sexual play w/ same-sex peer - Rejection - Abandonment - Lack of nurture - Loneliness.

There is so much on this list that it would be difficult to find anyone that had none of these negative experience in their lives. So why isn't everyone gay?

This list also provides an ostensible scientific/psychological basis for arguing that LGBT people need to be "cured." If identifying us as sinful doesn't convince some people, then saying we are addicted or emotionally damaged may be appealing.

Providing several ways for us to be considered impaired also makes it seem compassionate to offer us help in leaving the "homosexual lifestyle." All the major professional organizations, AMA (doctors), (APA) psychologists, social workers, etc. say that homosexuality is not a disorder and does not need to be "treated." Offering a "cure" is, in fact, seen as unethical.

*There are other factors to be considered as well. One strong possibility to consider is generational sin. There are many instances in both the Bible and in studies of human psychology where sin (Biblical definition) or disorder (psychological definition) is passed from one generation to the next. We all inherit a sin nature from Adam. Likewise, we inherit much more specific sinful behaviors from our parents or other more recent ancestors.*

Which is one of their arguments for outlawing GLBT foster and adoptive parenting. The fact that most of the children we raise are heterosexual seems to have eluded them.

*Some other factors leading to the*

*development of homosexual tendencies include societal pressures, pornography, masturbation, demonic influences, and an amoral belief system... These are, by and large, factors that the individual cannot control. But despite these factors, the decision to yield to homosexual temptation is still the individual's to make. It doesn't usually happen overnight, but rather it progresses over years." It is typically in (the teen years) that the enemy (Satan) will have his best opportunities to convince someone that he or she is "gay", that they were born this way, and that there is nothing they can do about it.*

Our long held belief that we are born different is now supported by scientific research. However, the fact that we are born different is not what we base our rights upon. People also have the right to chose to be gay, bisexual or whatever.

In the Declaration of Independence it states that all people are endowed by their creator with inalienable rights including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We have some rights because we are human, and we have additional civil rights because we are citizens. Equality and fairness are basic American values, and is increasing number of people understand that we have the right to live our lives as we see fit.

We need to focus some attention on the repeated use of moral arguments, and the assumption that we have a negative effect on our society. They obviously think that homosexuality is inherently sinful and dangerous, but that is less obvious to other people. Many people are willing to listen to our point of view.

If you would like to comment on this or respond to other right wing arguments, please send in an article or letter to [newsletter@lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:newsletter@lexingtonglso@yahoo.com). It might help others know what to say when these arguments are brought up in their presence.

## Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship continues to meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am, at 713 East Loudon Avenue. We also have a Sunday school class at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm.

we have a support group, Koinonia, meeting every Friday night from 7 to 8:30 pm, for individuals wanting to discuss spiritual abuse issues, recovery from addictive behaviors, or to re-discover your spirituality. The group is facilitated by Rev Sandy Nabozny who has a Masters in Human Services and over 20 years of experience. Her co facilitator is Karen Taylor who has three years experience in leading similar support groups. She is also an ex-gay group leader. For information call 514-5518.

## INTEGRITY

Integrity is excited to announce a new group specifically for young adults ages 18 to 30. Gen Y Integrity will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Join us on January 15.

Our regular Integrity meetings will continue on the second Sunday of every month at 4 pm. In January that will be on the 8th. We have lively discussions about everything from current events to spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information about these groups please call **859 243-0998** or email [stmintegrity@yahoo.com](mailto:stmintegrity@yahoo.com)  
We look forward to hearing from you.



## 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.

Our Adult Education classes will be starting on Wednesday evenings in January. On Wed. Jan. 11 we will start viewing Bill Moyer's interviews with Joseph Cambell on The Power of the Myth. This series explores the similarities and differences in religious sacred stories from many different belief systems.

There will be several other classes that have not been given a specific date. There will be a two session class on the poetry of Emily Dickenson who's father was a Unitarian Minister. We will also be examining the Historic Jesus, Egyptian Mythology, and other diverse topics. Call Mary Crone for current information 266-5904. The Humanists will be meeting on Wed. Jan 11 and will be discussing evolution. Child care will be available.

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# Religious and Spiritual Resources

## St. Mychal The Martyr

It is the mission and goal of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish to provide a new kind of church for Central Kentucky; a church that welcomes all people because of their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

We invite you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. There is also Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. 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. For more information visit: [stmychalthemartyr.org](http://stmychalthemartyr.org).

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email [kypadre@aol.com](mailto:kypadre@aol.com).

## 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, parallel to N. Broadway. There is adult discussion between 9 and 10:15 and singing for 15 minutes before the service. Child care is available during the discussion and classes for children are during service.

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 all people.

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 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.

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## 2005: A Gay Year

By: Marc K. Blevins

With all respect, the year 2005 was gay. In fact, the gayest year yet. Even with redundant setbacks of discriminatory anti-gay legislative bills, homosexuality is increasingly accepted and displayed in mainstream life and entertainment.

The award winning NBC hits, the Ellen DeGeneres Show and 'Will and Grace,' continue to gather massive audiences. Also, a fulfilling year for 'gay' films, 2005 brought us a pleasant bouquet: RENT, Transamerica, Brokeback Mountain, Be Cool, Crutch, The Dying Gaul, Kenia and Her Family, Queens, Venetian Heat. According to Village TV, there were more homosexuals portrayed in television, movies, and literature during 2005 than any previous year.

The effect of recurrent, improved depiction of homosexuals is obvious through government actions. Legislative and Judicial bodies throughout the United States progressively accept and affirm basic human rights of homosexuals to advance the movement for civil rights and equality. While some states passed same-sex marriage bans, 15 states defeated attempts to write discrimination into state constitutions. Most notable of amendments was Proposition 2, the Texas amendment that passed with 3 out of 4 Texans voting in favor. Texas lawmakers claimed diverse support including the Hispanic and Ku Klux Klan communities.

California became the first state to approve same-sex marriage through legislation. Unfortunately, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the marriage bill, saying: "If the ban of same-sex marriage is unconstitutional this bill is not necessary. If the ban is constitutional, this bill is ineffective."

Civil Rights groups assailed Schwarzenegger as being on the wrong side of history. Schwarzenegger has previously claimed to be supportive of LGBT rights.

According to a Human Rights Campaign report, Equality from State to State, more anti-discrimination bills passed in 2005 than in any other year. The report highlights 11 Bills passed in state legislatures around the country, which established or strengthened statewide anti-discrimination protections, especially for LGBT communities. The United States House of Representatives also passed an upgrade to an antiquated hate crimes prevention law.

A California judge ruled that a school cannot "out" a student without permission. The ruling also said a school is liable if the revelation of the student's sexual orientation affects the student's life in any way.

The Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR) and the Society for American Law Teachers brought a legal challenge to the Solomon Amendment. The Solomon Amendment denies federal funds to any university of a law school that bars military recruiters. Most law schools require any recruiter to agree to anti-discrimination pledges, which the military, currently, cannot agree to because the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that refers to homosexuals.

Canada legalized same-sex marriage through Bill C-38, on June 29. The law made Canada the third country in the world, after the Netherlands and Belgium, to officially recognize same-sex marriages. Britain legalized same-sex civil partnerships a short time later. 1200 couples were wed throughout Ireland, Scotland, and England. On December 21, Elton John joined his 12 year partner, David Furnish, in a civil partnership ceremony.

### In Memoriam:

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Arthur Miller, 89

Rosa Parks, 92

Pope John Paul II, 85

Richard Pryor, 65

William H. Rehnquist, 81

Hunter Stockton Thompson, 67



## UK's Woman's Place

In December, Woman's Place published Vol. 1 of its newsletter, **The Green Dot**. Dorothy Edwards, the Director of Women's Place, explains the choice of this name as a concept of how they to confront violence against women in the U.K. community. Imagine a map of the campus with a red dot representing an act of violence against women, (a physical assault, sexual assault, or stalking), or a choice to tolerate, justify or perpetuate this violence. A red dot may represent a rape, a punch, a threat, a "blame the victim" statement or even a choice to do nothing in the face of a high risk situation.

Edwards writes: "Violence against women at the University of Kentucky is not a huge, solid mass that can simply be removed with one swift action or policy. Rather, it is the accumulation of individual decisions, moments, values, and actions made by the students, staff, faculty, and administration of our university."

Edwards then suggests we imagine a green dot on the UK map for any behavior choice, word, or attitude that promotes safety for women. "A green dot is pulling our friend out of a high risk situation - a green dot is responding to a victim blaming statement with words of support - a green dot is volunteering a few hours at Women's Place... A green dot is simply your individual choice at any given moment to make our campus safer."

UK Women's Place collaborates with people of all genders, backgrounds, races, classes, ages, sexual orientations, political positions, religious beliefs, ethnicities, nationalities, and abilities to create a safe space for all women.

MAVAR@UK, Men Against Violence and Rape at UK, understand that violence against women is an issue that all of us, need to act on. They are planning activities to encourage men to become active in the fight against violence, rape, and sexual assault. You can contact them at [mavaruk@yahoo.com](mailto:mavaruk@yahoo.com)

## Lavender Dots

I think we can learn something from Dorothy Edwards's analogy. It would be great if the GLBT community could conceive of homophobia as not just a huge mass of angry red but as small manageable red dots that can be dealt with one at a time.

Every one of us can help spread lavender dots over the map of Lexington. A lavender dot may be inviting straight friends to go see Brokeback Mountain with you (see page 3), subscribing to this newsletter, volunteering at the Pride Center (see page 6 and 19), or working with Fairness during the upcoming legislative session.

Homophobia is decreasing every day thanks to individual decisions and actions made by GLBT people and our allies. Join the effort at whatever level you can. Thanks.

## UK Research Study Confidence in Government

A research study about the level of confidence and trust that Americans have in government in the United States is seeking participants. 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, under the supervision of Ellen D.B. Riggle, Ph.D., and Sharon Scales Rostosky, Ph.D., UK. You will be 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 U.S. citizens or residents over the age of 18. If you are interested in participating please go to : <http://www.coe.uky.edu/surveyor/?Survey=CIG> If you have questions, contact Jerry Thomas, at [jerry.thomas@uky.edu](mailto:jerry.thomas@uky.edu).

## GLSO Update Volunteers Needed

In May of 2005, we initiated a Save the Pride Center Campaign. Our financial position was not strong and we were working on and supporting more projects than was practical. With the dedication and hard work of board members and staff, and with financial contributions from many in the community, we stabilized our financial situation. We still do not have much of a cushion, however, and continue to write grant requests and ask for local support. We will be planning fundraisers throughout the year.

The Pride Center is our biggest expense, but it is also the cornerstone of our mission which is to improve the lives of GLBT people and their families in central and eastern Kentucky. It is where we have support group meetings for adults and teens, offer the Pride Library, publish the newsletter, organize Pride Month, provide meeting space for a number of groups, provide information for people coming out

or looking for connections in Lexington, and overall serves as a focal point for our community.

GLSO is seeking volunteers in a number of capacities. Unless otherwise noted, you can call the office with questions or to leave your contact information. 859 253-3233. Here are some opportunities to get involved:

1. Our teen group needs advisors, if interested call Mary Crone at 266-5904. There is an application process.
2. A Pride Month Committee will start meeting in February. Volunteers can help plan the Pride Picnic, help with the Pride Idol Contest or organize a new event.
3. We need volunteers to keep the Pride Center open from 3 to 7 Monday through Friday. You do not necessarily have to cover all four hours at a time. We are considering scheduling more than one person to a shift or you can sign up in pairs.
4. Work on this newsletter.
5. Attend a board meeting (Jan 16) and consider joining one of our committees.

We need your financial support to keep the Center open and to continue these community based projects. Subscribe to the newsletter or give a subscription to a friend.

Pride Library    **The Gay Straight Alliance for Youth**    Pride Month  
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 Lexington Health Dept. (Julie).....288-2362  
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 or 888 425-7282  
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