

TATS 2000!

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TATS is ... a volunteer-led peer support group devoted to helping transsexual persons, their partners, their families, and their friends accept life and experience it to the fullest.

Happy 2K!

Elections End; Not With A Bang, But A Whimper

In what became a rather lackluster city election year, the runoffs finished with a tinge of ennui. It seemed the community as a whole was more concerned with getting them over with, rather than the final results. Expectedly, the elections brought in maybe another friend or two. However, (with apologies to T. S. Eliot) we missed a big opportunity in getting a couple sure friends of the community elected: namely Yolanda Black Navarro and MaryAnn Young.

Of any, MaryAnn's run was the most heartbreaking. In the race for City Council, District C, Young was edged out by Mark Goldberg for the seat - by a mere 26 votes! The actual final tally was 4,915 to 4,889.

It wasn't without an effort on the part of the Caucus, and at least a couple of stalwart TATS members. This year's participation,



The Get-Out-The-Vote Bus Crew: (L-R) Scott Simpson, Gina Wiley, Jessica Redman, Dave Roberts, Vanessa Edwards Foster, Terrence O'Neill, Sean Carter & Mike Bodin late on the eve before the runoff election.

though, paled in comparison to the Parker campaign of 1997. That notwithstanding, there was one distinctive exception to the lacking effort: the 'Get Out The Vote' bus the night before the runoff election.

A coup de grace by Caucus presidential nominee, Sean Carter; it was a bar-tour party bus to both encourage the Montrose-area bar patrons to vote the next day, and to publicize the Caucus in a fun and friendly manner. Both Jessica Redman and myself managed to hop a seat on the 'kegger' express, and had a blast in the process!

We made a quick run-through of every bar in the Montrose - and a few outside as well! Passing out Caucus voter cards, and passing out the word about the Caucus; we turned a number of heads! It was Jack Kerouac and the Merry Pranksters of the millennium's end - without the Acid-Test, Electric Kool Aid. While we may have lacked the hallucinogenics - it was

strictly beer on this trip - we certainly didn't lack the energy!

First stop for the party bus was the Pacific Street bars: Montrose Mining Company, where we got to watch a male stripper, and JR's which kicked us revelers out! We did Mary's, Crossroads Books and the Chances / New Barn complex at the Waugh end of 'the Curve.' Minutes later, Sean, Jessica and I were dancing our butts off at Club Rainbow.

After a brief stop at EJ's, we dashed over to the Briar Patch in West University. It was a very warm, somewhat older crowd in a nice little neighborhood piano bar. We

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The Caucus Band of Merry Vote-Hucksters: (L-R) Terrence, Scott, Gina, Jessica (standing in back), Dave, Mike & Sean ride the 'Kegger' Express.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

- January 8 Social Meeting at: Desiree Walton's @ 3:00 PM
- January 22 Meeting at: Vanessa Edwards Foster's @ 7:00 PM
- February 12 Social Meeting at: Desiree Walton's @ 3:00 PM
- February 26 Meeting at: Vanessa Edwards Foster's @ 7:00 PM

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