

The GayZette



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Iowa City Council Debates Gay Marriage

Sioux City, Iowa, council members voted Monday to delay taking action on a resolution to publicly oppose same-sex marriage, reports The Des Moines Register.

Before moving forward on the proposal, Mayor Mike Hobart said he first wanted counsel from the state attorney general "on whether we have the jurisdiction and authority to pass the resolution."

Councilman Brent Hoffman introduced the proposal to publicly support the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Though the city has no legal authority over defining marriage, Hoffman said the symbolic move would have been instructive for city departments, boards, and commissions. The resolution also requests a statewide vote on gay marriage.

The Register reported that nearly 60 people attended Monday's council meeting to hear the debate, but the matter was "tabled indefinitely," according to Hobart.

Gay unions are a hot topic in Iowa, where the supreme court is deliberating over whether to uphold the state's Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits same-sex marriage, or declare the law unconstitutional. The ruling is expected to come any time in the next year and a half. (Advocate.com)

Obama Names Sutley To Environmental Post

President-elect Barack Obama announced Monday that Los Angeles deputy mayor Nancy Sutley will be a senior member of his environmental team. As reported last week, Sutley's name was leaked as LGBT groups were urging the presidential transition team to appoint out members to the cabinet.

Sutley has been named the head of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, along with Nobelist Steven Chu, who was named secretary of Energy, and Lisa Jackson, selected to head the Environmental Protection Agency. "This time has to be different," Obama said at a press conference. "This time we cannot fail."

Sutley has previously served in various roles on the federal and

state level for environmental agencies. She was an adviser to former California governor Gray Davis, served on the state's Water Resources Control Board, and was the state Environmental Agency's deputy secretary for policy and intergovernmental relations.



"President-elect Obama's nomination of Nancy Sutley is another step toward full equality for gay Americans," Chuck Wolfe of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund said in a statement Monday. "It sends a signal to young people that they can participate in their government at its highest levels, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, or ethnicity. We will continue to work hard to ensure qualified, talented individuals like Nancy Sutley who are openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender can serve at all levels of government."

Sutley worked for Secretary of State appointee Hillary Clinton during her primary bid for the presidency. She was the campaign chair for the LGBT steering committee in California. (Advocate.com).

HGRA Goes to Night of 1000 Stars

Miss Heartland Gay Rodeo Association 2009 attended the gala, accompanied by Mr HGRA 2008. I snapped this photo at DC's after Jazmine did a few finishing touches to her makeup. They started the evening with dinner at the Max. Pete looked rather dashing in his new cowboy tuxedo and Jazmine was beautiful in the gown she made with her own two hands, talented girl. They spent the rest of the evening enjoying all the festivities at the Holiday Inn, and mingling with the crowd.



HGRA/ MCC Fundraiser

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"My partner and I had been together for 14 years when I received the worst phone call of my life. There had been a terrible accident, and she was being flown to the hospital by helicopter. The hospital staff wanted to know how to get in touch with her next of kin. Mine was the only phone number they could find in her wallet. I gave them her parents' phone number, got into the car and drove straight to the hospital.

When I arrived at the hospital, I couldn't get any information on Susan's condition. The hospital staff informed me that medical information could only be released to Susan's family. For them, family did not include live-in partners regardless of the length of the relationship. It took six hours for Susan's parents to arrive at the hospital. During that time, I sat in the hospital waiting room and wasn't allowed to see or comfort her.

Only after Susan's parents arrived was I able to see her. Thankfully, they were caring people who accepted our relationship. The doctors predicted that Susan would not make it through the night. She died within the next hour. All that time had been wasted as I sat in that dark waiting room. She had been slowly dying alone, when I should have been holding her hand and couldn't."

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(HGRA Goes to Night of 1000 Stars, Continued from page 1)

Jazmine, Miss Heartland Gay Rodeo 2009 will be hosting a benefit for the MCC Food Pantry and the Heartland Regional Rodeo. The show will begin at 7pm, Friday, December 19th at the Metropolitan Community Church, 819 S. 22nd Street, Omaha.

All of the 2008 Rodeo Royalty will all be giving Jazmine a helping hand with her first show. Trina, Pete, and Tracey will all be performing, plus several others. There is a \$2.00 donation at the door and Miss HGRA 2009 will be providing cookies for everyone!

Heartland Regional Rodeo/ MCC Food Pantry Fundraiser

HGRA Makes a Christmas Connection on Saturday December 20th. Miss Heartland Gay Rode Association will be hosting "Home For the Holidays" at Connections from 8-10pm. HGRA DJ, Shelley, will be spinning the tunes for a host of entertainers. Come join us for a fun night and help us raise money for our June Rodeo and the MCC Food Pantry.

HGRA Meeting Times

Since we are hosting a rodeo at Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield, NE the last weekend in June 2009, we are going to start having a rodeo planning meeting every month. You do not have to be a member of HGRA to attend our meetings. We will need lots of volunteers to help put on the rodeo, so attend and give us your input.

These meetings will be held just prior to our General Membership meetings, in the basement of DC's Saloon, so mark these dates on your calendars.

Saturday January 3, 2009 we will begin with our rodeo meeting at 5pm, followed by the General membership meeting at 6pm. Saturday February 14th the rodeo meeting will begin at 3 pm, General meeting at 4pm. Saturday March 14th we will start at 5pm for the rodeo meeting and 6pm for the General membership.

We are also looking for Vendors to sell their wares or non-profit groups who wish to pass out literature. You can drop in at one of our meetings or contact Shelley Foster at ShelleyHGRA@wmconnect.com

PARTNERSHIPS WORK!

MCC-Omaha and the Diamond Foundation of Nebraska partnered November 30 to do a Dinner and Show that benefited the Nebraska AIDS Project "Night of 1000 Stars" fundraiser and

the kids of Camp Kindle. The show, "A Lullaby for Ryan: The History of HIV/AIDS in America" was one of three performed at MCC the last week of November by Jade Esteban Estrada. Audiences Saturday through Monday enjoyed the original one-man show by Estrada that had its world debut one year ago right here in Omaha at MCC.

The Diamond Foundation provided two 12' x 12' blocks of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to serve as a backdrop for the dinner and show. MCC provided a beautiful candlelight setting with candles glowing against the background of the beautiful stained glass windows. Other community groups and individuals helped to make the evening possible: Rainbow Celebrations loaned tables and crystal; The MAX, Michele Korman, and Thomas Croasdale donated wine. Dinner chefs for the evening included Master Chef from Creighton, Wes Muncy & his partner-Tony and Tania Betts and her partner-Jeanette. Pride IDOLS—Chad, Jeremy, Alina, and Misty, joined with former Miss HGRA Brady, ICON family member-Janice, and Howard to do serving, lighting, etc. What a lot of wonderful partners!

Thanks to the 40+ individuals who sent donations or attended the evening's festivities, \$370 was raised for the kids of Camp Kindle and almost \$2,000 was raised for Nebraska AIDS Project. Hosts for the two partnering groups included Troy and Jason Fienhold-Haasis and Carla Petersen and Sharon Van Butsel.

MCC RECEIVES DONATION FROM MUTUAL OF OMAHA

Submitted by Sharon Van Butsel

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha was one of many beneficiaries of the generosity of Insurance Giant Mutual of Omaha. Mutual of Omaha offered carpet tiles free to charitable organizations in the Omaha area and MCC received 1000 square feet of commercial grade carpet. The tiles of wine red and deep blue will replace the worn carpet in the sanctuary at 819 South 22 Street as part of a major Sanctuary Renewal Project underway at MCC. By late Spring you will see dramatic changes in the worship space reflecting the growth and character of the MCC congregation. Join us for worship on Sunday at 9 or 11am or Wednesday at 7pm as we continue to move forward with this project.

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Marriage Equality Townhall Meeting

Today, December 9, 2008, the Iowa Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments in the Marriage Equality case. In Iowa, the ban on same-sex marriage was struck down at the trial court level; that ruling was put on hold until the Iowa Supreme Court could review the case. According to a court spokesperson, the court typically issues its rulings two to six months after hearing a case. In other words they will most likely rule between February (which has Freedom to Marry Day) and May (which has the International Day Against Homophobia) so we hope that's another good sign.

On Monday, December 15, Lambda Legal (the civil rights legal team representing the six Iowa gay and lesbian couples who are plaintiffs in the case) and statewide equality group One Iowa are presenting a Marriage Equality Townhall Meeting from 6:30PM - 7:30PM in the meeting hall at GLBT-friendly St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 Dillman Drive, in Council Bluffs. The meeting is free and open to the public to learn about the case, what happens next, and more. Visit www.lambdalegal.org to learn more about Lambda Legal, and visit www.oneiowa.org to learn about One Iowa.

Southwest Gay Straight Alliance Coalition Meeting

Council Bluffs public high schools have student-led Gay Straight Alliances, clubs helping students regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity confront prejudice, homophobia, and transphobia, as well as offering peer support and friendship. The Iowa Pride Network, a statewide group that supports students, will host the Southwest GSA Coalition meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2008. Visit www.iowapridenetwork.org for details. Scholarships

According to a study released this past month, 44% of Iowa young people attend college - the highest percentage in the country - making Iowa one of only 2 states to receive an "A" for college participation. Students planning to attend college during the 2009-2010 academic season need to start planning now. Here are sources for scholarships:
December 12, 2008, is the starting date for scholarship applications for the Point Foundation (www.pointfoundation.org) and the closing deadline for applications is February 9, 2009. Applications must be filled out online. The Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation (www.swiowaeducationalfoundation.org) oversees a wide array of scholarships covering students at area high schools.

Each year, the Eychaner Foundation oversees Iowa's Matthew Shepard Scholarship Program (www.eychanerfoundation.org/scholarships).

Also, scholarship applications are now being accepted for the FFBC Scholarship (www.ffbcowa.org). Applications need to be postmarked by March 31, 2009.

It's That Time Of Year Royal D. Bush

One of my most favorite quotes is by the foremost authorities

on life. A doctor whose work with children is light years beyond any doctor you may know. He says; "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." In my thought, no truer words have ever been spoken and thank you Dr. Seuss for sharing them with us!

This time of year means something a little different to each of us. Perhaps it is spending time with family who are also friends or friends who are also your family. Perhaps it is spending time alone. Or maybe it is taking that trip that you have been planning. In any case, whatever you plan is your plan and therefore is worthy of celebration! I know that the happiness of life depends on the quality of the thoughts I have and the things I do.

I use this time to reflect. I think it is important that I remember where I have been. The mistakes I have made. The lessons I have learned. The many things in my life I am blessed to have. And maybe even the many things in my life I am blessed NOT to have! It is important to know where I am at right now. Am I achieving the goals I have set for myself? Am I living my life in way that is good? How do I "pay it forward" or help others? And lastly, where will I be tomorrow? With 41 years of life behind me, what does the next couple of years look like?

For those that know me, know that I love to play jokes, laugh and carry on. But I also take "life" seriously. Knowing and being involved with what is happening in my city, my state, my country and my world is something that not all humans on earth have (don't take that for granted!) Do you?

I have had the fortune (some would say misfortune) of having been seriously humbled in my life. The experience taught me a lot about people, love, faith and life. I would not be the person today if it were not living through that experience. Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

I look around and see someone driving a car that has no muffler, rust holes, missing glass, sounds like it could die any minute. Many people would think or say "what a piece of..." I see that car and think how lucky they are to have a vehicle to get them from point A to B. Sometimes we lose sight of what is important. Are we to be judged for the kind of car we drive?

I see someone wearing pants that are too short, hair that is not in style, and perhaps an outfit that does not match at all. Some would shy away from that person. Under those clothes is a person who IS just like you and I. Someone who can be scared, hurt, in need of love, a friend, caring... A mind is like a parachute, it functions only when open! Are we to be judged for the clothes we have?

In closing, no, life isn't always a bright, cheery cup of flowers. But the reverse can be said as well. Life is what

you make it. You get out of it what you put into it. The heaviest thing a person can carry is a grudge. I hope when judged it is for the content of our hearts, and nothing else.

I hope that you take time to reflect upon your life and world and give some thought to how you are, who you are and what you can do to make a difference. It is up to US! Jonathan and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! I hope you celebrate your holidays with flare, fun and of course be fabulous!

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Our summer concert will be our "Silver" Concert- celebrating 25 years of creating beautiful and thought provoking choral music with inspiration from the Silver Screen and more.

"Silver!" will be held at the Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO on Saturday, June 13th and Sunday afternoon, June 14th.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY FORUM ON DEC. 15

The monthly CBCA meeting will be 6:30PM to 8:00PM December 15, 2008, at GLBT-friendly St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 Dillman Drive in Council Bluffs. That is a Monday and there will not be a potluck for this particular CBCA meeting. Instead the CBCA will be hosting a Marriage Equality Forum, presented by One Iowa. The oral arguments for the marriage equality case are to be presented six days earlier on December 9 in Des Moines. This forum on the 15th will be One Iowa updating us on the case. There will be attorneys from Lambda Legal (from Chicago) and the six couples who are part of the lawsuit. One Iowa will present important information on marriage equality that will be of great interest to all GLBT folks and their allies - from Omaha and Nebraska as well, so everyone is encouraged to attend. The event is free.



Meet Aphelia Butts

By Michael Pryor

Aphelia Butts (Feinstein-Knobbe-Thomas-Dallas) a.k.a. Johnnie Richards has recently become the state lead for Gay American Heroes. Johnnie met Christine O'Leary during Pride 2008 as he was and is Pride Chairman for Nebraska Pride. After the storms and Christine's performance they spoke at length. He realized what a worthy cause Gay American Heroes is, and wanted to get involved. Johnnie's alter ego Aphelia spoke with Scott Hall the Founder of GAH and was named the first female impersonator to their board.



As State Lead, Aphelia want to focus on outreach, recruitment, and education. She wants others to remember that after Matthew Shepherd's murder, the attacks against the GLBT community and their allies did not cease. Recently an attack on a gay friendly congregation in Missouri left several people dead and literally struck close to home. Showing a need for a Gay American Heroes chapter in Nebraska.

Aphelia was born in the spring of 2006. She is the daughter of Empress XXVII Madeline Feinstein and Bob Bucklew. Aphelia was a duchess of Imperial Court 27 of Nebraska. Johnnie at the time was Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2005, and had a bet with the Board of Nebraska Pride perform in drag if he reached his fund raising goal. He did and Aphelia was born. After her first show Aphelia was encouraged to continue performing, but she had to retire to Boca Rotan for awhile. When she returned, Aphelia ran for and was crowned Miss DC's Saloon 2008. She has been married 16 years to Scott McGrath whom she met as Johnnie at a Wal-Mart where they were introduced by a friend. Her signature color is red, and she greatly enjoys performing her favorite artist Kristine W. Aphelia's other likes are her black lab puppy "Bernard", Sci-Fi, Italian foods, and Christmas trees. Her home currently features 7 full trees!

Aphelia's concept for outreach is to speak at engagements for high schools, colleges and youth groups. The groups



do not have to be gay. In fact, mainstream audiences and press need to see how hate crimes adversely affect everyone. She's looking for people to get involved, to speak out, raise money and encourage others to join GAH as well. One can be involved by sharing personal incidents as well. Silence about attacks leads to more of the same. Members would help her contact families of those who have been attacked or killed in a gay related hate crime. They will research old records, look into cold cases, and offer support to surviving family members. Gay American Heroes focuses on the lives of these people and wants to make sure they are not forgotten. This is a perfect opportunity for those good with collating data, since 13 states do not report attacks on gays as hate crimes and 5 states have no reporting of hate crimes of any type. Volunteers will need to find clues, and create cases.

Aphelia's goals are to help Gay American Heroes raise enough money to complete a traveling memorial to victims of gay related hate crimes. She wants to recruit 100 members by the end of 2009, a year from now. To help her in this, founder Scott Hall and funny lady Christine O'Leary will be in Grand Island and Omaha Nebraska the week of February 11th thru 19th 2009. Hall will present a scale model of the planned traveling memorial. Aphelia also encourages "Joe Average Citizen" to contact their State Senators. Nebraska is one of the 13 States not recognizing crimes against the GLBT Community as hate crimes and the law needs changed.



Central GSA: An Active Life

By Chris Orr

Wonder what is going on with the Gay Straight Alliances in the metro area? The answer is they are doing a lot and going places. Central High School GSA was kind enough to let the public know about what their particular group is doing, what it's like in the halls of high school, and an interesting meeting with Westboro Baptist Church.



Abi Lueders, Central GSA President, and Nate Hall, Central GSA Vice President, have a couple of different answers for why they joined the GSA. "I joined GSA in 2006. It was my freshman year. I was searching for answers that I thought could perhaps be found at GSA" responds Abi. "I was new at Central and I wanted to join a club that had similar interests as I do, so it just fit" replies Nate.

There are three different answers as to discrimination in the halls of Central High School. In November GLSEN – Omaha hosted their Safe Space Conference to address these issues. Ariel Rynne has the straight approach (Ariel is also a non member of the GSA but offered to share her view). "I personally don't face any discrimination, because I am straight. I've never really seen anybody picking on the GSA students, though that doesn't mean it hasn't happened. On the whole, however, our student body is very accepting." Nate claims "that's going to happen no matter who you are. I think it could be a lot worse." Abi's answer is quite different from Ariel and Nate. "As a lesbian I feel that I am not equally protected by the school administration. Unfortunately, behavior is not disciplined when the act degrades those of the GLBT population as it would be should it involve race or religion. I do not believe teachers are aware of how many people are GLBT or their allies are offended by their neglect to appropriately discipline poor behavior."

Do the students of the GSAs learn anything from the group? They aren't reading GLBTnomics 101 or anything, but real life learning doesn't require a text book. Abi "as President, my goal is to teach, what I myself can. Again, these are high school students that spend all day in class and I feel lessons should be shared in moderation. As for lectors, they are limited. Mostly education is done through discussion. Facts shared. Questions raised. There was a demonstration a few weeks ago against Prop 8, I believe, and that sparked discussion. Marriage in California, the HRC, etc. Both in officers meetings (of the GSA) and group meetings there is never a dull moment. Certainly not." Nate adds "we definitely stay up on current events, but sadly we don't do a whole lot of teacher besides our educational speakers." Ariel contributes a different way of teaching. "I think there's something taught just by the way GLBT students conduct themselves. There are a few people in the group that are so out there about what they believe; you can't help but listen to them. These kids lead by example. They're good people."

Abi and Nate do stay very active with the Central GSA group and with other GSAs around the metro area. They have some activities that some GSAs didn't have 5 to 10 years ago. The group celebrates holidays. They have a Winter Holiday Party and they invite different schools from the area to attend. This year seems to be a big one as they invited 14 different schools. Coming Out Day is also a day for them to have a pot-

luck. Day of Silence is followed by a rowdy Night of Noise by the students. The group gets to know each other through "fun, semi crazy ice breakers" according to Abi. She also adds "our goal is to try to fulfill our members' needs and we're constantly brainstorming, at the officer's meetings, for new and fun activities for our members." The group wants to talk about hate crimes and is discussing about an ACLU representative address the group. Central GSA is also working on a declaration that will be signed by the students and turned into the administration letting the administration be aware of the lack of appropriate actions not being taken when the safety of GLBT persons and allies are threatened or their environment is uncomfortable and students recognize this and want something done on their behalf.

What happened at the Westboro Baptist protest? "I (Abi) did attend the Westboro counter-protest. The leader of central's diversity club and GSA's Vice President, Nate, called me after hearing about their planned visit being as I am GSA's President. There were two protests. The initial planned peaceful protest that received no media attention, and the unfortunate outburst that included pens, lemonade, and hamburgers tossed in-fury? Or the need for attention? I did not fight back. I sat, with a sign taped to my back that read "Try Tolerance" in the front of Central High School.



At the end of the day I was more ashamed of my peers that misbehaved than the close minded people that openly displayed their hatred." Nate wants to "clear some things up. I attended a peaceful sit-in that was planned by Central's GSA and Diversity Club. We sat out in front of the Central on the stairs in front of Dodge Street. We had our backs turned to the street in a symbolic gesture of us not acknowledging Westboro. On our backs we had signs with respectful and positive statements that showed just how great a school Central is, and how proud we are of our diverse student body, including our GLBT students. I was disappointed in any student who threw anything at the protesters.

Regardless of what they were saying, no one has the right to stop a non-violent demonstration. We didn't need to lower ourselves to their level, and "fought" back with a respectful attitude. It felt great!" Ariel did attend too. "It wasn't as much of a disaster as some people might have said it was. Thought there were a few students that ruined it by throwing things, on the whole, people kept themselves to chanting and holding up signs. I was part of a very peaceful group, and I'm extremely proud of the way we conducted ourselves. We sang songs, recited the Pledge of allegiance, and mostly just chanted peaceful messages. We didn't make any obscene gestures or yell any profanity, and over all, it made me feel good to stand up against Westboro. Their message sickens me in every way, and this protest was something I simply needed to do."

GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

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HGRA BOARD MEETING, 5PM, DC's
Saloon in the basement**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH
HGRA BOARD MEETING, 3PM, DC's
Saloon in the basement**

**SATURDAY MARCH 14TH
HGRA BOARD MEETING, 5PM, DC's
Saloon in the basement**

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT
friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP, Meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Fellowship starts at 6PM, services begin at 6:30PM, Everyone Welcome!

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST,
info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 2PM to 4PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St. Info call Mark 639-3055

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
FFT: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9am and 11am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

HEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aander-son@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm DC's

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

NAP HIV TESTING, 1:30pm to 4 pm by appt. ONLY, 139 S. 40 St., same day results, call 402-552-9260 for info

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

Every Thursday

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections Bar

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm- 9pm walk-in, 139 S. 40th Same day results,

Every Friday

DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON 7-9pm, DC's Saloon

AA ALTERNATIVE MEETING, 7pm, open to men and women, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church in the basement, 1023 North 40th Street

AA LIVE & LET LIVE, 8:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

CAN WE TALK SUPPORT GROUP

Open to everyone, every Friday 6:30pm to 8pm, MCCO, 819 South 22nd St., Omaha

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 6PM to 10PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 1719 Leavenworth Street

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Samford

NAP HIV TESTING 5pm-9PM walk-in, NAP, 139 S. 40th Same day results

NAP OUTREACH CENTER HIV TESTING 7 TO 10PM, walk-in, **2202 St. Marys Ave.,** Same day results

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY, 6 to 7:30PM, Lowe Ave. Presbyterian, 1023 No. 40th St.

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th

Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Tuesday

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

1st Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln first and third Thursdays of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668 for location and information.

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 6PM. Email at: glbtprofessionals@cfep-ne.org or see www.omahaglbtprofessionals.org for info

1st Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday OR Sunday

HEARTLAND GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION, Meeting days and times may vary, call 402-505-3331 for info or see www.hgra.net for meeting schedules etc.

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln NE

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glt film shown at 7pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6pm, meeting at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Community Center, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

PFLAG SOUTH CENTRAL (HASTINGS, NE)

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7th and Marian St., 7PM, email to jsandeen@inebraska.com or call 402.462.2961 or 402.460.8696

3rd Thursday

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN'S SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP

7- 8:30pm, Meeting in Lincoln on the third

Thursday of the month. Call 434-9880 / 476 9668, held at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLOWER OF HOPE Transgender Group, Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha NE. from 6PM to 9:30PM

3rd Sunday

TRANSGENDER DROP-IN, 2 to 4pm at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N. Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220, 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEO LEATHER ENGINEERS— OMAHA
Not currently meeting.

Last Saturday of the Month

NAP HIV TESTING, 11AM-3PM, WALK-IN, 139 SOUTH 40TH ST.

**Email Your Event to:
GAYZETTE@COX.NET**

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Here for your
Event! Send it to me!**



Audition Notice for Complete Female Stage Beauty

by Jeffrey Hatcher

—Sunday, January 4th at 2:00pm
—Monday, January 5th at 7:00pm
Audition Location: Northside
Christian Church – 5555 Larimore
Avenue

Director: M. Michele Phillips
(mmichelephillips@cox.net)

Productions Dates: March 5 - 29,
2009

CAST REQUIREMENTS:

7 men - aged 25 - 55
5 women aged 21 - 45

SETTING: Restoration England -
1661

SYNOPSIS

In 1661, the most famous portrayer of female roles on the London stage was a performer named "Kynaston." Like every other player permitted to enact such roles, Kynaston was a man. A celebrity artist, Mr. K, is applauded onstage and off for his interpretations of Shakespeare's tragic ladies. But when King Charles II changes the law to allow women to act, Kynaston's world is turned upside-down—until fate and his desire for revenge give him a chance to take the stage again.