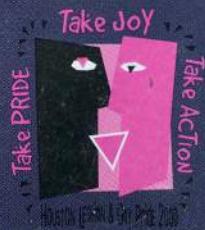


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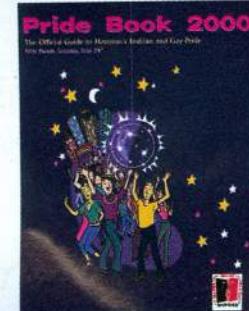
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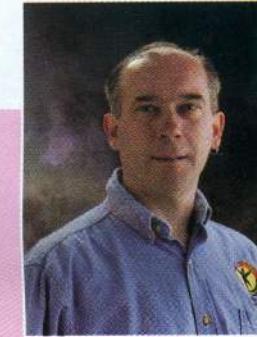
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JACK VALINSKI



Welcome to Pride 2000!

As Executive Director of the Pride Committee of Houston I would like to welcome everyone to our Houston Pride 2000 celebration. Our organization works all year to produce the many aspects of Pride, this Pride Guide, our quarterly newsletters, the community's most extensive Resource Guide, the Media Guide, the most open Grand Marshal voting process in the country, and many Pride events culminating in America's World Class nighttime Pride Parade.

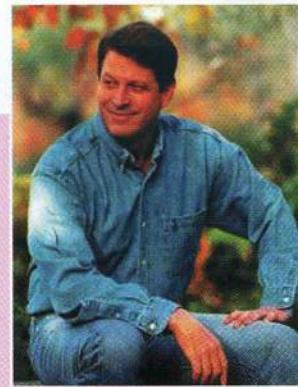
I hope that at least one of the many events this month will instill Pride in you. As our community grows and moves forward, we can remember the 1969 Stonewall Riots, and show our forefathers and foremothers that we have learned from their brave steps, becoming an inclusive compassionate community that has Pride.

So, as you participate in Pride this year, take a look around our vast community, make a commitment to contribute and help make a better world for everybody.

sincerely,

*Jack Valinski, Executive Director
Pride Committee of Houston*





Dear Friends,

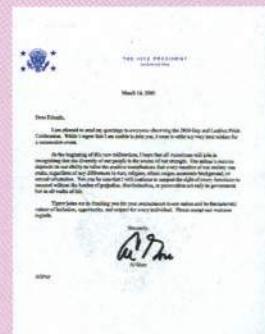
I am pleased to send my greetings to everyone observing the 2000 Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration. While I regret that I am unable to join you, I want to offer my very best wishes for a memorable event.

At the beginning of this new millennium, I hope that all Americans will join in recognizing that the diversity of our people is the source of our strength. Our nation's success depends on our ability to value the positive contributions that every member of our society can make, regardless of any differences in race, religion, ethnic origin, economic background, or sexual orientation. You can be sure that I will continue to support the right of every American to succeed without the burden of prejudice, discrimination, or persecution not only in government but in all walks of life.

Tipper joins me in thanking you for your commitment to our nation and its fundamental values of inclusion, opportunity, and respect for every individual. Please accept our warmest regards.

sincerely,

Al Gore





SHEILA JACKSON LEE



April 10, 2000

Pride Committee of Houston
P.O. Box 66071
Houston, TX 77266

Dear Friends:

On Behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I am pleased to welcome the Pride Events to Houston.

On this occasion, I want to commend the Pride Committee of Houston for celebrating the uniqueness and diversity in our community, as well as honoring those individuals who had the courage to be proud of who they were, and in the process have paved the way for greater understanding and acceptance of all.

Again, I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the participants in the Pride Events as well as my best wishes to the Pride Committee of Houston.

sincerely,

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress





DEBRA DANBURY

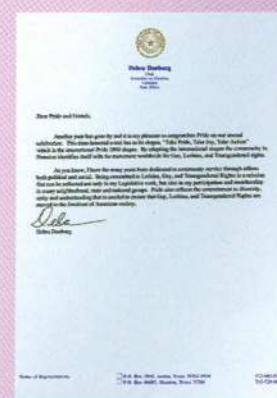


Dear Pride and Friends,

Another year has gone by and it is my pleasure to congratulate Pride on our annual celebration. This time-honored event has as its slogan, "Take Pride, Take Joy, Take Action" which is also the international Pride 2000 slogan. By adopting the international slogan the community in Houston identifies itself with the movement worldwide for gay, lesbian, and transgendered rights.

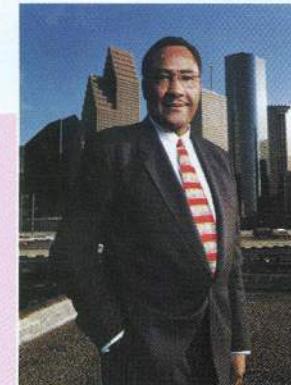
As you know, I have for many years been dedicated to community service through efforts both political and social. Being committed to lesbian, gay and transgendered rights is a mission that can be reflected not only in my Legislative work, but also in my participation and membership in many neighborhood, state, and national groups. Pride also reflects the commitment to diversity, unity, and understanding that is needed to ensure that gay, lesbian, and transgendered rights are moved to the forefront of American society.

Debra Danburg





LEE P. BROWN



Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Houston, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. for publishing the Pride Guide.

Houston has a diverse community that offers a multitude of business, educational, and social opportunities. The strengths of this city are in the men and women who make up our diversity and cultural richness. Equality for all regardless of race, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation, constitutes one of my core personal beliefs.

Best wishes for much success, and I look forward to your continuing support of our city.

sincerely,

*Lee P. Brown
Mayor*





ANNISE PARKER



Happy Gay Pride!

As Houston's first openly gay or lesbian elected official, it has been my honor to serve you and the entire city of Houston these past two years. I take pride in representing such a vibrant community.

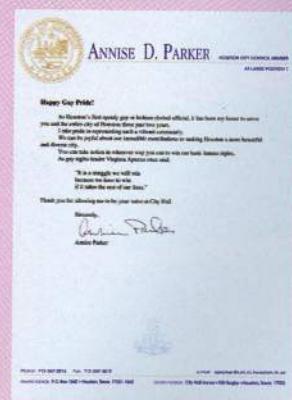
We can be joyful about our incredible contributions to making Houston a more beautiful and diverse city. You can take action in whatever way you can to win our basic human rights. As gay rights leader Virginia Apuzzo once said:

*"It is a struggle we will win
because we have to win
if it takes the rest of our lives."*

Thank you for allowing me to be your voice at City Hall.

Sincerely,

Annise Parker



MONTROSE

HOME, SWEET HOME

In every city across the country there is a neighborhood that is synonymous with the lesbian and gay community. San Francisco has the rainbow hills of the Castro District. New York has trendy Chelsea. Miami sizzles down on South Beach and Washington D.C.'s real movers and shakers live in DuPont Circle. In Houston, many of us call Montrose our "Home Sweet Home".

Montrose is a vibrant, diverse, village-like neighborhood just west of the looming skyscrapers of Houston's booming downtown. Once thought of as only a lesbian and gay enclave, it is now one of the hottest pieces of real estate in the city! I guess we couldn't keep it a secret forever. And who can blame people for wanting to move in? After all, Montrose is the unofficial center of the universe! Okay, maybe not, but it could easily be considered the center of Houston. It seems to be right in the middle of everything that Houston has to offer! It is bordered to the south and east with the interesting Museum District and to the west by the rich and famous of beautiful River

Oaks. While the high-flying downtown skyline looms to the northeast and the hard working Heights shores up the north, Montrose sits like a crown jewel in the inner loop, wearing the lush ribbons of green that are Buffalo Bayou Park, Memorial Park, and Hermann Park. Add to this location a diverse mix of neighbors, cultures, architectures, and, of course, style, and you have Houston's most unique neighborhood.

There is still one more thing that makes Montrose unique among all of Houston's neighborhoods: its people, who are the energy of Montrose. They make it great! But don't take our word for it. See what these people had to say when asked, "What makes Montrose unique?"

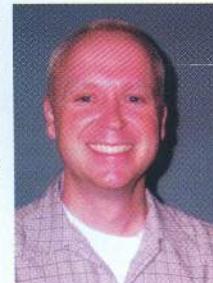


"The fact that you can be out and about with your significant other, and it's accepted here." - P.J.



"The people! Nowhere on earth can you find people as friendly and accepting as the people here in Montrose." - Jessica

"You live in a big city but it feels like you actually live in some quiet little neighborhood. Oh, and don't forget, it's close to work!" - Ray



"There is a wonderful diversity in the people and landscape, as well as proximity to all the downtown activities. Where else can we live in the shadow of skyscrapers and still hear the crickets at night?" - Bob & Bob with Abby



JACK JACKSON

Spotlight on

"I learned a very long time ago, I am my brother's keeper." Jack Jackson is eager to tell you that he loves Houston and he loves helping other people. Jackson, who turned 75 in March, is a South African native who has made Houston his home since 1953. He loved it almost immediately, he says, because of "The wide open spaces, the friendly people." Still, it wasn't an easy time to be gay and proud.

It was his determination to make being gay something worth having pride in that led Jackson down the road to activism. He helped to found the Executive and Professional Association of Houston (EPAH), an organization that fosters business and community relationships. "I would never say I was a

militant person," he now says, "but as time went by I put my two cents in."

His work with EPAH exposed him to important city officials like then-mayor Kathy Whitmire. A major turning point in Jack's life came during a citywide squabble about affirmative action over twenty years ago. During that period, he gathered a group of equally concerned Houstonians to found the Citizens for Human Equality (CHE). For these people, including lesbians and gays in any statement about affirmative action was perfectly natural and necessary.

Jackson and CHE came to the forefront several years later when the disease we now know as AIDS began to spread through the nation's gay capitals. Locally, people afflicted with the mysterious ailment were losing insurance, watching friends walk away from them, and living in fear and isolation.

CHE created a pamphlet about the disease—the first of its kind in the country. Hospitals from both coasts were calling to get copies. The group had happened onto the most vital need of all—information.

Thus began a long association between Jackson and the AIDS community. His work with KS-AIDS Foundation (now AIDS

Foundation Houston), Stone Soup, personal care teams for people with AIDS, and the AIDS Walk have earned him a reputation as tireless, fearless and unstoppable. He has also earned the nickname "Mr. Raffle" through his extensive fundraising work. He learned very early that money makes the wheels turn faster.

Jackson is comfortable with the term activist. His main role is raising consciousness, and it's easy to see the results of his work. In addition to the numerous organizations that he founded, ran, and/or served as a board member, there are the awards: Mayor's Award for Outstanding Community Service (1990), Grand Marshal of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade (1991), the Houston Black Tie Dinner's Humanitarian Award (1995), the Stella Scott Community Service Award from the Montrose Counseling Center (1998), and the Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed by EPAH in 1999.

Says Jackson now of his motivation for all of this: "I have a credo:

Everybody needs a hug; I give the best in town.

Everybody needs love; I have a great capacity.

Sometimes they need a bowl of soup, and I make damn good soup."



HOUSTON PRIDE
PARADE 2000

Each year, the Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade is led by several Grand Marshals – individuals and organizations honored for their leadership in the community. Pride 2000 saw an unprecedented number of nominations for these honors and an equally impressive turnout in the community-wide vote. We take pride in the accomplishments of our Pride 2000 Grand Marshals, take joy in their continued support of our gay and lesbian community, and take action to match their outstanding dedication to our sisters and brothers.

Written nominations for up to four Grand Marshal positions can be submitted by anyone. After the nominations are reviewed, the Pride Committee of Houston prepares ballots that can be mailed in by anyone residing in Harris or adjoining counties. PCOH also holds one day of poll voting. Male and female Grand Marshal positions are each awarded to a self-identified gay or lesbian person who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the community. The position of Honorary Grand Marshal is awarded to a self-identified heterosexual person who has shown outstanding dedication and service to the gay and lesbian community. The position of Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization is awarded to an organization that has done the same.

Victoria "Tori" Williams' involvement in the Houston lesbian and gay community has included contributing countless hours professionally and personally on a volunteer basis in starting, leading and working for many AIDS organiza-

Grand Marshal - Tori Williams

tions, healthcare, and the cultural arts. Tori's greatest talent is discerning needs in the community, and using her skills, her compassion, and her network of friends to address those needs. In nominating her for Pride 2000 Grand Marshal, former Grand Marshal Deborah Bell said Tori's bedroom at Miss Porter's School in her native Connecticut was the same one Jacqueline Kennedy had years earlier. Following in Jackie's footsteps, Tori has become a first lady for our community.

Tori has worked in AIDS services in Houston full-time since 1986 as an AIDS Specialist for the Texas Gulf Coast United Way (creating their first AIDS Resource Directory); as Coordinator of Volunteers and Special Projects for the Foundation for Interfaith Ministry, the largest religious response to HIV/AIDS in America; and as Chapter Director for DIFFA/Houston, the greatest source of private dollars for AIDS care in the Houston area. Currently Tori is the Council Coordinator for the Ryan White Planning Council's Office of Support.

The Council is charged by the federal government with assessing and prioritizing the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in a six-county area around Houston, and

making funding allocations for primary care and social services based on its findings.

Tori has also been committed to AIDS care as a volunteer. Understanding the importance of animal companions to people's well-being, Tori founded Pet Patrol in 1986 to underwrite the costs of veterinary care, spaying and neutering, food, supplies, and flea control, and to provide volunteer care for the pets of people with HIV/AIDS. She also served on the national steering committee for HeartStrings, a touring production fund-raiser benefiting DIFFA. In 1992, Tori coordinated the creation of 40 panels commemorating the lives of over 540 FIRM clients and volunteers for the NAMES Project Memorial AIDS Quilt in conjunction with the HeartStrings production.

Tori's production skills have allowed her to contribute significantly to the promotion of the cultural arts in the Houston women's community. Tori was a member of Hazelwitch Productions, a volunteer organization that produced concerts and events of interest to women. Hazelwitch brought many lesbian artists, including Cris Williamson, Meg Christian, Ferron, and Kate Clinton, to Houston. She also founded HeartSong, Houston's women's chorus, organizing the group, and performing with them for several years.

Today Tori is active in AssistHers, a non-profit social service organization she co-founded after a personal experience with a friend who needed care during an illness. AssistHers organizes care teams of volunteers to provide support to women-identified women in need, and provides

healthcare education for the lesbian community. In its first three years, AssistHers has recruited 250 volunteers who have collectively provided care for 40 lesbian women struggling with life-threatening, chronic or disabling illnesses.

Through her diverse professional and volunteer efforts, Tori has shown she takes great pride in the Houston community, and she takes action to support it.

Richard Wiederholt is our Grand Marshal in memoriam. On April 28, 2000, Richard passed away suddenly. However, he leaves behind a legacy and a life full of service to the community.

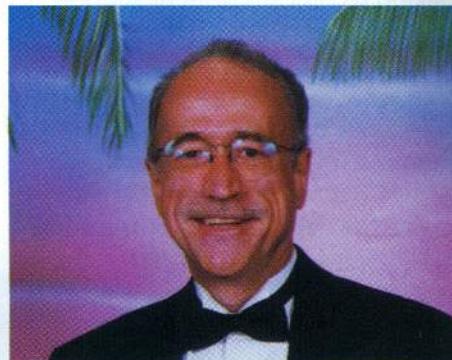
Richard Wiederholt was the owner of Basic Brothers clothing store in Montrose, which opened in 1982. He was also a member of several Houston gay and lesbian and business organizations, and a HIV/AIDS activist.

Richard's store at Westheimer and Commonwealth is not only a successful gay-owned business catering to a gay and lesbian clientele, but continues to be a source of support for the community, employing gay and lesbian people, sponsoring community activities, and serving as a central location for event tickets and information. Over the past several years Basic Brothers has even sold Pride merchandise, for which the Pride Committee is very grateful!

As a community business owner, Richard was a founding board member of the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and served on the board since 1996. He was Vice President of the Chamber since 1996 and its Media Relations Co-Chair since 1997. Last year he was on the organizing committee for the Chamber's Empower '99 community expo. Richard was also a member of the Board of the

Museum District Business Alliance. Between 1990 and 1992 he was a board member of the Neartown Business Association, the Alliance's predecessor.

Richard will always be remembered for his many years of service in Houston AIDS activism. He was President of the Program for Wellness Restoration and a member of the Advisory Board of the Body Positive Wellness Center. He was a



Grand Marshal in Memoriam
Richard Wiederholt

board member and Vice President for Fundraising for Body Positive in 1997 and 1998. He was a charter board member of the HIV/AIDS Resource Group in Houston in 1994 and was on the board since then. He was also a charter board member of the Houston HIV Forum. Richard was Chairman of the Board of the Garden Party between 1987 and 1992, and the organization donated over \$40,000 to Houston AIDS support groups during that time.

Richard worked to promote excellence in the gay community as a national sponsor of the Mr. Gay All-American contest, as well as sponsoring and promoting many fundraisers and contests in the Houston area. He worked with the contest system since sponsoring the first Mr. Gay All-American contest in 1984.

Before opening Basic Brothers, Richard was an educator, serving as

a junior high and high school principal in Missouri and Iowa, and as Elementary Curriculum Coordinator in the Alvin School District in Texas. Richard was also Chair of the Educational Leadership Department at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He often spoke to classes at the university on the topic of "Living with AIDS." Richard's contributions to the community will not be soon forgotten and his life will be viewed as a source of inspiration to others in the gay and lesbian, business, and HIV/AIDS communities.

Honorary Grand Marshal - **Don Sinclair**

Rev. Dr. Donald Sinclair is a retired United Methodist minister and was pastor of Bering Memorial United Methodist Church in Montrose between June 1986 and June 1997. As a spiritual leader, Don created one of Houston's most important AIDS service programs at Bering and made the church a place where gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people are not simply tolerated, but are fully and publicly included in all aspects of church life. While the leaders of the religious right preach bigotry, Don continues to fight violence against GLBT people, and teach that God's grace is available to all of us.

When Don was appointed to Bering the church was in decline. It already had a largely gay and lesbian congregation, but weekly attendance averaged only 185 out of 527 members. The church had a debt of \$86,000, buildings in need of repair and little income. Modest growth in membership was offset by members' deaths from AIDS. Don was sent to either close the church or set it on the path of renewal.

He asked the Bering congregation why God needed that group of people on the corner of Mulberry and



Harold AIDS service was the mission that would turn the church around. Under Don's leadership, the Bering Support Network for those affected or infected by HIV began in 1986. In 1987, the Bering Dental Clinic and the Adult Day Care Center were founded. As Bering's AIDS programs grew, the community outside the church began to take an active interest in contributing to them.

Don was a founding board member of the Bering Community Services Foundation (now Bering Omega Community Services), which was established in 1987 to obtain non-church funds for Bering's AIDS work.

Other programs founded during Don's pastorate, such as the Bering Counseling Center, PROTECT, and the Bering Spiritual Support Group, are directed in large part to the GLBT community, as well as the HIV/AIDS community.

Under Don's leadership, Bering became a Reconciling Congregation, which means that it publicly includes all in the life of the church, regardless of sexual orientation, and that it specifically honors and works for the full inclusion of GLBT persons. Don has also been a huge force in the fight for the full inclusion of GLBT persons into the life of the United Methodist Church nationwide, and the fight against GLBT-focused violence and religious bigotry. He is a longtime foe of the religious right, which he says is "neither religious nor right," and its demonization of gay people.

The father of a son murdered because he was gay, Don continues to fight against violence directed at GLBT persons, especially violence fostered by religious organizations

that preach hatred. He is an active member of P-FLAG Houston, and was its program chair and vice president in 1993 and 1994 and its president in 1995. He has lobbied and testified in Austin and in Washington, D.C., in favor of hate crime and employment nondiscrimination legislation. Don is currently active in P-FLAG's speakers' bureau, talking to officials at high schools, community colleges and universities about the need to provide safe environments for GLBT students.

Don has been a longtime civil rights advocate and he marched with Martin Luther King. It is exciting to see that his passion for the struggle thrives today in fighting those who would deny us our liberty.

Honorary Grand Marshal Organization - People with AIDS Coalition

For much of the continuing AIDS epidemic, People with AIDS Coalition, Houston, has provided leadership in services to individuals living with the disease.

The Coalition was established in 1986 as an all-volunteer organization addressing alternative healing therapies and methods for people with HIV/AIDS. As the AIDS crisis continued, grew and evolved, the organization formalized its structure and expanded its services to meet the sustenance, medical and psychosocial needs of its clients.

Today PWACH is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with a volunteer Executive Board, the majority of whose members are HIV-infected. The Coalition gauges the pulse of the community and is personally able to identify and meet the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. In service to each other and with the assistance of friends and colleagues,

PWAs in Houston are able to live happier, healthier, and more productive lives with the assistance of the Coalition.

To meet the varied needs of an increasingly diverse HIV/AIDS community, PWACH operates a number of programs for healthcare, case management, housing, housing assistance, and childcare. Its main office is located at 3400 Montrose near Westheimer, the nexus of Houston's gay and lesbian community. The Coalition has long provided a positive role model for the community's response to the AIDS crisis. As the demographics of the epidemic have changed, the PWACH client base of over 2200 individuals has changed from being primarily gay white men to include more and more women and people of color. The central location of the Coalition's main office has remained important because of its proximity to bus lines, pharmacies and other AIDS and healthcare service providers.

PWACH programs continue to evolve with the changing needs of the organization's clients. The Coalition has opened satellite offices in different parts of the city and collaborates with other organizations that serve various segments of the community. The Coalition has also responded to the combination therapies that have been introduced to fight AIDS by providing long-term support and assistance for PWAs who are living longer thanks to the drug therapies but who cannot go back to work full-time.

As long as the AIDS crisis continues, People with AIDS Coalition, Houston, will lead the way in providing for those of us with the disease. We can be proud of their service to the community.

GRAND MARSHALS



PARADE 1999



Diane Jolley

Take Pride, Take Joy, Take Action!

Meet the Artist Behind the Logo



Local graphic artist Diane Jolley was selected as the Pride 2000 logo designer after a review of several outstanding portfolios. Diane has been the owner/principal of Jolley Design Studio, a print creative and design company for 23 years.

Her colorful logo incorporates two heads that are close enough to portray intimacy, albeit in a subtle way. Diane explains that the image can be interpreted as either a lesbian or a gay couple and it is symbolic of unity and love. She also said its violet, yellow and magenta colors were chosen for their strength and warmth. The typography she used is whimsical, continuing the joyful attitude of the logo.

How long have you been in Houston?

"I moved to Houston in March 1971, from Spokane, Washington, for business opportunities and warm weather! I'm glad I came, because I love Houston!"

What's your professional background?

"When I moved to Texas I worked in the grocery advertising business and also as a window display designer. I started Jolley Design Studio in 1977, which specializes in graphic design for marketing communications. I design logos, corporate identity programs, stationery systems, catalogs, product literature, brochures, flyers, point-of-pur-

chase displays and direct mail packages. My clients vary from small businesses to major international corporations."

Where else have we seen your work?

"Locally, I've produced work for Stogies, Inc., the American Diabetes Association, the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, Urban Harvest and Moody Gardens."

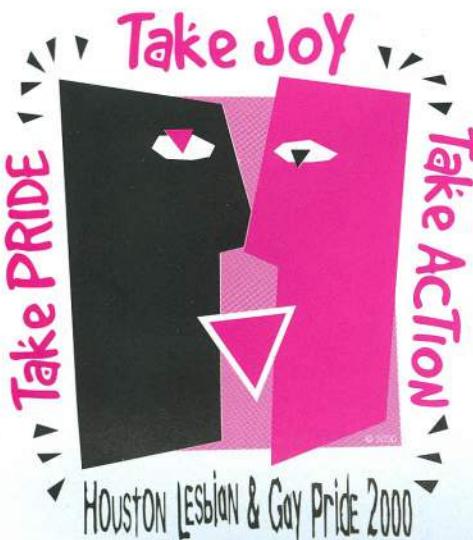
What philosophy guides your work?

"When I first started Jolley Design Studio, a respected business mentor told me, 'The most important thing in business is your word. It's something that no one else has control over, except you. No one can give it to you and no one can take it away from you. So when you give your word on something, you must follow through on your word.' These words of wisdom have been helpful to me, not only in business, but in life."

Any other comments?

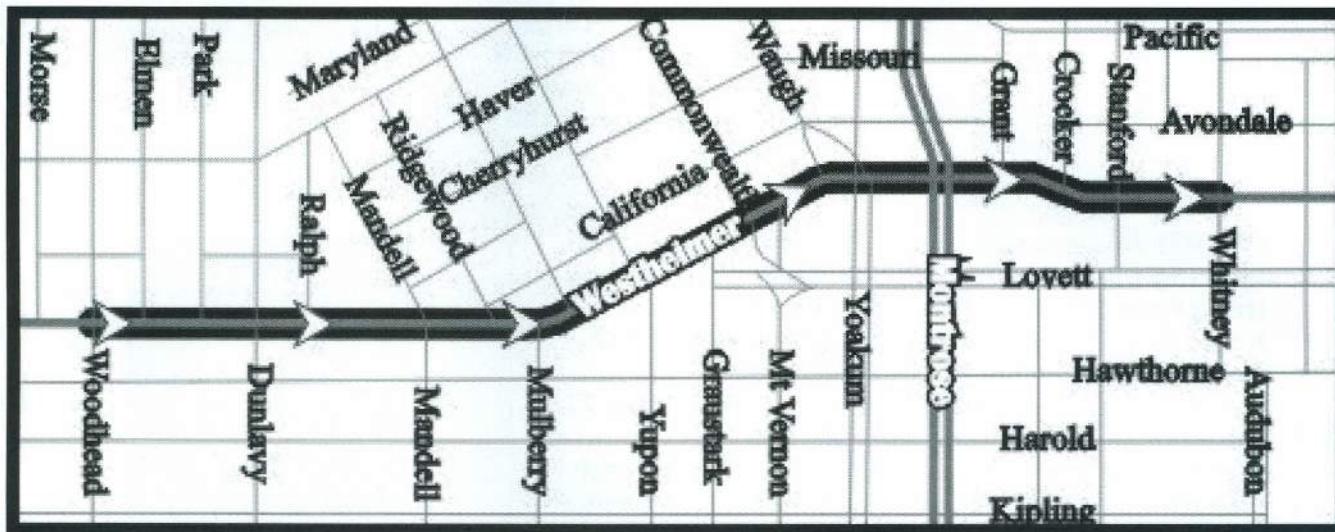
"I appreciate being given the opportunity to work on this project. Not only was it a pleasure to design the logo, but it's been wonderful to meet and work with some very nice people. I admire the hard work and dedication the Pride Committee is putting into this special event."

You can reach Diane Jolley and the Jolley Design Studio at 713-785-0557.





2000 Parade



June 24, 2000, 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.,
Westheimer between Woodhead and
Whitney

Be a part of the Nation's One and Only
Nighttime Pride Parade!

Parade Tips

- Drink Plenty of Water - Houston in June is hot, even at night. So don't end your fun by dehydrating. Don't worry, there will be Port-o-Potties!
- Get There Early - Even though the parade route has been expanded this year, the best spots will still go early, especially near the judges' stand at Montrose. Don't wait till the last minute to get there!
- Walk, Take Public Transport, Car Pool - Parking can be scarce in the area on parade night and traffic leaving can be heavy. Make it easy on yourself and others.
- Respect the Neighbors - Help keep Montrose the unique, friendly, beautiful neighborhood that it is. Please don't park on lawns, block driveways, or disturb the neighbors. You can also show your respect by using a trash can. And you know what we do to people who show do not show us respect!
- Dress Light - See Drink Plenty of Water (above).
- Keep the Pets Home - Sure your pet has Pride too, but

a crowd of 100,000 might scare the Pride right out of Fluffy! Show Rover the pictures later on.

- Don't Worry, Be Happy - Have a great time, but if there is a problem, please let one of the many volunteer Parade Marshals know. They will take care of it!
- Invite Everyone - Pride celebrates our diversity and the Parade just isn't the same without it. We have special areas by the Judges' stand reserved specifically for the physically challenged. Just don't try to take over emcee Maria Todd's job while you are up there.
- Play it Safe - Ensure your safety by exercising time-honored personal safety tips; walk in groups on well lit streets; keep valuables to a minimum; have your keys ready to open your car or home; stand back from car drivers asking directions; and most importantly, call 911 if there is trouble. Don't ruin your celebration by becoming a victim of crime.



Are you coming in from out of town? Check out the Holiday Inn Select at Greenway Plaza for a flat, per night rate of \$69 per room for up to 4 people. Ask for the special "Houston Pride Celebration" rate. Call 713-523-8448 for more information or reservations. If you have any questions about the Pride Parade or other Pride events, check out our web site at www.pridehouston.org.

PRIDE

Events Calendar

Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride 2000 features dozens of diverse events sponsored by community organizations and businesses. All of the educational, cultural and social events of Pride 2000 can be found on the Pride Committee web site, www.pridehouston.org and weekly in the Texas Triangle.

Here are some events near and dear to our hearts—the events being sponsored by PCOH. All of these events are open to the public and your attire is completely up to you.

For more information about any of these events, call the PrideLine at 713-529-6979 or e-mail info@pridehouston.org.

PARADE MARSHAL ORIENTATION - THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Pulling off the annual nighttime Pride Parade wouldn't be possible without the help of dozens of volunteer Parade Marshals. Individuals who would like to volunteer are requested to attend this meeting to prepare for Parade Day and network with fellow Marshals.

7:00-9:00 p.m., Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne

PRIDE KICK-OFF PARTY - FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Start Pride 2000 with a free buffet, a cash bar and entertainment. Meet the Pride Parade Grand Marshals and other members of the community. 7:00-11:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Select (Kirby at 59)



PRIDE DAY IN THE PARK - SATURDAY, JUNE 10 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Come share your Pride while you frolic in the Park. Your \$25 ticket covers admission to AstroWorld on Saturday, with a BBQ buffet and entertainment available only to Pride ticket holders. Use your Pride ticket as cover charge to Rich's Saturday night. On Sunday, your Pride Day in the Park ticket gets you into



WaterWorld for a day of wet fun to round out Pride Kick-off Weekend. Tickets are available at Lobo and Basic Brothers and by mail from the Pride Committee of Houston, P. O. Box 66071, Houston, Texas 77266-6071. A special hotel per-room, per-night rate of \$55 for up to four people is available for the weekend at the Radisson Hotel Astrodome Convention Center, 8686 Kirby. Call 800-627-6461 and make sure you ask for the "Houston Pride Celebration" rate.

10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Saturday), and 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Sunday) AstroWorld/ WaterWorld, 9001 Kirby at the 610 Loop.

2000 PRIDE PARADE PARTICIPANT MANDATORY MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 13

All groups participating in the Pride Parade are required to attend this meeting, except for those located outside a 50-mile radius of the city. The meeting is also the deadline for all entry applications submitted a late fee.

6:30-8:30 p.m., Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray

2000 PRIDE PARADE - SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Take Pride, Take Joy, Take Action! Come enjoy Houston's annual nighttime Parade, the largest pride parade in the Southwest and the second-largest parade in Houston. The awesome 8 1/2-foot disco ball will be back to accentuate our beautiful celebration of Pride.

9:00-11:00 p.m., Westheimer, Woodhead to Whitney



PRIDE AS BIG AS TEXAS...

PRIDE AS BIG AS TEXAS,... AND BEYOND!

While Houston's unique night-time parade is a grand Mardi Gras type experience and the largest in the Southwest, perhaps you can't make it to our June 24th event or want to join others in celebrating our diversity and heritage. Houston is an active member of InterPride, the international association of lesbian and gay Pride coordinators. In February 2000, PCOH hosted a regional conference and we're pleased to bring you information about the events being planned by the conference participants.

TEXAS PRIDE...

Corpus Christi, TX

June 2 - 4, 2000, Cruise Around the Bay at 7:00 p.m. (6/2), Gay Pride Festival at the MCC CC Social Hall, 1315 Craig Street from 10:00A.M. to 4:00 p.m. (6/3), Splash Day! 7 miles south of Bob Hall Pier on North Padre Island from 12:00 p.m. till dark (6/4). Contact: 361-776-4989 or 1-800-411-2027 for more information.

Dallas, TX - Razzle-Dazzle

Dallas - Mystique 2000 - "Dallas' Banner Gay Pride Event" June 10, 2000, 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., On the crossroads of Cedar Springs and Throckmorton. Contact: Cookie Richman at 972-278-5779, jazz12@aol.com, or Razzle-Dazzle Dallas, Inc., P.O. Box 190225, Dallas, Texas 75219-0225

Waco, TX - Central Texas Pride 2000 - Parade and Festival September 28, to October 1,

2000, Parade - Downtown Waco, Festival - Bledsoe Miller Park on the Brazos River.

Contact: Daniel Hollingsworth at 254-714-2400 or dhol-li3000@aol.com .

...AND BEYOND!

Cleveland, Ohio - Cleveland Pride Parade and Festival 2000 June 24, 2000, 2:00 p.m., Parade starts at Euclid Avenue and E. 18th Street, goes through downtown to E. 9th Street and then down to Voinovich Park on Lake Erie next to the Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame. Festival at Voinovich Park.

Contact: Richard Lee at richard_lee@clevelandpride.org .

Denver, Colorado - Pride Fest 2000

June 17 - 26, 2000, HealthFest at Civic Center Park (6/17), Parade begins at Cheesman Park and ends at Civic Center Park (6/25), Rally and Festival at Civic Center Park (6/25), Gay Day at Six Flags (6/26) Contact: Michael Beatty at 303-733-7743 x15, cntevents@aol.com, or The Center, P.O. Box Drawer 18E, Denver, CO 80203

Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota - Twin Cities GLBT Pride Festival & Parade - "The Largest Free Pride Festival in the Upper Midwest"

June 24 - 25, 2000, Festival at Loring Park in Downtown Minneapolis (6/24-25), Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. at Hennepin Avenue through downtown to

Loring Park (6/25). Contact: Bill Nienaber at 612-996-9250 or pr@tcpride.com

New York City, New York -

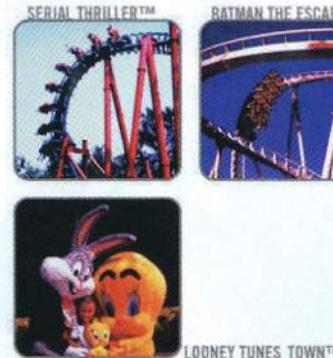
Heritage of Pride - "March, Rally, Dance and PrideFest" June 18, 2000 & June 25, 2000, Rally at Bryant Park on 42nd Street and 6th Avenue from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (6/18), PrideFest at Washington and Christopher Streets from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (6/25), March from 5th Avenue and 52nd Street to Washington and Christopher Streets from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m. (6/25) and Dance on Pier 54 at 13th and the Hudson River from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. (6/25). Contact: Heather Hendelson at 212-807-7433 or hunter400@aol.com

Wichita, Kansas - Wichita Pride 2000- "Pride, Family- Back to Basics"

June 3, 2000, Rally at steps of the Courthouse on Central and Main Streets, Parade from Courthouse to picnic area, Family Picnic to follow Parade, Check local papers for location. Contact: Wil Wilken at 316-269-9219, wikitaprideinc@bigfoot.com, or Wichita Pride, Inc., P.O. Box 48323, Wichita, KS 67201-8323.

There are many other Pride events being held across America and throughout the world. You can get details about all of these events at www.interpride.org.

Pride Day at AstroWorld to be Bigger than Ever!



The popular "Pride Day in the Park" has a new look for Pride 2000. By working closely with AstroWorld, WaterWorld and Rich's, the Pride Committee of Houston has turned this event into a full weekend of activities to bring the community together in celebration of Pride 2000.

Beginning on Saturday, June 10, the gates will open to AstroWorld, the popular Six Flags theme park in Houston. In addition to the regular rides, carnival games and entertainment throughout the day, the Pride Committee of Houston will host a private picnic area on the AstroWorld grounds. A special barbecue buffet will be served throughout the afternoon for our Pride guests to relax and enjoy meeting other members of the community participating in the event. This private area can be accessed only by holders of special AstroWorld admission tickets sold through the Pride Committee of Houston.

Also new for 2000, the Pride Committee of Houston will host an entertaining show with special celebrity appearances in the Showcase Theater on the AstroWorld grounds from 5 - 7 p.m. on Saturday evening. Only those holding the special AstroWorld admission tickets from the Pride Committee can gain entrance into this theater.

With the assistance of Rich's, you can be certain that this show will be one you will not want to miss! Hold onto your ticket stub, because Rich's is offering free admission into their club after the concert. What better way could there be to end a fun day of roller coasters, thrill rides and excitement!

To cap off this full weekend of events, all participants will be given a pass for free admission to join us at WaterWorld on Sunday, June 11. Enjoy the cool water slides and poolside parties as you close out the weekend.

Any member of the community can purchase a ticket for a discounted price of only \$25 per person through the Pride Committee of Houston (tickets for AstroWorld admission alone are regularly priced at almost \$36/person at the gate). With the addition of the free BBQ meal, the Showcase Theater performance, free cover at Rich's and a free pass to WaterWorld the next day, the value is incredible!

You can purchase these special AstroWorld admission tickets through our web site at www.pride-houston.org or through our Pride retail partners Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77006, 713-522-1626 and Lobo Book Store and Café, 3939 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006, 713-522-5156. Call the Pride Line at 713-529-6979 for more information.

If you are going to join us that weekend from out of town, check out the Radisson Hotel Astrodome Convention Center for a flat, per night rate of \$55 per room for up to four people. Ask for the special "Houston Pride Celebration" rate. Call 1-800-627-6461 for more information or reservations.



Bunnies on the Bayou? Lady Victoria Lust?

Events Spotlight and Calendar

Are the Pride Parade and Celebrations throughout the month of June not enough excitement for you? Then keep your eye out for some of these other events throughout the year!

July

The Garden Party Drag show in its 30th year that raises money for HIV research.

The Denim Party The blue jean alternative to the Garden Party for those who don't like hairspray!

September

Miss Camp USA Campy parody of the Miss USA pageant on the same night! Funds from the evening go to HIV-related charities.

October

EMPOWER This Lesbian and Gay Business conference provides our community with resources to succeed in 'pink' business ventures.

November

The Lambda Group Convention Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes. This group focuses on helping the community to help each other, during the Thanksgiving season.

December

Lady Victoria Lust Holiday Charities Continuing in the spirit of Houston's legendary lady, this group gives gifts to those in need, with the motto "No one should be without Christmas!"

National Leather Association

Toy Drive Collecting toys for kids with HIV, because no matter how rough the exterior, Christmas is a time for the kid in all of us.

January

Imperial Court Coronation of the Royal Sovereign and

Imperial Court of the Single

Star of Houston This drag and leather group raises money for AIDS and community charities in an outlandish display of pomp and pageantry.

February

The Black Tie Dinner Break out the tuxedo and hit the town in style for a good cause: equal rights. Remember we are all equal, just some of us are better at partying!

March

LUEY (Let Us Entertain You)

Leather lovers converge upon Houston on their way home from Mardi Gras in New Orleans for a full weekend of leather and Levi's. That is if you have any money left over after Mardi Gras!

April

Bunnies on the Bayou It takes more than the occasional rain shower to dampen the spirits of all the bunnies at this outdoor fundraiser. Keep New York's Fifth Avenue, you have to check out these bonnets! See below.

May

Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

Previewing the start of the month long Pride celebration in June, the G&L Film Festival showcases the best in Independent films. Did someone say "The Lesbian Witch Project?"



LOCAL EVENT SPOTLIGHT:
BUNNIES ON THE BAYOU -
MISS PENNY, THE ICON OF FUN,
TURNS 21!

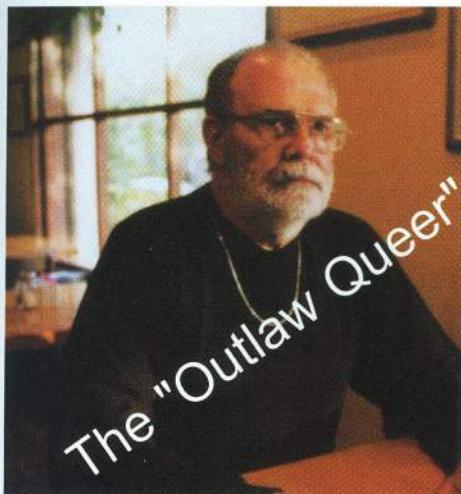
Miss Penny and all her bunnies have been helping Houston's less fortunate for over 21 years now! Bunnies on the Bayou, Inc., a qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, raises funds for Houston's gay and lesbian community and AIDS/HIV charities. Its signature event, the annual Easter party has grown into one of the community's favorite events. Drawing thousands, the event is held every Easter Sunday in downtown Houston on Fish Plaza at the Wortham Center. Even with pesky rain showers, 1999 saw 1,800 pass through the entrance gates and raised over \$33,000.

In the past three years alone, Bunnies has raised over \$100,000 for such local charities as AssistHers, Center for AIDS Hope and Remembrance, Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, Lesbian Health Initiative, Nightingale Adult Day Center, PFLAG and Steven's House.

As serious as they are about raising money for charity, the Bunnies are equally serious about having a good time. Activities at their annual event can range from a bonnet contest, to "special artist appearances and high-energy dancers.

Of course, just like the Easter Parade, this is an event to attend, be seen at, party, mingle, dance and just have an unforgettable good time with good friends. So if you are looking for an event where you can help others by having a good time, look to Bunnies on the Bayou. Miss Penny is waiting for the first dance!

Want more info? Drop them a line at Bunnies on the Bayou, P.O. Box 66832, Houston, TX 77266. Hop to it!



Activism Spotlight:

Ray Hill

Ray Hill doesn't believe in hiding behind "the machine," what he calls languishing behind-the-scenes obscurity or avoiding the limelight. He's an outspoken and controversial figure in the Houston gay, lesbian, and transgender community who shows no sign of slowing down.

He has played many roles in this town – activist, student, prisoner, radio personality and (most recently) performance artist. Ray Hill believes in staying in motion. Born in the Heights in 1940, he has lived in Houston for most of the years since. It seemed perfectly normal for him to be the only out and proud homosexual in high school. Though it was tough being out years ahead of everyone else, his memory doesn't betray too much hostility.

Activism, according to Hill, is a form of self-defense. In the late 1960's, being out made it "hard to find another kind of work." While working in the Houston bar scene, he began to take the heat for the closeted business owners. That included taking on

Channel 13 when it first adopted the sensationalist format we all know so well today.

Ray's approach? Persuade a competing channel (Channel 2) to offer him equal time for his differing perspective. With his knack for a story and his willingness to fight for the disenfranchised, Hill quickly became a magnet for anyone in need of help.

"Gays," says Hill, "are often the object of a disproportionate kind of justice." He saw it as his responsibility to help others through the maze of bureaucracy and systematized oppression. Ironically, he found himself facing similar challenges when he was convicted of felony theft charges and sent to prison. Life in prison, from 1970 to 1975, gave him time to ponder his contributions to the outside world.

There have been many since then. Ray's most notable achievements include hosting a radio show to educate gays and lesbians about standing up for our rights, creating a radio show designed to offer information and support for

prisoners and their families and working to found the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. His outspokenness continues, most recently joining the protest over Exxon-Mobil's domestic partnership policies (or lack thereof).

In addition, by tapping a well of talent inside himself (that has surprised some), he has staged several one-man shows that only begin to scratch the surface of what it is like to be Ray Hill. He performed "Ray Hill and Love" in February and is performing "Outlaw Queer," his story of the early days of activism, during Pride 2000.

Ray maintains his enthusiasm and righteous indignation. He describes the improvements he has seen during the last thirty years as "quantum leaps." Most notably, he says, is the gay and lesbian community's response to the AIDS epidemic. "Nowhere in history has a group showed such strength in facing such adversity." It's a remarkable group of people he has served in his efforts and he feels honored to have been a part of it all.

Portrait of a Pride Volunteer

Rose Gutierrez

Rose Gutierrez is a Houston native and public servant. She loves life in Houston and helping people in our community. Her volunteer work has benefited the Montrose Clinic, Bunnies on the Bayou and our own Pride Committee of Houston. For PCOH she helped with the mailings that kept the community aware and recruited volunteers to assist in a number of events.

According to Gutierrez, she got involved with PCOH because she saw it as a great way to get involved and contribute to life in Montrose and the lesbian and gay community. She is proud of the work that she and others have done to make life in Houston more enjoyable for everyone. "Montrose is a wonderful area," she says. "It just welcomes gays and lesbians with open arms. You wouldn't find that in any other part of the city."

Getting involved is where it's at, says Gutierrez - whether you're new in town or just looking to branch out from the bar scene. Being a volunteer affords Rose the chance to meet people while working toward common goals.

Also, it allows the individual to take a stand and let her or his voice be heard. "You've got to get involved to know what's up!" she offers.

The Pride Committee of Houston was pleased to recognize Rose Gutierrez as one of its 1999 Volunteers of the Year. Her work has helped make Pride a success.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

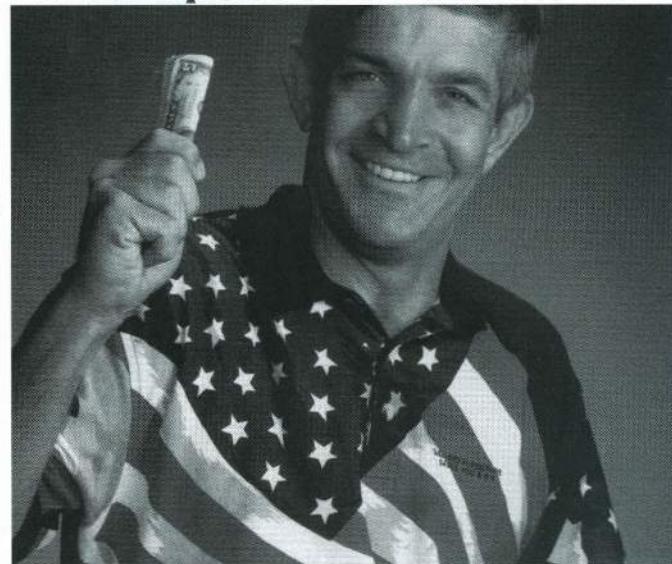
You, too, can take action just like Rose! No, you don't have to be volunteer of the year, but you can volunteer your time to help the Pride Committee of Houston celebrate our heritage, our diversity and our community. Moreover, you can volunteer for as little as a couple of hours or for the year. And our volunteer opportunities are as diverse as the community we serve!

To find more about how you can volunteer, check out our web site at www.pridehouston.org, e-mail info@pridehouston.org, call the Pride Line at 713-529-6979, or drop us a line at Pride Committee of Houston, Inc., P.O. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071.



Gallery Furniture's Mattress Mac

1999 Sponsor of the Year!



Most lesbian and gay Houstonians are familiar with the televised antics of Mattress Mac and the incredible shopping experience he offers at Gallery Furniture. It may surprise you, however, to know that the store that offers a virtual showroom, a Spice Girls Look-alike Contest, an in-store bowling alley, a playground, and Dimationation is also one of the premier sponsors of community and charity events in Houston.

Jim "Mac" McIngvale started Gallery Furniture in 1981 and has grown it into the single most successful furniture store in the country. Giving back to the community is a company standard, as evidenced by the list of sponsorships and events bearing the Gallery name:

- 1999 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade
- 1998 Texas Champions Day at Sam Houston Race Park
- Corporate Sponsor, Houston Comets and Rockets
- Corporate Sponsor, Houston Astros
- Air Conditioning Giveaway (to benefit area senior citizens unable to afford air conditioning)
- Holiday Giveaway - furniture for fifteen families each year

Additionally, McIngvale takes his commitment to community a step farther: he makes hundreds of speeches to area school children each year about the importance of staying in school, believing in themselves and saying no to drugs.

Gallery's prominent sponsorship of the 1999 Pride Parade, which included signs, a float and Pride Guide ads, sent a strong message to the lesbian and gay community. That message: Gallery Furniture values your support of our business. For the support that Gallery offers the community, the Pride Committee is pleased to recognize Gallery Furniture as the 1999 Sponsor of the Year!

WANT TO BE A PRIDE SPONSOR?

The Pride 2000 Celebration will be Houston's largest ever. Expanded marketing efforts throughout the country have increased the interest in our unique nighttime event.

Underwriters and Pride Sponsor, like you see in this magazine, receive a whole plethora of benefits beyond just an ad or logo placement in the Pride Guide. Benefits range from official tag lines to floats in the Parade! Special recognition opportunities can be tailored to the specifications of the Pride Sponsor as well.

To find out more information on how you can be a Pride Sponsor or Underwriter, check out our web site at www.pride-houston.org, e-mail info@pride-houston.org, call the Pride Line at 713-529-6979, or write to us at Pride Committee of Houston, Inc., P.O. Box 66071, Houston, Texas 77266-6071. It pays to be a Sponsor of Pride!



MEET The Pride Committee of Houston!

The Pride Committee is an energetic group of people who meet year-round to develop and organize the annual Pride activities for our community. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray at 7 p.m. Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride 2000 in June 9-24, ending with the annual nighttime Pride Parade on Saturday, June 24, at 9 p.m., in the Westheimer/Montrose area.

The Pride Committee is made up of all volunteers including a seven-member Board of Directors, a fifteen-member Celebration Committee and dozens of committed volunteers.

The Pride Committee of Houston is a member of InterPride, the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators.

The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc., is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to coordinate and promote events that celebrate the diversity, unity and history of the lesbian and gay community. We do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, transgender or bisexual identification, nor do we discriminate against the physically challenged or those who are differently abled.

We are here to commemorate, educate and celebrate our pride and create a path toward a positive future for all humanity, not excluding any aspect of who we are as a people.

JACK VALINSKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As Executive Director of the Pride Committee of Houston, Jack directs the Board, which means working one-on-one with all the Board members and coordinators of the Celebration Committee. Jack also has the important job of keeping the organization legal and running.

While it's not as glamorous as being in front of a crowd or on a float, Jack works quietly behind the scenes to make sure that PCOH stays in compliance with all the 501(c)(3) rules and regulations, remains financially solvent and remains faithful to its mission statement. As if keeping the ship on course is not enough, Jack also helps out in everything from the Newsletters to the Pride Guide and from mail-outs to the many varied Pride events. And, of course, let's not forget supervising the nighttime Pride Parade.

Jack has devoted his life to Pride and community radio since he moved here from Northeastern Pennsylvania over 18 years ago in 1982, the same day Kathy Whitmire was elected Mayor. In his own words, he became a "born-again Texan" that day! If he was not busy producing such shows as Lesbian and Gay Voices at KPFT, then he was busy with the Pride Committee. Jack was instrumental in making the organization a year-round committee and was co-founder of its reformation into a non-profit corporation, the current Pride Committee of Houston, in the early 90s. Jack is also responsible for starting the PCOH newsletter, the extensive community database, the comprehensive lesbian and gay community resource guide and the Media Guide. In 1993, Jack brought the InterPride World conference to Houston. Most recently he presided over the InterPride 2000 Region 3 conference and the Media Training Conference. But Jack's most famous contribution to Pride has

been chairing the Night Parade Task Force. Under Jack's leadership, the Task Force adopted a nighttime parade format, the first in the Northern Hemisphere. Because of the move to nighttime, the Pride Parade has turned into an enormous event here in Houston, with over 100,000 people attending!

As much as he likes to see the Pride Committee grow, Jack wants to make sure that the Pride Committee remains a grassroots organization that is responsive to the community and its core goals. "My involvement in the community and Pride in general is to help others come to terms with who they are in regards to their sexuality and to help others get an understanding of who we are as a community," states Jack. It looks as if his hard work is paying off!

NICK BRINES, FUND-RAISING DIRECTOR

This is Nick's fifth year as a member of the Pride Committee of Houston. He currently serves on the Board of Directors overseeing all fund-raising, including corporate sponsorships, grant writing and the individual donor campaign. Nick coordinated the popular "Pumped Up On Art" fund-raising gala in 1996 and 1997 when he first joined PCOH. During that time he became involved in negotiating corporate sponsor contracts which led to his current position on the Board of Directors. He also assists as a mentor to numerous committees and new PCOH members.

Nick joined the Pride Committee after years of watching the Pride Parade throughout his "coming-out" in college. "Houston's Pride events are a great way to showcase the strength, diversity and unity of Houston's gay and lesbian community," says Nick. "I believe that visibility is important while we celebrate who

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we are with one another."

When Nick is not helping the PCOH, he is the associate director of the Houston Alumni Organization; a non-profit dedicated to sup-

porting the University of Houston. There he works in membership development, fund-raising and event planning. Nick has also been involved with a variety of activities in Houston's gay and lesbian community, including coordinating "house parties" to raise money for Annise Parker's election to Houston City Council and fund-raising for the Miss Gay USA pageant in support of HIV/AIDS charities. When it comes to the hard work of funding Pride, Nick is the miracle worker.

TROY CHRISTENSEN, PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

This is Troy's first year as Publications Director of the Pride Committee of Houston, a new position charged with publicizing the year-round activities and events and the mission of the Pride Committee through the Inside Pride newsletter and press releases. But Troy's efforts to get the word out don't stop there. He also mentors and advises Celebration

Committee coordinators who publicize the June Pride events through the annual Pride Guide, media sponsorships and other avenues.

Troy has been involved with the Pride Committee of Houston since

1997, editing the annual Pride Guide and the Inside Pride newsletter. He

has also acted as Grand Marshal liaison and has coordinated the decorations, costumes and music for the Celebration Committee's float in the Pride Parade since '97.

Prior to joining the Pride Committee, Troy was a volunteer for the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Houston between 1994 and 1996 and was on its public relations committee. At the University of Houston he was a member of the Gay/Lesbian Students' Association and OUT, a direct-action group. He even participated in the successful lobbying of the administration of President Marguerite Ross Barnett to include sexual orientation in the University of Houston's non-discrimination policy. During these college years Troy also was a member of Queer Nation's Houston tribe and helped plan and publicize the Montrose march protesting the murder of Paul Broussard in July 1991. That march turned into a powerful act of peaceful civil disobedience when thousands blocked the intersection of Westheimer and Montrose.

Troy likens his role as Communications Director to that of a teacher. "Our life experiences as gay and lesbian people give us the ability and opportunity to be teachers and to reshape society in compassionate, non-objectifying ways, ending prejudice and scorn for racial, ethnic, religious and sexual minorities. To be truly effective teachers, shaping a society in which we are full members, we must be self-aware, self-reliant and self-assured."

Troy adds, "All of my service to the gay and lesbian community has been done to foster this kind of empowerment."

Troy is excited about using his talents to promote the Pride Committee as it educates our community and celebrates our Pride. In his words, "Pride is a force for change in the world, a euphoric act of self-identification, of defiance and of love." You just can't argue with that.

MICHELLE FRANKE, CELEBRATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

This is Michelle's second year on the Celebration Committee. However, while co-chair last year, she has taken the entire role alone for Pride 2000. It is Michelle's job to coordinate all the various committee directors toward a common goal, a memorable month of Pride celebrations. This means ensuring that all the Celebration Committee coordinators, most of whom are new to their respective positions, gain from the wisdom of her experience in running a successful Pride celebration.

Prior to her two years as Chair, Michelle was an Events Coordinator in 1998, a year that saw a record number of Pride events thanks to her proactive efforts, as well as the start of PCOH's fun and festive Pride Day in the Park at AstroWorld.

Unfortunately, this will be Michelle's last year with the Pride Committee as she and her partner leave for new jobs in California. We wish you well, Michelle!

BRIAN KEEVER, BANNER DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Brian Keever has been the Director for the Banner District for the past two years. As Director, Brian oversees the installation of the banners along the Westheimer strip for the Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations throughout the months of May and June. One of Brian's duties in maintaining the district is to act in a public relations role before the Houston City Council and Reliant Energy/HL&P to gain approvals for banner display, location and potential expansions to the banner district area. Our Pride festivities would certainly be less colorful without Brian's work.

In 1992, Brian was the Grand Marshal of the Pride





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Parade. He has also been on the board in one capacity or another since 1982. His community involvement doesn't stop with just PCOH. He has been the President and Charter Member of the National Leather Association: Houston and currently serves as its Treasurer. He was on the Board of the Montrose Activity Center for over four years and was a past officer of the statewide Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas. Brian was coronated Empress Ten of the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston in 1994 and also serves on the executive committee of the Harris County Democratic Party.

Brian's personal goal for Pride is to create an environment of acceptance and inclusion. "I am very big on opening doors for gay and lesbian pride here in Houston and in Texas. I believe that what I do helps people who can't afford to be out and also helps to educate our own community about all aspects of Pride. I hope that I will be able to open at least one new closet door every time we are out there and show our Pride."

Brian plans to create a Gay Pride 101 seminar for young gays and lesbians who don't know what Stonewall was or why we have Pride celebrations. Yes, this will be on the test!

JOEL LUTRINGER, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Joel is back in his second year as the Marketing Director for PCOH. In this highly visible position, he is responsible for strategic marketing development and implementation. This includes all PCOH outbound marketing programs, including public relations, collateral, events/trade shows, channel and partner programs, corporate image and field marketing.

Joel is also responsible for PCOH's web site at www.pridehouston.org. The site features information about the PCOH, how to become a sponsor or a volunteer, where to buy the hottest merchandise and the latest news on Pride in Houston and around the world.



This is Joel's fourth with the Pride Committee, his second year as Marketing Director. He started out as the Newsletter Coordinator, where he revamped its publication to

its current quarterly format. He has also been the Fundraising Coordinator, overseeing such donations to Pride as the successful Pumped Up on Art Silent Auction. Outside the Pride Committee, Joel shares his knowledge and expertise with young artists in AD2, where he reviews student portfolios and creative organizations such as the Art Director Club of Houston.

Joel hopes that his work with PCOH will help to bring the community to a greater understanding of our roots and of those who have made our Pride Celebrations possible. Moreover, he volunteers his free time to Pride because he believes in the message embodied by the PCOH's Mission Statement, "Commemorate, educate and celebrate our pride and create a path toward a positive future for all humanity."

Ironically, while Joel is in charge of marketing Pride, especially our unique nighttime parade format, he has never actually attended a Pride Parade as a member of the crowd! Joel jokes, "My first Pride Parade and here I am in the middle of it, rolling down Westheimer on the PCOH float!" Well, don't worry Joel. Maybe someday you'll be in the crowd; then again you can just watch it all later on video.

GARY MASSE, BOARD TREASURER
This is Gary's first year as Treasurer of the PCOH Board. Since he assumed this role in September of last year, Gary

has made it his responsibility to design and implement a responsive financial control system for PCOH. His more traditional activities include overseeing the activities (payment of bills, bank reconciliation, preparation of financial statements) of the Celebration Committee, coordinating liability insurance coverage and tax filings with professional service providers and acting as liaison with bank officers regarding all accounts, approved signatures and check signing requirements. Gary also acts as an advisor to the PCOH Board by providing them with the financial advice needed to help them execute their responsibilities.

Besides his role as Treasurer, Gary has held been active in many other areas of the Pride Committee. He has been an active member of PCOH since he moved to Houston in 1996, holding such positions as Merchandise Coordinator for one year and Celebration Committee Treasurer for two years. Prior to that Gary was the New Jersey Co-Director for the 1994 Gay Games in New York and has been active with other community groups.

Gary hopes that his work as Treasurer helps PCOH to achieve its mission statement as an organization whose purpose is to coordinate and promote events that celebrate the diversity, unity and history of the lesbian and gay community. Moreover, like so many PCOH Board members, Gary wants to help our community. "I want to share the knowledge I've gained over the past four years with anyone willing to give their time and talent to promote Pride for the benefit of our entire community." His invitation to everyone is to come on out and join us in putting on the best Houston Pride Celebration yet!



The Pride 2000 Celebration Committee



Jim Duke,
Merchandise



Manny Gutierrez,
Parade



Bill Burford,
Parade



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The Pride 2000 Lesbian & Gay Community Resource Guide

Take Pride, Take Joy, Take Action!

Arts

Alley Theater

The Alley Theater, recipient of the 1996 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theater, is a resident theater company located in the Houston Theater District. The Alley produces a diverse mix of classics, musical theater and new work.

713-228-9341, 713-222-6542(fax)

www.alleytheatre.com

615 Texas Street, Houston, TX 77002-2795

DiverseWorks

DiverseWorks is an artist-run contemporary art center dedicated to presenting new visual, literary and performing art. Throughout the year DiverseWorks presents Beyond Desire, a series of gay and lesbian performances and films.

713-223-8346, 713-223-4608(fax)

info@diverseworks.org www.diverseworks.org

1117 East Freeway, Houston, TX 77002-1108

Group, The (Theater Workshop)

The Group is a theater group producing gay and lesbian plays. Joe Watts is Director.

713-522-2204

36 Hawthorne Street, #2, Houston, TX 77006-4052

Houston Grand Opera

The Grand Opera brings large, diverse audiences together for exciting, live opera in a financially responsible way. HGO is defined by the excellence of its work, provides a memorable experience, is artistically and administratively imaginative, balanced and responsible and makes an impact locally, regionally and beyond. The opera is held at the Wortham Theater Center in downtown Houston.

713-546-0256, 713-228-4355(fax)

kvaughn@houstongrandopera.org www.hgo.com

510 Preston Street, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77002-1594

Landmark Greenway Theatre

Landmark's two movie theatres in Houston, the River Oaks 3 and the Greenway 3, show the finest in art, independent, gay/lesbian and foreign-language cinema. The Landmark Greenway Theatre is co-founder and host of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. Screenings are held seven days a week at 5 Greenway Plaza (food court level of underground) near the Compaq Center.

713-626-0402, 713-850-1079(fax)

greenway@landmark-theatres.com

www.landmark-theatres.com

5 East Greenway Plaza, Houston, TX

77046-0500

Landmark River Oaks Theatre

Landmark's two movie theatres in Houston, the River Oaks 3 and the Greenway 3, show the finest in art, independent, gay/lesbian and foreign-language cinema. The Landmark River Oaks Theatre is co-founder and host of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. Screenings are held seven days a week at 2009 West Gray.

713-524-2175, 713-850-1079(fax)

riversoaks@landmark-theatres.com

www.landmark-theatres.com

2009 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

The MFA is one of the country's leading art institutions, with approximately 1,095,000 visitors and a total of 1.5 million participants in its programs annually. The museum includes the Glassell School of Art and the Junior School, the Cullen Sculpture Garden, the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens and Rienzi. The museum's hour of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday evening, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 1001 Bissonnet.

713-639-7300, 713-639-7398(fax)

hirsch@mfa.org mfa.org

P.O. Box 6826, Houston, TX 77265-6826

Civic

Black Lesbian and Gay Coalition (BLAGC)

A community based organization dedicated to developing visible leadership among the African-American lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Our goal is to become a visible and effective network that will link our community to positive GLBT African-American role models and opportunities for empowerment through education and spirituality. Meeting are held on Mondays at 803 Hawthorne at 7:00 p.m. 713-801-7386. blagc@msn.com

P.O. Box 91256, Houston, TX 77291-0256

College

Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Alliance at UH (GLOBAL)

GLOBAL is a social, political and support group for the gay,

lesbian and bisexual community and its allies at UH. We strive to educate and inform the UH community on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. Meetings are held at the Graduate School of Social Work, Room 220, every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

713-743-5180

global@bayou.uh.edu www.uh.edu/~global

4800 Calhoun Road, Campus Activity Box 211, Houston, TX

77004-2610

Corporate

Chase Bank PRIDE Team

PRIDE stands for People Recognizing Individual Differences Equally and is the bank's networking group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and supportive employees. PRIDE supports the inclusion of all Chase bankers, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identification, as valued employees of the bank and encourages an environment of equality that celebrates the individuality and diversity of everyone. The Pride Team meets every fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m.

713-655-5423

P.O. Box 2558, MS: LL-1301F-20, Houston, TX 77252-2558

Compaq Employees Group

The Compaq Employees Group is the computer giant's officially sponsored group for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered employees.

281-518-6088

bob.kennon@compaq.com

20555 State Highway 249, Houston, TX 77070-2698

SEA Shell

SEA Shell (Support, Equality and Awareness at Shell) is Shell Oil Company's gay and lesbian company network. The mission is to provide support for members and coworkers, promote equality for employees regardless of sexual orientation and create awareness in Shell management of issues and concerns affecting people in the diverse workplace.

713-245-2309, 713-864-5726(fax)

shwomack@shellus.com

1500 Old Spanish Trail, 4G01B, Houston, TX 77054-1818

Health/HIV

AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas

ACCT is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has provided

compassionate community-based HIV/AIDS education and services, in Galveston and the coastal region since 1985. Services include case management, hospital visitation, emergency funding assistance, transportation, etc. and education programs. All client services are free, including the food pantry.

409-763-AIDS, 409-763-5482(fax)
acct@fc.net www.fc.net/~acct
1405 39th Street, Galveston, TX 77550

AIDS Foundation Houston

AFH is committed to improving the quality of life in the greater Houston community through HIV/AIDS education, social services, health care and volunteerism. The AFH supports the following services: the AIDS Hotline and AIDS Talk, outreach and education resources programs, Stone Soup Food Assistance Program, Beecher-Wilson Apartments, rental and utility assistance, information and referrals, mental health services, Project A Friendly Haven, Camp Hope and Hug, the Houston AIDS Walk and many other projects. 713-524-AIDS, 713-623-4029(fax) afh@aidshelp.org

www.aidshelp.org 3202 Weslayan Street, Houston, TX 77027-5748

AIDS Housing Coalition Houston/AHCH

This neighborhood organization of volunteers provides subsidized community housing, in Montrose, for gay, lesbian, transgendered and compatible heterosexual individuals living with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. The AHCH also provides mentorships via the telephone. Meetings are held every Saturday at 12 Noon.

713-521-1613, 713-521-1613(fax)
ahch@wt.net 3202 Weslayan Street, Houston, TX 77006-3213

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES)

AVES is a non-profit agency providing HIV/AIDS prevention and intervention services to affected individuals who are residents of the Houston area and rural areas of the HSDA. Prevention services include education about HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis and women's issues as well as HIV testing. Intervention services include case management, professional counseling, support groups, emergency food vouchers, financial assistance, dental health education and services, legal services, recreational and wellness workshops, a hotline and treatment advocacy services. Our services are offered to gays, lesbians, heterosexual men and women, children and adolescents. Although our emphasis is on the Latino community, we serve all individuals in need of care. A new addition to the agency is the AVES United Clinic, which provides free primary health care and obstetrical and gynecological services for people with HIV/AIDS. Services are available Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

713-626-2837, 713-626-2848(fax)
aves@neosoft.com
www.aves-health.org
4126 Southwest Freeway, Suite 1310,

Houston, TX 77027-7317

Assistance Fund, The

The Assistance Fund pays health insurance premiums and provides short and long term medication assistance. The Board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30p.m. 713-529-4788, 713-520-7520(fax)

1116 Jackson Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006-1210

AssistHers Care Team Program

AssistHers helps lesbian women with chronic or disabling illness live as normally as possible. Volunteers are needed to work as part of a care team. Each volunteer visits the client once or twice a month and helps with grocery shopping, house keeping assistance, hospital visitation, childcare, pet care and more. Volunteers make friends with the client and other care team volunteers. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

713-521-4628
assisthers@hotmail.com www.assisthers.org
P.O. Box 541095, Houston, TX 77254-1095

Bayou City Boys Club, Inc.

An all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for local organizations that provide HIV/AIDS education patient care and research. There is no paid staff and our goal is to always donate 100% of all party proceeds to the event beneficiaries. Meetings are held quarterly.

713-520-5253, 713-520-6935(fax)
jaglander@aol.com
www.bayoucityboysclub.org
P.O. Box 131284, Houston, TX 77219-1284

Body Positive Wellness Center

The BPWC offers services to persons affected by HIV/AIDS and provides supervised resistance weight training, nutritional assessment and counseling, massage, yoga, chiropractic services, education and peer counseling. Services are provided on a sliding scale or free. Administrative hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

713-524-2374, 713-524-5424(fax)
bodypos@hern.org
www.houstonbodypositive.org
3400 Montrose, Suite 610, Houston, TX 77006-4339

Center for AIDS: Hope & Remembrance Project, The

The CFA is the HIV/AIDS treatment information center in this part of this country. The CFA's walk-in storefront information center is centrally located and provides the latest treatment information in a user-friendly setting with general and specific information, internet access and a treatment-knowledgeable staff. The CFA publishes a free bi-monthly treatment newsletter, Research Initiative/Treatment Action (RITA) and the RITA fax newsletter, a weekly treatment newsletter for physicians and researchers. The center is located at 1407 Hawthorne.

713-527-8219, 713-521-3679(fax)
rita@centerforaids.org www.centerforaids.org

P.O. Box 66306, Houston, TX 77266-6306

City of Houston, Bureau of HIV/STD Prevention

The Bureau provides comprehensive prevention, education and surveillance services through six clinics and a mobile education unit.

713-794-2980, 713-798-0830(fax)
swalker@hlt.ci.houston.tx.us
8000 N Stadium Drive, Houston, TX 77054-1823

Colt 45's, Inc.

The Colt 45's assist persons with AIDS by providing financial support for individuals with temporary immediate financial needs. These support services include fresh produce and meat at AFH's Stone Soup, rent and utility payment assistance and eyeglass purchases. Meetings are held every second Monday at 8:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

713-526-6077 www.colt45s.org
P.O. Box 66804, Houston, TX 77266-6804

Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM)

FIRM is a nonprofit organization that provides nonjudgmental, care and supportive services to people with HIV/AIDS, their families, friends and health care providers.

Congregational based teams of volunteers (Care Teams) are trained by FIRM staff to meet many of the spiritual, social, physical and emotional needs of people touched by HIV/AIDS. Care Team volunteers view themselves as friends and extended family who can be counted on to help people in their homes. All services are provided free of charge.

713-682-5995, 713-682-0639(fax)
firm-hou@neosoft.com www.careteams.org
701 N Post Oak Road, Suite 330, Houston, TX 77024-3877

Gay and Lesbian Health Professionals of Houston (GLHPH)

GLHPH is an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered health care professionals and their friends who have been gathering informally for over 10 years to socialize, network and build professional relationships. We sponsor the GLHPH referral line (713-523-4700) which helps patients find gay, lesbian or GLBT-friendly health care providers in their neighborhood. Meetings are held monthly.

713-523-4700 glph@yahoo.com
P.O. Box 66551 Houston TX 77266-6551

Harris County Hospital District

713-746-4393, 713-746-6490(fax)
www.tmc.edu/hchd/
P.O. Box 66769, Houston, TX 77266-6769

Hollyfield Foundation, The

While acting as a custodian of its National Historic Register buildings, the Foundation fosters and protects individual rights and freedoms by providing direct and indirect funding to qualifying organizations. Typical programs funded include work to prevent discrimination, educate and secure equal



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rights for gays and lesbians, and assist in HIV/AIDS education, care, and treatment. The Hollyfield Foundation is located at 2700 Albany.

713-523-6900, 713-520-6300(fax)

hollyfield@hollyfield.org www.hollyfield.org
P.O. Box 66722, Houston, TX 77266-6722

Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group

The Resource Group administers state and federal grant funds to provide direct client services to persons infected/affected by HIV Disease.

713-526-1016, 713-526-2369(fax)

mspringer@hivresourcegroup.org

www.hivresourcegroup.org

500 Lovett Blvd., Ste. 100, Houston, TX 77006-4067

Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services is a United Way agency in southwest Houston that offers counseling, information and referrals, psychiatric evaluation and treatment and educational workshops. The professional staff is sensitive to gay and lesbian issues as well as to HIV/AIDS concerns. Services are available to individuals, couples, families and caregivers. Operating hours are Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 4131 S Braeswood Boulevard

713-667-9336, 713-667-3619(fax)

jfs@jfhouston.org www.jfhouston.org

P.O. Box 20548, Houston, TX 77225-0548

Kinetic Sports Clinic

The Kinetic Sports Clinic is a collection of fitness, health and medical professionals who provided successful, first class service for over five years. Kinetic Sports Clinic is a comprehensive wellness/fitness provider dedicated to serving the HIV community. Kinetic Sports Clinic extends life through exercise, nutrition and stress reduction.

713-349-9750, 713-349-9751(fax)

9209 Stella Link, Houston, TX 77025

Lesbian Health Education Project

The Project is a united effort between the Montrose Counseling Center and the Montrose Clinic to educate lesbians about risk factors for breast cancer, breast self-exam techniques and other health concerns. The clinics also provide low-cost (sliding scale) well-woman examinations that include a pelvic exam, a pap smear, a breast exam, lab work and referrals for mammograms when needed. Exams are available by appointment only at the Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer, 713-830-3000. Educational presentations are also available through the Montrose Counseling Center at 713-529-0037.

mcc@neosoft.com www.neosoft.com/~mcc

701 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77006-5511

Mental Health Association of Greater Houston

The Mental Health Association is a non-profit United Way agency dedicated to the promotion of mental health and the

improvement of treatment of persons with mental illness. This is done through a volunteer/staff partnership. MHA offers information and referral services on all mental health topics for interested persons in the Harris County area. We also provide community education and advocacy services. Hours to operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 713-522-5161, 713-522-0698(fax)

jerbe@swbell.net

2211 Norfolk, #810, Houston, TX 77098

Milam House

Milam House is a transitional residence that provides housing for HIV+ homeless males. Our goal is to assist the residents in meeting their basic human needs of shelter, food and hygiene. Milam House provides a safety net of assistance when needed. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

713-520-9248, 713-526-0563(fax)

bmyers@pwach.org milamhouseinfo.org

4100 Milam Street, Houston, TX 77006-5652

Montrose Clinic

Montrose Clinic, Houston's largest anonymous HIV testing site, is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), community-based agency. It was founded in 1981 to serve people in the Houston area by providing low or no-cost health, social, educational and research services. The Clinic provides extensive services to those living with HIV including access to primary health care, experimental HIV therapies, deaf and hard-of-hearing services, education and disease prevention. The clinic is located at 215 Westheimer.

713-830-3000, 713-830-3023(fax)

tfoster@montrose-clinic.org

www.montrose-clinic.org

P.O. Box 66308, Houston, TX 77266-6308

Montrose Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides quality, affordable, mental health and substance abuse treatment services in metropolitan Houston and the surrounding area to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals and their significant others and provides research and education to the community and to other mental health professionals.

713-529-0037; TTD, 526-6285, 713-526-4367(fax)

mcc@neosoft.com www.neosoft.com/~mcc

701 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77006-5511

Montrose Counseling Center Chemical Dependency Program

This program provides licensed outpatient intensive and aftercare treatments, especially for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities.

713-529-0037; TTD, 526-6285, 713-526-4367(fax)

mcc@neosoft.com

www.neosoft.com/~mcc

701 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77006-5511

Montrose Counseling Center HIV/AIDS Program

This program provides a full range of counseling and support services for those affected by AIDS. The professional staff has been specially trained and referral information for other community resources is available. The project also provides individual case management.

713-529-0037, 713-526-4367(fax)

mcc@neosoft.com www.neosoft.com/~mcc

701 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77006-5511

Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood offers comprehensive and confidential reproductive health care, including HIV counseling and testing, screening and treatment for STDs, breast exams, mammograms, pap smears, birth control, abortions, vasectomies and tubal ligation. We also offer counseling on gay and lesbian relationships, adolescent sexuality, sexual abuse and harassment, parent/teen relationships, healthy sexuality and sexual function. All services are confidential. The clinic is open Monday through Saturday, with evening appointments available, at 3601 Fannin (between Alabama and Holman) and other locations in southeast Texas (affiliate of national organization).

800-230-PLAN, 713-522-9047(fax)

pphset@phouston.org www.phouston.org

3601 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77004-3998

Program for Wellness Restoration (PoWeR)

Headquartered in Houston, PoWeR provides seminars in English and Spanish around the country about proper nutrition, exercise and anti-wasting therapies for HIV/AIDS wasting.

713-520-6330, 713-526-5883(fax)

powertx@aol.com www.medibolics.com

P.O. Box 980741, Houston, TX 77098-0741

Project Caesar

Caesar is the gay men's health initiative at AIDS Foundation Houston. Caesar aims to reduce the incidence of transmission of HIV through community building, with an emphasis on self esteem and positive sexual values.

713-524-AIDS, 713-623-4029(fax)

projectcaesar@hotmail.com www.aidshelp.org

3202 Wesleyan Street, Houston, TX 77027-5748

Ryan White Planning Council

The Houston Ryan White Planning Council works to improve the quality of life and advocate for those affected by HIV/AIDS by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources. Meetings are held monthly.

713-572-3724, 713-572-3740(fax)

feedback_rwpc@co.harris.tx.us

www.rwpc.org

2223 West Loop South 240, Houston, TX 7702

Southeast Texas Legal Clinic

The Clinic provides legal services to those individuals living



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with and affected by HIV for free or reduced cost depending on eligibility criteria. The clinic is located at 3400 Montrose Boulevard, # 233.
713-523-7852, 713-523-4253(fax)
stlc@neosoft.com
P.O. Box 667007, Houston, TX 77266-7007

Steven's House

In this HIV/AIDS transitional living center, the residents' physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs are addressed while their dignity is preserved. Steven's House accepts both men and women.

713-522-5757, 713-522-1910(fax)
jgiff-sh@msn.com
P.O. Box 131303, Houston, TX 77219-1303

Triangle AIDS Network

The Triangle AIDS Network is a community-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created in 1987 by concerned citizens for the purpose of educating the general public, health care workers and interested individuals about HIV disease. The Network provides free HIV testing with choice of anonymous or confidential testing. TAN also provides vital support service services for persons with HIV including case management, transportation to Galveston, Houston and locally for medical and dental appointments, support groups, nutritional programs, food pantry, laundry services, rental/utility assistance and much more. Board meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 2544 Broadway.

409-832-8338, 409-832-0976(fax)
jimmy.tanbm@tex-is.net www.tex-is.net/tan
2544 Broadway, Beaumont, TX 77020-1906

Veteran's Administration

The Veteran's Administration provides a full range of outpatient and inpatient medical care to HIV+ eligible veterans. HIV testing, CD4 Lymphocyte and viral load testing, pharmacy, social services and all approved treatments are available. Ambulatory care service also available, including a nurse F/U clinic and a treatment room for outpatient procedures. Research protocols and expanded access programs are available to those patients meeting eligibility criteria. The VA outpatient clinic is staffed by Infectious Disease specialists who hold joint appointments at Baylor College of Medicine.

713-795-1414, 713-794-7538(fax)
2002 Holcombe Blvd., 111-G, Houston, TX 77030-4211

Media

After Hours

After Hours is a late-night radio variety show, aired every Saturday from midnight to 3 a.m. on KPFT 90.1 FM, that provides a permanent voice for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities with its varied co-hosts. Features include a news and views segment and music throughout the show by GLBT artists.

713-526-5738, 713-526-5750(fax)
afterhourskpft@hotmail.com

419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006-4018

GLAAD

GLAAD is a national organization dedicated to promoting fair, accurate and inclusive representation of individuals and events in all media as a means of combating homophobia and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

323-658-6775, 323-658-6776(fax)
glaad@glaad.org www.glaad.org
8455 Beverly Boulevard, Suite 305, Los Angeles, CA 90048

Houston Voice

The Houston Voice is a free weekly publication that covers the Houston community and national news of importance to gays and lesbians, with news, views, interviews with celebrities, politicians and entertainers. It is Houston's leading weekly gay and lesbian newspaper. Typical coverage includes local, regional, national and global news. This publication also regularly features articles on health, nutrition, arts and entertainment, community events and human interests. It is distributed free to over 325 locations in Houston every Friday.

713-529-8490, 713-529-9531(fax)
feedback@houstonvoice.com
www.houstonvoice.com
500 Lovett Boulevard, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77006-4021

KPFT 90.1 FM

KPFT 90.1 FM is a community-based, public radio station dedicated to peace through cultural diversity. Gay and Lesbian issues and music are a regular part of its programming service. Lesbian and Gay Voices is heard each Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. LGV contains news, interviews both local and national, Newswrap from This Way Out, reviews, commentary and spotlight interviews with local community organizations. After Hours is on at Midnight Saturday Night and features many activists who talk about issues of the community. Free training is provided to help volunteers cover gay and lesbian issues.

713-526-4000, 713-526-5750(fax)
www.kpft.org
419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006-4018

Lesbian and Gay Voices

LGV contains news, interviews with local and national figures and features reviews, commentary and spotlight interviews with local community organizations. World Radio 90.1 FM is a community-based public radio station dedicated to peace through cultural diversity. Gay and Lesbian issues and music are a regular part of its programming service. Lesbian and Gay Voices airs on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

713-526-4000, 713-529-6929(fax)
info@pridehouston.org
www.pridehouston.org
419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006-4018

OutSmart Magazine

OutSmart, Houston's only gay and lesbian monthly magazine, provides positive information to gay men, lesbians and their

associates to enhance and improve the quality of their lives. OutSmart Magazine's goal is to build a bridge of communications and understanding between cultural and social communities, creating a healthier community for us all.

713-520-7237, 713-522-3275(fax)
letters@outsmartmagazine.com
www.outsmartmagazine.com
3406 Audubon Place, Houston, TX 77006-4412

Texas Triangle

This award-winning weekly newspaper for the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered/gay-friendly community features in-depth articles about issues, events and people important to Houston's community. It also includes an extensive arts and entertainment section. Published every Friday. The Texas Triangle is proud to have published and distributed the official 1999 Pride Guide and this year's Pride 2000.

Check stands every Friday for your free copy.
713-521-5822, 713-521-5830(fax)
TxTriangle@aol.com www.txtriangle.com
315 West Alabama, 101, Houston, TX 77006

This Week in Texas (TWT) magazine

TWT is a free weekly statewide magazine published since 1975. TWT includes news, views, gossip and entertainment. It is distributed every Friday with a statewide weekly circulation of 20,000.

713-527-9111, 713-527-8948(fax)
twtmag@aol.com www.thisweekintexas.com
500 Lovett Boulevard, Suite 102, Houston, TX 77006

Political

Annise Parker, Houston City Council Member

Annise Parker is the City Council Member for At-Large Position One. She is the first openly gay or lesbian person elected to Houston City Council.

713-247-2014, 713-247-3519(fax)
aparker@cnl.ci.houston.tx.us
www.ci.houston.tx.us/citygovt/council/1/
P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562

Harris County Democratic Party

HCDP seeks to inspire and motivate people who share our values and to give their time, resources and votes to build a better Texas for all our families and children in the 21st century. Our core values include opportunity for all, ensuring the American Dream for all, family and community and freedom and fairness for all Texans.

713-739-7785, 713-739-7786(fax)
sues@neosoft.com www.hcdp.com
2404 La Branch St., Houston, TX 77004-1026

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus

The Caucus is a bipartisan membership organization and political action committee that researches and supports candidates for public office who are supportive of the gay and lesbian community. The Caucus educates the community

about the importance of being politically involved and voting and encourage gays and lesbians to vote for candidates who are supportive of our community. Caucus meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Boulevard.

713-521-1000
P.O. Box 66664, Houston, TX 77266-6664

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

This national civil rights organization lobbies the federal government and provides technical and strategic support to local and statewide organizations on many issues. They will be holding their annual conference, Creating Changes, in mid-November.

202-332-6483, 202-332-6483(fax)
ngltf@ngltf.org www.ngltf.org
2320 17th Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20009-2702

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC)

OLOC is a political and educational organization formed to combat ageism in our own and the larger community.

713-802-2989
chardenea@worldnet.att.net www.oloc.org
P.O. Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098-0422

United States Representative

Sheila Jackson Lee

Congresswoman Lee serves constituents of the 18th Congressional District, which includes the Heights, Montrose, Neartown, Third Ward, Sunnyside MLK, Fifth Ward, Fourth Ward and parts of Hwy 290 and the near Memorial areas.
713-655-0050, 713-655-1612(fax)
tx18@lee.house.gov
1919 Smith, Suite 1180, Houston, TX 77002

Religious

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church

We have a special ministry to HIV+/AIDS patients, spiritual support groups and a counseling center. We are a reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church, which means everyone is welcome as a beloved child of God. Worship is held on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.
713-526-1017, 713-520-6866(fax)
bmumc@clearsail.net
www.beringumc.org
1440 Harold, Houston, TX 77006-3798

Community Gospel Church

The year 2000 will prove to be an exceptional year for Community Gospel Church. This exciting fellowship of believers is becoming even more involved in our community. We offer a warm and loving environment for all to grow in the grace and love of Jesus Christ. Worship services are centered on Jesus and led by the Holy Ghost. You are invited to experience the difference in Community Gospel, a church built on love. Services are held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
713-880-9235, 713-880-2245(fax)
cgospel@communitygospel.org

www.communitygospel.org
4305 Lillian Street, Houston, TX 77007-5624

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston welcomes and affirms gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people and includes sexual minorities and ministers and leaders. Services are held on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
713-526-6200, 713-526-3037(fax)
church@firstuu.org
www.firstuu.org
5200 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004-5899

Southmore.

713-526-5200, 713-526-3037(fax)
church@firstuu.org
www.firstuu.org
5200 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004-5899

Lutherans Concerned

Lutherans Concerned is an organization of gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered and non-gay Christians who stand as a community of faith, modeling the gospel within the church and within the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered community. Lutherans Concerned seeks to employ the Gospel's principles of inclusiveness and justice, celebrating God's gifts of sexuality and diversity. Quarterly business meetings are held at the Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh Drive.
281-463-7891 vschill@stic.lib.tx.us
www.neosoft.com/~gclc/default.html
16307 Royal Mile, Houston, TX 77084

Maranatha Fellowship MCC

We are a Cell Group Church with an emphasis on small groups that meet weekly in the homes of our members. We believe that the Holy Spirit has given spiritual gifts to every believer which are to be exercised in the life of the church. Our church is evangelical and charismatic in its style of worship. We have a primary outreach to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. All people are welcome. Services are held on Sundays (Bible study at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m.) at 3400 Montrose, Suite 600.
713-528-6756, 713-528-6447(fax)
P.O. Box 667032, Houston, TX 77266-7032

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection

MCC is an inclusive Christian Church with a primary outreach to Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community since 1972. Many small groups meet at the church or in members' homes in and around Houston, Galveston and Beaumont, for prayer, study, fellowship and ministry to each other. Most groups are open to all adults, while some have special interests (such as female or male couples, the leather community, mothers and those interested in becoming mothers and Spanish speakers). Worship services are held on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday school for children and youth at 10:45 a.m.
713-861-9149, 713-861-2520(fax)

mccr@neosoft.com www.mccr-hou.com
1919 Decatur, Houston, TX 77007-7698

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen's is called to seek and serve Christ in all persons and circumstances. Empowered by God's love, St. Stephen's parish celebrates and nurtures personal faith and life through prayer, worship, study and service. They honor the dignity and needs of every person, embrace diversity and seek to grow as faithful stewards of the resources God has given to each of us, as they proclaim the gospel by word and example. Sunday services are at 7:45 a.m., 8:55 a.m. and 11 a.m., at 1805 W. Alabama at Woodhead.



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713-528-6665, 713-528-4179(fax)
 admin@neosoft.com www.ststephenshouston.org
 1805 W Alabama Street, Houston, TX 77098-2601

Social/Educational

Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater Houston, Inc.

The BAHR provides a forum for attorneys and other professionals in the legal field who are interested in our community to exchange information, promote members' effective practice and professional expertise and to provide educational programs for members and the community at large. BAHR also provides a variety of community-service programs.

713-981-9595, 713-981-8670(fax)
 mkatine@wba-law.com P.O. Box 270664, Houston, TX 77277-0664

BiNet Houston

BiNet Houston is a social support group for bisexuals and bi-friendly people. We provide a friendly, supportive environment for people who are questioning their sexuality, people who know their orientation, or people who want to know more. BiNet also runs the Bi-Line (713-467-4380) and co-hosts After Hours the first Saturday of each month. Meetings are held at the Hobbit Café, 2240 Portsmouth, on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. 713-467-4380
 BiHouse@flash.net www.flashnet.net/~bihouse/
 P.O. Box 667041, Houston, TX 77266-7041

Company We Keep, The

The Company We Keep celebrates the contributions of lesbians and gays to the theater and other performing arts.
 713-523-9000, 713-523-9000(fax)
 P.O. Box 667070, Houston, TX 77266-7070

Crisis Hotline

The Crisis Hotline provides twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-week crisis intervention telephone counseling. Callers can receive crisis counseling, as well as specific information about and referrals for a wide range of topics, including suicide, AIDS and mental health issues.
 713-HOTLINE, 713-527-0435(fax)
 info@crisishotline.org www.crisishotline.org
 P.O. Box 130866, Houston, TX 77219-0866

DIFFA/Houston

The Houston chapter of the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS is the largest source of private dollars for AIDS care in the greater Houston area. Since its inception in 1987, DIFFA/Houston has granted over \$2,500,000 to local organizations for HIV/AIDS care, research, treatment and preventive education. Volunteers create special events and help allocate funds raised. 713-552-9445, 713-793-1645(fax)
 P.O. Box 131605, Houston, TX 77219-1605

Elliott H. Matthews Foundation, Inc., The

The Foundation provides services to people infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to organizations fostering civil rights without regard to sexual orientation. The Foundation distributed nearly a \$100,000 in 1998. The Foundation does not have a regular grant cycle and responds only to written requests for funds from qualifying 501(C)(3) organizations.
 baggott-swaim@msn.com
 1415 Louisiana Street, Suite 2220, Houston, TX 77002-7355

Feminist Online Network (FEMNET)

FEMNET provides free e-mail announcement lists of information and resources of interest to feminists/lesbians/women and their supporters in the greater Houston/Galveston area. The primary goal of the list is to create a network of local women for distributing information and promoting support of women-owned businesses, women-oriented services and women-focused events. It is not a "chat" or "discussion" list. Via FEMNET, you will receive announcements and information concerning local events and meetings of interest to feminists, a monthly calendar with updates, health information, activist alerts, local businesses and organizations, festivals, concerts and help wanted & employment wanted ads. List subscribers are encouraged to send information for posting to the list.
 713-290-1169 www.onelist.com/subscribe/FEMNET
 P.O. Box 540204, Houston, TX 77254-0204

Freed-Montrose Library

Various gay and lesbian groups and organizations use our meeting rooms. Gay and Lesbian periodicals and books are available. AIDS-related newsletters and public terminals for accessing various AIDS/HIV databases are available. Hours of operation are Monday and Thursday from 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 713-284-1958, 713-284-1957(fax)
 mntbranc@hpl.lib.tx.us www.hpl.lib.tx.us
 4100 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006-4938

Garden Party, Inc.

Garden Party was formed 25 years ago, when drag was illegal, by a group of wild and crazy fun-loving, high-energy campy drag queens. The social event is the last Sunday in July. Each year's party has a different theme. Tickets are \$25. The group meets every third Tuesday at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. 713-463-6705
 P.O. Box 66672, Houston, TX 77266-6672

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston

The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard is a clearinghouse of information about the gay and lesbian community, including a calendar of events, AIDS/STD information, telephone counseling & active listening, crisis/suicide intervention, referrals for bars, restaurants, hotels and community merchants & medical, legal and mental health professionals.

713-529-3211; TTY/TTD glsh@switchboard.org
www.switchboard.org/~glsh
 P.O. Box 66469, Houston, TX 77266-6469

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Established in 1979 as the Montrose Singers, GMCH is a 60-member men's choral ensemble. They sing to achieve excellence in men's choral music. They provide a nurturing environment for their members and offer a source of pride, unity and support to their diverse communities. Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., from September through June, at the Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh.

713-521-7464, 409-857-2755(fax)
 info@gmch.org www.gch.org
 P.O. Box 541004, Houston, TX 77254-1004

gayDAR (Dream, Affirm, Restore)

The gayDAR group is a wellness community for persons 18 to 29 years old who are interested in making healthy connections. Meetings are on Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church.

713-526-1017 x.211, 713-520-6866(fax)
 rbmumc@clearsail.net www.beringumc.org
 1440 Harold, Houston, TX 77006

Good Sports

Good Sports is a social group for college football and basketball fans.
 713-523-9000, 713-523-9000(fax)
 P.O. Box 667070, Houston, TX 77266-7070

Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber fosters and promotes the economic development and vitality of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and supportive heterosexual businesses and organizations in the greater Houston area and facilitates the exchange of ideas, resources, information through networking opportunities. The Chamber hosts Empower, an annual community expo at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The next Empower expo will be held October 2000. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Warwick, 5701 Main. 713-523-7576, 713-669-0452(fax)
 info@ghglcc.org www.ghglcc.org
 P.O. Box 66129, Houston, TX 77266-6129

Gulf Coast Archives Museum

The Gulf Coast Archives Museum collects both personal and organizational items and memorable to put in an archives and museum setting, to serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, friends and family of the Gulf coast area. The museum will provide opportunities for hands-on activities, educational material and research. Meetings are the first Thursday

of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hollyfield Foundation, 2700 Albany, 713-227-5973 gcam@mail.com
www.houstongayweb.com/gulfcoastarchive/
 P.O. Box 130192, Houston, TX 77219-0192



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Hate Crimes Hotline

The Hotline reports hate incident statistics to appropriate agencies based on calls from victims or witnesses of bias-motivated incidents such as verbal or physical assault, property damage, or discrimination. 713-529-9615
glesh@switchboard.org www.switchboard.org/~glesh
 P.O. Box 66469, Houston, TX 77266-6469

Houston Activist Network

HAN-Net is an e-mail network linking together Houston's gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/HIV community. Members post messages to a central server and the messages go immediately and directly to all other members. The Network holds a holiday mixer in December. 713-932-6947
brandon_wolf@email.msn.com
gay-houston.com/han
 8245 Kingsbrook Road, #237, Houston, TX 77024-3328

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)

HATCH provides a safe, secure environment for gay and lesbian teens to socialize with their peers, to find support and to develop a more positive outlook on their sexuality. The Coalition is open to gays and lesbians age 13-20 on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
 713-942-7002, 713-669-0452(fax)
hatch@neosoft.com www.hatchyouth.org
 P.O. Box 667053, Houston, TX 77266-7053

Houston Area Women's Center

The Houston Area Women's Center provides shelter, counseling and support services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Two twenty-four-hour-a-day, seven-day-per-week hotlines provide crisis counseling. The Rape Crisis program provides individual and group counseling and accompaniment to area hospitals and courtrooms for both female and male sexual assault survivors. The Family Violence Program provides individual and group counseling, an emergency shelter and advocacy for both female and male survivors. The Center provides services to heterosexual, lesbian, gay and bisexual survivors of violence. Services are provided only to survivors; no batterers or offenders are served. General information 713-528-2121; 24 Hour Rape Crisis Hotline 713-528-RAPE. Volunteer orientations are held every fourth Monday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at 1010 Waugh Dr. 713-535-6363 www.hawc.org
 1010 Waugh Dr, Houston, TX 77019-3996

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center

The Center serves as the central resource for the LGBT communities. The center maintains GLBT information in the library and offers a schedule of social and educational programming. Regular programs include men's and women's coming-out groups, the Montrose Writers project, Lesbian Movie Night and the Black Gay and Lesbian Coalition. Center organizational meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. 713-524-3818, 713-524-2022(fax)

hlgcc@neosoft.com

neosoft.com/~hlgcc

P.O. Box 2304, Houston, TX 77252-2304

Houston Pride Band

Get your instruments out of the closet and join us! The Houston Pride Band provides musical entertainment for the lesbian and gay community. We are seeking musicians of all skill levels and instrumentation. Band practice is on Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Dignity Center, 1307 Yale Street (between 13th and 14th Streets)
 713-524-0218
HousTxBand@aol.com www.houstonprideband.org
 P.O. Box 300788, Houston, TX 77230-0788

Houston Women's Festival

The festival is a celebration of music, art, culture and commerce and is one of the largest annual events for women in Houston. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2000 from 1:00 p.m. to midnight at Garden in the Heights, 3926 Fegan. The festival is open to all and includes a full day of excellent music, a multimedia art show and a community marketplace of vendors. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. 713-861-3316
hwfestival@earthlink.net www.hwfestival.org
 P.O. Box 70102, Houston, TX 77270

John Steven Kellett Foundation

The Foundation is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) Texas corporation which annually funds, through other non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations serving greater Houston, a small number of worthy causes related to gaining equal rights for and eliminating discrimination against, GLBT persons in issues of minority sexual orientation or gender identity. Grant applications may be made only by invitation of the Foundation Board, based on their knowledge of activity and purpose of community organizations. kellett@aol.com
 P.O. Box 66574, Houston, TX 77266-6574

Krewe of Olympus-Texas, Inc.

The Krewe of Olympus was founded in New Orleans in 1970 and continues the Mardi Gras traditions in Houston as the Krewe of Olympus-Texas, Inc. The Krewe celebrates Mardi Gras each year by producing an invitation-only black-tie Mardi Gras Gala in a tableau format. Additionally, the Krewe raises money for designated charitable organizations. Designated charities for 2000 are HATCH, Q-Patrol, AssistHers, Houston Buyers Club, PWA Holiday Charities and AIDS Services of Dallas. The Krewe meets four times per year. 713-729-9662, 713-729-9662(fax)

krewe@mardigrastexas.com

mardigrastexas.com

P.O. Box 920794, Houston, TX 77292-0794

Lambda Legal Defense

The Legal Defense is a national organization committed to achieving the full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men and people with HIV/AIDS through impact litigation, education and public policy work. Lambda has offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta.
 212-809-8585, 212-908-0055(fax)
lambda@lambdalegal.org

www.lambdalegal.org

120 Wall Street, Fl 15, New York, NY 10005-3904

Lambda Rollerskating Club

This club is a Houston roller-skating and blading club for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people and their friends. Skating is every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Tradewinds Rink, 5006 W 34th (off 290).
 713-523-9620

lrsc@neosoft.com www.neosoft.com/~lrsc
 305 Avondale Street, Apartment F, Houston, TX 77006-3152

Lesbians Over Age 50 (LOAFERS)

LOAFERS is a social networking and support group for lesbians fifty years of age and over. Meetings are every third Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 713-869-1482, 713-802-2989(fax)
chardenea@worldnet.att.net
 P.O. Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601

Lewis Cloverdale Foundation, Inc., The

The Foundation is a general charitable foundation that distributes funds to 501(c)(3) organizations that work for gay and lesbian health issues. The Foundation has no regular granting cycles and responds to written request for funds from qualifying organizations.

baggott-swaim@msn.com
 1415 Louisiana Street, Suite 2220, Houston, TX 77002-7355

Montrose Counseling Center Men's Network

The Network is a discussion group for the social and educational development of gay and bisexual men. Discussions occur the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond.
 713-529-0037, 713-526-4367(fax)

mcc@neosoft.com www.neosoft.com/~mcc/
 701 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77006-5511

Montrose Counseling Center Women's Network

The Network provides the lesbian community with high quality, affordable mental health services which are conscious of, sensitive to and informed about the psychology and social experience of women in general and of the lesbian community in particular. Counseling is available by appointment. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. 713-529-0037, 713-526-4367(fax)
mcc@neosoft.com www.neosoft.com/~mcc/
 701 Richmond Ave., Houston, TX 77006-5511

Out Together

Out Together is a support group where individuals and couples can share their thoughts, experiences and knowledge about mixed orientation marriages, where one spouse identifies as gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Meetings are held on the first Sunday and third Thursday every month.
bobtx54@aol.com
 8849 Braesmont, #210, Houston, TX 77096

Outrage, Inc.

Outrage is a social group that sponsors the largest Halloween party in Houston as well as other events throughout the year. All events are either free or charge a nominal fee and are sponsored by the hosts of Outrage, Inc. While not a fund-raising entity, donations are made regularly to local Houston area HIV/AIDS 501(c)(3) charities.

713-706-2508, 713-868-9134(fax)

outrage@outrage.org www.outrage.org

P.O. Box 1024, Houston, TX 77251

Overland Trail Riders

Overland Trail Riders is an open-minded trail riding group that welcomes all members of the gay and lesbian community. We meet monthly, on the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m., for trail rides and social gatherings. The group promotes pride and heritage in the country western community.

409-931-1834

bbarw@aol.com www.ghg.net/otr/index.htm

30050 Hegar Road, Hockley, TX 77447

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)

P-FLAG's mission includes community education, advocacy and support. To achieve this mission, P-FLAG provides support groups for sexual minorities and their parents, families and friends. Meetings are on the first Sunday of each month (except holidays when it moves to the second Sunday), from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral, 1117

Texas. 713-867-9020

pflagwww@insync.net www.pflaghouston.org

P.O. Box 53796, Houston, TX 77052-3796

People with AIDS Coalition Houston

The PWA Coalition is an organization of and for people living with HIV and provides psychosocial support through assistance programs and referrals. Programs include New Beginnings Household Restart, which provides free furniture and other household items to indigent PWAs, Case Management, Volunteer Program at Thomas Street Clinic, Milam House, a transitional living facility for HIV+ men, Drop In Child Care at Thomas Street Clinic, Direct Emergency Assistance, Project LEAP and Project Open Door for HIV and Homeless Persons. Board meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., 3400 Montrose, Suite 106.

713-522-5428, 713-522-2674(fax)

pwac@neosoft.com

3400 Montrose Boulevard, Suite 207,

Houston, TX 77006-4330

Pride Committee of Houston

The 501(c)(3) non-profit umbrella of Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride. PCOH produces the annual Pride Parade and other events, maintains the Banner District on lower Westheimer, compiles the community's best mailing list, publishes this resource guide, maintains a web site and publishes Pride-related information throughout the year. The Celebration Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. the Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

and the general meeting is the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The committee and general meetings are held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1425 W Gray. The Board meeting is held at the Hollyfield Center, 2700 Albany. 713-529-6979, 713-529-6929(fax) info@pridehouston.org www.pridehouston.org P.O. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071

Q-Patrol

Q-Patrol is a non-profit 501(c)(3) group of concerned citizens whose purpose is to deter hate crimes against lesbians and gay men by way of noninterventionist tactics such as vehicular and foot patrols in the Montrose and other areas. We primarily patrol on weekend nights but also perform this service at special events and as circumstances warrant. Q-Patrol also provides some educational services to the community, such as self-defense and first-aid training. We are always looking for responsible and concerned volunteers. You do not need special skills, just a desire to do your part to bring about change.

713-528-7233, 713-451-6550(fax)

qpatrol@aol.com

www.members.aol.com/qpatrol

P.O. Box 66362, Houston, TX 77266-6362

Rainbow Amateur Radio Association

This group is a national association of gay men and lesbians with an interest in amateur radio and/or short-wave listening. There are over 100 members from several states and Europe. The Association has regularly scheduled weekly amateur contacts, local and national meetings and a monthly newsletter.

214-522-1458

rara@en.com

www.rara.org

P.O. Box 35343, Dallas, TX 75235-0343

Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club

The Rainbow Ranglers meet the second Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m., Brazos River Bottom in the upstairs meeting room, 2400 Brazos.

713-523-1807, 713-524-9500(fax)

h2k@rainbowranglers.org

www.rainbowranglers.org

P.O. Box 1421, Houston, TX 77251

Razzle-Dazzle Dallas

Dallas-based AIDS charity whose aim is to raise and distribute money to AIDS service organizations and provide direct financial assistance to persons impacted by AIDS. This charity group holds an annual fundraiser for AIDS and meets the second Thursday of each month.

214-983-1657

circuitboy@dellnet.com

P.O. Box 190225, Dallas, TX 75219-0225

Southern Country Houston

SoCo is a lesbian and gay dance organization for people interested in country and western music, learning couples dances, line dances, barn dances, etc. SoCo also promotes pride and unity, does dance exhibitions and charity events to benefit services organizations in the Houston area. Free dance lessons are available for men and women on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the New Barn.

713-681-4631, 713-893-3134(fax)

ConCares@aol.com www.iaglcwdc.org/soco

P.O. Box 1502, Houston, TX 77252-1502

Texas Conference of Clubs

The Texas Conference of Clubs is a multi-state umbrella organization comprising of a number of clubs and individuals in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The Conference promotes motorcycling, leather/Levi and western cultures and owns and operates the 31-acre Buzzards' Peak Community land site. Gatherings are held in January, April, July and October.

713-522-5508, 713-522-1269(fax)

billcastagno@csi.com

www.texasconferenceofclubs.com

P.O. Box 667071, Houston, TX 77266-7071

Texas Gay Rodeo Association

The Gay Rodeo Association is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to produce an annual rodeo, to promote the Western lifestyle and to participate in fundraising activities in communities across Texas.

713-868-2052, 713-868-3056(fax)

www.tgra.org

P.O. Box 130585, Houston, TX 77219-0585

Texas Human Rights Foundation

The Human Rights Foundation is a statewide gay and lesbian non-profit law firm that fights discrimination based upon sexual orientation or HIV status through impact litigation, public education and legal assistance. Court victories include the striking down of Texas' sodomy statute by the Third Court of Appeals and opening access to gay and lesbian groups at Texas A&M and Texas Tech Universities. THR operates a free statewide legal hotline for legal questions related to sexual orientation or HIV status and offers free referrals to local attorneys. The foundation's offices are located at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne.

713-522-0636, 800-828-6417, 713-647-0128(fax)

P.O. Box 667157, Houston, TX 77266-7157

Texas Medical Center Lambda

The Texas Medical Center Lambda group is a social/support organization for students, staff and faculty in and around the Texas Medical Center. Social meetings are held once a month.

713-529-6973

tmclambda@hotmail.com

1205 Banks Street, Houston, TX 77006-6007

Women In Power Society



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Women in Power Society is a group of volunteers who participate in events serving alternative life style women.
713-433-2820
wipsociety@hotmail.com
5026 Danfield, Houston, TX 77053

Women's Group

The Women's Group is a feminist group for all women (each woman defines her own feminism). One of the longest running feminist groups in America with 25 years in 2000! Meetings are on Sunday from 10:45 a.m. to Noon at the First UU Church, Sojourner Truth Room 302, 5200 Fannin Street.
ChzHead005@aol.com
www.houstonwomensgroup.com
2119 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77006-1171

Sports

FrontRunners Houston

Organized in 1984 to promote beginning, recreational and competitive running, FrontRunners Houston provides support to men and women interested in running as a means of fitness and developing friendships. All club runs are noncompetitive and informal. The Thursday run is followed by swimming or hot tubing and then dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the Tennis Center at Memorial Park on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. 713-522-8021
larathon@neosoft.com
www.neosoft.com/~larathon/houfr.htm
3327 West Lamar, Houston, TX 77019-1915

Houston Area Motorcycle Society

The Houston Area Motorcycle Society is a group of individuals who enjoy riding motorcycles. A social is held once a month, in addition to monthly planned rides and spontaneous rides every weekend. The members of the club are gay men, lesbian, or gay-friendly heterosexuals. All makes of motorcycles are accepted. See their bulletin board site for meeting times and locations.

713-688-1300, 603-452-6341(fax)

hams1999@yahoo.com

users.ev1.net/~tgarrison/hamsonline/index.html

P.O. Box 131636, Houston, TX 77219-1636

Houston Wednesday Nite Mixer

Wednesday Nite Mixer is a mixed bowling league, with a Fall/Winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. League play is on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Boulevard

713-522-9612

wiccado@aol.com

P.O. Box 540272, Houston, TX 77254-0272

Houston Wrestling Club

The Houston Wrestling Club is an athletic organization that teaches and practices wrestling fundamentals,

focusing on amateur and collegiate styles, for all ages and skill levels, including beginners. The Club also provides contacts for private matches and practice. HWC has members statewide and makes occasional trips to conduct out-of-town workouts. Work outs are on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at 507 Coolmist Drive
713-453-7406
P.O. Box 131134, Houston, TX 77219-1134

I Love Luci Thursday Duos

This mixed bowling league offers alternating scratch and handicap games with four 12-week sessions annually. League play is every Thursday at 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. and rotates between Palace Lanes & Dynamic Lanes.
713-522-9612, 713-228-7814(fax)
wiccado@aol.com
www.texasinvitational.org
P.O. Box 540272, Houston, TX 77254-0272

Independent Billiard League of Houston

The IBL is a Houston-based, three-player team billiard league that competes on Thursday evenings at various sponsor establishments within the greater Montrose area. The League is open to everyone of all skill levels who enjoy participating in the spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie.
713-524-9261
info@iblhoustion.net
www.iblhoustion.net
P.O. Box 66696, Houston, TX 77266-6696

Inner Loop Alternative

The Inner Loop Alternative is a mixed bowling league with a Fall/Winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. League play is every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Boulevard.
713-522-9612, 713-228-7814(fax)
wiccado@aol.com
4002 Caroline Street, Houston, TX 77004-4004

Monday Night Women's Bowling League

The Monday Night Women's Bowling League is a women-only bowling league with a fall/winter session from September to April and a summer session May to August. League play is every Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the Dynamic Lanes, 6121 Tarniff.
713-522-9612, 713-228-7814(fax)
wiccado@aol.com
www.texasinvitational.org
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Montrose Monday Men's League

This is a men-only bowling league with a fall/winter session from September to April and a summer session May to August. League play is Monday at 9:00 p.m. at the Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Boulevard.
713-522-9612, 713-228-7814(fax)

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Montrose Softball League

The league provides a gay-friendly athletic environment for all people by managing a NAGAAA sanctioned softball league for the gay and lesbian community, promoting sportsmanship and community awareness. Games are on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at T.I. Field.
713-867-3913
www.montrosesoftballleague.com
P.O. Box 541954, Houston, TX 77254-1954

Out Skating Club

Out Skating Club is a recreational skating club open to people of all ages and skating ability welcome. Skating sessions include music, games and door prizes. Skating is on Wednesday from 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Zenith Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Road.

713-691-0823
7414 Puerta Vallarta Drive, Houston, TX 77083-4864

Rainbow Fishing Club

The Rainbow Fishing Club sponsors monthly deep-sea fishing trips out of Galveston on the New Buccaneer and Cavalier boats. Non-members are always welcome. The boat leaves at 7:30 a.m. and returns 7:30 p.m. from Pier 19, Galveston and 1024 W. 2nd St, Freeport, TX. Call for a free newsletter.

713-523-6381
P.O. Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266-6450

Texas Invitational Tournament

The Texas Invitational Tournament is an IGBO-Associated bowling tournament over the 4th of July weekend that raises \$8,000 for local charities. No-tap bowling is played the third Saturday of each month at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Boulevard.

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From the Editor's Desk....

Well here it is...The Houston Pride Guide 2000! To tell you the truth, there were times when I thought it might not happen! If someone had warned me what I would be getting into when I volunteered to be editor I would have told him or her to get lost! Interviewing, meeting, writing, organizing, formatting, editing, reviewing, proofing, rewriting, rewriting, and more rewriting...it wasn't easy! I think I'll volunteer again next year!

"What?! Are you out of your mind Ken?" Though some might argue the affirmative, I can promise you that this is not the case. So why do it?

In this, the first annual Pride magazine, many people give their insights on Pride. Each has a goal for Pride. For some the goal is to educate, while others wish to break down barriers. Still others just want everyone to have a great time celebrating. Me? To be honest, this is a part of my coming-out process. I realized, after years of denial, that I am gay. (Wow! I just said that to a lot of people.) Yes, I am gay, and seeing the Pride Parade for the first time last year made me realize that there are many others like me. I was not alone after all! Of course, it is pretty hard to be alone when you are celebrating Pride with 100,000 family members!

The past year has truly been a revelation for me. I discovered the history of sacrifice and courage that our brave brothers and sisters have shown throughout the years. I learned of the real courage of the Stonewall protesters who ushered in the modern lesbian and gay rights movement. I have also discovered the true reason for our Pride celebration. No, it is not the floats or the colorful cast of characters. It is not corporate sponsorships or political figures. These are all certainly important, but we are the true reason for Pride: Pride in our individuality and humanity; Pride in our dignity and frailty; and Pride in our diversity and solidarity. However, most importantly, it is Pride that we simply are!

Now it is my opportunity to give something back. No, this magazine will not change the world or usher in a new age of acceptance. However, if reading this Pride Guide allows just one person to know that there is a community, a family of people here just like them and that they can be themselves and not have to hide, then all my efforts were more than worth it.

I want to express my sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to those individuals who helped me create this magazine. First and foremost, I want to thank my interviewer Ricky Mathis, without whom I would still be trying to finish this magazine on parade night and Bob Farquharson, who proofed the content in a struggle to keep me (reasonably) grammatically correct. Of course, I would be remiss if I did not thank my "tormentor" Troy Christensen for his indispensable advice and guidance. Finally, to all of my fellow PCOH cohorts, thank you for your support and input.

Most of all I would like to thank all of you who make Pride something to celebrate. Without you I would not have had the courage to volunteer for Pride.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE PARADE!