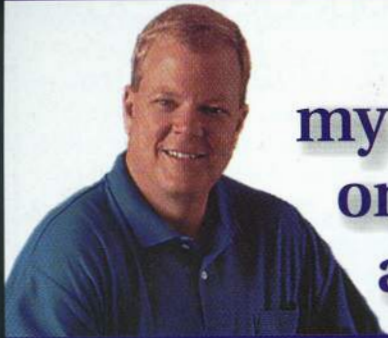
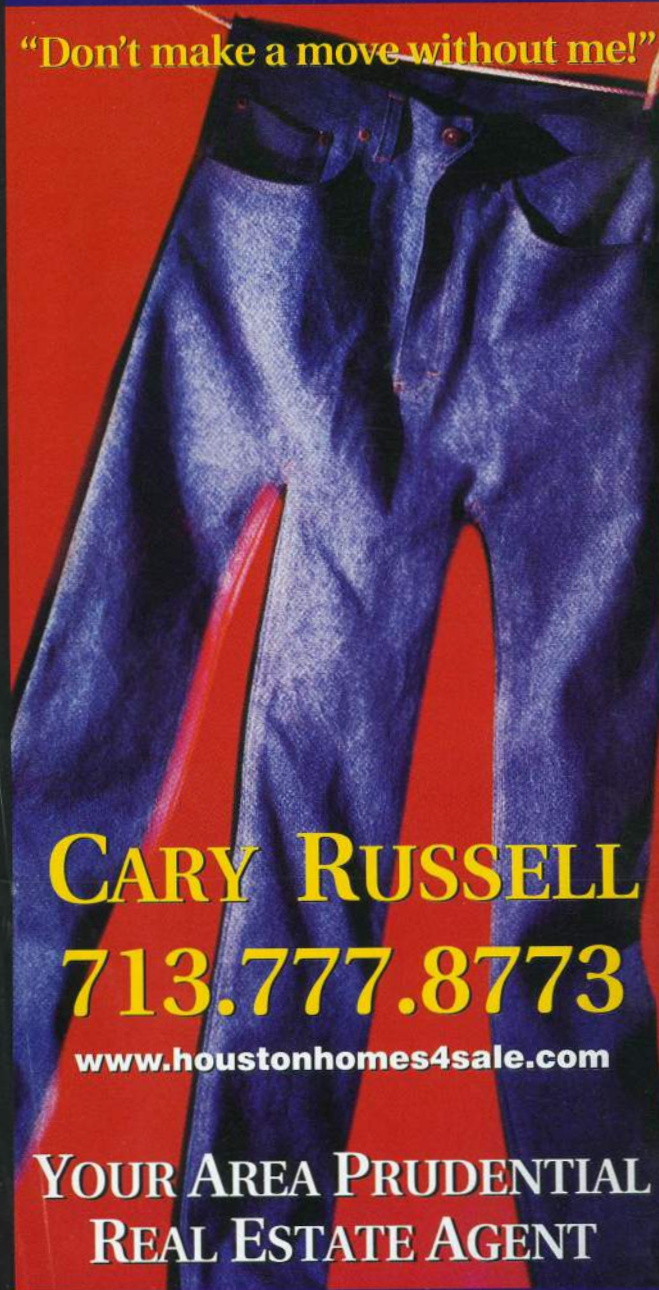


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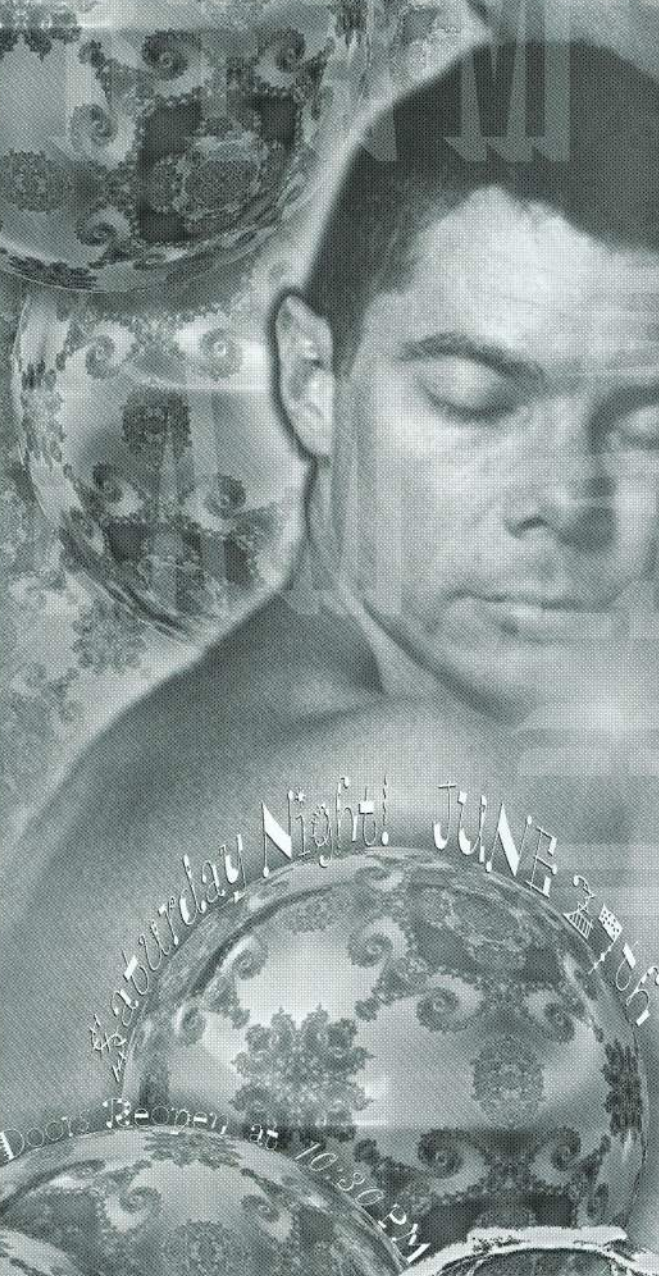
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Letter from the Board of Directors

Welcome to Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride 1998!

Your attendance at last year's nighttime Pride Parade was the greatest ever. In response to your demand for another nighttime parade, the Pride Committee has been working diligently all year to produce this Pride Guide, schedule more events for your enjoyment, and coordinate the largest, if not the only, lesbian and gay nighttime pride parade in North America.

We even had to change our name this year from "Pride Week 1998" to "Pride 1998" in order to accommodate over two weeks of Pride events that we have scheduled for your pleasure. You can read about all of these events, from our Kick-Off celebration on June 12, to the Parade at 9 p.m. on June 27, through the final events of June 28, in the Pride Guide.

As a community, we have come a long way in distinguishing ourselves in the City of Houston, the United States, and the world. This is a direct result of your continued participation and support over the years. You are the ones who have made Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride activities such a tremendous success.

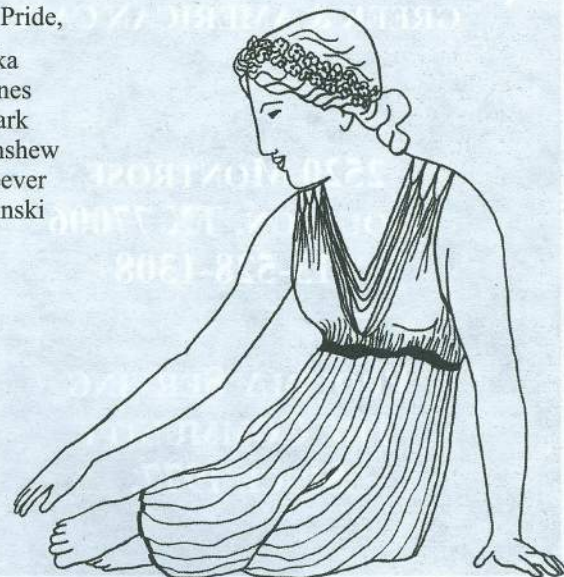
The Board of Directors expresses our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Pride Executive Committee for their commitment and passion and the many volunteer hours they have contributed during the past year. They have done a wonderful job in creating this opportunity for us to celebrate our unity and diversity in an electrifying way.

We also thank all of our sponsors and the many individuals, organizations, and local businesses who help us throughout the year for their continued support. You are the backbone of our organization. It is only with your resources and financial contributions that we have the opportunity to serve our community.

We hope you have the best of Pride in 1998, cherish your memories of Pride throughout the year, and want to come back next year. Go, revel, and have a good time. Celebrate yourselves and who you are as a proud community of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, and straight friends.

Yours in Pride,

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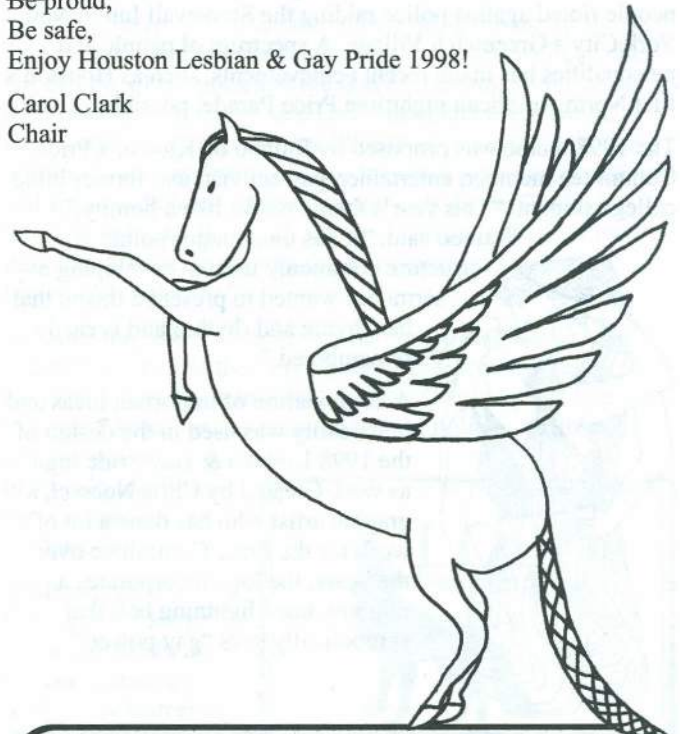
In the eight years I have been involved with the Pride Committee of Houston, we have grown from a small social group to a well organized, financially stable, nonprofit organization. The Committee continues to grow and has become a showcase and a leader in the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators, Inc. I am very proud to be a part of PCOH and to have known and worked with many talented and dedicated people over the years.

I am also proud to be the Chair of Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride 1998 and to have the chance to work with the Executive Committee Coordinators, the individuals who have worked for the past year to ensure an enjoyable season of Pride.

Please take a moment to note the businesses and organizations that have supported the Pride Guide with their advertisements. They are a vital part of our community. The Resource Guide, you will find, is the most updated listing of Houston community organizations found anywhere, and we hope you will use it all year. Please participate in the many events listed of the Pride Guide and, of course, join us for the nighttime Pride Parade.

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Unified in History

The Houston lesbian and gay community celebrates Pride 1998 with the theme "Unified Diversified Electrified." This theme, beautiful in its simplicity, tells us, our friends, and everyone else about our power – our fabulousness, our electricity – and how we derive that power.

On one hand, we are united in our common struggles and triumphs. We have suffered mind-numbing losses and persevered as a community, becoming role models in teaching others how to respond to epidemics, bigotry, and violence.

On the other hand, our contributions to our own community and the world wouldn't be nearly as electrifying if we were an unchanging monolith. The greatest achievements of the modern gay and lesbian movement resulted from a synergy of the ideas and sensibilities of many disparate parts of our community.

This started with the defining moment of our movement, which we commemorate every June with the Pride Parade. Starting in the early morning of June 28, 1969, and continuing through the following two evenings, drag queens, dykes, half-naked hustlers, executives in three-piece suits, and street people rioted against police raiding the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village. A spectrum of people and personalities has made recent achievements, such as Houston's first North American nighttime Pride Parade, possible as well.

The 1998 theme was proposed by Rainbo de Klown, a Pride Committee member, entertainer, gay activist, and former bible college student. "This year's theme works like a homily,"

Rainbo said. "It has three major points, a structure commonly used in developing a sermon. I wanted to present a theme that has rhyme and rhythm and is easily remembered."



A combination of important ideas and practicality was used in the design of the 1998 Lesbian & Gay Pride logo as well. Created by Chris Noessel, a graphic artist who has done a lot of work for the Pride Committee over the years, the logo incorporates a rainbow-hued lightning bolt that symbolically says "gay power,"



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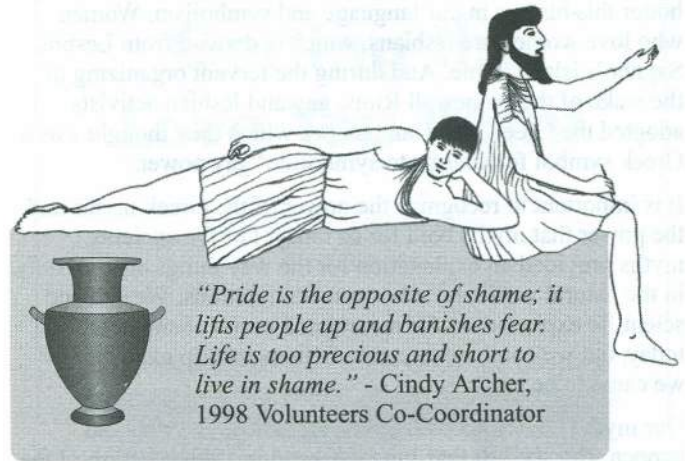
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The lightning bolt in the 1998 Pride logo also provided inspiration for the ancient Greek theme you will see throughout the Pride Guide and Pride events, including the Parade.


"When we were trying to determine a unified look for the Pride Guide, we kept coming back to the image of Zeus, the Greek king of the gods and the god of lightning, holding our rainbow lightning bolt," said Guy Burns, the Pride Guide's layout and design coordinator. "Pretty soon we were thinking of all sorts of ways we could use the other gods and goddesses and figures of Greek mythology, not only in the Guide, but throughout Pride. We hope everyone has fun with their own interpretations of the Greek theme in their events, Parade floats, and costumes."

We have important cultural reasons for looking back to the ancient Greeks and their mythology while we celebrate Lesbian & Gay Pride in 1998. Ancient Greek society had innumerable influences on western law, politics, philosophy, art, and science; it is practically the basis for western civilization.

Studying ancient Greece provides a historical continuity for gay culture as well. Early historical accounts of homosexuality and its cultural importance exist in the love between warriors exulted by Homer in the *Iliad*, in Sappho's lyrics to her female lovers, and, later, in the necessity and beauty of love between men and boys explained by Plato. Today, we

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honor this history in our language and symbolism. Women who love women are lesbians, which is derived from Lesbos, Sappho's island home. And during the fervent organizing in the wake of the Stonewall Riots, gay and lesbian activists adopted the Greek letter lambda (λ), which they thought was a Greek symbol for energy, to symbolize "gay power."

It is important to recognize the power of the Greek myths and the power that myths hold for us today. For the ancients, myths provided an explanation for the way things are, not only in the natural world, but also in social relations. We demand scientific explanations for natural and social phenomena today, but we continue to create fictions to help explain how we came to be.

Our myth is the Stonewall Riots. Of course, the riots did happen. But we call that June weekend in 1969 the birth of the lesbian and gay rights movement, as if it were Athena bursting fully armored from the head of Zeus. Groups advocating gay and lesbian rights, such as the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis, existed in America before Stonewall, and advocacy groups were organized in Germany even prior to World War II. There is also debate about what actually happened and who participated in the riots.



"In time, I'd like to see Pride become more and more like an old-fashioned family reunion or a Fourth of July celebration with full participation from everyone in the community. Parade. Picnic. Speeches. And dancing into the night." - John-Michael Albert, frequent Pride Parade watcher and sometime participant

However, none of that really matters against the inspirational eloquence of the story. Gay men and lesbians, grieving over the recent death of one of their greatest icons, Judy Garland, go to the Stonewall Inn to drink, socialize, and forget their worries. When a politically motivated raid begins, not unlike many raids before this, the patrons, after decades of oppression by the law, clergy, and doctors, finally show their anger. They resist arrest, stone the police cars, barricade the officers in the bar, and attract onlookers and fellow-fighters from all over the Village. In the nights that follow, fights between the police and gay men and lesbians continue, but the mood is more political. There are chants of "Gay Power!" and activists use the opportunity to post flyers advertising meetings of the Gay Activists Alliance and other organizations. Participants and witnesses to the riots are energized and join the new groups, taking part in demonstrations and other activities that borrow heavily from left-wing black and women's movements. Soon, word is spread across America and eventually to Europe and the rest of the world: there is a new, vital human rights movement for equality, liberty, and justice regardless of sexual orientation.

Twenty-nine years later, it may not be possible to know if this account of the Stonewall riots is completely accurate. But like the ancient myths, the heritage of Stonewall and how it holds us together is its proper measure. For nearly three decades, Stonewall has inspired us to be proud of who we are, to be united in our cause, to be grateful for the vast diversity in our community, and to be always aware of our power.

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1998 Pride Parade Grand Marshals

The Grand Marshals of the Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade are dedicated individuals and organizations who are role models and leaders for the community. They truly exemplify our unity, diversity, and electricity.

Each year the voting members of the Pride Committee elect individuals and an organization for up to four Grand Marshal positions: male and female Grand Marshals, Honorary Grand Marshal, and Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization. Nominations for each position are made in writing to the Pride Committee at a general Pride Committee meeting several months before the Parade. The male and female Grand Marshal positions are each awarded to a gay or lesbian person who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the community. The position of Honorary Grand Marshal is awarded to a heterosexual person who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the gay and lesbian community, and the position of Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization is awarded to an organization that has done the same.

Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization

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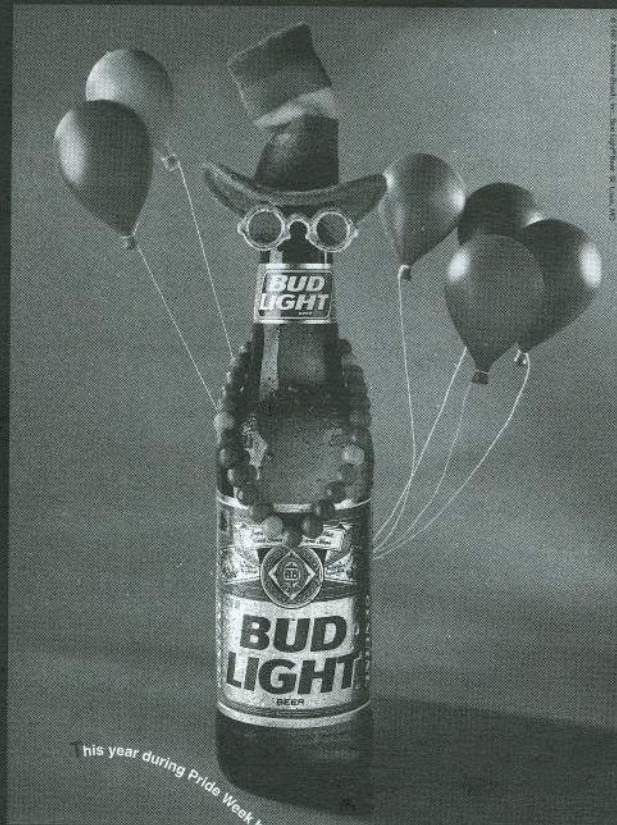
The men and women of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association (T.G.R.A.) are blazing trails in making a place for the community in the sport of rodeo, and they will be in front again during the 1998 Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade as our Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization.




T.G.R.A., as well as its Houston chapter, was established in 1983 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing western events for the gay and lesbian community and supporting the positive image of the community.

Mark Slattery, President of the T.G.R.A. Houston chapter, said the group is very excited about its prominent place in the 1998 Pride Parade. "T.G.R.A.'s directive is to promote the sport of rodeo in the gay and lesbian community," Mark said. "The Parade gives us a great opportunity to show people how much fun the rodeo and our other western activities are."

The organization's commitment to the community also includes raising funds for various, mostly AIDS-related, charities through proceeds from the T.G.R.A. rodeo held each November. Each chapter raises money throughout the year to put on the rodeo and receives a proportional amount of money from the rodeo to award local charities. Statewide, T.G.R.A. has raised over \$1.8 million. The Houston chapter has raised \$120,000 in the past three years. Recent recipients of T.G.R.A. Houston chapter awards include the PWA Holiday Charities, the PWA Coalition, the Pride Committee of Houston, the Loving Arms Foundation, Bering Care Center, and the Pet Patrol.



This year during Pride Week have fun, be yourself and make it a Bud Light.



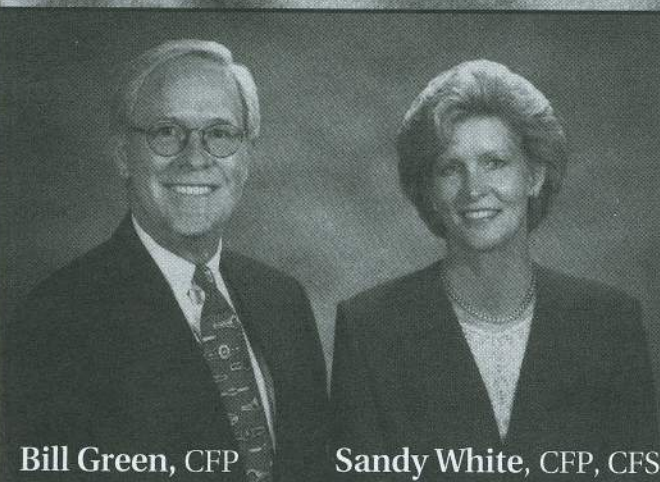
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Honorary Grand Marshal

Barbara Winston

For many years, Barbara Winston has been a vigorous advocate for diversity and inclusion. In the last five years, this has come to include gay and lesbian equal rights as well.



When Barbara's youngest son, Phillip, came out to her in 1993, she immediately joined the Houston chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and quickly got involved in many programs that aid the group's mission of advocacy, education, and family support.

Barbara was involved in two very important PFLAG advocacy programs in 1996. While she was visiting San Diego, she saw billboards posted by the PFLAG chapter there during the Republican National Convention. Barbara helped to arrange for these billboards to be sent to Houston so their powerful messages about lesbian and gay equality could be seen all over her hometown.

Barbara also helped organize PFLAG Houston's "Moms and Dads Go To Washington" bus trip to lobby for passage of Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) in 1996. The law was narrowly defeated, but the trip changed the lives of the PFLAG participants and the people they met. They took the bus so they could stop and talk to people about their mission and about ENDA on the road to D.C. The members' confidence swelled with each stop and they picked up more and more lobbyists along the way.

Barbara is also active in supporting PFLAG Houston's mission of education. As an organizer of the group's Speakers Bureau, she helps to train and send out volunteers who speak about their own experiences and assist in sensitivity and diversity training in order to increase awareness of gay and lesbian issues in corporations, government agencies, churches, health organizations, schools and universities, civic and social organizations, youth groups, and the media.

Barbara said her next step in PFLAG organizing is to help in creating more diversity among the PFLAG membership. She said she has been involved in issues of inclusivity since her camp and college days and, in later years, through social work. Barbara, who turned 60 in April, returned to the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work in 1982 and was a therapist for 10 years.

Barbara is an outstanding advocate for PFLAG and for the Houston lesbian and gay community. In this year of celebrating the power we have in our unity and our diversity, she is proud to be our Parade's Honorary Grand Marshal.

"I am happiest when I am in a world that represents all God's children," she said.



Grand Marshal

Jackie Doval

Jackie Doval has electrified Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Parades with her beautiful smile and vivacious spirit since 1989, but she finally gets to do it as a Grand Marshal this year.

1998 marked Jackie's third nomination for Grand Marshal of the Parade, and she was both honored and relieved when she found out she won. "I was beginning to feel like Susan Lucci of the Pride Parade!" she said.

Jackie's activism in the lesbian and gay community stems from her belief in the need for participation and leadership, her love of sports and exercise, and her professional stature as a chiropractic physician based in Montrose.

Jackie's leadership roles in the Houston gay and lesbian community have included founding organizations such as Woman Works, the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and the Lesbian Health Initiative (LHI) and holding positions in several organizations, such as President/Co-Chair of Team Houston and LHI, Vice-President of Amigos Volunteers in Education and Service (AVES), and Secretary of the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and AVES. In 1996 and 1997 she was Chair of LHI's first and second Annual Lesbian Health Fairs, and in 1997 she co-chaired AVES's first Pride Gala. In 1994 and 1995 Jackie was the Volunteer Coordinator of the Houston Black Tie Dinner. She is currently Co-Chair of AVES's 1998 Pride Gala, a board member of AVES, President of LHI, Vice-President of Lesbians in Business, a member of Team Houston, Team Sponsor of the Adjusters women's softball team, and a member of the Rainbow Riders.

Jackie is dedicated to ensuring health care for everyone and has established a program in her own chiropractic clinic to provide care for those who are indigent, in financial hardship, or with little or no health insurance. She has also volunteered her services at the Thomas Street Clinic and at the Bering Adult Day Care Activity Center.

Raised in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, Jackie returned to Puerto Rico last year for San Juan's 1997 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. She has also taken part in several other activist marches. Jackie has been a guest speaker at various gay and lesbian events, has been featured in some of our community's local publications, and has been a contributor to these publications.

Jackie has received honors from Team Houston, Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos, LHI, and AVES. She says her greatest honor, though, was being nominated for the position of Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade Grand Marshal and finally being elected this year.

"Susan Lucci, eat your heart out!"

Grand Marshal

Bob Bouton

Bob Bouton is a community "live wire" who connects Houston and the world by being active in many different charitable and social organizations.

This connection can best be seen during "Let Us Entertain You" (LUEY) weekend, a fun-filled social gathering for the leather community held each year during the weekend following Mardi Gras. Bob has been chairman of the Houston Council of Clubs, the group responsible for organizing the weekend, since 1993. Nearly 800 people got together for 1998's LUEY weekend, representing 23 states and four foreign countries.

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bob moved to Houston in June 1980 and works as a legal assistant. He serves as President Emeritus of the Texas Renegades and has been a member since 1987. He is also the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the PWA Holiday Charities, which continues the needed fundraising for AIDS services begun by the late Lady Victoria Lust.

Bob is a member of the Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star, Inc., and has been honored twice by the Court. He received the 1996 Founder's Award for Community Service, and he was the first non-member in Houston to receive a "Lifetime" title from the Court.

Over the years Bob has organized many benefits for Houston's vital organizations, including the Colt 45s' Stone Soup Fund, Q Patrol, the PWA Holiday Charities, the Loving Arms Foundation, and others. On May 30, he will host a benefit for the Pride Committee at Chances. (Thanks, Bob!)

Bob said being named Grand Marshal of the Pride Parade is a great honor and something he never dreamed would happen. "I love doing my charity work and being a part of the community. It's just who I am," Bob said. "It's wonderful that the community finds my work worthy of such an honor."

Bob is also a member of the Houston Area Bears and is a Host Committee member of Soiree Aubergine. He is an associate member of several area social and educational organizations, including Houston's Texas Riders, Sundance Cattle Company, and National Leather Association - Houston; the Knights d'Orleans in New Orleans; the Firedancers in Dallas; the Cowtown Leathermen in Fort Worth; the Tri-State Wolfpack in Cincinnati, Ohio; and the Silver Dolphins in Corpus Christi. Bob holds honorary titles in the United Court of the Lone Star Empire in Dallas and the United Court of Austin.

"I'm part of the leather world, the drag world, and all sorts of charitable organizations," he said. "It makes me happy to be around all kinds of people because you get to care about everyone and everyone cares about you."



The Pride Committee of Houston

Mission Statement

The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc., is a nonprofit, 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.

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Committees

Each of these committees is responsible for some aspect of all the work that must be done in order to produce a fun and educational season of Pride for the community every year. By working with one or more of these committees, you can help make Houston Pride one of the best in the world. Come to one of our meetings to see how Houston's lesbian and gay community can benefit from your skills and talent.

Events

The Events Committee stimulates interest in the community to produce educational and social activities during Houston Pride. The committee coordinates these events as well as producing the Pride Committee's own sponsored events, such as the kick-off party.

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee plans and produces fun events that raise funds for the Pride Committee's operations budget. This committee often develops joint efforts with other community organizations. Even if you only want to be involved with one project or event, come join us. New ideas are always welcomed!

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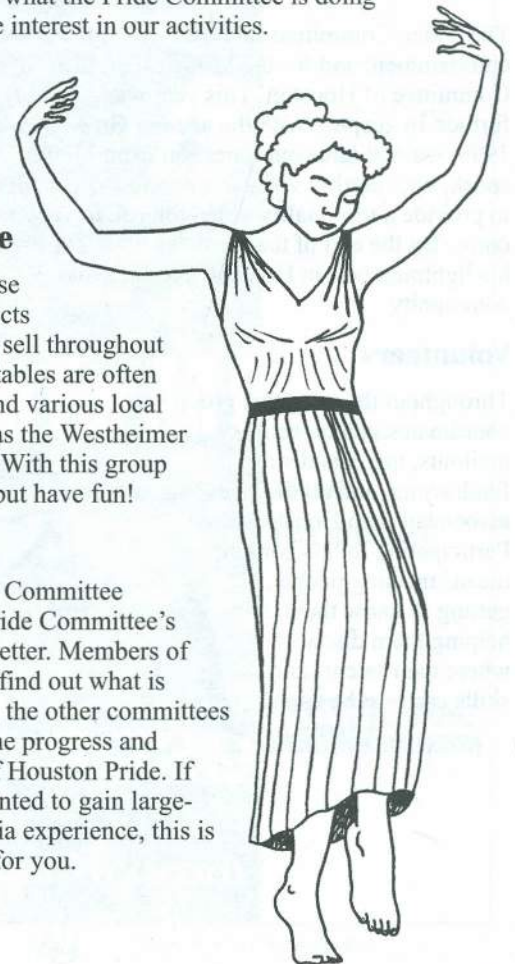
The Media Committee's primary responsibility is to establish relations with existing print and broadcast media on a local, statewide, and, in some cases, national level to keep the public informed about what the Pride Committee is doing and to stimulate interest in our activities.

Merchandise

The Merchandise Committee selects merchandise to sell throughout the year. Sales tables are often set up at bars and various local festivals, such as the Westheimer Street Festival. With this group you can't help but have fun!

Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee produces the Pride Committee's quarterly newsletter. Members of this committee find out what is happening with the other committees and report on the progress and development of Houston Pride. If you've ever wanted to gain large-scale print media experience, this is the committee for you.



Committees (Continued)

Parade

If you would like to be involved in one of the most exciting events that takes place each year in Houston, then consider being a part of the Parade Committee. Planning for this "ending" event takes all year and involves obtaining city permits, acting as liaison to the police and health departments, acquiring and placing street decorations, coordinating parade volunteers, and facilitating the orderly march of hundreds of people down Westheimer. This may sound like a lot of work, but it is actually a fun and rewarding position.



"I love to throw a party. And what bigger party could I help throw than the grand finale to Pride: the Parade?" - Jim Shumsky, Parade Co-Coordinator in 1998

Pride Guide

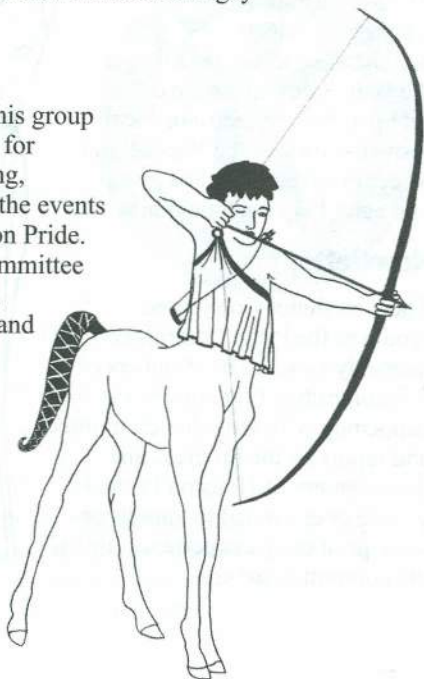
Once a year the Pride Committee produces the Pride Guide, the official listing of all the events that comprise Houston Pride. It also contains a full Houston-area Resource Guide for our community and feature articles on what Pride is about. If you've ever wanted to gain experience working on a large-scale, high-quality publication, this is the committee for you.

Video

The Video Committee captures the Pride Parade both for your entertainment and for the historical archives of the Pride Committee of Houston. This year we are taking things a step further. In keeping with the ancient Greek theme of Pride 1998, we will have our narration from Mount Olympus, so to speak, with earthly visits to interview spectators. It is our wish to provide a top-quality video for you to view in years to come. By the end of the show we hope Zeus will have found his lightning bolt in Houston's lesbian and gay community.

Volunteers

Throughout the year, this group coordinates volunteers for mailouts, merchandising, fundraising, and all of the events associated with Houston Pride. Participating in this committee means meeting people, getting to know them, and helping them discover where their talents and skills can best be used.



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A Diversity of Community Resources

The Pride Committee of Houston's Resource Guide is a listing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and socially progressive organizations and resources in our greater Houston community. It provides contact and descriptive information gained from research by the Pride Committee and from updates provided to us throughout the year.

We encourage you to use the Guide throughout the year to find the resources you need and to find out more about the many aspects of the lesbian and gay community. Not only does the Resource Guide provide handy assistance in finding the information you want, but it also reflects the rich diversity in our community. The listings for Houston area resources cover a wide gamut of concerns, including art, civic, corporate, health, media, political, religious, social and educational, and sports and recreational resources. You will also find listings for statewide and national groups.



"One of the most enjoyable aspects of Pride has always been the ability to find out about all the different segments of the gay and lesbian community. There are so many different organizations out there and I love finding out about them and getting to know the people involved in them. Their diversity is thrilling to me." - Jim Duke, Pride volunteer & Parade participant/watcher

If you have more current information about your own organization or another listing or you know of an organization or resource that should be listed, please contact us so the whole community can benefit from your information. The most up-to-date resource information is available on our web site at www.pridehouston.org. You can email us at info@pridehouston.org, fax us at 713.529.6929, or mail your new information to PO Box 66071, Houston TX 77266-6071.



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Arts

Alley Theatre

Mailing Address: 615 Texas St., Houston TX 77002-2795
Phone: 713.228.9341
Fax: 713.222.6542
Web Site: www.alleytheatre.com

Alley Theatre, recipient of the 1996 Tony Award for regional theater, is a resident company located in the heart of downtown Houston. The Alley produces an eight-show season.

Art League of Houston

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 1-4 p.m.
Mailing Address: 1953 Montrose Blvd., Houston TX
77006-1243
Phone: 713.523.9530
Fax: 713.523.4053

This is a nonprofit educational organization that promotes public interest in and appreciation of the visual arts. The Art League has been dedicated to enriching Houston's cultural environment through its exciting and varied activities since 1948. It is supported primarily by membership gifts as well as public grants. Monthly exhibitions, art classes, outreach programs, and the Art Registry of Texas are only a portion of its diversity. A free art course is offered to HIV+ people.

Athena Art Project

Mailing Address: PO Box 66604, Houston TX 77266-6604
Phone: 713.861.3316
Email: athenaart@aol.com

The Athena Art Project is the producer of the Houston Women's Festival and other art and entertainment events. The next Houston Women's Festival will be held Saturday, October 24, 1998.

Diverse Works

Mailing Address: 1117 East Freeway, Houston TX 77002-1108
Phone: 713.223.8346
Fax: 713.223.4608
Email: info@diverseworks.org
Web Site: www.diverseworks.org

This is an artist-run contemporary art center dedicated to presenting new visual, literary, and performing art. Throughout the year we present "Beyond Desire," a gay and lesbian performance and film series.



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Arts (Continued)

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Dues: \$10 monthly
 Meeting Time: Open rehearsals Thursdays, 7 p.m., September through June
 Meeting Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh
 Mailing Address: PO Box 541004, Houston TX 77254-1004
 Phone: 713.521.SING
 Email: efg@uh.edu

Established in 1979 as the Montrose Singers, GMCH is a 40-voice men's choral ensemble. We sing to achieve excellence in men's choral music. We provide a nurturing environment for our members and offer a source of pride, unity, and support to our diverse communities.

The Group (Theater Workshop)

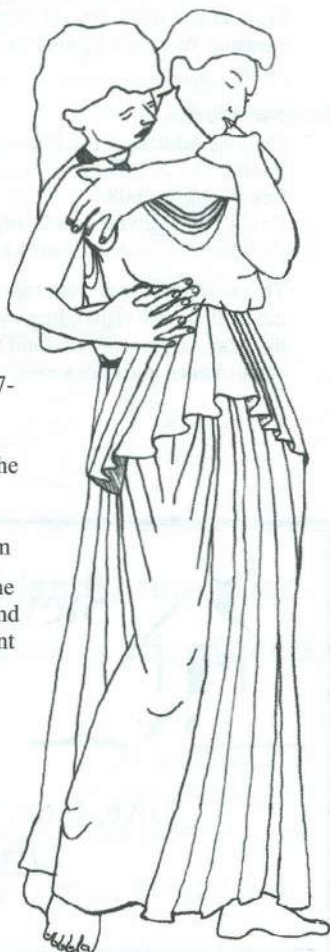
Meeting Location: Various
 Mailing Address: 436 Hawthorne St., Apt. 2, Houston TX 77006-4052
 Phone: 713.522.2204

This is a theater group producing gay and lesbian plays. Joe Watts is the director.

Houston Grand Opera

Mailing Address: 510 Preston St., Ste. 500, Houston TX 77002-1594
 Phone: 713.546.0256
 Fax: 713.228.4355
 Email: kvaughn@hgo.com
 Web Site: www.hgo.com

Our mission is to bring large and diverse audiences together for exciting, live opera in a financially responsible way. HGO is defined by the excellence of its work and is artistically and administratively imaginative, balanced, and responsible. We provide a memorable experience and make an impact locally, regionally, and beyond.



Houston Pride Band

Dues: \$10 monthly
 Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 7-9:30 p.m.
 Meeting Location: Dignity Houston, 1307 Yale, in the Heights
 Phone: 713.524.0218
 Email: HousTxBand@aol.com

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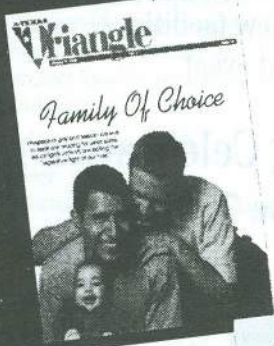
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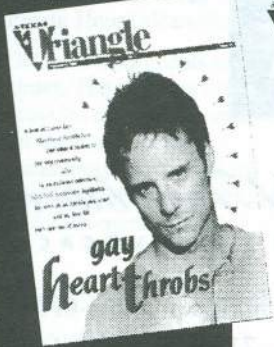
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Arts (Continued)

Museum of Fine Arts

Dues: \$3 adults, \$1.50 children

Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12:15-6 p.m.

Location: 1001 Bissonnet

Mailing Address: PO Box 6826, Houston TX 77265-6826

Phone: 713.639.7300

Email: hirsch@mfah.org

Web Site: mfah.org

The Museum of Fine Arts 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 Junior School, the Cullen Sculpture Garden, the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, and Rienzi.

Theater LaB Houston

Location: 1706 Alamo, off 2100 Houston Ave.

Mailing Address: PO Box 70755, Houston TX 77270-0755

Phone: 713.868.7516

Theater LaB specializes in producing the finest in contemporary Off-Broadway theater in Houston.

Civic

The Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

Dues: \$100 annually for individuals, \$175 for businesses

Meeting Time: Every first Monday, 6 p.m.

Meeting Location: Wyndham Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main St.

Mailing Address: 1109 Hyde Park Blvd., Ste. 178, Houston TX 77006-1205

Phone: 713.523.7576

Fax: 713.669.0452

Email: info@ghglcc.org

Web Site: www.ghglcc.org

The Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce fosters and promotes the economic development and vitality of gay, lesbian, and supportive businesses and professional organizations in the greater Houston area. The Chamber facilitates the exchange of ideas, resources, and information and provides networking opportunities for its members. To promote a positive image of the diversity of gay and lesbian citizens and to further strengthen our position in society, the chamber provides opportunities for the personal, professional, and social growth of its members.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center

Dues: None

Meeting Time: Every first and third Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: 803 Hawthorne

Mailing Address: PO Box 2304, Houston TX 77252-2304

Phone: 713.876.7904

Email: hlgcc@neosoft.com

Web Site: neosoft.com/~hlgcc

Our mission is to empower, educate, and nurture individuals of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, generating a sense of community by providing for their social, emotional, cultural, and physical well-being.

Corporate

Chase Bank of Texas PRIDE Team

Meeting Time: Every fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m.
 Mailing Address: PO Box 2558, MS: LL-1301F-20, Houston TX 77252-2558
 Phone: 713.655.5423

This is a networking group for gay, lesbian, and transgender employees of Chase Bank of Texas. PRIDE stands for People Recognizing Individual Differences Equally.

Houston Spectrum

Dues: \$20
 Meeting Time: Every third Tuesday, 6 p.m.
 Meeting Location: 6500 W. Loop S.
 Mailing Address: PO Box 540204, Houston TX 77254-0204
 Phone: 713.253.2158

Houston Spectrum is a Southwestern Bell Corporation employee organization comprising current and retired management and nonmanagement employees of SBC Communications who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual and those who share their concerns.

Health & HIV

AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas

Dues: All client services are free.
 Mailing Address: 1419 23rd St., Galveston TX 77550-4514
 Phone: 409.763.AIDS
 Fax: 409.763.5482
 Email: acct@infocom.net
 Web Site: www.infocom.net/~acct

ACCT is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides for compassionate, community-based education and services regarding HIV/AIDS. We have been in existence since 1985 in Galveston and now serve the coastal region. Services include case management, hospital visitation, emergency financial assistance, transportation, and HIV education programs.

AIDS Foundation Houston

Mailing Address: 3202 Wesleyan St., Houston TX 77027-5748
 Phone: 713.524.AIDS
 Fax: 713.623.4029
 Email: afh@aidshelp.org
 Web Site: www.aidshelp.org

AFH is committed to improving the quality of life in the greater Houston community through HIV/AIDS education, social services, health care, and volunteering. AFH supports the following services: the AIDS Hotline and AIDS Talk, outreach and education programs, the Stone Soup Food Assistance Program, the Beecher-Wilson Apartments, rental and utility assistance, information and referral, mental health services, Project a Friendly When, Camp Hope and Hug, the Southwestern Bell Houston AIDS Walk, and many others.

AIDS Housing Coalition Houston (AHCH)

Mailing Address: 117 Tuam St., Ste. 1, Houston TX 77006-3213
 Phone: 713.521.1613
 Fax: 713.521.1613
 Email: ahch@wt.net

AHCH, located in Montrose, provides emergency community housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. It serves the gay and lesbian community and compatible heterosexuals.

AIDS Resource for Greater Houston, City of Houston

Mailing Address: 8000 N. Stadium Dr., Fl. 5, Houston TX 77054
 Phone: 713.794.9092
 Fax: 713.798.0830

The Houston Department of Health and Human Services' HIV/STD Prevention Program provides HIV education, counseling, testing, referral, partner notification, case management, and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. Surveillance and seroprevalence data are collected and published quarterly. The bureau has current literature, videotapes, and booklets available on HIV/AIDS and STDs. Free education sessions are conducted daily, and condoms are available for organizations wishing to distribute them.


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Health & HIV (Continued)

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES)

Hours of Operation: Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Thursday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: 4126 SW Fwy., Ste. 1717

Mailing Address: 4126 SW Fwy., Ste. 1717, Houston TX 77027-7317

Phone: 713.626.2837

Fax: 713.626.2848

Email: aves@neosoft.com

AVES is a nonprofit agency providing HIV/AIDS prevention and intervention services to affected individuals who are residents of the Houston area and surrounding rural areas. Services include prevention education for HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis; women's services; and 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, heterosexuals, children, and adolescents. Although our emphasis is on the Latino community, we serve all individuals in need of care.

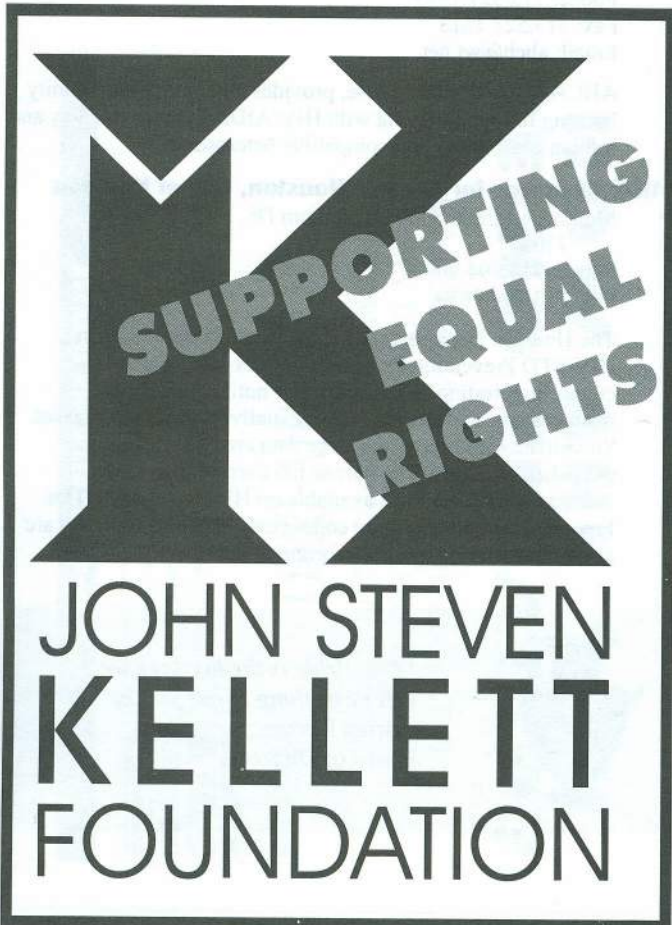
Assist Hers Care Team Program

Meeting Time: Every second Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Mailing Address: PO Box 541095, Houston TX 77254-1095

Phone: 713.521.4625

This program helps lesbian women with chronic or disabling illnesses live as normally as possible. Volunteers are needed to work as part of a care team that visits clients once or twice a month. Volunteers make friends with the clients and other care team volunteers.



Assistance Fund

Meeting Time: Board meeting every second Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: 1116 Jackson Blvd., Houston TX 77006-1210

Phone: 713.529.4788

Fax: 713.520.7520

The Assistance Fund pays health insurance premiums and provides one-time medication assistance for those in transition from private insurance to Medicare.

Bayou City Boys Club, Inc.

Meetings: Quarterly

Mailing Address: PO Box 131284, Houston TX 77219-1284

Phone: 713.880.8980

We are an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for local organizations that provide HIV/AIDS education, patient care, and research. Our goal is always to donate 100% of all party proceeds to event beneficiaries.

Bering Care Center

Location: Bering United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St.

Mailing Address: PO Box 540517, Houston TX 77254-0517

Phone: 713.520.7070

Fax: 713.520.7854

The Bering Care Center is an adult day care center for persons who are living with HIV/AIDS. The Care Center provides nursing care; hot, nutritious meals; physical therapy; educational programs; nutritional counseling; transportation; and the opportunity for healthy social interaction for persons who should not or cannot be left alone because of their health. Our mission is to provide a supportive environment that ensures clients' emotional and social needs are met.

Bering Dental Clinic

Location: Bering United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St.

Mailing Address: PO Box 540517, Houston TX 77254-0517

Phone: 713.524.7933

Fax: 713.524.7995

Bering Dental Clinic provides quality dental care for over 3,000 persons with HIV/AIDS annually from across South Texas. Because of the depressed immune system, tooth infections, ulcers, lesions, and other oral manifestations of HIV require specialized care and treatment. Bering Dental Clinic offers emergency, restorative, and preventative care; chemotherapy; surgical therapy of oral Kaposi's sarcoma lesions; dentures; and diagnosis and treatment of other oral pathology. Patients must have documentation of HIV status and proof of income level.

Bering Financial Assistance

Location: Bering United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St.

Mailing Address: PO Box 540517, Houston TX 77254-0517

Phone: 713.520.5327

Fax: 713.520.7854

Email: daver@bering.org

Web Site: www.bering.org

Bering Financial Assistance prevents the homelessness of HIV+ women, men, and children by providing financial counseling and funding for rent, mortgage, and utility payments.

Health & HIV (Continued)**Body Positive Houston, Inc.**

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Location: 3400 Montrose, Ste. 610
 Mailing Address: PO Box 66446, Houston TX 77266-6446
 Phone: 713.524.2374
 Email: bodypos@hern.org
 Web Site: www.bodypositivehouston.org

Body Positive Houston offers services to persons affected by HIV/AIDS through our new Wellness Center, which provides resistance weight training, nutritional assessment and counseling, massage and other relaxation therapy, chiropractic services, education, and peer counseling.

Colt 45s, Inc.

Dues: \$10 monthly
 Meeting Time: Every second Monday, 8 p.m.
 Meeting Location: Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos
 Mailing Address: PO Box 66804, Houston TX 77266-6804
 Phone: 713.526.6077

The Colt 45s assist persons with AIDS by providing financial support for persons with temporary, immediate financial needs. Support includes donating fresh produce and meat to AFH's Stone Soup and providing rent and utility payments, and eyeglasses for persons with AIDS.

Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS/Houston

Mailing Address: PO Box 131605, Houston TX 77219-1605
 Phone: 713.552.9445
 Fax: 713.552.1671

The Houston Chapter of DIFFA 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 \$2,300,000 to local organizations for HIV/AIDS care, research, treatment, and preventive education. Volunteers create special events and help allocate the funds raised.

Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM)

Dues: All services are free.
 Mailing Address: 701 N. Post Oak Rd., Ste. 330, Houston TX 77024-3877
 Phone: 713.682.5995
 Fax: 713.682.0639
 Email: firm-hou@neosoft.com

FIRM is a nonprofit organization that provides nonjudgmental, caring, 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 the 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.

Gay and Lesbian Health Professionals Association of Houston (GLHPA)

Dues: \$40 professional, \$20 others
 Meeting Time: Varies
 Mailing Address: PO Box 66551, Houston TX 77266-6551
 Phone: 713.523.4700
 Email: gilmer@pol.net

GLHPA is an organization of gay and lesbian people and supportive others involved in the health care community. Our membership comprises of doctors, nurses, psychotherapists, dentists, administrators, students, and others. We sponsor a referral line that provides a listing of gay and gay-friendly health care providers in the Houston area. We have alternating education, social, and special events throughout the year.

Houston Department of Health and Human Services

Mailing Address: 8000 N. Stadium Dr., Fl. 5, Houston TX 77054-1823
 Phone: 713.794.9092
 Fax: 713.798.0830

The Department of Health and Human Services provides case management, counseling, testing, partner notification, early intervention, STD and HIV health education and risk reduction, minority initiatives, public information, and AIDS surveillance and HIV seroprevalence data. 24-hour information is available in English and Spanish.

Jewish Family Services

Dues: Fees are based on ability to pay.
 Location: 4131 S. Braeswood Blvd.
 Mailing Address: PO Box 20548, Houston TX 77225-0548
 Phone: 713.667.9336
 Fax: 713.667.3619

This United Way Agency in southwest Houston offers counseling, information and referral, psychiatric evaluation and treatment, and education workshops. The professional staff is sensitive to gay and lesbian issues as well as HIV/AIDS concerns. Services are available to individuals, couples, families, and caregivers.

Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston, Inc.

Mailing Address: PO Box 130158, Houston TX 77219-0158
 Phone: 713.603.0023

Lesbian Health Initiative is a 501(c)3 organization promoting health and well-being among lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women in the Houston area. We also host Houston's annual Lesbian Health Fair.

Lesbian Health Outreach Project

Mailing Address: 701 Richmond Ave., Houston TX 77006-5511
 Phone: 713.529.0037

This project is a united effort of 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 and to provide low-cost (sliding scale) well-woman exams that include pelvic exams, pap smears, breast exams, lab work, and referrals for mammograms when needed. These services are available by appointment only at the Montrose Clinic, 713.830.3000. Educational presentations are available by scheduling through the Montrose Counseling Center at 713.529.0037.

Milam House

Mailing Address: 4100 Milam St., Houston TX 77006-5652
 Phone: 713.520.9248
 Fax: 713.649.6075
 Email: ahhstaff@neosoft.com

Milam House provides dignified housing and access to services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and facing homelessness.

Health & HIV (Continued)**Montrose Clinic**

Meeting Location: 215 Westheimer
 Mailing Address: PO Box 66308, Houston TX 77266-6308
 Phone: 713.520.2000
 Fax: 713.528.4923

Montrose Clinic is a nonprofit, community-based agency 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 experimental HIV therapies, case management, deaf and hard-of-hearing services, education, and disease prevention. All services of the clinic can be scheduled by appointment; however, walk-ins are taken on a space-available basis.

Montrose Counseling Center

Meeting Time: Women's Network, every second and fourth Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.; Men's Network, every first and third Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.

Meeting Location: 701 Richmond Ave.
 Mailing Address: 701 Richmond Ave., Houston TX 77006-5511
 Phone: 713.529.0037; TDD: 526.6285
 Fax: 713.526.4367
 Email: mcc@neosoft.com
 Web Site: www.neosoft.com/~mcc/

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

Montrose Counseling Center HIV Program

Meeting Time: Call for schedule
 Meeting Location: 701 Richmond
 Mailing Address: 701 Richmond, Houston TX 77006-5511
 Phone: 713.529.0037
 Fax: 713.526.4367
 Email: mcc@neosoft.com
 Web Site: www.neosoft.com/~mcc/

The HIV Program provides a full range of counseling and support for those groups affected by AIDS. The professional staff has been specially trained to provide referral information compiled by the Montrose Counseling Center HIV Program and other community resources. The project also performs individual case management.



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Omega House

Dues: Residents are generally admitted without regard for their ability to pay.
 Mailing Address: 602 Branard St., Houston TX 77006-5020
 Phone: 713.523.7110
 Fax: 713.526.8144

Omega House is a residential hospice that provides loving care to medically indigent AIDS patients in the final stage of their illness. We offer spiritual and psycho-social support as well as palliative medical care administered by a staff of professional health care workers and volunteers.

People with AIDS Coalition Houston

Meeting Time: Open board meetings every first Thursday at 5:45 p.m.
 Meeting Location: 3400 Montrose, Ste. 106
 Mailing Address: 3400 Montrose Blvd., Ste. 106, Houston TX 77006-4330
 Phone: 713.522.5428
 Fax: 713.522.2674
 Email: pwac@neosoft.com

The People with AIDS Coalition of Houston is an organization by and for people living with HIV. It provides psycho-social support through assistance programs and referrals. Our programs include New Beginnings Household Restart, in which we give free furniture and other household items to indigent PWAs; care management; and the Volunteer Program at Thomas Street Clinic. We also offer a bimonthly newsletter, volunteer opportunities, distribution of tickets to social and educational events, and financial assistance for rent and utility payments.

Planned Parenthood

Dues: Varies
 Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday
 Location: 3601 Fannin between Alabama and Holman
 Mailing Address: 3601 Fannin St., Houston TX 77004-3998
 Phone: 713.522.3976
 Fax: 713.522.9047
 Email: pphset@pphouston.org

We offer HIV testing and counseling for \$5 and comprehensive, complimentary, and confidential reproductive care for women. Planned Parenthood offers medical services including HIV counseling and testing, screening and treatment for STDs, a teen clinic, a Positive Care clinic for HIV+ women, breast exams, mammograms, annual exams, pap smears, birth control, abortions, vasectomies, and tubal ligation. We also offer counseling for gay and lesbian relationships, adolescent sexuality, sexual abuse and harassment, parent/teen relationships, healthy sexuality, and sexual function. All services are confidential.



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Health & HIV (Continued)**Steven's House**

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 Phone: 713.522.5757
 Fax: 713.522.1910
 Email: jimgriffithcp-stevehouse@msn.com

This transitional living center addresses residents' physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs while preserving their dignity.

Media**After Hours**

Mailing Address: 419 Lovett, Houston TX 77006-4018
 Phone: 713.526.5738
 Fax: 713.526.5750

This late-night radio show airs on Saturdays between midnight and 3 a.m. *After Hours* provides a permanent voice for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community with its varied hosts. The QMZ is the Queer Music Zone that features openly GLBT artists. *After Hours* is broadcast on KPFT, World Radio 90.1 FM, 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.

HoustonGayWeb.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 10676, Houston TX 77206
 Email: info@HoustonGayWeb.com
 Web Site: HoustonGayWeb.com

HoustonGayWeb.com is a central source to Houston's lesbian/bi/trans/gay community on the Internet. This site features various items of local interest, including artists, writers, entertainers, an updated events calendar (a joint effort with the Pride Committee of Houston), audio of weekly gay radio, video clips, a free roommate locator, free personals, and more. If you need to know about a group or event or about Houston in general, check out the HoustonGayWeb.

Houston Voice

Mailing Address: 811 Westheimer Rd., Ste. 105, Houston TX 77006-3942
 Phone: 713.529.8490
 Fax: 713.529.9531
 Email: feedback@houstonvoice.com
 Web Site: www.houstonvoice.com

The *Houston Voice* is Houston's leading weekly gay and lesbian newspaper. Coverage includes local, regional, national, and global news. The publication regularly features articles on health, nutrition, arts and entertainment, and community events and interviews with celebrities and politicians. The *Houston Voice* is distributed free to over 200 locations in Houston each Friday.

Lesbian and Gay Voices

Time: Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.
 Dues: \$35 per year for program guide
 Mailing Address: 419 Lovett, Houston TX 77006-4018
 Phone: 713.526.4000
 Fax: 713.529.6929
 Email: LGVoices@aol.com
 Web Site: www.pridehouston.org

Lesbian and Gay Voices contains local news, local and national interviews, "Newsrap" from *This Way Out*, art reviews and commentary. *Lesbian and Gay Voices* is broadcast on KPFT, World Radio 90.1 FM, a community-based, public radio station.

OutSmart Magazine

Mailing Address: 3406 Audubon Place, Houston TX 77006-4412
 Phone: 713.520.7237
 Fax: 713.522.3275

OutSmart is Houston's only gay and lesbian monthly magazine. It provides positive information to gay men, lesbians, and their associates to enhance and improve the quality of our lives. *OutSmart Magazine's* goal is to build a bridge of communication and understanding between cultural and social communities that are separated by traditions of ignorance and misinformation, creating a healthier community for us all.

Political**Annis Parker, Houston City Councilmember**

Mailing Address: PO Box 1562, Houston TX 77251-1562
 Phone: 713.247.2014
 Fax: 713.247.3519
 Email: aparker@cnl.ci.houston.tex.us
 Web Site: www.ci.houston.tx.us/citygovernment/council/1/

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

Debra Danburg, Texas State Representative 137

Mailing Address: PO Box 66602, Houston TX 77266-6602
 Phone: 713.520.8068
 Fax: 713.520.8692

Debra Danburg has been a champion of gay and lesbian issues for over 18 years. She offers constituent services for Montrose, the Heights, the Museum District, Greenway Plaza, and Gulfton.

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Political (Continued)**Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus**

Mailing Address: PO Box 66664, Houston TX 77266-6664
Phone: 713.521-1000

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus is a nonpartisan organization that endeavors to increase the power of the gay and lesbian vote and elect candidates who will support our needs by organizing "get out the vote" campaigns and screening and endorsing candidates.

League of Women Voters of Houston

Dues: \$50 per year
Meeting Time: Varies
Meeting Location: Varies
Mailing Address: 2650 Fountainview, Ste. 328, Houston TX 77057-7619
Phone: 713.784.2923
Fax: 713.784.2984

This is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Log Cabin Republicans Houston

Dues: \$35 per year
Meeting Time: Every fourth Monday (third Monday if holiday), 6:30 p.m. social and 7 p.m. meeting
Meeting Location: Renata's, 2006 Lexington
Mailing Address: PO Box 131104, Houston TX 77219-1104
Phone: 713.529.9100
Fax: 713.524.8955
Email: gvo@msn.com

Log Cabin Republicans is a civil rights organization attempting to create change within the Republican Party. We welcome people from either political party who can help us accomplish this goal within the apparatus of the Texas GOP.

Religious**Community Gospel Church**

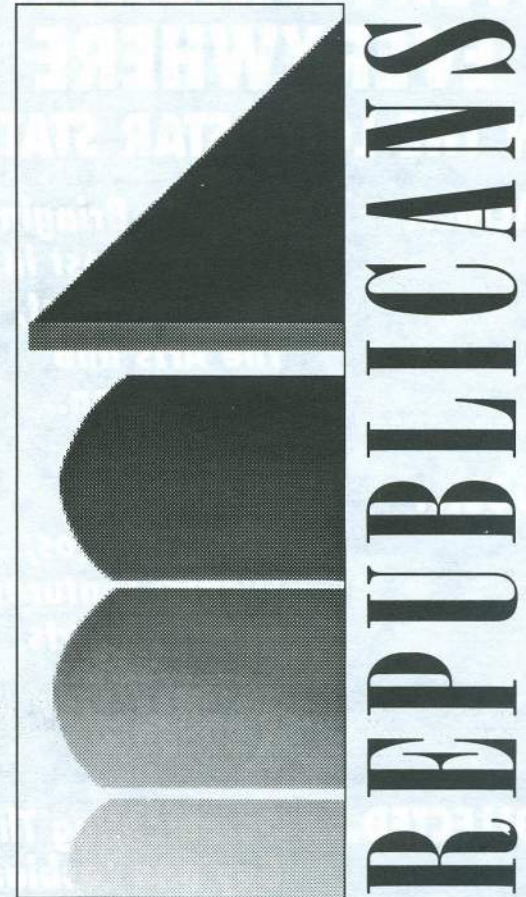
Meeting Time: Sundays, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: 4305 Lilac St.
Mailing Address: 4305 Lilac St., Houston TX 77007-5624
Phone: 713.880.9235
Email: cgospel@communitygospel.org
Web Site: www.communitygospel.org

Celebrating our 15th year, this diverse and exciting fellowship of believers is growing in numbers and in God. We offer a warm and loving environment for all to grow in the grace and love of Jesus Christ. Worship services are Jesus centered and Holy Ghost led. You are invited to experience the difference in Community Gospel Church.

Dignity Houston

Dues: \$40 annually
Meeting Time: Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: 1307 Yale, Ste. H
Mailing Address: PO Box 66821, Houston TX 77266-6821
Phone: 713.880.2872

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Religious (Continued)

First Unitarian Universalist Church

Meeting Time: Potluck every fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Fireside Room

Meeting Location: 5200 Fannin at Southmore

Mailing Address: 5200 Fannin at Southmore, Houston TX 77004-5808

Phone: 713.526.5200

Fax: 713.521.9626

Web Site: www.firstuu.org

We welcome diversity; we do not just tolerate gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders, but we also affirm each person's sexual truth, and we include sexual minorities as ministers. We have a potluck every fourth Friday at 7 p.m. for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, families, and friends. We also have mid-month activities.

Integrity-Houston

Meeting Time: Worship every second Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Autry House, 6265 South Main

Mailing Address: PO Box 66008, Houston TX 77266-6008

Phone: 713.522.1718

This group of lesbian and gay Episcopalians and their friends offers worship and fellowship in a comfortable setting. We work for change within the Episcopal Church.

Kingdom Community Church

Meeting Time: Fellowship, Sundays, 11 a.m., church service follows

Mailing Address: PO Box 2148, Houston TX 77252-2148

Phone: 713.942.8256

This is a Christian lay ministry offering worship and educational opportunities to the community.

Kolbe Project

Dues: None

Hours of Operation: Open weekdays

Mailing Address: 1030 Heights Blvd., Houston TX 77008-6914

Phone: 713.861.1800

Fax: 713.861.7212

Founded in 1989, we offer unconditional love and acceptance, in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi, to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender men and women of all religious faiths or none. A variety of social, educational, and spiritual programs are provided, including a ministry to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families and other caregivers.

Maranatha Fellowship MCC

Meeting Time: Sundays, Bible study, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

Meeting Location: 3400 Montrose, Ste. 600

Mailing Address: PO Box 667032, Houston TX 77266-7032

Phone: 713.528.6756

Fax: 713.528.6447

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. The church is evangelical and charismatic in its style of worship. We have a primary outreach to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. All people are welcome.

Religious (Continued)**Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection**

Meeting Time: Sunday Worship, 9 & 11 a.m.; HIV Support Group, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Bible Study and Lecture Series, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting Location: 1919 Decatur
 Mailing Address: 1919 Decatur, Houston TX 77007
 Phone: 713.861.9149

MCCR invites you to experience God's unconditional love. The church is celebrating over 20 years of worship in Houston.

Social & Educational**African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance (AALGA)**

Dues: \$25
 Meeting Time: Every third Sunday, 6 p.m.
 Meeting Location: Bering United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold
 Mailing Address: 5521 La Branch St., Houston TX 77004-7128
 Phone: 713.794.2980
 Email: aalga98@aol.com
 Web Site: ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/AALGA

AALGA provides education, empowerment, skills building, and leadership to bisexuals, gay men, lesbians, and transgender people of African descent in the greater Houston area. AALGA is creating a community where our members can celebrate the unique diversities of our culture, spiritual influences, and sexual orientation. This pride/power organization is open to all people, regardless of race, sex, gender identification, or sexual orientation.

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Asians & Friends of Houston

Dues: \$20 and up
 Meeting Time: Varies each month
 Meeting Location: Varies each month
 Mailing Address: PO Box 667100, Houston TX 77266-7100
 Phone: 713.772.3757
 Web Site: members.aol.com/texasians

This is a nonprofit 501(c)3 educational social group for lesbian and gay Asians, Asian-Americans, Pacific Islanders, and those interested in furthering their understanding of the rich and varied cultures of Asia.

Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf

Dues: \$15 for members; \$12 for people with HIV/AIDS, seniors, and students
 Meeting Time: Every second Friday at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting Location: Call for location
 Mailing Address: PO Box 66136, Houston TX 77266-6136
 Phone: 713.995.6339
 Fax: 713.830.3079
 Email: aradhoutx@aol.com

The Houston chapter of the International Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf was founded in 1979. There is an upcoming conference in New Orleans on June 15-20, 1999.

BiNet Houston

Dues: None
 Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting Location: Toopees, 1830 W. Alabama
 Mailing Address: PO Box 667041, Houston 77266-7041
 Phone: 713.467.4380
 Email: BiHouse@flash.net

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 a Bi-Line at 713.467.4380 and co-hosts *After Hours* every first Saturday of the month.

Crisis Hotline

Mailing Address: PO Box 130866, Houston TX 77219-0866
 Phone: 713.228.1505
 Fax: 713.527.0435
 Email: hotline@intergate.com
 Web Site: www.intergate.com/~hotline/info.html

Crisis Hotline provides a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week crisis intervention telephone service. Crisis counseling and specific information and referral are available on a wide range of topics including suicide, AIDS, and mental health issues.

Freed-Montrose Library

Dues: Free
 Hours of Operation: Monday and Thursday, 12 noon - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Mailing Address: 4100 Montrose Blvd., Houston TX 77006-4938
 Phone: 713.520.5487
 Email: mntbranc@sparc.hpl.lib.tx.us
 Web Site: sparc.hpl.lib.tx.us

Various gay and lesbian groups and organizations utilize our meeting rooms. Gay and lesbian periodicals and books are available. AIDS-related newsletters and public access terminals for various AIDS/HIV databases are available.

Social & Educational (Continued)**Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston**

Mailing Address: PO Box 66469, Houston TX 77266-6469
 Phone: 713.529.3211; TTY/TTD
 Email: glsh@switchboard.org
 Web Site: www.switchboard.org/~glsh

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

Hate Crimes Hotline

Mailing Address: PO Box 66469, Houston TX 77266-6469
 Phone: 713.529.9615
 Email: glsh@switchboard.org
 Web Site: www.switchboard.org/~glsh

This organization 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.

Hollyfield Foundation

Mailing Address: PO Box 66722, Houston TX 77266-6722
 Phone: 713.523.6900
 Fax: 713.520.6300

The Hollyfield Foundation supports individual rights and freedoms through direct and indirect aid to nonprofit gay, lesbian, and AIDS organizations. The foundation has funded over 15 organizations since 1994.

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Houston Area National Organization for Women

Dues: \$35 or sliding scale
 Meeting Time: Every second Thursday
 Meeting Location: Varies
 Mailing Address: PO Box 540204, Houston TX 77254-0204
 Phone: 713.665.8669
 Fax: 713.664.8891
 Web Site: www.now.org

NOW is a civil rights organization comprising people who support equal rights for women in the social, legal, economic, and sexual areas of life. It is dedicated to ending violence against women, combating racism, securing lesbian rights, and protecting abortion and reproductive rights.

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)

Meeting Time: Fridays, 7:15 p.m.; Sundays, 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting Location: Call for location
 Mailing Address: PO Box 667053, Houston TX 77266-7053
 Phone: 713.942.7002
 Fax: 713.669.0452

HATCH provides a safe, secure environment for gay and lesbian teens to socialize with their peers, find support, and develop a more positive outlook on their sexuality. Meetings are open to 13- to 20-year old gay and lesbian people.

Houston Area Women's Center

Meeting Time: Volunteer orientation every second Monday,
 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Meeting Location: 1010 Waugh Dr.
 Mailing Address: 1010 Waugh Dr., Houston TX 77019-3996
 Phone: 713.528.2121 for general info; 528.RAPE for 24-hour
 Hotline
 Fax: 713.535.6363
 Web Site: www.hawc.org

The Houston Area Women's Center provides shelter, counseling, and support services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Two 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week hotlines provide crisis counseling: the Rape Crisis Hotline at 713.528.7273 and the Women's Center Hotline at 713.528.2121. 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, emergency safe shelter, and advocacy for both female and male survivors. The Center provides services to heterosexual, lesbian, gay, and bisexual survivors of violence.

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents

Dues: \$25 per year per family
 Meeting Time: Every second Tuesday
 Meeting Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh
 Mailing Address: 10400 S. Post Oak Rd., Ste. E-263, Houston
 TX 77035-3304
 Phone: 713.980.7995
 Fax: 713.660.0005

HGLP holds a monthly support group for parents and a monthly family activity and publishes a monthly newsletter. HGLP is a nonprofit social and support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender parents; their partners; and parent wannabes. Children range in age from newborns through adults.