

The Gayzette

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Nebraska Diversity Coalition Meeting

NDC plans second Meeting!

The NDC has made plans for its second meeting. Those wishing to attend even if your organization did not attend the first meeting are encouraged to do so. Following is the proposed agenda, also the meeting time and date. Please attend and help us build a better life for all Nebraska.

NDC 2d Mtg. Sunday, March 26, 2000 Time: 10:00AM - 3:00PM CST (GMT-06:00) Mahoney State Park

- * Greeting and Introduction - Philipp Kessler
- * Reading and acceptance of minutes from February meeting - Terri Ann Johnson, Pride Inc.
- * Organizational Reports and Introduction of new Organizations to Coalition - Organizational Representatives
- * Overview of Gay/Straight Roundtable from February 27 - (this is open to anyone from the NDC who attended.)
- * Unfinished Business
- Organizational Needs Assessment - Chris Feistner, Flat Water Bears and any other been left unfinished business from the previous meeting.
- *New Business/Open Forum
- *Statement of Goals - Philipp Kessler
- *Next Meeting Date/Facilitator
- *Wrap-up/Meeting Evaluation

IRIS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Applications are not being accepted for the Iris Phoenix Scholarships to be awarded July 15, 2000.

The Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund was established by Empress 16 Phoenix Fallentino to provide scholarships for gay, lesbian, transgendered, and bisexual persons and their children. Phoenix believed that GLBT persons may be alienated from their families when they come out and so may lose the personal and financial support needed to obtain a college education. She believed strongly that education was an essential part of personal and financial success and that to deny GLBT persons an education was to deny them their full rights in society. Thanks to her vision, scholarships are now available for GLBT persons and their children to attend any institute of higher learning in Nebraska or Iowa.

Applications are available at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, Metropolitan Community Church, and many other businesses in Metropolitan Omaha. You may also obtain an application form with complete information regarding eligibility requirements by writing to: ICON Foundation, Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68103.

All applications are reviewed by an independent panel of judges who determine the number of scholarships and the amount to be awarded to each successful candidate. Since being founded in 1996, the Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$6,000 in scholarships to students attending schools across the region.



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*"...give thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you."*

1 Thessalonians 5: 18

PRAISE GOD!
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Sunday Services 9 & 10:30 AM
819 S. 22nd St., Omaha (402) 345-2563
mccomaha@radiks.net

HRC URGES SAME-SEX COUPLES TO ANSWER CENSUS HONESTLY

Government Data Will Help Track Changes in American Families WASHINGTON - Although the upcoming census has no questions that explicitly ask about sexual orientation, there is a way for GLBT couples to be counted.

The Human Rights Campaign will join several other groups in urging same-sex couples living in the same household to mark the "Unmarried Partners" option when asked to describe their relationships. "The Human Rights Campaign is urging same-sex couples who share a household to answer the U.S. Census honestly because this data will be used to track important changes in the American family," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

HRC is supporting "Make Your Family Count," a national public education campaign being sponsored by the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies and the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Make Your Family Count," will try to let all GLBT couples know that they can be counted by marking the "Unmarried Partners" box on the census mail forms that will be sent to every household in the United States in March and April. The campaign has also launched a website, <<http://www.wecount.org>>, with information about the census and guidance to GLBT couples on answering the census forms.

The category "Unmarried Partner" appeared for the first time on census forms in 1990. Only 150,000

households were counted as consisting of same-sex unmarried partners - clearly a severe undercount. Since then, the census has revised its figures upward, to 5.9 million unmarried partner households in 1998, of which approximately 28 percent, or 1.7 million households, were unmarried partners of the same sex.

"While the census question isn't about sexual orientation or identity, it is nevertheless an important opportunity for our community to be counted," said Birch. "However, because of fear of discrimination many people may not feel safe enough to answer honestly and this may lead to an undercount. We look forward to the 2010 census when more discriminatory barriers will have fallen and questions about sexual orientation can be asked more directly and answered more honestly." For each same-sex couple who describes their relationship as "unmarried partners" on the census short form, researchers will also be able to determine demographics including race, age and number of children in the household. For the households that receive the long form, researchers also will be able to determine education, citizenship and income, among other things.

The Human Rights Campaign is the nation's largest national lesbian and gay political organization with members throughout the country. HRC effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

GBLT Rainbow Outreach Center Celebrates Third Year

The GBLT Rainbow Outreach Center has been open for three years as of March 18th, 2000. In honor of this occasion we would like to invite the whole GBLT community to help us celebrate. We will be having an open house on the 8th of April, 2000, from 12P.M. till 5P.M. Would would be honored if the members of our community would attend, so please come out for the open house. Remember without you there would be no Community Center.

We would like to thank all those people that have made it possible for the center to exist and remain open. The original steering committee, past board members, past board chairs, volunteers, and all those who have helped throughout the three years. We are especially thankful to those who saw fit to support us with their belief in us and what we are trying to achieve. I would like to thank those of you who have memberships in the Center, and encourage others to get one.

But most of all I would like to thank and remember the two gentlemen who helped make it all start to happen, Jim and Jerry. Though they are no longer with us, they live on through their ideals. Without them and their drive to see a place where we as GBLT individuals could come together as a community there would be no Center. So in this our third year as your GBLT Rainbow Outreach Community Center I would like to thank them the most, along with all of those who still support and believe that we as a Community can make something wonderful and lasting.

Thank you, and Peace,
Bruce Bufkin,
Chairman, GBLT Rainbow Outreach Community Center

CLUB M'S

15th and Farnam
Omaha, Nebraska

*Newly Remodeled with
expanded Dance Floor,
a proud supporter of
the GLBT community*

Hours:

Mon-Fri 1pm - 1am
Sat-Sun Noon - 1am

Regular Events:

Sunday	1pm:	Movies
Sunday	7:30pm:	Karaoke
Tuesday	8pm:	Karaoke
Friday	8pm:	DJ Gary
Saturday	8pm:	DJ Gary

Karaoke provided by *Rising
Star Productions (Stacy)*

**No Cover Charge for Regular
Events!**

Happy Hours:

Mon-Sat 4pm - 7pm
Sunday Noon to 6pm

River City Mixed Chorus

River City Mixed Chorus is Saturday, June 17, 7:05 p.m. Josalyn Art Museum Witherspoon Hall. For ticket information, please call and leave a message on the River City Mixed Chorus answering system, at 341-SING.

Also, could you please put a notice in the next newsletter that River City Mixed Chorus would welcome anyone interested in either auditioning to sing or help at concerts.

Interested persons need to call the 341-SING phone number

MCC-OMAHA THANKS VOLUNTEERS

About forty individuals were thanked at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha Saturday, March 18. The forty present were only 1/4 of the number of people who volunteered at MCC-Omaha in 1999. Over 150 church and community volunteers, including community businesses and organizations, were identified for their donations of time and talent to the mission of the church. Volunteers do such things as plan our Friday meals at Nebraska AIDS Project, provide toys for a family at Christmas, prepare a Thanksgiving Dinner for community members who have no family with which to share the holiday, serve on the Board and on committees, staff tables at PRIDE and NCOD, march in the PRIDE parade, help lead worship by reading/singing/praying, do special music, usher, tend flowers in our yards and gardens, mow, do building maintenance, maintain our web site, help with the Lincoln MCC outreach, etc. Following a dinner of roast beef, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, and Eskimo pie, those in attendance were presented certificates and a small gift from the church.

Praise God for volunteers!



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BREAKFAST PLANNED

Prince 19 Tom and Princess 19 Ashley of the Imperial Court of Nebraska are planning an After-hours Breakfast on Saturday, April 1. Breakfast will be served from midnight to 2 AM at DC's Saloon. Cost is only \$3 a plate for a hot and delicious meal of scrambled eggs, ham, toast, hashed browns, and coffee. Hope to see you there! Look for Tom in his "chef's hat" and

Ashley in that "cute" little apron. They'll be cooking and serving you!

Mmmmmmm! Mmmmmmm!

CLOSET BALL APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Dylanger, Mr. Closet Ball 1999, and the Imperial Court of Nebraska is pleased to announce that Closet Ball Applications are now available in local bars, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, and at MCC-Omaha. Closet Ball is a competition for FIRST TIME impersonators/drag. Applicants must have a known entertainer from the community as a sponsor.

A \$15 fee is required. The Closet Ball Pageant takes place on Sunday, April 16, at 9 PM at The MAX. If you've always wanted to try "drag," but never have entertained in any genre--this is the night to "come out" in a big way! Show the world--at least Omaha--you've got what it takes. Who knows????? You could be the next Miss/Mr. Closet Ball.

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QUILT SHOWING & BENEFIT

April 24-26, fifty panels of the NAMES Project Quilt will be on display at UNL. You can support the Heartland Chapter of the Quilt by attending a benefit show held on their behalf, Sunday, March 26, at DC's. Baron 19 Jim and Baroness 19 Jewels will be the hosts of the evening. There is no cover, but bring plenty of money because you will want to reward the performers for the great job they do, and you'll want to buy lots of raffle tickets. Support the Quilt and support your court. Half of the proceeds will go to the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

Membership Drive

If you already have a membership in the GLBT Rainbow Outreach Community Center then it is time to renew it for the new year. If you do not have a membership it is time for you to get one.

Single memberships are \$15 and \$20 for a couple. In purchasing a membership not only do you get to use the Center video, book and music Library but you are also providing us with the funds to keep growing. And the more we grow the more we can provide the services that you in our community want and need.



The GLBT Resource Center
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print All Information)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Complete this form and return it with \$15 membership fee to:

Rainbow Outreach Center
PO Box 8583, 1719-Leavenworth
Omaha, NE 68102

For more information, call: (402) 341-0330
VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT WWW.ROCC.ORG



Writers/Reporters Wanted



Interested in writing for the Gayzette? Whether you do it by pencil or pc, you can become a part of the Gayzette Staff. For more information contact Bruce or Sharon at 341-0330 or email the Gayzette at lastdwarf@aol.com.



BOARD MEMBER



Rainbow Outreach
GLBT Resource Center
Needs YOU!

PHONE LINE VOLUNTEER

To Volunteer Call: 341-0330
TODAY!

Additional Volunteers Needed to do Resource Updating,
Resource Procurement, Fund Raising, Membership
Drive, Programming.

Stop by & visit us Monday through Friday from 6 - 9 PM!
GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha



Wanted:
The dates & times of
your organizations'
events for publication in
the Gayzette!

Email them to — lastdwarf@aol.com

Or drop them by the GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth St., Omaha, Monday through Friday between 6 and 9 PM! Have the volunteer leave them in Bruce's box!

SNAP!

PRODUCTIONS
presents

Elegies

**for Angels, Punks
& Raging Queens**

Book & Lyrics by Bill Russell


Music by Janet Hood



March 9-25, 2000

Thurs., Fri., Sat. - 8 p.m. • Sun. - 2 p.m.

@Dundee Dinner Theatre • 5021 Underwood Avenue

 Sign Language Interpreted Performance • Sunday, March 19th

Reservations: (402) 558-8535

The Max

Join Annie's
Friday Evening
Amateur Strip Night
4 - 7

Scotty's
Beer Bust
5 - 9

1417 Jackson

346-4110

What's Happening

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March 9 - 25

SNAP! Production presents

Elegies

Thurs. - Sat. 8pm

Sun 2pm

Dundee Dinner Theatre 50th and Underwood

For reservations call 558-8535 or visit

www.snapproductions.com <[http://](http://www.snapproductions.com)

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Thursday, March 24,

7 p.m., Bailey Library, 229 Andrews Hall, UNL

campus. Judy Doenges, lesbian author, reading from her prize-winning story collection

"What She Left Me," winner of the 1998 Bakeless

Prize for fiction. For information, call 402-472-

Special Events

Third Year Anniversary

GBLT Rainbow Outreach Center

Open House April 8th, 2000

12P.M.-5P.M.

River City Mixed Chorus

Saturday June 17, 7:05 p.m.

Josalyn Art Museum Witherspoon

Concert Hall

Closet Ball

Sunday April 16th The Max 9 p.m.



P.O. BOX 999999, LINCOLN, NE 68509-9999

The GLBT Resource Center
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Every Tuesday

MENS SUPPORT GROUP

Metropolitan Community church

819 S. 22nd St., 8 p.m.

Every Wednesday

CHOIR REHEARSAL

metropolitan community church

819 S. 22nd St., 7 p.m.

Every Thursday

LESBIAN CENTERED, DISCUSSION GROUP

For Info: Lesbincen@village.com

or call the Resource Center, 341-0330

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Every Friday

FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING

NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

5 p.m. to Midnight

TWO LEFT FEET, COUNTRY AND WESTERN DANCE LESSONS

Mcc- Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St.

7— 9 p.m., \$1 donation requested

WILD ANNIE'S STRIP OFF

The Max 1417 Jackson, 7- 9 p.m.

FREE FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Rainbow Outreach Resource Center

1719 Leavenworth, 7:45 p.m.

Every Saturday

PROUD HORIZANS

Regular Meeting, 4- 6 p.m.

Sponsored by PFLAG, 291-6781

or e-mail proudhORIZANS@hotmail.com

for details

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES, MCC- OMAHA

8:50 and 10:20 a.m.

819 S. 22nd St.

WORSHIP SERVICES, LINCOLN MCC

6:30 p.m., St. Mark's

Episcopal Church on the Campus

(Please Print All Information)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Every Sunday

RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Mockingbird Lanes, 12:30 P.m.

96th and Mockingbird

WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 and 10:45

7020 Cass St.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

3114 Harney St.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday March 27,

3:30 p.m. Nebraska Union, UNL campus.

"Outstanding

Contributions to the GLBT Community Award Reception." Join us for the presentation of the first chancellor's award for contributions to glbt people at UNL. Free food and open to the public. For more information call 402-472-5644.

Wednesday March 28,

7 p.m., Unitarian Church, 6300 A St., Lincoln.

PFLAG General Meeting. Small groups, followed by a presentation on Bisexuality. For information call 402-489-9088

Thursday March 30,

7:30 p.m., Nebraska Union, UNL campus. "The Truth That Never Hurts: 30 Years of Activism and Working for Change." Barbara Smith, distinguished African American lesbian scholar currently at work on a Black Gay and Lesbian History. Free and open to the public. Reception and book signing to follow. For information, contact Barbara DiBernard, 402-472-1828, bjd@unlserve.unl.edu

Sunday March 26

Baron Jim & Baroness Jewels & the Imperial Court of Nebraska present
The Baron & Baroness's Show
DC's 9 PM

Thursday April 13,

3:30 p.m., Bailey Library, 229 Andrews Hall, UNL campus. "The Homo-erotic Gaze in Men's Exercise Magazines." Tom Workman, Ph.D. student in Communication Studies. Free and open to the public.

Sun, April 16th

CLOSET BALL, ICON

The Max, 1417 Jackson, \$4 cover

Thursday April 20,

8 p.m., Nebraska Union, UNL campus. "Looking Queer: Body Image and Identity in GLBT Communities." Dawn Atkins, professor and author of the recently released collection of the same name. Free and open to the public. For information, call 402-472-2597.

Monthly Events

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

Monthly Meeting contact:

1-800-269-3444 orrcga@tgforum.com

for details, Room opens at 4 p.m.

Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

2nd Wednesday

Flat water Bears

The Diamond bar, 7:30 P.m.

For info PO Box 3751, or

flatwaterbears@geocities.com

2nd Thursday

PFLAG MEETING

First United Methodist Church

7020 Cass St., Mead Hall, 7 p.m.

2nd Sunday

BI CHOICE NE, BRUNCH AND DISCUSSION

Bisexual social and support group

McFoster's Natural Kind Cafe

upstairs, 1-3 p.m. For Info Call

Marcella, 592-4250

3rd Saturday

SOCIAL NIGHT, BI CHOICE NE

In members home, 7-?? p.m. for Info

Call Teri Ann, 491-0238

4th Tuesday

NAMES PROJECT OF THE HEARTLAND

e-mail for location,

AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com

4th Sunday

PFLAG MEETING

First United Methodist Church,

Mead Hall 7020 Cass St. 2 p.m.

April 24-26,

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Centennial Room, Nebraska Union, UNL campus. "AIDS Quilt Exhibition." All the Nebraska quilts will be displayed. For information, call 402-474-2117.

Sun, April 30th

MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON

See article for more information

Sunday May 21

GLBT PRIDE Pageant The MAX 9 PM

Sunday June 11

GLBT PRIDE Show & Celebration The MAX 9 PM

Sun, June 11th

PRIDE FESTIVAL

June 23-25

HEARTLAND REGIONAL GAY RODEO

Sat, July 15th

CORONATION 20; A CRYSTAL NIGHT MASQUERADE: A JOURNEY INTO THE MILLENNIUM

Imperial Court of Nebraska Sokol Hall 13th and Martha

Sat, October 7th

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Sokol Hall 13th and Martha

Sunday November 12

Food 4 Thought The Imperial Court of Nebraska The MAX 9 PM

Sunday December 10

Toyz 4 Totz The Imperial Court of Nebraska The MAX 9 PM



Applications Are Available Now Call 345-2930 Applications Must Be Received By May 12, 2000

WANTED:

MONARCH APPLICANTS

FOR Emperor & Empress 20 Imperial Court of Nebraska

Business Spotlights

Club 15 is now Club M's. So go check out the newly remodeled decor.

One Drake Place, opens next week. That is correct our favorite performer and hair-burner. Has opened his own salon. Troy Crawford opens his new endeavor at Bel-Air Plaza 12100 West Center Road Suite 910. So go check it out.

You have heard about Dixie Quick's, but did you know that there is another "Family" owned dining establishment in town? That is right, Daizy Maze is owned by one of us. It serves the finest vegetarian cuisine in Omaha. So go give it a try.

A Quote To Remember;

On Democracy, Problems With:

Democracy used to be a good thing, but now it has gotten into the wrong hands.

Senator Jesse Helms,

From the 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said Workman Publishing



CLOSET BALL

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE



Sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska & Mr. Closet Ball 1999—Dylanger

Come See NE & IA's Newest Impersonators 9 PM April 16, at The MAX

Applications Are Now Available Call 556-9907

Applications Must Be Received By April 10, 2000