



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Center Expansion

CENTER SURVEY RESULTS

The Center has been surveying the regional GLBT-allied community to get a sampling of people's views and insights about the Center and its future. We want to share some findings.

Overall, only 1 in 5 respondents indicated they are Very Familiar with the Center and its operations, while over half (55.4%) are only Somewhat Familiar and nearly a quarter (23.3%) are Not at All Familiar with the Center.

Of the services and programs of the Center, nearly 4 in 5 respondents know the Center publishes the Gayzette, while roughly half realize the Center offers Meeting Space for groups, maintains a GLBT Library of over 700 titles, has a website, and keeps a GLBT Resource Listing. Just 2 in 5 respondents realize we provide a Drop-In Center while roughly 45% know we offer an Information Line.

Nearly half of respondents (48.8%) say the Center has a Low Profile, 39.9% say the Center is Fairly Well Recognized, and 6.6% say the Center is Very Visible in the community. A significant percentage (41.1%) were unaware that donations to the Center are tax deductible. Two-thirds (65%) of respondents know the Center relies on volunteers to staff the building, and 46.9% are willing to become volunteers.

A sizable 80.2% of the respondents consider it Very Important (and an additional 17.8% consider it Somewhat Important) to continue the expansion and advancement in programs and facilities of the GLBT Center in Omaha. Only 0.8% consider it Not Important, while 1.2% offered No Reply.

The VISION of a "new" GLBT Center - whether in a different location or an entirely new building would require a substantial commitment of time, money, dedication and volunteerism from the Omaha GLBT Community. In light of recent positive GLBT press, lawsuits, court rulings and public opinion, 86.4% of respondents say that the time is right for this type of effort.

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A Special Night Out... August 28, 2004

Musical Theatre Benefit for the Metro Omaha GLBT Center

You are cordially invited to attend a private engagement to benefit the expansion of Metro Omaha's very own Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center. We have secured an entire Theatre for the Saturday night, opening weekend, Midwest Premiere of A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE, winner of the 2003 Outer Critics Circle Award for BEST OFF-BROADWAY MUSICAL based on the book by gay author Terrence McNally.

All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center and its campaign to grow from a Resource Center into a strong and affirming Community Center.

This Center expansion project is intended to...

better serve the increasing needs of the area's diverse GLBT population and allies;
help reduce prejudice and combat discrimination;
empower human rights educators;
engage in wider outreach and support;
improve the general Metro Omaha population's understanding of issues impacting the lives of their GLBT neighbors;
and generate greater awareness and constructive visibility for the GLBT community in Metro Omaha and the surrounding region.

We look forward to having all GLBT persons and heterosexual Allies join us for this great evening! Come enjoy this Special Night OUT.

Thank you for supporting your Center.

TICKETS

Elite Sponsor
\$500 includes four tickets plus

Elite Sponsor acknowledgment on benefit material at the event
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With the right leadership and planning, 86% of respondents say they are Supportive of a campaign to raise the funds for a new facility - a new GLBT Center in Omaha. An additional 10.5% Need More Information. Respondents indicated they would provide substantial contributions to such an effort.

In ranking a list of priorities for a GLBT Center, a majority of respondents value Community Visibility and Youth Services (both 77.1%), Meeting/Conference Room Space (75.2%), Welcoming Space for GLBT Community Members (74.4%), GLBT Resource Listing (71.7%), Community Unity (69.8%), Accessibility (65.1%), GLBT Library (64.7%), Office Space for GLBT Organizations and Senior Services (both 58.1%), and Parking (57.4%).

With this particular survey, there were 258 respondents providing insight into the GLBT population, the Center and its future. We will continue to ask for feedback and endeavor to improve communication to help ensure our efforts remain focused on tackling the wants and needs of the regional GLBT community as we work toward improving and expanding the Metro Omaha GLBT Center.

Visit us on the web at rainbowoutreach.org to learn more about the Center expansion project.

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General Ticket
\$50 each for General Tickets

HOW TO ORDER TICKETS

VISA and MasterCard accepted as well as checks made payable to Rainbow Outreach, PO Box 8583, Omaha NE 68108. Visit www.rainbowoutreach.org to purchase your tickets online and to check for availability. Orders are non-refundable.

Rainbow Outreach is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Donations beyond \$10 per event attendee are tax-deductible in accordance with law. Please consult your tax advisor for details.

BENEFIT INFORMATION

Date and Time
Saturday, August 28, 2004.
Reception 6:30 PM and Performance 7:30 PM.
Free hors d'oeuvres. Cash Bar. Semi-formal dress.

Venue
The Millennium Theatre, 601 South 16th Street, in the Union Plaza Building, located on the corner of 16th and Jackson Streets, just 2 blocks south of the Orpheum Theatre.

More About The Musical...

A Man of No Importance

"Your Common Sense Tells You

Best Not Begin, but Your Fool Heart

Cannot Help Plungin' In

And Nothing & No One Can Stand in Your Way

You Just Have to Love Who You Love"

A Man of No Importance tells the tender story of Alfie Byrne, a bus driver living in 1960's Dublin. A passionate fan of Oscar Wilde, Alfie is determined to stage a version of Salome at his church, despite the objections of church authorities. In the process of fighting for the play, Alfie is finally forced to confront his own sexuality and take a stand in the world.

The show ran from Sept. 12-Dec. 29, 2002 at the Lincoln Center Theater and was awarded the 2003 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Musical.

The following is from the author, Terrence McNally:

The glory of the theater is also its bane: you have to be there to experience it.

When a production closes, it is gone forever. It lives in the memory of a lucky few and when they are gone, it disappears with them. There are published scripts, of course, and original cast recordings but they only tell part of the story.

I wouldn't have it any other way. Life itself is ephemeral and theater is the art most like life as I have so far experienced it: transitory, unpredictable, overwhelming and finally, quite wonderful.

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No wonder making theater is like catching at moonbeams. In every project there comes a time when it seems quite impossible. And yet we do it, generation after generation, no matter the

Perspectives

By Jon Owens

Being a Skeptic

To often we tend to pick out flaws in people and are often pessimistic. I can be like that sometimes, especially when I am around other negative people. A good friend pointed out that I am pretty optimistic, but I sometimes tend to get these dark moments, when I around other negative people. Why is it we have to be so negative?

Often we, as GLBT people, tend to be a bit skeptical, because oppressed people tend to want to oppress each other. We tend to turn on one another or set up unhealthy boundaries in friendships.

I want so often just to be able to enjoy someone's company and rejoice when there are good things going on in people's lives, but then I get skeptical as many people do and want to question it. Why is it we have trouble having joy? When we are joyful people label us as too perky. It is awful to think this way.

Have you ever heard the phrase "when I do something good no one remembers, when I do bad, everyone remembers." This statement is so true. You know I could tell people I did volunteer work regularly at Habitat for Humanity, I can tell them I am becoming a mentor for Youth Emergency Services. I could tell them of all these wonderful church ministries..... Wow from reading this you might think I am saint, but my friends see the flaws. A good friend would look at these flaws and work with them and realize there are far more good qualities in a person than their flaws. They would tell them things to build them up, not tear them down.

I can tear someone down in a heartbeat and I tend to get that way after I have been in defensive mode, meaning someone has made a personal attack on me. Then I sometimes am not the most Christian person and will come right back as opposed to turning the other cheek. I will then let that determine the rest of my day being skeptical of everything and everyone. I think this is common for people in general.

The goal to fully being human and being alive is to focus on the good things and giving thanks for what you have, not what you do not have. Take what is good and enforce it, take what is flawed and perfect it. Perfection will never happen, but we can make things better. Making things better first happens when we identify the problem. We should look for resolution, not by attacking or judging, but by being willing to lend a hand. We must be willing to sit down and reason with one another in love and common concern. not as a means of attacking or approaching it as a judgment.

We should also look at everything from all sides of an issue. There is always a cause and effect. People act the way they do, because something happened to cause them to feel that way. We learn from our mistakes. It is never good to put people on pedestals, because no matter who you think they are, they will disappoint, which does not make them any less of a friend. That is reality. Being skeptical of people can be a flaw in itself. We should look for the good in people as opposed to looking at them and trying to fix who they are.

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CLOSET CLEARING

The River City Mixed Chorus will hold its annual Closet Clearing fundraiser on Saturday, August 7 from 9AM to 4PM. This event will be held at 4056 S. 13th Street (just South of Rosenblatt Stadium). This is no ordinary garage sale, you can usually find many treasures at this event. If you would like to donate items, please call our SING LINE at #341-7464, the Chorus would be happy to pick them up. This event will be held rain or shine!

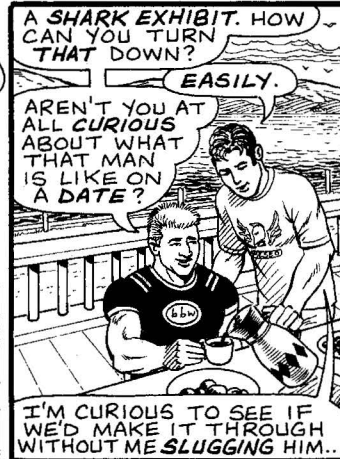
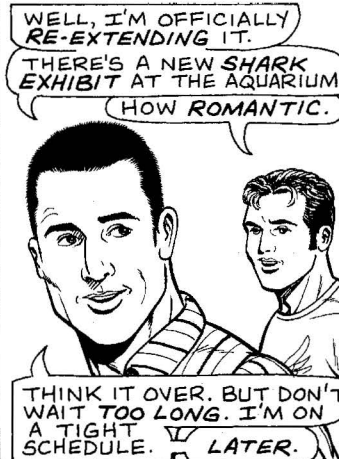
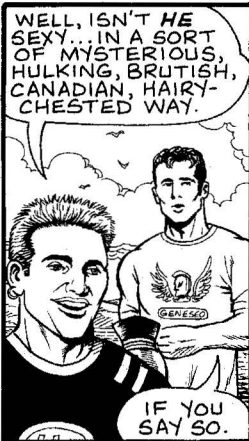
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| Fourth Page | 3 ¾ X 4 ¾ | \$ 25.00 | Business Card | | \$ 15.00 |

All ads must be camera ready. Payment must accompany ad, Checks should be made payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. !0% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha NE 68102 on or before the deadline or emailed to news@rocc.org. Please email or call ahead to reserve space. We reserve the right to refuse any ad which we deem to be inappropriate.

Ad Deadlines **Friday, Aug. 13,** for Publication Aug. 20 **Friday, Aug. 27** for Publication Sept. 3

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The Conversation Piece

By Trina Tabloid - Interior Design Consultant



Ever try to get a candle out of a votive cup only to break your votive cup and cut your hand? Here's a tip you should try... put the votive cup in the freezer over night, remove the next day and then try popping out the candle, using something other than metal, like the end of a pen. If it pops loose but won't come out (for example if the votive

cup is an odd shape) try to carefully break what's left of the candle in half. If that doesn't work don't force it, your body parts are more important than getting that candle out. Some votives sold, that have candles already in them, are not designed to be replaced, no matter how nice the holder is!

If you have any questions or need an Interior Design Consultant please feel free to contact me at bradybunch1970@hotmail.com - re: your article

HGRA Events List

General Membership Meeting followed by IGRA Finals Rodeo Meeting Saturday, August 7th, 2004 at 1:00PM, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha - 819 South 22nd Street - Omaha, NE 68108

L.A. Rodeo - Los Angeles, CA
August 6th thru 8th, 2004 - <http://www.larodeo.com/>

San Francisco Bay Area Regional Rodeo - San Jose, CA
August 20th thru 22nd, 2004 - <http://www.bayarearodeo.com/>

Salt Lake City Rodeo - Salt Lake, UT
August 27th thru 29th, 2004

Windy City Rodeo - Chicago, IL
August 27th thru 29th, 2004 - <http://www.ilgra.com/>

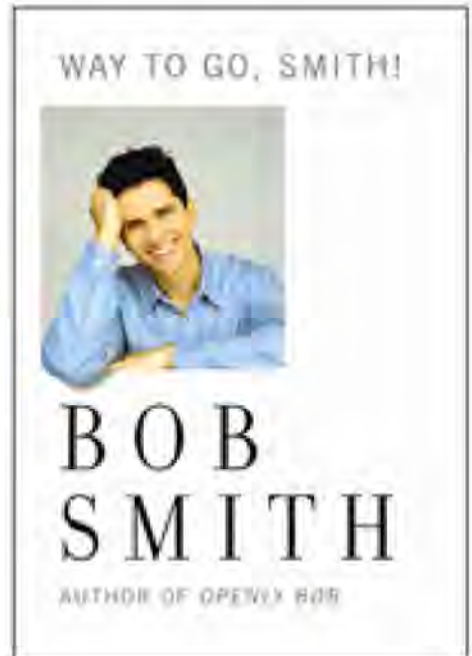
CFEP Presents Seriously Funny Fundraiser

Citizens for Equal Protection wants to invite you to our second annual friend and fundraiser event, "Seriously Funny". This year the comedy show, silent auction and cocktail party (cash bar), will be held at the Rose Theater which is located at 20th and Farnam in Omaha. So, save Saturday, August 7th for a laughable good time.

Tickets are \$30. You can call our office to reserve tickets (402-398-3027), order on-line at www.cfep-ne.org, or you can purchase tickets at the door.

We are excited to bring to you rising comedienne, Bob Smith, to headline

"Seriously Funny". He has appeared on the Tonight Show, The Bob Smith Comedy Half-Hour, Comedy Central's Out there, Politically Incorrect, Entertainment Tonight and Tom Snyder. He is also scheduled to perform at the "R" Family Vacation Cruise sponsored by Kelly O'Donnell.



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RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SEEKS SINGERS

If you enjoy singing with a lively and diverse group of people, River City Mixed Chorus would like to talk with you! The Chorus and their director Mark Kurtz are looking for additional women and men who would like to sing with us.

RCMC, which consists of both GLBT people and GLBT-sensitive allies, currently has 50+ singing members of a variety of ages. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 6:45 - 9:15 PM at First United Methodist Church, 69th and Cass Streets in Omaha.

Two regularly-scheduled formal concerts are held annually - next year on February 5-6 and June 18-19 - in addition to a small number of outreach performances. The Chorus performs a wide range of musical styles and provides a warm and supportive network of friends as well as the chance to perform and to grow musically with our talented director. Winter concert rehearsals begin Monday September 13.

Auditions are being held the evenings of Monday August 23 and Monday August 30 at First United Methodist. If you are interested but unable to come on those dates, another date can be arranged. To schedule an audition either call the Chorus phone line 341-7464 or go to the Chorus website - www.RCMC.org - and you will be contacted.

Can't sing but would like to help out? You can also volunteer for our Fifth Voice group using the phone line or at our website.



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Bring your friends and a lot of high energy for this event. All proceeds to benefit Ice Bowl 2005 Tournament, President's Day Weekend Feb. 2005. It's all in your hands!





Tim Reeder

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risks and the possibilities for failure. Theatre is a deep reflection of the human community.

A Man of No Importance is about a group of theatrical amateurs who dedicate the off-hours in their routine lives to catching at some of those moonbeams. In their "real" lives they work



hard for their money. In their "true" lives they work even harder to make art for their audience of friends and family.

In so doing, they become People of Great Importance, but most of all their leader, Alfie Byrne, a Dublin bus conductor, who learns in the course of tumultuous rehearsals for his long-dreamed of production of Oscar Wilde's Salome that the theatre is not a place to hide from the world, but instead the very place where we may finally discover our true selves. The defeat of his production is also the victory of his self. The small world of the St. Imelda's Players becomes an enormous one and I would be surprised if you did not find at least a small part of your world in theirs. Alfie and his friends are all of us.

"Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahren's delightful score mixes Irish folk with a pinch of pop and show biz dazzle. Add Terrence McNally's book, which nicely fleshes out the supporting characters, and you have an unabashedly sentimental work of human drama that resonates with more force and yes, importance, than its humble scale would suggest."

- Time Out New York

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Ace's Only, 1263 South 16th Street
Body Mods, 61st and Military
Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quix, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flix 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Joy, 1516 Jones Street
Liquid Courage Custom Tattoo, 2936 South 84th Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth
Stage Right Coffee and Tea House, 16th and Harney
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street

2004 AIDS WALK NEBRASKA

Mark your calendars now for the 2004 AIDS Walk Nebraska on Sunday, September 12th. For more information, to register for the walk or to volunteer go to our website at www.nap.org or contact Stefanie Emrich at 552-9260 or stefaniee@nap.org.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline.
1-800-782-2437
(in Omaha, 552-9255)
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by October 15th**

**In Person registrations must be received by
October 22nd**

General Election is November 2nd

Call 402-441-7311 for more information

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Let your voice be heard!



Center Wish List

Do you have something that the Center could use? Contact one of our board members. Please call (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org.

Some items on our Wish List:

- Coffee Maker
- Copy Machine
- Folding Chairs (100 total, commercial grade)
- Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater resolution, PC compatible)
- Public Address System
- Laminator (8.5"x11" or larger)
- Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long)
- Toolbox
- Vacuum Cleaner

- Cleaning Supplies
- Florescent Light Bulbs (T12, 40 watt, 48", cool light)
- Manila Envelopes (6"x9")
- Paper Towels
- Printer/Copier Paper
- Stamps (rolls of 100)
- Toilet Paper (2-ply)
- Trash can liners (13 Gal.)

Wish List Contributors

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

TUESDAY AUGUST 3

NCOD MEETING, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

SATURDAY AUGUST 7

CFEP's SERIOUSLY FUNNY, Annual silent auction, comedy show and cocktail party, Rose Theater, 2001 Farnum, tickets \$30, call 402-398-3027 or go to www.cfep-ne.org to reserve tickets

SUNDAY AUGUST 15

PRIDE 2005 BENEFIT, At Club Joy, Hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska John Burns

TUESDAY AUGUST 17

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WED. AUG. 18 THRU SUN. AUG. 22

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE Q, Lincoln Nebraska

SATURDAY AUGUST 21

INTERNATIONAL RECORDING

ARTIST ABIGAIL, direct from London for one night only at The Q, \$12 tickets at the door, \$10 for advance tickets

SUNDAY AUGUST 22

MR. & MRS. Q REUNION SHOW, at The Q in Lincoln, see www.lincolnq.com for more information

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

GLBT RESOURCE CENTER, ROC is presenting this the premier of "A Man Of No Importance" at the Millenium Theater. Proceeds will go towards the creation of a new GLBT Community Center here in Omaha. Please see www.rainbowoutreach.org for complete information, ticket prices etc.

SUNDAY AUGUST 29

NCOD 2004 BENEFIT, at The Max, hosted by Rainbow Celebrations President Jason Fienhold

TUESDAY AUGUST 31

NCOD MEETING, 7pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6

ICON LABOR DAY PICNIC, Vennylyst Park, 1 to 6PM, Includes soda, beer and one plate of food, ID required, Admission \$10

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

AIDS WALK NEBRASKA 2004, for more info see www.nap.org or contact Stefanie

Emrich at 552-9260 or email stefanice@nap.org

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

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FRJ., OCTOBER 14—SUN., OCT. 17

IGRA FINALS RODEO, Chance Ridge Equine, Omaha; info: www.hgra.net or call 402-203-4680

FRJ., thru Sat., Nov. 5th and 6th

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21

NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005 BENEFIT, at The Max, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2004 John Burns

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005 BENEFIT, at The Q, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2004 John Burns

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

4TH ANNUAL HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD BENEFIT, at The Max, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2001 Troy Haasis

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

1ST METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Worship: 9am & 11am Sunday School: 11am

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK

Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm,

Maplewood Lanes,

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

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

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

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

Every Tuesday

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W.

Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

AA MEETING, NON SMOKING, 7PM,

MCC-Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St.

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

LAMBDA TV, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City, IA (712) 252-4272,

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

Every Saturday

GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE, 7PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St

LAMBDA TV Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

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

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

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN. 6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

1st Sunday

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

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Friday

SUDS RAPID HIV TEST, (2 hr results) 5-10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 476-0355, 1-3:30pm

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:30-3:30pm

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

2nd Sunday

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

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING (glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

3rd Thursday

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

OMAHA BARS

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| CONNECTIONS | 1901 Leavenworth | 933-3033 |
| THE DIAMOND | 712 S. 16th St | 342-9595 |
| DC'S SALOON | 610 S. 14th Street | 344-3103 |
| FLIXX | 1019 S. 10th St | 408-1020 |
| GILLIGAN'S PUB | 1407 Harney | 449-9147 |
| JOY | 1516 Jones, | 341-7337 |
| The MAX | 1417 Jackson | 346-4110 |
| OMAHA MINING CO | 1715 Leavenworth | 449-8703 |
| ACE'S ONLY | 1263 South 16th | 344-7818 |

LINCOLN BARS

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| PANIC | 200 S. 18th, Lincoln | 435-8764 |
| Q | 226 S. 9th St, Lincoln | 475-2269 |

SIoux CITY BAR

JONES STREET STATION
412 JONES ST, SIOUX CITY 712-258-6922

GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

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

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

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 Saturday

HIV TESTING Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:00-3:00pm

LAST Sunday

REAL FAMILIES Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

The Young Professionals Council

The Young Professionals Council is conducting a survey to determine the opinions and perceptions of young professionals living and working in Omaha.

The information gathered will be used to provide a voice for the young professionals community, to replace assumptions with quantified data and to provide businesses and organizations with ways in which to engage this generation.

PLEASE voice your opinion. Together, we can all make a difference!

Attached is a link to the site. Please pass on the link and provide direct input on the future direction of the Omaha area.

www.omahachamber.org/ygpsurvey

JOY in August

Friday August 20th

NIJOY!

Friday August 27th



Chi Chi LaRue

Chi Chi LaRue's
Reveal
video

Chi Chi Larue's FishBowl Pageant

Saturday August 21th

Summer Splash Pool Party & Shower Contest

Saturday August 28th

BONUS FOAM PARTY



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CHURCH OF OMAHA

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Saturday: Alternative Worship 7:00 PM (starts 9/27/03)
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What "The Other Side of The Closet" Means to Me

By Collette Schwindt, Straight Spouse Network Leader/Contact

"The Other Side of the Closet" is where up to two million spouses/partners end up when their spouses/partners come out of "The Closet" as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. Why are they in the closet? That's a good question and I think you will find that stories of mixed-orientation couples very interesting. You may wish to read "The Other Side of The Closet" by Amity Pierce Buxton, Ph. D., and visit the Straight Spouse Network website at www.ssnetwork.org.

I am going to share my own story with you so that it might help at some point when the citizens-at-large decide to stop discriminating against the homosexual community. I was married for 13 years when my husband told me he had been cheating with men. I have had a little over 6 years since then to think about what happened and why, because he was never able to talk to me about it and answer my questions. I blamed myself for being stupid enough to love him, trust him and care for him, just to get a slap in the face. I felt I lost everything we (I) had worked for. Now, however, I have come to the conclusion that it's not true and I'm not to blame. Society is really to blame because they don't understand homosexuality and are pushing the homosexual community into "The Closet." Society doesn't want to open up their minds and understand anything about people who are different. Society just wants people who are different to go away. Well, that's not going to happen! Homosexual people have been around thousands of years and they are our family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.

My experience and study in the past six years tells me:

- 1) Homosexual, bisexual and transgender people are born that way, it's not a choice.
- 2) Homosexual, bisexual and transgender people cannot change their orientation, just as heterosexual people cannot change their orientation. (Can you even imagine trying to change? That would be impossible!)
- 3) Homosexual, bisexual and transgender people have feelings, just like heterosexual people.
- 4) There are good and bad homosexual, bisexual and transgender people, just like good and bad heterosexual people.
- 5) Homosexual, bisexual and transgender people are not child molesters. There may be some, but there are some heterosexual child molesters also.
- 6) Homosexual, bisexual and transgender people long for a committed, open, loving, and lasting relationship, just like heterosexual people. But because the law says, "A marriage is between a man and a woman" they can't have it.
- 7) Because homosexual, bisexual and transgender people are discriminated against and cannot have a committed, open, loving, and lasting relationship, most run into "The Closet", which causes lots of pain and suffering for them, their family and friends. (Most of the time, the family and friends don't even know what is wrong or why someone is unhappy, and the homosexual, bisexual and transgender person goes to their grave with their secret. What a miserable existence. I wouldn't want to live like that.)

8) Some homosexual, bisexual and transgender people want that committed, open, loving, and lasting relationship so bad they force themselves into a relationship with the opposite gender, get married and have kids. As you can see from the information in the book and our website, this causes a lot of pain and suffering for everyone involved, most importantly, the children.

9) It would be so much better for everyone if laws limiting marriage to a man and a woman do not exist.

The Straight Spouse Network and PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) helped me through the most difficult time in my life. I am going to be thankful to everyone involved in my healing for the rest of my life. In addition, I am always going to be available to provide support and help so that others, straight or GLBT, can get through the same difficult times.

Thank you for taking your time to read this article. I hope it ends up in the hands of someone that can use it. I believe everything happens for a reason.

If you have any questions or would like to visit, please feel free to write to me at Lettey54@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Collette Schwindt

Straight Spouse Network, Leader/Contact

Quotes Worth Noting

"To announce that there must be no criticism of the President or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong is not only unpatriotic and servile, it is morally treasonable to the American Public." -- President Theodore Roosevelt

"I'd like to slap the bastards [parents who reject gay children]. ... Pleeease. Come on! If your child comes to you and tells you this and you really have a problem with it and it becomes a real issue, you really don't deserve to call yourself a parent. ... One of the reasons I think I'm becoming more vocal on this issue [gay marriage] is because I'm thinking anytime that Deborah and I are together it puts a face to this. That some kids who are out there, maybe struggling [will see], here's the alderman's daughter, the governor's sister-in-law and look at the relation they have." -- Chicago Alderman Richard Mell, whose daughter is gay, to the Chicago Tribune, April 28. Another of Mell's daughters is married to Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who opposes same-sex marriage.

Hot August Nights

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5pm - 9pm *Stage & Screen*
showing your favorite movies

9pm - 1am *Retro Replay*
playing your favorites from the past

Tuesday

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Wednesday

8:30pm - 1am *Rock Night*
It's a Headbangers Ball
Playing new & old Rock Hits

Drink Specials
All Night Long

Hot
Nights
Every
Night

Thursday

9pm - 1am *Retro Night*
The Greatest Hits
of the 70' & 80'S

Come Dressed In Retro
Get \$1 Off Drinks 9pm - 12am

Midnight Madness

Everynight 12am - 1am
\$1 Off All Drinks
\$2.50 Premium Wells
\$1.50 Long Necks

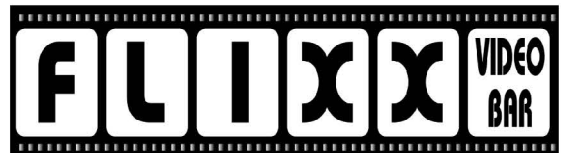
Happy Hour

Everyday 5pm - 8pm
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Flixx Guide to Beat the Heat



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Friday, August 6

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THE WHITE PARTY...Men Only!**

Sunday, August 8

**The Thirteenth Mr. Max Contest!
A NIGHT IN THE JUNGLE
...Wild Animals on the Prowl!
Starring Mr. Max 12, Matt**

Sunday, August 15

**She's Back & Pulling Out
ALL The Stops!
Miss Max 20, Chandler presents
*UPTOWN GIRLS!!***

Friday, August 20

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*PORTFOLIO MEN***

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