

TAKE PRIDE

the newsletter of Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991

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Welcome to the Pride Newsletter

by Jack Valinski

Welcome to the first publication of what will be a monthly Newsletter for Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991. I have served as the Montrose Activity Center Newsletter for about 2 1/2 years. The MAC Newsletter purpose was to server a very diverse community and to bring a road perspective of different viewpoints with an extensive calendar.

This Newsletter is much more focused on the events surrounding Pride Week. However Pride Week's mission is also very broad. The simplistic mission is to produce 10 days of events surround-

ing the celebration of the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969. That event is when a number of gay and lesbian people decided they were not going to take the constant raids on gay bars in New York City and began rioting. Stonewall is considered the birth of the modern day Gay/Lesbian Rights movement.

On a much broader sense Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '91 has a bigger mission. It is the mission of our people taking pride in themselves and the community.

This year we chose the theme TAKE PRIDE, which was used last

year throughout California.

With their help of having

a professional advertising agency and public relations firm in getting this message across and our organization here in Houston we hope to be able to reach our community.

We will never be successful in overcoming repression until each one of us feels good about who we are. We must each TAKE PRIDE and carry the message to each other and the greater community at large that we are proud of who we are.

Respect is not given, we must demand it.

To some the expense and energy that a few people bear in this celebration may seem a waste. However it is events like Pride Week, the March on Austin and other rallies where the younger generation find out that there is an large, diverse and united community out there. ▼



The official logo of Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991 designed by Greg Scott

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 15

7:00 PM

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Feel the Music

by Jazz Paz

I love a parade! Especially when it includes all of my friends we travel past our favorite landmarks, it is a reasonable distance, and during a cool(er) part of the day.

The Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Committee '91 has taken note of the comments offered by the community, as a result of the outreach efforts to poll your preferences. By popular acclaim we have a "Take Pride" logo to commemorate our festivities.

The Parade's theme is "Feel the Music," and the traditional Lone Star Symphonic Band will contribute to the feeling, as well as numerous other melodious floats and units. The "Take Pride" Parade Committee is inviting all its "regulars" as well as aspiring entries to begin planning now for their participation in this unprecedented procession. (Seventy six trombones, anyone?)

The Parade will step off at 5:30 PM on Sunday, June 23, 1991, at Dunlavy and Westheimer. Before the promenade, the Grand Marshals and Honorary Grand Marshals will be celebrated at a reception at Parade Central, E/J's, at 2517 Ralph.

In keeping with the results of the research conducted by the "Take Pride" Parade Committee, the Parade will "Feel the Music" by marching the traditional route, down Westheimer into the Montrose area.

Also to comply with popular demand, the committee is encouraging more floats, more dignitaries, more media coverage and naturally, more music. (Maybe the spectators on top of Mary's could sing?)

This Parade promises more

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color, more feeling, more music as it travels streets festooned with streamers, banners and Pride; past more water stations, and bleaches for out PWAs and friends.

To share out fun, the Parade will be promoted state-wide. We anticipate mobs from every contingent of our culture (and a few look-see folks from Dallas), so come join the Parade, "Feel the Music," volunteer and make Mary. (Merry!)

Entry fees for floats/units are the same as last year: Nonprofits are \$40, businesses (and others) are \$100. Fairy godmothers are solicited to sponsor water stations (creative license granted), street decor, bleaches and to assist in music-making revelry.

Nominations for Honorary Grand Marshals and Grand Marshals will be accepted from the floor at the January 15 HGLPW '91 meeting (7:00 PM at the Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray), and will be voted on February 19.

Honorary Grand Marshals are customarily celebrities who have inspired us. Grand Marshals are our own local heroes who our community believes deserve to be recognized. Consider who your choices are and bring your ideas to the meetings. ▼

The Week 1991

The following are the dates of HGLPW 1991. With five Sundays in June this year it means that some other cities will have its parade and festival on different Sundays. San Francisco for example will be celebrating on the last Sunday.

If your organization is interested in putting together an event please begin to plan on one of these dates. An application will be enclosed in the February Newsletter.

Friday, June 14 to
Sunday, June 23

ANOMALY

(ə nom' ə le), n., pl. -lies. 1. something different. 2. inconsistent with the accepted or expected.

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IAL/GPC HOLDS NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE—ANNOUNCES 1991 THEME "TOGETHER IN PRIDE"

Over 100 delegates met in Minneapolis/St. Paul October 4th through October 7th for the 9th Annual International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators. Twenty-seven organizations representing 26 cities attended meetings, seminars, workshops, and tutorials, all geared to help create successful Lesbian/Gay pride events and develop networking within the Lesbian/Gay communities regionally and internationally. The hosts, the Twin Cities Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee, treated conference-goers to a lovely banquet setting aboard a paddleboat cruising down the St. Croix River. Representative Karen Clark gave a moving keynote speech at the opening plenary session, while archivist Jim Kepner gave a fascinating overview of Lesbian/Gay Pride history.

The IAL/GPC voted to join the ILGA (International Lesbian and Gay Association) with the

hopes of increasing the global participation at the 10th Annual/10th Anniversary IAL/GPC Conference scheduled to take place in Boston during the 1991 Columbus Day weekend.

Delegates also accepted as the 1991 theme, "Together In Pride". The IAL/GPC encourages all organizations to use the theme to promote their events throughout the year, to increase the media awareness that Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals do not *only* exist in major metropolitan areas. While many cities adopt the slogan, a few chose to add a personalization to increase its relevancy within their communities. Use of the theme is not mandated by the IAL/GPC.

A resolution was passed that would encourage IAL/GPC members and the Lesbian and Gay communities to capitalize to the words *Lesbian* and *Gay* when they are used, as a positive affirmation of our lifestyles.

The International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators was established in Boston in 1982 to create a base for networking and for information-sharing nation-wide. Six cities attended the first conference—Boston, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco. In 1985 Toronto and Vancouver became

members, thus renaming the organization "International".

To receive information about the IAL/GPC, regional directors, or the conferences, get in touch with Marsha H. Levine, *Executive Administrator*, at 746 14th Street, Apt 1, San Francisco, CA 94114, or you can call and leave a message at 415/861-0779. λ

COALITION BUILDING IN THE MIDWEST

The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is pleased to announce that they will be co-hosting the upcoming IAL/GPC Midwest Regional Conference, March 1 to 3, 1991, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Twin Cities Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (TCL/GPC—Minneapolis/St. Paul) will be co-sponsoring the conference.

An organizing committee will contact all IAL/GPC member organizations in the midwest, as well as over 100 additional cities to whom they will extend an invitation in the hopes of expanding the midwest Pride family.

States in this area are Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Based on current trends in the Gay and Lesbian movement, it is felt that this region could become one of the strongest grassroots areas to create change in America. This conference is designed to assist a wide range of city sizes in developing and continuing successful Pride celebrations.

Several seminars have already

been planned, and of particular note is "Fundraising-The Culture of Giving" moderated by Leland Wykoff, director of the Appalachian Community Fund. Mr. Wykoff's seminars are very enlightening and entertaining. Also in the planning stage are "Getting the Word Out", a seminar on publicity; "How to produce Large and Small Events", "Coming Out in a Hostile Environment", and "Building Coalitions". Additional topics and suggestions are always welcome.

Groups or individuals interested in attending or for more information should contact either sponsoring organization by calling the MLGPC at 414/32-PRIDE or call TCL/GPC at 612/336-4026. For more information about the IAL/GPC and the 1991 conference in October, call 415/861-0779.

The Gay Nineties is the time for the Midwest Gay and Lesbian movement to form a coalition and band together. Show America that we're here, and we're here to stay!

Gary Wells
Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay
Pride Committee

CAPI HOLDS 6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The California Association of Pride held its 6th annual Conference in Palm Springs the weekend of November 10th and 11th. Representatives from 9 member organizations approved resolutions that supported those passed at the IAL/GPC in October, and unanimously endorsed a motion that all CAPI members should support using the 1991 international theme "Together in Pride".

New officers were elected:

President Rod Blair of Gay Pride Committee of San Jose, Vice-President Jerry Sloan of Sacramento Lambda Freedom Fair, Treasurer Michael Yates of Christopher Street West/Los Angeles, and Secretary Judy Morrow, also of CSW/LA.

New groups joining were the Santa Cruz Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee, The Gay/Lesbian Alliance of the Desert (Palm Springs), and the San Francisco New Stonewall Liberation Day Committee. λ

NEXT DEADLINE FOR NEWS ITEMS: FEBRUARY 15, 1991

ANOMALY is a free publication published 4 times annually (when funding permits) by the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators, Inc. The IAL/GPC was founded in 1982 as a forum for information-sharing and networking between Lesbian/Gay Pride coordinators, and the cities that host Lesbian/Gay Pride events. You can send articles, comments, photographs, or other artwork to ANOMALY c/o M. H. Levine, 746 14th Street, Apartment 1, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call 415/861-0779 for IAL/GPC information. Donations welcome.

IN MEMORIAM JOE TOY

August 30, 1946 to November 5, 1990

Joe Toy passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach after a brief, but painful battle. He was decorated by the Army for service to his country while in Vietnam.

Joe moved from Montana to Long Beach in 1966. He became involved with the Lesbian/Gay community during the Anita Bryant/John Briggs attacks.

Joe helped found and served as the first chair of ONE, the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Community Center's Board of Directors, as well as Project Ahead, a local AIDS service organization.

Joe also served on the Christopher Street West Board of Directors since 1978, as Vice President in 1984-1989, and President in 1990.

Donations in his memory can be sent to Project Ahead, 2017 E. 4th St., Long Beach, CA 90814.

Joe is survived by his life-partner George Palis, his father and step mother, his mother, and his sister. We'll miss you, Joe. λ

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER...

This newsletter was created on a MAC IIcx with Microsoft Word 4.0 (wordprocessing) and QuarkXpress 3.0 (page make-up). To send material on disk, call Marsha at 415/546-7575 during normal business hours PST, or send a FAX to 415/546-0578. Thanks to Marsha Levine, Jack Valinski and Doug Moore for donated services and monies. λ

IAL/GPC TO CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN BOSTON

In 1982 an organization, then known as the National Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators, was born into the diverse world of Lesbian and Gay processing queens. The site of the first conference was Boston, Massachusetts, the birthplace of many historic revolutionary acts. Over a 10-year span the organization grew, was renamed the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators (IAL/GPC), and it traveled across the United States and Canada delivering messages and receiving many, all in the realm of educating and networking. Some lessons learned have been very poignant and even crucial to our very survival as a community. All in all, they have been very fruitful years.

In October of 1991, the Boston Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee will again take a leadership role by hosting the 10th annual conference of the IAL/GPC, back in Boston where it all began. Our committee has already been busy for nearly a year now, in preparation for this monumental event.

Many things are on the "agenda" for us at the next conference. However, first and foremost, the conspicuous absence of the differently abled among us at these conferences must be addressed. So in an effort to set a precedent within the IAL/GPC, Boston will be providing some services that should automatically be included in planning, such as ASL interpretation and wheelchair accessibility (including vans) for anyone requiring these services. Healthcare professionals

will also be available should any kind of emergency situation arise. Along those lines, conference coordinators ask that they be informed of any special needs early and in advance so that proper arrangements may be made to accommodate them. (Sorry, special dating needs do not qualify, you're on your own, George) Spread the word, let that not be the reason that others aren't attending.

Two more things for you to think about: We'd like to bill this as a reunion and we'd also like to put together some type of 10-year commemorative booklet. So if there are people you know who are no longer on your committee, but were around for the early conferences, let's all try to put aside our political differences and invite them. Why we're going to invite...no, we couldn't, well, hrm, uh yes, they were around then to help screw, umm, screw in those lightbulbs when some of us shorter people couldn't reach.

Seriously though, in the grand scheme of things, we're all in this together. Jobs can be stressful at times, burnout is a reality, personality conflicts develop when it seems that we're not all working towards the same goals—but its just that everyone has a different approach to life. Taking all of that into consideration, we may not always want to see or be with everyone we work with, but the reality is that we all do work together on a deeper level—the common goal of fostering a sense of pride and achieving Lesbian and Gay civil rights. If a member is deceased and would like

him/her remembered at this time, please let us know and maybe we can find a way to pay tribute to them (a photo for the booklet would be nice). This conference will be the largest yet (even larger than Baltimore's, when everyone showed up, and went on to attend the March on Washington).

In addition, we're attempting to incorporate some of the more historic sites into the conference. If there is enough interest, we can reenact that famous tea dance...uh, party. The possibilities are endless!

If you know anyone that has any materials from the early days (meeting notes, agendas, registration packets, photos, etc.) we'd appreciate hearing from them.

In summary, the planning committee would like to invite you to a very special city for an enlightening encounter with some of the past that has helped shaped our present and may affect your future, individually or collectively. So come to Boston to have a party, to heal yourselves, to celebrate your pride, to learn a few things, to make new friends, and to get reacquainted with old friends.

We look forward to hearing from you. Any special requests or for more information about the 10th annual IAL/GPC Conference can be addressed to the Pride Committee, 338 Newbury Street 202L, Boston, MA 02115, or you can call us at 617/262-3149.

With love and pride,

Janet Kyle
Chair, Boston Lesbian & Gay
Pride Committee

CLIP AND SEND TO: IAL/GPC, c/o Levine, 746 14th Street Apt. 1, San Francisco, CA 94114

QUESTIONNAIRE: (Please fill out and return)

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Contact person: _____

Have you attended IAL/GPC conferences before? (list years) _____

What would you like to see continued? _____

What new suggestions can you make? _____

Do you have any special needs (mobility, dietary, interpretation, etc.)

☐ ASL interpreter ☐ Wheelchair accessibility

☐ On-site Healthcare ☐ Twelve-step meetings

Do you need community housing? (circle preferences—pets/no pets, smoking/non-smoking, vegetarian, male/female household) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Would like tourist/vacation information

- ☐ Foliage Tours ☐ Historic Boston
☐ Cape Cod ☐ New England Coastline
☐ New York City

Would you like one-on-one tutorial sessions? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Will you need sponsorship/scholarship help to attend? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What is the date of your event? _____

Briefly describe your event: _____

Are you incorporated? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Tax exempt/501(c)(3) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Would you like information about regional conferences? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Would you be willing to lead a workshop or seminar? ☐ YES ☐ NO

List areas of expertise: _____

Approximate date when your organization holds leadership elections: _____

IAL/GPC '90—A RETROSPECTIVE: KEEP YOUR WORDS OFF MY BODY

After attending the IAL/GPC conferences, the delegates from New York usually feel revitalized and ready for anything this crazy city can dish out. I enjoy spending the time and sharing the experiences with so many different people, catching up with the friends I've made over the years, and establishing new relationships.

The IAL/GPC is certainly a diverse group, with fair distribution in terms of geographic representation, lifestyle, ethnic, and multicultural backgrounds. I believe that it is this diversity that makes these conferences very enjoyable, productive, and worthwhile for all participants—whether they are from Portland, Oregon or sunny South Florida.

This year's gathering was the absolutely the best yet. I applaud Jeff and Penny for their considerable effort to get as many new groups and delegates to the conference as possible. (Hats off to Minneapolis for such a fantastic job overall!)

There is, however, one thing that really disturbed me at this year's conference, and I feel compelled to bring it to the attention of other IAL/GPC delegates. At some point during the weekend, I overheard one delegate say to another something like... "Don't expect to go too far in this organization (the IAL/GPC) if you do drag." I was both shocked and enraged.

While I've never personally enjoyed dressing in drag, nor do I proclaim to fully understand the fascination with this part of our culture, I found this comment totally unwarranted and against everything the IAL/GPC represents. I wonder if this individual would make similar statements to an African-American or Asian person about the potential for persons of color to achieve "status" in the IAL/GPC.

In my mind, the diversity we represent and the acceptance we have for each other's lifestyles are what make the Lesbian and Gay community so special and unique. Drag is unquestionably common-

place in the Gay male culture and therefore I see no problem with any delegate expressing himself in this way. And for all I know, no incident has occurred at any of the 8 other conferences that would necessitate making such an erroneous statement. I know its not a written, or even an implied, policy.

Most distressing is that this is the type of comment that I would expect from an ignorant bigot, like Jesse Helms, and not a delegate at the IAL/GPC. It is this attitude that eventually led to the re-emergence of the Klu Klux Klan during the mass immigration to American in the early 1900s and the rise of the Nazis in 1930's Germany.

In my own opinion, there is no more room in the world for this type of thinking, and it especially has no place in our cherished IAL/GPC.

Together in Pride,

George DeBolt
IAL/GPC Delegate

Letters to the editor are welcome. They may be edited for clarity and content.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"We're gonna make it after all!", are the final words Penny and I said to the volunteers who had devoted numerous hours for the conference beginning that day—Interpride '90. The weather was as unpredictable as the number of delegates coming to the Twin Cities.

Many groups come to the conference with abundant budgets, others by way of scholarships. Our focus blurs, our purpose changes—regions, cities, committees, and individuals all have different needs. Some people come to learn and some come teach, but what's most important is that we all come together—"Together in Pride". And together we can spread that pride belongs everywhere. This year, try

to get other communities involved in your festivities. Extend a hand to your neighboring cities and regions. Work together to charter buses or shuttles to your events, and if possible, bring them to the 10th annual Conference of the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators in Boston.

The result from the conference that impresses me the most is the other regional gatherings that have sprouted everywhere. The 1st annual Heartland Conference was held recently in Wichita. In 1991 the midwest will host two events—the Regional Conference (Region 5) in Milwaukee, and the 2nd annual Heartland Conference in Denver. The NERP's (Region 6) will surely meet again, as well as CAPI, (Region 1) and a Southeast Regional Conference (Region 4). Rumor is there may be a Northwest Regional Conference (Region 2) held in Portland. This is highly commendable, for as we grow, we strengthen—both as committees and as individuals.

In closing, I offer my condo-

lences to our friends at Christopher Street West on their recent loss. Joe Toy served on their Board for several years in many key positions, and was a great asset to the IAL/GPC, almost from the start. Joe, our memory of you lives on.

In Pride,

Jeffrey J. Crump
President, IAL/GPC

NEWS FLASH: The 1st annual Miss Gay Minnesota pageant was held on Nov. 29th-30th in Minneapolis. The results are in: Dee Richards and Cameo Jeffries are the Minnesota representatives for the National Miss Gay USA Pageant.

Cameo Jeffries, a.k.a. Jeff Crump, (yep, your President!) is 1st runner-up and desperately needs sponsorships to help fulfill responsibilities at the April nationals where she will represent the state of Minnesota and the IAL/GPC.

Should you or your organization wish to assist Lady Cameo, please feel free to call him (or her) at 612/824-3591. You can even call just to wish Cameo luck on her appearance at the Nationals! λ

SOVIET LESBIAN/ GAY PRIDE PLANS IN JEOPARDY

Roman Kalinin, 24-year-old Soviet Union student and co-founder of the Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union, has also helped to form the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (with offices in Moscow and San Francisco). He is the first Gay man in Russia to allow his last name to be used in public statements and publishes the Soviet Union's first Gay newspaper, *Tema*.

His dream, "to organize a Gay Pride parade in Moscow and turn Red Square into a Pink Triangle", is not without its dangers. Kalinin has been harassed by his family, his landlord, and the KGB.

Recently a grisly murder took the life of friend, activist, and *New Life* editor, Alexander Lukeshev. Lesbian/Gay Soviet activists now fear for their lives and have been accused of gathering groups of criminals. Updates will follow. λ
EXCERPTED FROM ARTICLES IN FRONTIERS

PRIDE GROWS IN BULGARIA

This letter was received by CSW, addressed to the IAL/GPC:

Dear Friends,

Writing to you is a group of gay people who have lived in the communist dictatorship. Now after the falling of the communist regime, we decided to make a gay organization in our town, but we haven't any experience or any means.

So we write to you asking for help with advise or money, to make a gay club in our town.

We shall be very grateful for your help. Write to us at this address:

Athanas Bouynov
Central Poste Office
Poste Restante
Varna 9000 - Bulgaria
Europe

With much joy,
Your friends from Varna

Please send copies of any letters you send/receive so we can track their progress. λ

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☐ YES, I AM AN IAL/GPC MEMBER

☐ NO, I AM NOT AN IAL/GPC MEMBER.
SEND ME MORE INFORMATION.

☐ NO, I AM NOT AN IAL/GPC MEMBER, NOR DO
I WISH TO JOIN, BUT KEEP ME ON YOUR MAILING LIST.

PLEASE ADD THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR MAILING LIST:

If you know of an organization or persons who should be receiving IAL/GPC mail,
please include their name and address on this form

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TITLE: _____

PREVIOUS IAL/GPC MEMBER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

NEW ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO

HEARD ABOUT THEM THROUGH: _____

Minutes of HG/LPW December 18

CALL TO ORDER

Felix Garcia, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and welcomed the group present (11 voting members and 14 visitors).

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

Brad Veloz, Secretary, corrected the spelling of Bruce Herling's last name; Felix substituted Bobby Miller's name under New Business/Selection of Logo Report. Ed Eaton was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Secretary Brad Veloz submitted the minutes for the November 20 meeting; Brian Keever made a motion to adopt the minutes as submitted and Marc Alexander seconded the motion; a vote to accept the minutes followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Wunrow reported a balance of \$4,923.66 which includes \$2,630 raised at Miss Kitty's; some bills are still pending as well as some income.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING

Marc Alexander announced he was stepping down from the Fundraising Committee as well as from other community activities; he has asked Wayne Grabien to replace on the committee; David Hemmer & Viva Knight will remain as Co-Chairs for the committee; Johnny Lament will serve as Vice-Chair with Viva; he also announced a new project/fundraiser, a proxy inauguration event. Ray Hill made a motion to recognize the efforts of Marc; his motion was seconded and the group gave Marc a round of applause; Felix also thanked Marc for all his help.

MARKETING

Bobby Miller reported their will be a second meeting of the committee; at the first meeting, the committee discussed goals and objectives; four bids for T-shirts were reported, TNT, ACT Trophy, Hou-Tex and Jay Harding; a motion to go with TNT was made and seconded; TNT will not include hefty bags for

the T-shirts; tank tops will be 100% cotton Fruit of the Loom; cost for gross (144) was made and seconded with the cost of \$650; bids for other merchandise such as koozies, squeeze bottles, buttons lapel pins, etc. will be taken in January; Bobby also announced a Pride Week poster similar to Los Angeles' which will be designed by Richard Bang; all merchandise should be ready in April during the Westheimer Arts Festival.

LOGISTICS

Felix reported for Bob Kietzke; the \$10 entry fee for organizations to be listed on the 'schedule' was discussed; Felix also announced that Mike Alfaro, formally from Austin will be replacing Bob Kietzke who is scheduled to leave in February; Mike was involved in the March on Austin.

PUBLICATIONS

Bob Alban announced that his committee will meet on January 9th at 1425 Columbia in the Heights at 7:30 PM.

MEDIA

Jack Valinski reported on the proposed newsletter for Pride Week; input/articles will be due by December 26th for the January issue; possibly 200 newsletters will be mailed out; news items may be mailed to MAC, Box 66684, Houston, TX 77266-6684, call 529-1223 or FAX 622-9121.

PARADE

Felix reported for Jaz Paz and introduced Bruce Herling to assist in this effort; the parade route will be finalized by January; entry fee will remain the same (\$40 for non-profit and \$100 business) and the same application will be used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Felix reported on the surveys submitted; he addressed most to the questions on the survey; the time of the parade and the need for more floats were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Herling reported on the Grand Marshalls for the Parade; he added that he had asked people

about the selection process and that most people did not know or felt it was a popularity selection; he suggested establishing rules and guidelines on the selection process; nominations for grand marshalls will be taken at the January 15th Pride Week meeting; he also stressed that local community people or teams/organizations serve as grand marshalls; he recommended Honorary Marshalls Jansen Williams and Joe Sears; he added that one quality in selection could be the amount of monies raised for Pride Week; a meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 21st at 1410 Hyde Park; he closed his comments by saying that female impersonators should be considered.

Bobby Miller reported on the selection of the logo process; there were a record number of entries, 36 for this year's contest; a discussion on the logo selection process followed; a vote to select the logo was taken; the five final entries received the following votes, #16-no votes, #10-no votes; #17-no votes, #9-one vote and #31 received 10 votes; Greg Scott, a Houston artist will be notified his entry was selected.

Ray Hill made a motion to keep the words "Gay/Lesbian Pride Week" on the front of the t-shirt; Bob Alban seconded his motion and Felix opened the floor for discussion; after a lengthy discussion a vote was taken on the motion which passed with 8 votes for and 3 votes against; Jack Valinski followed with another motion to include the wording "Gay/Lesbian Pride Week" on all merchandise and marketing; Marc Alexander seconded the motion and after discussion a vote was taken with 4 votes for, 5 votes against and 2 abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Felix announced the upcoming strategy session for the Pride Week Executive Team on January 26th at 8:30 AM; Felix will notify the Executive Team on the exact location.

ADJOURNMENT

Felix adjourned the meeting. ▼

PRIDE WEEK NEEDS YOUR INVOLVMENT

We need your help. Pride Week is a year round activity. We have to raise money and awarness twelve months of the year to produce the parade and associated activities. If you have even a little time to spare, you can make a difference in helping people feel good and proud about themselves.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Add name to mailing list ☐

Areas of Interest

☐ Parade

☐ Fundraising

☐ Events (Logistics)

☐ Marketing

☐ Publishing

☐ Media (Publicity)

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Parading Our Pride

by Espenranza Lavender Jazz Paz

The Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '91 will be accepting nominations for Honorary Grand Marshals and Grand Marshals to preside over their Take Pride Parade at our next meeting, February 19, at 7:00 PM at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray near Waugh.

Grand Marshals and Honorary Grand Marshals will be nominated from the floor by HG/LPW '91 meeting members and visitors, and voted for at the March meeting. In order to be eligible to vote in March, you must have attended this month's meeting. (In order to vote on any HG/LPW referendum, it is required that you have attended the previous meeting.)

Everyone is welcome to attend and offer their suggestions for the honorees. All nominations will be considered regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, different-ability, religious or political affiliations, or the lack thereof.

Groups can be nominated for Grand Marshal or Honorary Grand Marshal. If a group is elected, it will choose a representative to receive the extravagant adulation of the mobs lining the streets, blowing kisses.

Grand Marshal nominees should be a resident of Harris County or one of its bordering counties for at least the past three years, and be admired for significant support of the Houston Gay and Lesbian community.

Honorary Grand marshals will be selected to recognize their contributions to The Cause in a grander way, as a heroic activist, celebrity, or role model to us all. The Honorary Grand Marshals will not be restricted to the geographical boundaries that our Grand Marshals are.

Promoters of said nominees are encouraged to be prepared to submit in writing and speak on behalf of why their choices are worthy of this distinction. The community Takes Pride in our

heroes — we invite you to brag of them to us! ▼

Help Us!

by Jack Valinski

Each year this organization puts together a celebration for the gay and lesbian community to celebrate who we are. We are not just people who form intimate relationships with members of the same sex. We are people who have had to go through a lot of tough times to come to terms with who we are. We had to do this after being scorned by a society which is ignorant of us.

It's time to celebrate our brothers and sisters who 22 years ago said they had enough and decided they were not going to take it anymore. And it goes beyond that, we celebrate the steps each one of us has made in our own lives.

Most of us can remember the first time we went into a gay or lesbian bar. It was probably the most frightening and the most gratifying moments of our lives. We realized that we were not the only one. We were frightened because we did not know what to expect. And we realized that there are many like us.

As time went on we began to find lovers, friends and a community is what Pride Week is all about.

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Takes Pride in Greg Scott

by Espenanza Lavender Jazz Paz

"Art, that's the most important thing," Greg Scott replied when asked to prioritize his life. "Art is what promotes and protects my mental health."

Greg is the artist whose design won the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '91 contest for this year's logo. Seeing his graphics emblazoned on T-shirts, koozies, posters and billboards will be one more in a series of accomplishments for this free-lance artist who was honored with a design award in 1989 by Print-America's Graphic Design Magazine, for a T-shirt design.

Previous to this award, his screenprint graphics were on T-shirts, sweatshirts, and nightgowns in many major department stores across the country, his trademark being bold, clean, colorful graphics.

This talent was evidenced on the twentieth anniversary T-shirt he designed to commemorate Theater Under The Stars (TUTS), and the 1989 Houston Youth Symphony T-shirts.

Greg's art has twice made the covers of TWT, the Valentines issue in 1986, and in the summer of 1986, a black and white drawing, and drawings featured inside. He is an extraordinary craftsmen with devotion to his projects that inspire him to conceive, initiate, mature and present his works independently, using his own ideas, slogans, headlines, and his own brand of humor to delight his clients and further dramatize his style.

A Kent State graduate, his degree is in graphic design and illustration, an unusual choice for one who expected to make his living as a doctor. As a medical corpsman in the Navy, he sought relief from the anguish he witnessed every day in his art. It

worked.

His heroes are Walt Disney and David Lance Goins, a poster designer whose "bold, different" approach influences Greg's work. Another hero, fondly remembered by many of us is Randy Ruhlman. It was Randy who gave Greg his first break as an artist, doing cartoonstyle bird's eye view posters of cities and neighborhoods. It was Randy who designed one of Houston's first Gay Pride logos, the tree of clasped hands make up the branches.

Greg saw our poster recruiting artists and decided to enter the contest. "Take Pride says it all," he said, "That kind of message needs no graphics. The message is the message."

Besides art, Greg loves his "sister and the kids," his friends, one golden retriever in particular and cats generically, the beach in North Carolina, working out, Peter Pan, "arty" films ("Mel Gibson can do no wrong!") and the idea of one day doing a cartoon strip that will be "political, educational and funny."

"Take Pride says it all," he said, "That kind of message needs no graphics. The message is the message."

Although his portfolio is remarkable and his clients clamor for his attention, he feels he is just beginning his life as an artist, and that the best is yet to come.

When Greg meets his goals of having his own design studio with production artists and clients who pay substantially for his work, when his line of greeting cards and cartoon strip are phenomenally successful, the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '91 members will remember this season and sign, "Yes, we knew Greg when . . ." ▼



WANTED

**Grand Marshals
AND
Honorary Grand Marshals
FOR**

HOUSTON GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK '91



*Nominations Accepted
At Next General Meeting
Tuesday, February 19, 1991
1475 W. Gray – 7 P.M.
(Multi-Service Center)*

FOR CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS CALL 523-5263

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We TAKE PRIDE for our struggles. We celebrate for ourselves, we celebrate to let others who are not out know that there is a community here for them. We also celebrate to let the non-gay and lesbian community know that we are here and we are not going away.

The events of Pride Week don't just happen. It takes a lot of planning and a lot of hard work. It takes many organizations like the Lone Star Symphonic Band who has been part of the parade since the first year to the Gay/Lesbian Hispanic Unidos who have the

largest indoor event every year. But it also takes you, for Pride Week is only successful if you do your part. Get involved. If not with the organization itself, get involved with the many organizations who sponsor events during the week.

Below are the committees of Pride Week with their meeting times and contact persons. Get involved!

Next month we will publish a community resource guide. This will give you a list of the many community organizations. It will also serve to correct any information so we can publish it in our

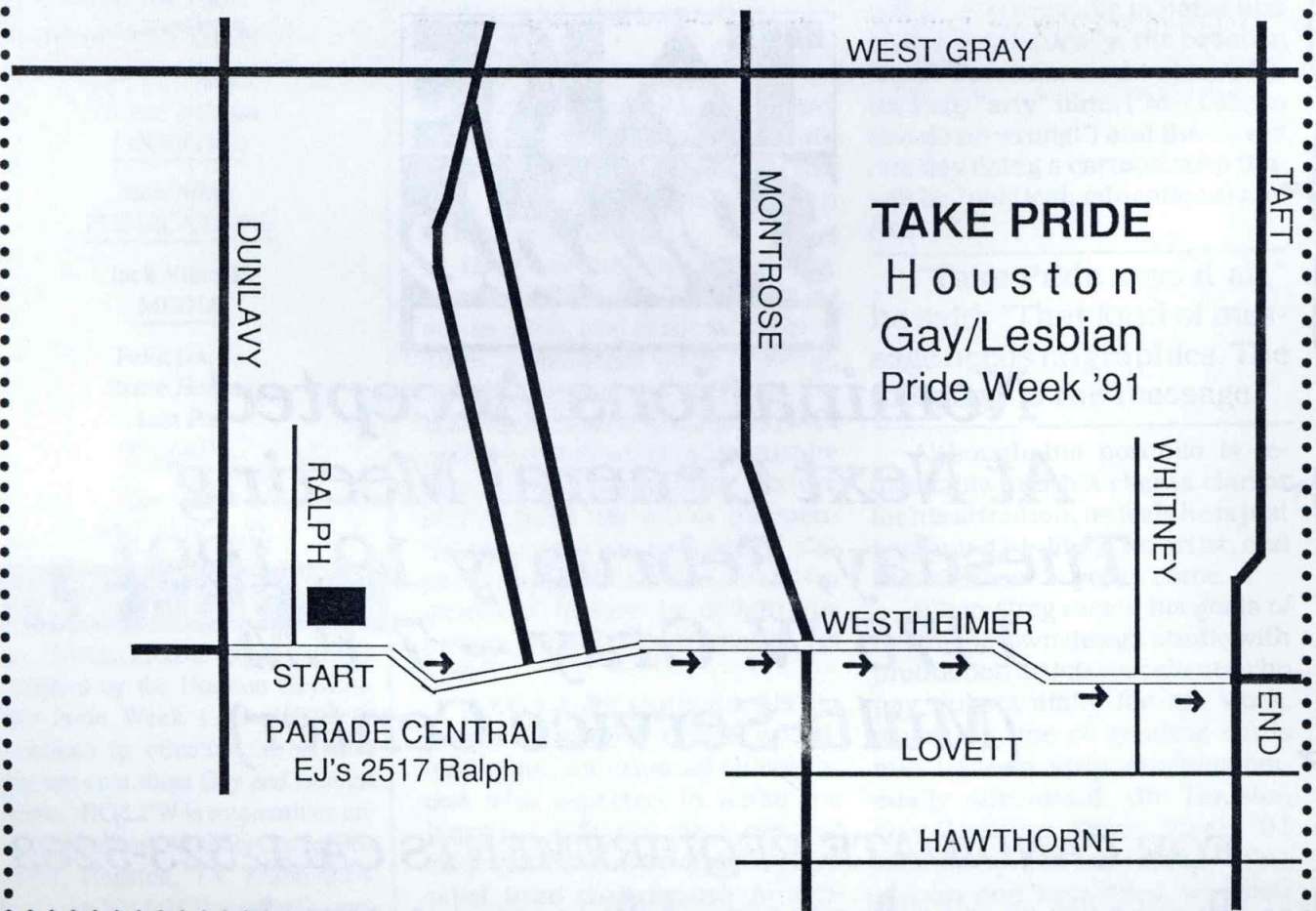
Pride Guide in June.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for creation and conduct of various events which will provide funds for the use and benefit of Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '91 Committee. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to have such events as are necessary to fully fund the operations of the HG/LPW for the current year. The activities of the Fundraising Committee shall be approved by the HG/LPW and shall be presented to the HG/LPW see **Help US!** page 5

"FEEL THE MUSIC" PARADE ROUTE

Sunday, June 23, 1991, 5:30 PM



ORGANIZATION LISTING— RESOURCE GUIDE

The Pride Guide will again this year list organizations serving the Lesbian and Gay community. This list is known as the Resource Guide. Next month this newsletter will publish the Resource Guide so any corrections can be made. If you would like to get a head start please fill out below.

Type: ☐ Civic ☐ Health ☐ Media
☐ Political ☐ Religious ☐ Social/Educational ☐ Out of Town

Purpose: _____

Meetings: _____

Dues: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Return to: Resource Guide, HG/LPW, Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071

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for approval prior to any public announcement regarding any event proposed by the Fundraising Committee.

Contact Wayne Grabein at 523-5263.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Marketing Committee shall be responsible for the sale of all products authorized for sale by the HG/LPW. The Marketing Committee shall make recommendations to the HG/LPW regarding potential products to be sold; however, the HG/LPW shall be solely responsible for the approval of the production of such products. Once approved by the HG/LPW, the Marketing Committee shall be responsible for the fabrication of the products for sale.

Contact Bobbie Miller at 523-5263.

LOGISTICS COMMITTEE

The Logistics Committee shall be responsible for the scheduling of events staged by the HG/LPW and any committee under the HG/LPW and the provision of volunteer labor necessary to conduct all such events. This committee

shall maintain the calendar of events to assure all events are appropriately conducted in order to promote the image and demeanor of participants in Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. The HG/LPW shall have final determination as to the scheduling of such events. This committee will also be responsible for maintaining all records of volunteer activity and names of all persons who volunteer for service.

Contact Michael Alfaro at 523-5263.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee shall be responsible for the publication of a guide/program which shall be distributed in accordance with the directions of HG/LPW and the Media/Communications Committee. The Guide/Program Committee shall not be responsible for any communication with the media.

Contact Bob Alban at 523-5263.

MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS

The Media/Communications Committee shall be responsible for all communications between

the HG/LPW and the public at large and the written and electronic media. This committee shall be responsible for the release of all information about Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week subject to the direction of HG/LPW and the Media/Communications Committee. No release of any information shall be made until such has been approved by the Co-Chairs of the HG/LPW.

Contact Jack Valinski at 523-5263.

PARADE COMMITTEE

The Parade Committee shall be responsible for the recruitment of units to appear in the parade and the actual execution of the parade. All actions of the Parade Committee shall be subject to approval of the HG/LPW. The Parade Committee shall draft such restrictions and requirements for participation of units in the parade and shall present the same to the HG/LPW for approval. Once approved, such restrictions and requirements shall be enforced by the committee.

Contact Felix Garcia at 523-5263. ▼

Minutes of HG/LPW January 15

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Anabel Evora, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and welcomed the group present (17 voting members and 18 visitors).

PROOF OF NOTICE

Anabel informed the group that the *Montrose Voice* and *TWT* featured the notice of the January 15th meeting.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

The report from Wayne Grabein, Fundraising Committee was moved to follow the report after the Parade Committee; Bob Kietzke's name was replaced with Mike Alfaro of the Logistics Committee; Thad Coverdale made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected and was seconded by Ed Eaton. Ed Eaton was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Secretary Brad Veloz submitted the minutes for the December 18, 1990 meeting; a motion was seconded to adopt the minutes as submitted and a vote to accept the minutes followed. Debbie Holmes asked that a correction to the November 20th minutes be made as part of the record specifically "that the administrative books for last year's Pride Week had been submitted"; Felix Garcia responded with a copy of the minutes and added that although the administrative books were submitted, the Treasurer's books had not been completely surrendered.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Jim Wunrow provided a financial report as follows:

Income	\$1,315.00
Accounts Receivable ...	\$1225.50
Expenses	\$1249.21
Checking Balance	\$2,386.14

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MARKETING

Bobby Miller informed the group present that T-shirts had been ordered and would be available at the January 22nd

Fundraiser at Miss Kitty's for \$10; the T-shirts will be in different colors; his committee will meet on Thursday, the 24th at 2305 Brun #2 (529-4014) to discuss bid proposals, types of merchandise and other items of interest.

LOGISTICS

Mike Alfaro reported that a fee of \$10 would be charged to list an event in the Pride Week schedule; the Astro World Day event is currently under consideration by the committee; he has contacted 5 hotels on discounts for out-of-town guests; Bobby Miller asked that the Allen Park Inn be added to the list of hotels; Delta Airlines is being considered as the airline for Pride Week; his committee will meet Thursday, January 17th at 744 International Blvd., #1 (975-3457); Mike also informed the group that the application for listing on the Pride Week schedule will go out with the next newsletter and added that the idea of using the Galveston gambling ship was being considered.

PUBLICATIONS

Bob Alban reported his committee met on January 9th, he submitted four pages of information which included the timeframe for activities from bids, ad rates, etc. the next committee meeting will be held on Monday Feb. 4th at 1425 Columbia at 7:30 PM (864-3137).

MEDIA

Jack Valinski informed the group that 350 newsletters had been mailed out which included statewide organizations; he reminded the group of the deadline of Saturday, January 19th for the next issue (529-1223).

PARADE

Felix Garcia presented the proposed parade route to begin at Dunlavy and Westheimer at 5:30 PM with EJ's as the Parade Central and finish at Taft and Westheimer (1 mile parade); the

entry fee will remain the same as last year: \$40 for non-profit organizations and \$100 for others; he also met with the float company and they are willing to work with the Pride Week event; the next committee meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 7:00 PM at 617 W Drew (520-0838); Felix added that he would like to see the banners along Westheimer up during the entire month of June, bleachers for PWA's and others. The entry form will be ready for mail-out next week.

Discussion on the time for the parade followed with comments from several individuals; a motion to accept the proposed route and time was made and seconded; a vote followed with the motion passing.

FUNDRAISING

Wayne Grabein reported the next fundraiser to be held on Tuesday January 22nd at Miss Kitty's "Texas Our Texas Gala"; entertainment at 9:00 PM and a cover of \$2.00; invitations to be mailed out this week with the help of the group present; he also informed the group of the 'Country Cupid' at Brazos River Bottom on February 12th; photos will be sold; raffle of Pride Week T-shirt; his committee also propose a "baby picture" contest and a Valentine's Dance at Obsessions; a March 2nd bar competition is also planned with the formation of the "longest" chain of with the proceeds to Pride Week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bruce Herling submitted the guidelines for the selection of Grand Marshals and Honorary Grand Marshals of the parade (see attached); a motion to exclude "with an outstanding citizenship record" was made and passed; another motion to adopt the amended version of the guidelines was made, seconded and passed; all nominations for Grand

TAKE PRIDE Poster

by Bobby Miller

This year the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '91 Committee is searching for faces of Houston to represent the community on the official Pride Week poster. The search is geared toward individuals, couples, single parents and gay seniors or anyone who represents the diversity of the gay and lesbian community.

The poster concept is to show faces that are representative of our community by including the different looks and feelings of our community through pictures. We anticipate that it will help educate the general public by displaying our different lifestyles with positive images.

Persons interested in partici-

pating in this opportunity to have their photograph on the commemorative poster should be at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto on Saturday, February 23 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. A professional photographer will take several pictures of each potential participant. Up to 12 different pictures will be included on the final product and many other pictures may be included in the Pride Guide.

"TAKE PRIDE" in yourself and your community and participate. This photo shoot is open to people of all ages, races and sex.

In other marketing news, the official Pride Week T-shirt is now available. To order Pride Week '91 T-shirts, or for information about the poster call 713-523-5263. ▼

Minutes

Marshals and Honorary Grand Marshals will be presented (orally and written) at the next Pride Week meeting on February 19th with the elections in March.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

Anabel has been in contact with bar owners of women's bars and other organizations to solicit interest in Pride Week; other KPFT interviews are scheduled; she is also working on an article "Where Are the Women" for the next Pride Week newsletter; she hopes to continue networking with women's organizations to encourage meeting attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Felix elaborated on the results of the Montrose Activity Center's Board meeting regarding the status of Pride Week; the MAC Board would like to re-channel efforts towards a center. John Hill will be meeting with Felix to discuss Pride Week status under the MAC umbrella; Mike Alfaro made a motion that the Executive

Team of Pride Week look into obtaining its own 501 (c) (3) status; Felix added a friendly amendment that an ad-hoc group be formed; the motion was seconded and passed; a deadline was not established.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Holmes announced the 1st Annual Mardi Gras Scavenger Hunt to benefit the Capital Gifts Campaign of MCCR to be held on February 9th; grand prize of \$500 for details call 861-9149.

Bruce Herling announced the resource guide to be published and reminded organizations to submit info; Jack Valinski reminded the group of the Saturday deadline for newsletter articles; Felix also reminded the group of the upcoming Strategy Day on January 26th at 4655 Wild Indigo (8:30 AM).

ADJOURNMENT

Felix adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted and prepared by Brad Veloz, Secretary. ▼

Calendar

February

- 19 General Meeting
Multi Service Center
7:00 PM, 1475 W Gray

March

- 5 Executive Team
Aids Foundation
7:00 PM, 3927 Essex
- 19 General Meeting
Multi Service Center
7:00 PM, 1475 W Gray

April

- 2 Executive Team
Aids Foundation
7:00 PM, 3927 Essex
- 16 General Meeting
Multi Service Center
7:00 PM, 1475 W Gray

May

- 7 Executive Team
Aids Foundation
7:00 PM, 3927 Essex
- 21 General Meeting
Multi Service Center
7:00 PM, 1475 W Gray

June

- 4 Executive Team
Aids Foundation
7:00 PM, 3927 Essex
- 14 Pride Week Begins
- 18 General Meeting
Multi Service Center
7:00 PM, 1475 W Gray
- 23 Feel the Music Parade
5:30 PM, on Westheimer

July

- 2 Executive Team
Aids Foundation
7:00 PM, 3927 Essex
- 16 Awards Ceremony
Multi Service Center
7:00 PM, 1475 W Gray

August

- 5 Executive Team
Aids Foundation
7:00 PM, 3927 Essex
 - 19 Elections
Multi Service Center
7:00 PM, 1475 W Gray
- TAKE PRIDE

PRIDE WEEK NEEDS YOUR INVOLVEMENT

We need your help. Pride Week is a year round activity. We have to raise money and awareness twelve months of the year to produce the parade and associated activities. If you have even a little time to spare, you can make a difference in helping people feel good and proud about themselves.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Add name to mailing list ☐

Areas of Interest

☐ Parade

☐ Fundraising

☐ Logistics (Events)

☐ Marketing

☐ Publications

☐ Media (Publicity)

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