THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF HE PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON



25 YEARS OF THE RAINBOW FLAG
EUROPRIDE WINATRIP TO MANCHESTER



Welcome

wenty-five years is a perfect time to examine our past. The 1977 march through downtown in reaction to Anita Bryant's presence in Houston helped to start the pride celebration that we know today. The fight against the city for our first parade permit, a former mayor publicly calling gays degenerates, and the devastation of the AIDS crisis were barriers we faced. We retaliated against these events by filling the Astrodome for a town-hall meeting, creating hundreds of GLBT community organizations, electing our first openly gay city council representative, and taking to the streets loud and proud by creating North America's first nighttime pride parade. This is our community.

Twenty-five years is a perfect time to imagine our future. Can we envision a time when students can take a same-sex date to a high school prom? When will it be possible to hold your loved one's hand during a routine shopping trip? Will we be able to create our own families like anyone else? Will we live long, healthy, productive lives as accepted members of society? Will the future include us?

After twenty-five years, some may wonder why Houston still needs an annual pride celebration. There are plenty of reasons: to commemorate the Stonewall riots, to bring visibility to our community, to show off our strength as a group, or simply as a reason for a great party. We will continue to celebrate pride as long as we can imagine the future: when a child can grow up and not be discarded because of who they are, until you cannot be fired because of who you love, until loving someone is not a crime, and when being a gay, lesbian, bisexual or a transgendered person is not a reason to be looked down upon, hurt or even killed.

As a community we have made great strides in the past twenty-five years; however, we have many more to make. I would like to thank the Pride Committee of Houston's Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Volunteers and the community support. All make the annual pride celebration possible for the thousands of participants. For our twenty-fifth Silver Celebration we have twenty-five days of pride held from June 5 to June 29. These days of pride will be filled with educational, social, historical and artistic opportunities to educate, celebrate and commemorate our community. You will find a complete listing of these events on-line at www.pridehouston.org and in local publications.

Great changes have been made to this year's Pride Celebration and you too will have a chance to examine our past and imagine your future. Our nighttime Pride Parade will look better than ever before. Don't miss it! Whether you only read this publication, catch a glimpse of the celebration on the news, or proudly wave a banner as you march down the street...We welcome you! There is a place for us all.

Happy Silver Celebration, Houston! How will you show your pride?

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PRESIDENT

Greetings!

s Mayor of the City of Houston,
I am pleased to extend my warm
regards to all participating in various
activities to be held during the 25th Annual
Pride Celebration. I would also like to welcome
the many guests who will be attending these
events from across the state.

Houston has historically offered activities, organizations, and services that are reflective of our diverse ethnic and cultural makeup, and this event continues in that tradition. The strengths of this great 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.

Please accept my best wishes for much success.

Sincerely,

LEE BROWN

MAYOR

Dear Friends,

If only Anita Bryant could see the parade she inspired!!! It's becoming THE parade, and it attracts visitors from all over the country.

Congratulations on a grand 25-year tradition that produces a bigger and classier parade and series of events each year.

To the tireless Pride Committee volunteers who devote hundreds of hours of work throughout the year so the entire GLBT community can celebrate together — Thank you for some of the best celebrations of our lives!

Annise D. Parker Houston City Council





HOUSION. "Space City. A Galaxy of Fun!"

ouston is a city of surprises, and it had better be with a motto like "Who says the sky's the limit?" That's a pretty ambitious statement to back. However, Houston is working hard at making the Space City a great place for fun and adventure and others are taking notice of the city's efforts. The Tennis Masters Cup for 2003 and 2004 are being held here. The 2004 Super Bowl will be giving the city football fever in January at the new Reliant Stadium, just in time to see the new light rail that will connect the Reliant complex to the rest of downtown. And next year the Boys of Summer will be making their squeeze plays during their MLB All-Star Game at the beautiful Minute Maid Park.

Unfortunately, even with all these highprofile events occurring, many people, including resident who live in the fourth largest city in the U.S.A., are not aware of all Houston has to offer. Everyone knows NASA has its headquarters in Houston. Those nowfamous words "Houston, we have a problem" have made sure that no one forgets that fact and keeps Space Center Houston as the most visited attraction in Houston by people from all over the world. But, for example, did you know Houston is one of the very few cities in the country that have all the "Big Four" performing arts: symphony, theater, ballet, and opera? The number of seats for all these performing arts in Houston is second only to that of New York City! Houston also boasts a tremendous art collection with more than 20 museums ranging from fine arts to oranges.

Of course, there are more than a dozen usual malls, but Houston also features "shoppertainment" at the Katy Mills. You can actually fish in one of the many unusual stores there or eat with the iguanas in a tropical forest. Planning a trip to China soon? Don't bother. Cover all the sites of China, including the Great Wall (in miniature of course) at the Forbidden Gardens. If you don't get dizzy on one of the 11 roller coasters at Six Flags AstroWorld, then maybe you are ready for the IMAX Ride Film at Moody Gardens. Do you require more tame entertainment? Then sit back in reclining Texas-sized love chairs at the latest movie

superplex, or hit the links on one of Houston's 100+ golf courses. You can also watch the shooting stars, indoors on the ceiling of the Hobby Center, while other stars dazzle you with their performance on the stage. If that is not relaxing enough, then slowly wander through the rain forest at the Cockrell butterfly exhibit and see how many rare species of butterflies you can discover. Feel the need for water? Besides miles of beaches just a short drive away in Galveston, you can now walk underwater at the new 500,000 gallon Aquarium right in downtown Houston. It even has it's own Ferris Wheel for a unique spin right in the heart of the city. If all this running around makes you hungry, then try one of the 4200 restaurants in town. With some of the best chefs in the country serving up a cornucopia of cuisines, it is no wonder that Houstonians eat out more than the residents of any other U.S. city.

So, for those of you who have never been here or those of you who just never took advantage of all Houston has to offer, here is a snapshot look at the Space City:



AIRPORTS

- Bush Intercontinental Airport
- Hobby Airport

ATTRACTIONS

- The Aquarium
- Beer Can House
- · Flower Man's House
- · Kemah Boardwalk
- Lone Star Flight Museum
- Moody Gardens (Galveston)
- NASA / Space Center Houston
- Six Flags AstroWorld and WaterWorld
- SplashTown

CRUISE LINES

• Carnival Cruise Lines (Galveston)

EVENTS

- · Art Car Parade
- Bayou City Arts Festival
- · Earth Day Festival
- Houston Pride Parade
- International Festival
- · Livestock Show & Rodeo

- Mardi Gras (Galveston)
- Methodist Health Care Houston Marathon
- New Year's Eve Houston
- Pride Parade
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Texaco Grand Prix

GALLERIES

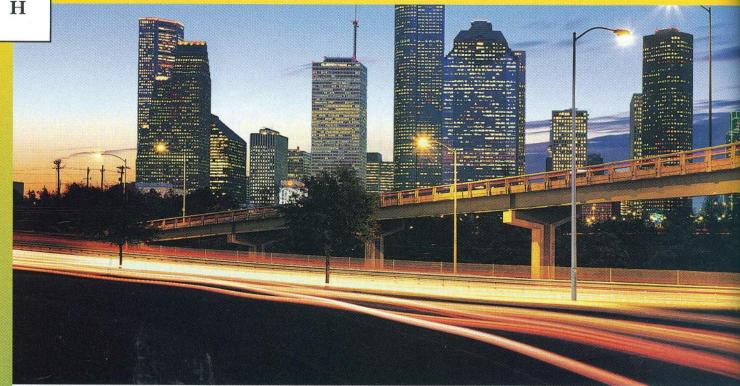
- The Antiquarium
- · Community Artists' Collective
- Hanson Galleries
- Harris Gallery
- Nolan-Rankin Galleries at Chelsea Market
- TLC Shoppe Inc.

GARDENS

- Armand Bayou Nature Center
- Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens
- Forbidden Gardens
- Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
- The Houston Zoological Gardens
- Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens
- Sam Houston Heritage Park

LESBIAN & GAY BARS

- 611 Hyde Park
- Brazos River Bottom
- Briar Patch
- Bricks II
- Chances
- Cousin's
- Club Rainbow
- Decades
- The Depot
- E/J's
- Guava Lamp
- Incognito
- Inergy
- JR's
- Keys West
- Mary's
- Montrose Mining Company
- 0
- Outpost
- Rich's
- Ripcord
- Toyz



MUSEUMS

- · American Cowboy Museum on Taylor Stevenson Ranch
- American Funeral Service Museum
- · Art Car Museum
- · C.G. Jung Educational Center
- · Children's Museum of Houston
- · Contemporary Arts Museum
- Holocaust Museum
- · Houston Fire Museum
- · Houston Museum of Natural Science
- · Lawndale Art Center
- The Menil Collection
- · Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Health & Science
- Museum of Printing History
- Ocean Star Offshore Energy Center
- · Orange Show
- · Project Row Houses
- · Rice University Art Gallery
- · Shrine of the Black Madonna Center
- Texas Seaport Museum

PERFORMING ARTS

- · Aerial Theatre
- · Alley Theatre
- Da Camera Society
- Ensemble Theatre
- Express Theatre

- Hobby Center For the Performing Arts
- · Houston Ballet
- · Houston Grand Opera
- Houston Symphony
- · Jones Hall for the Performing Arts
- Masquerade Theatre
- · Miller Outdoor Theatre
- Stages Repertory Theatre
- Theatre Under the Stars
- Talento Bilinque De Houston
- Theater LaB Houston
- · University of Houston's Moore School of Music
- Wortham Theatre

SHOPPING

- · Centre at Post Oak
- Greenspoint Mall
- Highland Village
- Katy Mills (Katy)
- Memorial City Mall
- · Old Town Spring
- River Oaks Shopping Center
- · Sharpstown Mall
- The Galleria
- Town and Country Mall
- Uptown Park
- The Village Arcade
- · Willowbrook Mall
- · Woodlands Mall

SPORTS TEAMS & VENUES

- Astrodome
- · Gulf Greyhound Park
- Houston Aeros Hockey
- Houston Astros Baseball
- Houston Comets Women's Basketball
- Houston Texans Men's Football
- Houston Rockets Men's Basketball
- Houston Thunder Women's Football
- HP/Compaq Center
- Minute Maid Park
- Reliant Stadium
- · Sam Houston Race Park

UNIVERSITIES

- · Baylor Medical
- · Houston Baptist University
- Houston Community College
- Rice University
- · South Texas College of Law
- Texas Southern University
- · University of Houston
- · University of St. Thomas
- · University of Texas-Houston Health Center

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2003 Silver Anniversary Grand Marshalls

This year, the Pride Committee of Houston, in honor of the men and women who have shaped 25 years of GLBT history, is proud to call ALL our previous Grand Marshalls this year's Silver Anniversary Pride Parade Grand Marshalls! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the GLBT community! We would also like to dedicate the celebration to our Grand Marshalls who have passed away. Your contributions will not be forgotten!

2002 Rusty Mueller & Mela Conteras

2001 Dalia Stokes & Mitchell Katine

2000 Richard Weiderholt* & Tori Williams

1999 Nancy Ford & Sean Carter

1998 Bob Bouton & Jackie Doval

1997 Deborah Bell & Jimmy Carper

1996 Bill Havard & Jeanette Vaughn

1995 Suzanne Anderson & Don Gill

1994 Jay Allen & Cicely Wynne

1993 Carolyn Mobley & Brian Bradley*

1992 Brian Keever & Sheri Cohen Darbonne

1991 Linda Morales & Jack Jackson & Gene Harrington

1990 Walter Carter* & Annise Parker

1989 Bettie Naylor & Charles Armstrong

1988 Bruce Cook* & Eleanor Munger*

1987 Persons Living With AIDS

1986 Tony Bicocchi* & Dee Lamb*

1985 Freda Jerrell & Terry Clark*

1984 Rick Grossman & Pokey Anderson

1983 Marion Pantzer* & Walter Stricklar*

1982 Andy Mills & Marion Colemon

1981 Rita Wanstrom & Ray Hill

1980 Jim Farmer* & Ruth Ravas

1979 Thelma Hansel*

*DECEASED



25 Years of GLBT history

he GLBT community has a long history. Let's face it, we have been around since the beginning of humankind. Despite what rhetoric ignorant and small minded people may use, being GLBT is not some new fad or phase we can change. Sadly the history of our community and its contributions to society are hidden, hard to find, or revised and/or dismissed by those in power. Most of society thinks that being gay is something "new" because our current GLBT civil rights movement only reached mainstream visibility recently, starting with the Stonewall Riots in NYC on June 27, 1969. Our pride celebrations are a commemoration of that event, and should serve as a reminder that we progress and enjoy the rights we have today because others in our community had the courage to stand up and say, "ENOUGH!".

However, as it is said, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it!" This is even truer for our community, which often operates under society's myth that we really don't have much history, or that all the gains that we have today are recent victories. Quite the contrary! We enjoy what freedoms we have toady only because others in our community laid the foundation years ago. Our community is also plagued by a lack of eyewitnesses to events and a continuity of leadership. The AIDS pandemic, which simply devastated our community

throughout the Eighties and continues to cast it's dark specter on a new generation, wiped out people with first hand experience to what really happened, and sadly took many of our most courageous and dedicated leaders away. The result is that after close to 34 years of the modern GLBT movement, most don't know our proud history.

Our Houston community is no exception to this lack of knowledge of GLBT history and perhaps suffers the misconceptions of yet another myth; that GLBT history only happens on the east and west coasts. Nothing could be farther from the truth. As a matter of fact, our modern GLBT movement probably owes its existence to the Houston community and people such as Larry Bagneris, Ray Hill, Carol Femnian, Steve Shifflet, Tony Vega, Guy Amandee, Tony Vacochie, and Carol Clark. These founding mothers and fathers were the virtual glue that held the movement together and got it back on track. Did you know that after the "March on Washington" and Anita Bryant's vicious anti-gay campaign in 1977, Houston played host to Pride movements from around the country, to work out the difference between the coasts and bring us all together as one big movement? Pride was hardly diversified and various factions often fought with each other instead of working together. The Houston delegation was the one to mediate and bring the people together.

Ironically we didn't even have our own Pride Celebration yet. It wasn't until the Houston community got together at Town Hall 1 in 1978 in the AstroArena that Houston joined the then very few cities with a Pride Celebration. Fortunately for us and for future generations, these people cared enough to make a difference.

So as the Pride Committee of Houston celebrates its 25th Silver Celebration, it is time to take a snapshot look back at the past twenty-five years and remember our history; to reconnect with some of the events and issues that have shaped our lives. Of course this is just a brief look. There is so much history for us to uncover, learn and ponder. The Pride Celebration has been the "stage" for over 25 years as we watched history unfold, and has given people and organizations a way to express themselves to an audience they might never otherwise see. Whether you were an active participant the past 25 years, a by-stander or not even born yet, you have had an impact on this history in some way, shape or form. But not matter what you did, where we are going as a community and as individuals has yet to be written, so there is plenty of opportunity for you to make your distinctive mark on the next 25 years of history and beyond. Perhaps people who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it, but those who do learn its lessons are set to thrive and prosper! *

PRIDE WEEK

JUNE 16-JUNE 25, 1978
TEN DAYS OF EVENTS
CULMINATING IN
TOWN MEETING 1
HOUSTON, TEXAS

PRIDE THEME: GAY PRIDE

- Thanks to Anita Bryant and her anti-gay crusade against the "human garbage," gay rights ordinance fell around the country, with the notable exception of California.
- The Village People's "YMCA" hits the charts to strong denials that they were gay.
- TV Evangelist James Robinson equates homosexuals with child molesters and murderers on his weekly TV show.
- Grady Quinn and Randy Rohl attend their prom as the first acknowledged gay couple to do so.
- Gay rights leader and then highest elected gay public official, Harvey Milk, is assassinated in San Francisco

PRIDE THEME:

INCELEBRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- A giant March on Washington D.C. takes place with over 125,000 participants chanting, "We are here to stay. We are everywhere."
- Riots erupt in San Francisco, as Harvey Milk's assassin, Dan White, is sentence to only the lesser charge of "Voluntary Manslaughter" for Harvey's death.
- One time enemies, the Houston GLBT community and the Houston Police Department, play a baseball in Spotts Park as part of June's Gay Pride celebration.
- A new Texas obscenity law goes into effect closing down all adult bookstores that sold "hardcore" porn.
- The first lawsuit against Section 21.06 is files by a Dallas schoolteacher charging that the Texas statue, which makes homosexual conduct a criminal act, is unconstitutional.
- Business Week reports that gays control one-fifth of the spendable income in the United States, giving rise to businesses going after the "Pink dollar."



1980



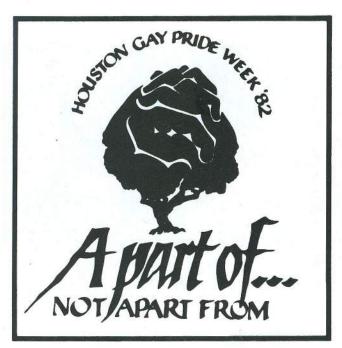
PRIDE THEME: PROUD TO BE

1981

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The Center for Disease Control announces the first cases of Gay Related Immunity Disorder, which would become to be known as AIDS.



PRIDE THEME:

A PART OF ... NOT APART FROM

Coors beer sues gay activist Howard Wallace over his successful organization of a boycott of Coors products by the GLBT community.

The Werewolves, a rightwing group, takes credit for burns the offices of a Gay newspaper in Boston and vows for further arson and assassination of gay and lesbian activist.

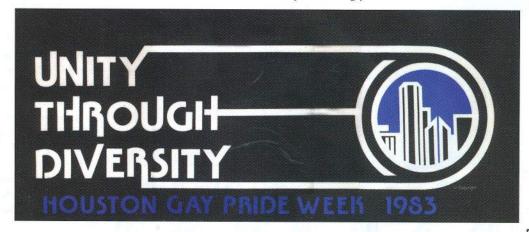
Judge Jerry Buckmeyer overturns Section 21.06, the "Homosexual Conduct" law though it will be repealed repeatedly by the state for years to come.

1982

PRIDE THEME: 1983 PRIDE THEME:
UNITYTHROUGH DIVERSITY

La Cage Aux Folles opens on Broadway.

The AIDS Panic spreads through out the country as thousands lose their jobs and homes if they are suspected to be gay.



PRIDE THEME: UNITYAND MORE IN '84

 The Ku Klux Klan marches up Westheimer through Montrose in a fight to deny

Montrose in a fight to deny homosexuals equal rights. • The Republican Party

adopts a party platform that includes the statement that "homosexuality is an

"homosexuality is an abomination before God and a perversion of the natural law."

 The appeal for reinstating the Homosexual conduct law, Section 21.06, is denied but would be appealed by the state yet again.

 Ultra-conservative Phil Gramm wins election into the Senate with a vicious gay-baiting campaign against his opponent Lloyd Doggett who accepted money from the GLBT community.



1984

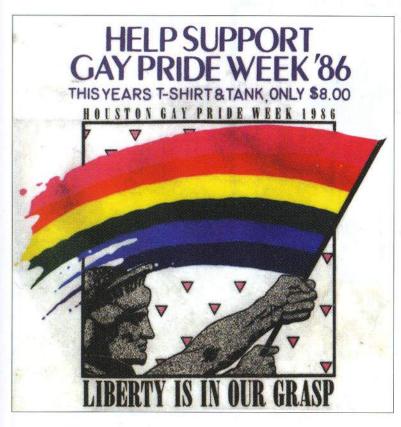
Alive with Pride HOUSTON

1985

PRIDE THEME: ALIVE WITH PRIDE

 Mayor Kathy Whitmire tours several gay bars to thank gay voters for their support in her re-election only to be verbally attacked in City Council as a gay-friendly barmaid who was "slipping and slithering over sticky semen-coated floors."

- Then Police Chief Lee Brown meets with the gay community to discuss harassment of the gay community by the Police Department and an infamous "fag list" of gay individuals specifically singled out for harassment.
 - Kiss of the Spider Woman provides the best portrayal of gays in a movie.
 - Fabian Bridges, a 30-year-old man who died penniless because of his battle with AIDS, receives a pauper's burial in the Harris County cemetary, and becomes the subject of a public television documentary on AIDS.



PRIDE THEME:

LIBERTY IS IN OUR GRASP

- The Texas Supreme Court rules that Section 21.06, the "Homosexual Conduct" law is constitutional and reinstates the law once again making homosexual activity in Texas a criminal offense.
- Texas Health Department moves to have people with AIDS "quarantined" as a way to stop the spread of the deadly disease, until gay lobbyist show how it would not help.
- The first all-AIDS hospital in the country opens in Houston, called the Institute for Immunological Disorders
- All but one Board member of the Pride Committee, then known as the Houston Gay Pride Week committee, resign over a controversy over T-shirts.

1986

PRIDE THEME:

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE PRIDE

- Club owner and community welfare activist Marion Pantzer is shot to death in her bar during a robbery.
- Two researchers announce that they may have developed a possible AIDS treatment based on standard typhoid vaccine, but have neither the credible proof or the long-term results to back their claim.
- Over 750, 000 GLBT people march on Washington D.C. demanding equal civil rights for the community to the chant of "What do we want? Gay Rights! We've got the power to fight back!"
- For the first time in Texas politics, openly gay candidates ran for office across the state, showing that gays could run and win public office.

1987



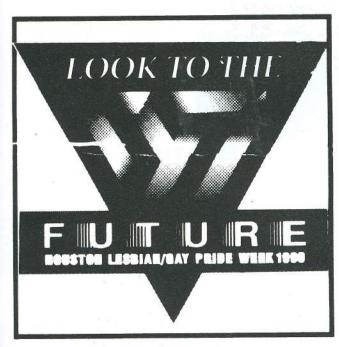


1988

PRIDE THEME: RIGHTFULLY PROUD

1989 PRIDE THEME: STONEWALL 20: AGENERATION OF PRIDE





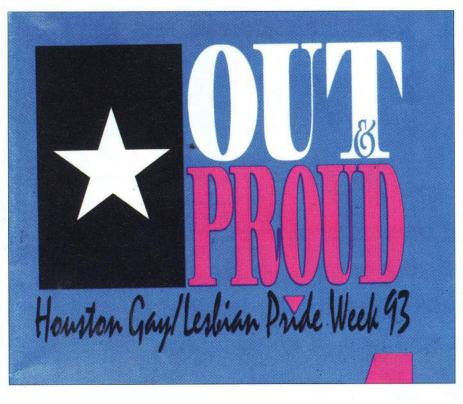
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1992 PRIDE THEME: PRIDE POWER

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Houston Lestion & Gay Pride Week 1992

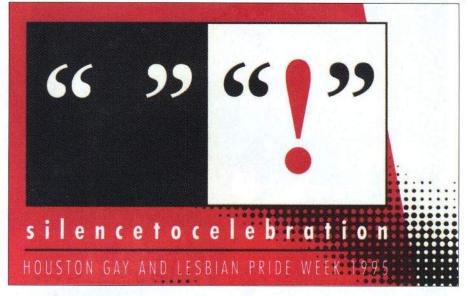


1993 PRIDE THEME: OUT AND PROUE

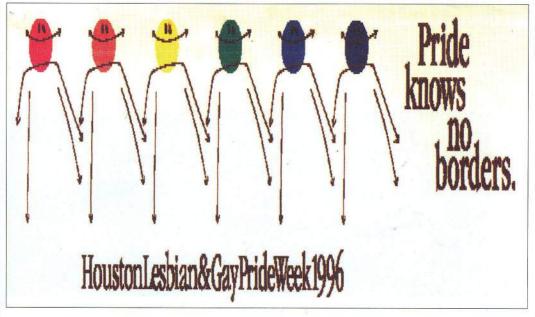
PRIDE THEME: HOUSTONEWALL 25

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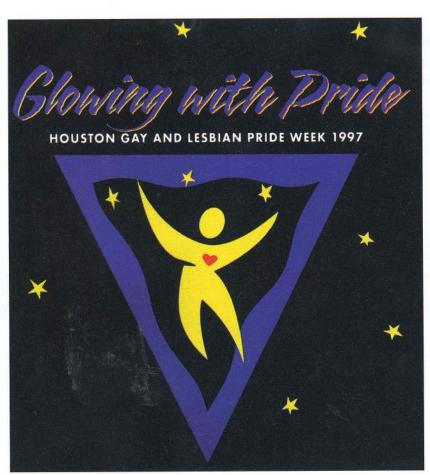




PRIDE THEME: SILENCE TO CELEBRATION



1996
PRIDE THEME:
PRIDE KNOWS NO BORDERS



1997 PRIDE THEME:
GLOWING WITH PRIDE

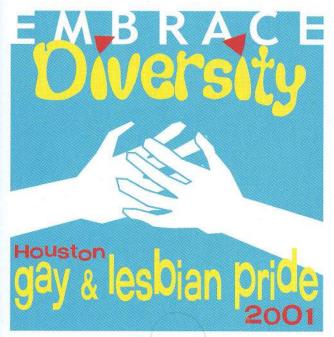
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PRIDE THEME:
UNIFIED
DIVERSIFIED
ELECTRIFIED



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2001 PRIDE THEME: EMBRACE DIVERSITY





2002 PRIDE THEME:



2003 PRIDE THEME: SILVER CELEBRATION

What will make GLBT history in 2003? Will the War in the Gulf bring about a re-examination of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" that will see the acceptance of gays in the military? Will the Supreme Court, in its examination of Section 21.06, finally strike down "Homosexual Conduct" laws around the country? Will a successful vaccine for AIDS and an effective medicine for those who have AIDS be found? Will GLBT civil rights continue to be attacked from those who would deny us the right to be ourselves, or will a new era of understanding and openness prevail? What will make the top news stories of 2003? Only time will tell. However, there is still plenty of time for you to make your impact upon it. Go out and be a part of the next 25 years of history!

The 2003 Pride Committee of Houston

he Pride Committee is an energetic group of volunteers who work year-round to produce the annual Pride Celebration for Houston, to mark the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, the beginning of the modern American gay and lesbian rights movement. The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of every month at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray at 7 p.m. The meetings are open to the general public. Sub-Committees have regularly scheduled meetings throughout the month to accommodate volunteers' schedules. PCOH also reaches out to Pride organization around the region and throughout the world through it's membership in InterPride, the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators.

The Pride Committee of Houston brings the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community together to celebrate individual pride, commemorate our community's history and educate society for the liberation of all people. We salute all the many volunteers who sacrifice their time and energy in pursuit these goals.

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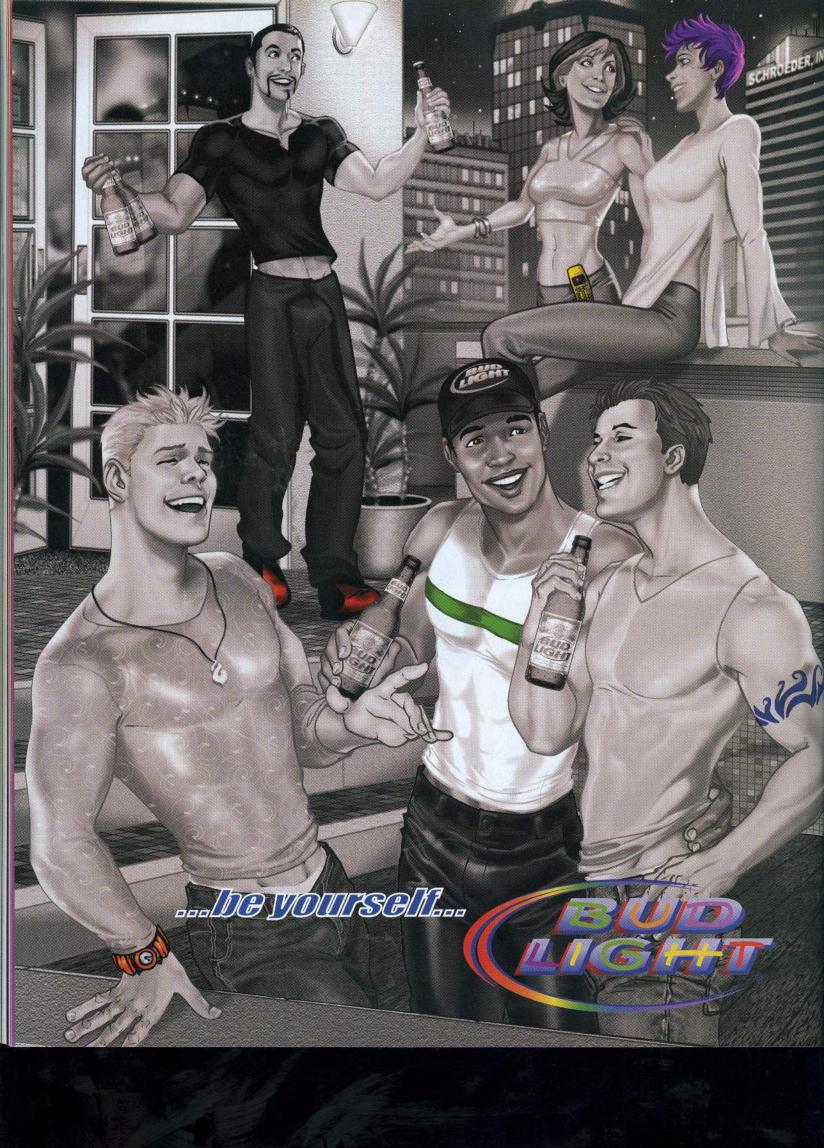
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The 2003 Silver Anniversary Pride Parade

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2003, 8:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., on lower Westheimer between Woodhead and Whitney Be a part of the Nation's original Nighttime Pride Parade!

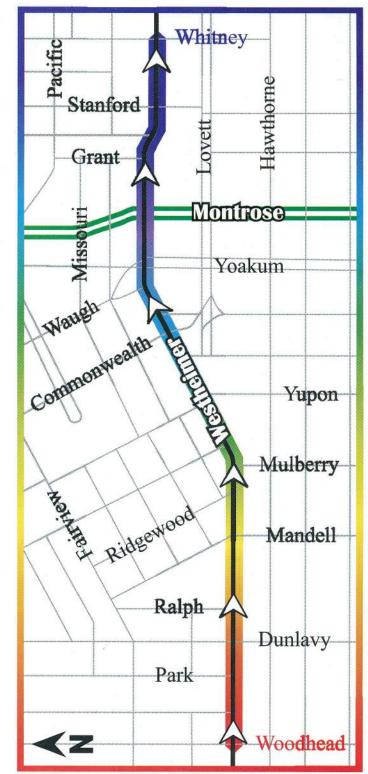
- Drink Plenty of Water. Houston in June is very hot, even at night. So don't end your fun by dehydrating. Alcohol will only dehydrate you more. So drink lots of water. Don't worry, there will be plenty of Port-o-Potties!
- Get There Early. Even though last year everyone arrived at the last minute because of the heavy rains throughout the day, we recommend that you find your spot early. Also take some time to find the spot that is best for you. With our three Announcer points along the route, including our Spanish speaking emcees, you don't need to get jammed into the intersection at Montrose! Get there early, find your spot, and enjoy!
- Walk, Take Public Transport, Car Pool. Parking can be scarce in the area on Parade night and the 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 don't show us respect!
- Dress Light. Don't be a slave to fashion. Save that

for after the parade! Dress in light and loose fitting cloths or you will find a new meaning of sweating it out in the crowd. Don't know what to wear? Why not try a new 25th Silver Anniversary Pride T-shirt! Snazzy!

- Keep the Pets Home. Sure your pet has Pride too, but a crowd of 150,000 might scare the GLBT 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 along the route. 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 steal the show while you are up there.
- Play it Safe. This may be Montrose but you are still in the big city. 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.

If you have any questions about the Pride Parade or other Pride events, check out our web site at www.pridehouston.org, or email us at info@pridehouston.org, or give us a call on the PrideLine at 713-529-6979.

PARADE ROUTE





2002 Pride Parade

The Parade That Almost Didn't Happen

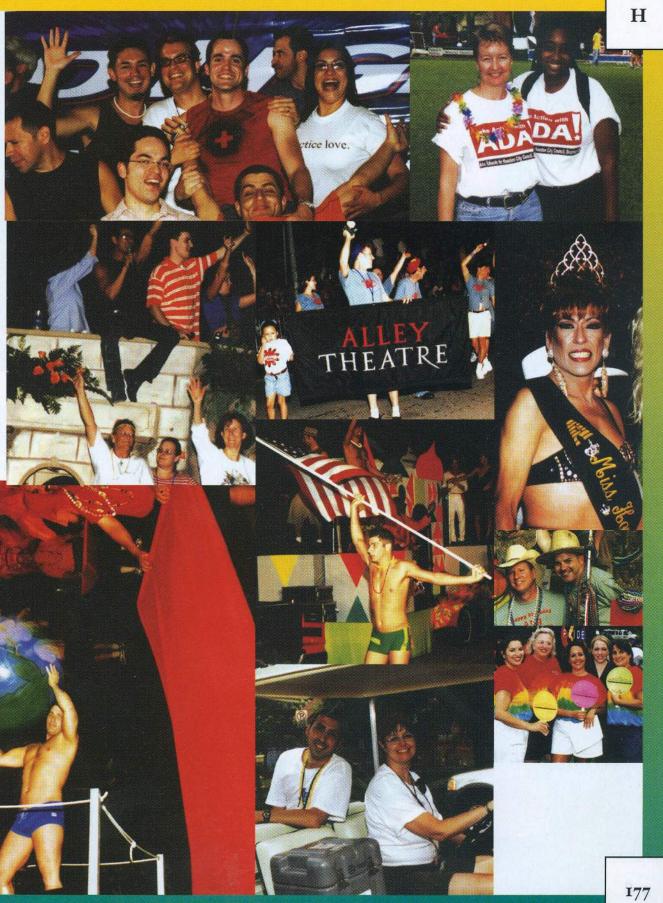
he 2002 Pride Parade, "Pride Worldwide," was one for the history books! Heavy rains threaten the Parade all week long. On Parade day those rains turned into near hurricane conditions. For the first time in Pride Parade history it looked as if the Parade would be cancelled. But as Executive Director, Ken Donnelly said the night before at the Pride Cabaret, "It does NOT rain on our Parade!" It didn't. At 5:30 p.m. that day, the clouds started to break, the sun could be seen, and the rains stopped. The show went on!

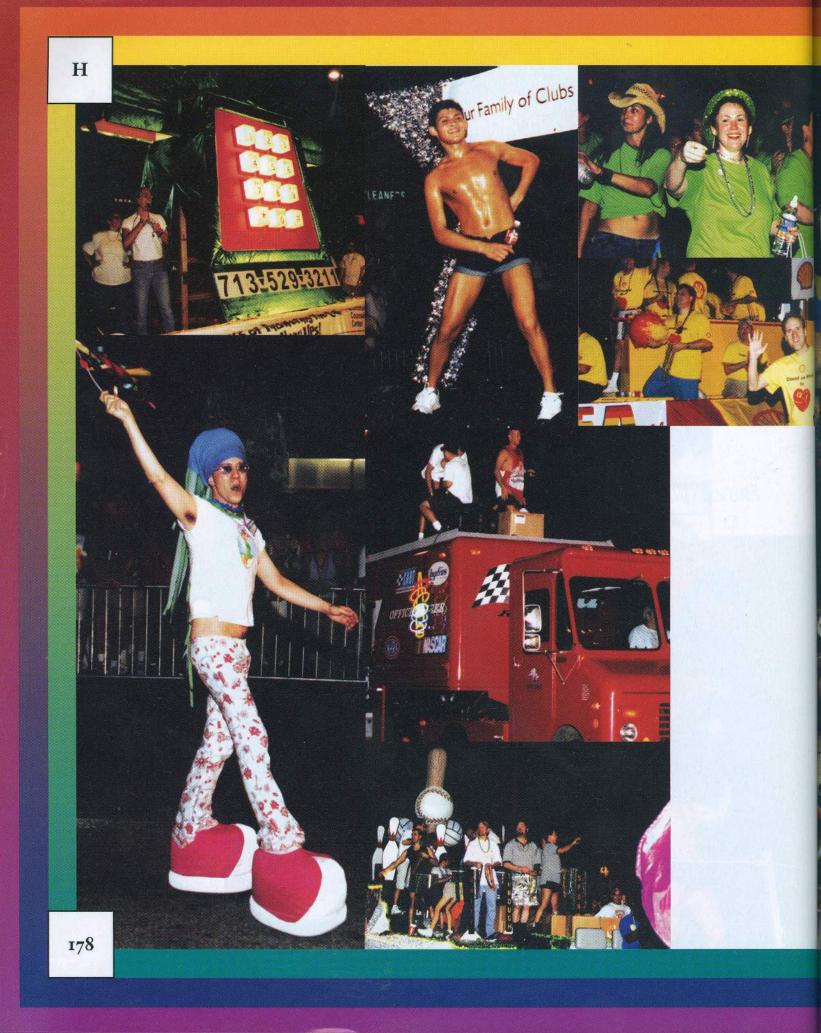
Pride Worldwide was a success! The Houston Fire Department participated in the parade for the first time in Pride history. Also for the first time there were three emcee areas along the route with one completely in Spanish! It was also the biggest Parades ever with a record breaking 134 entries! And even with the rains all day long, the crowds came out an estimated 150,000 strong.

So join us this year for our 25th Silver Anniversary Pride Celebration and make sure that the Parade is another, record-breaking, earth-shaking, motivating, history-making event!

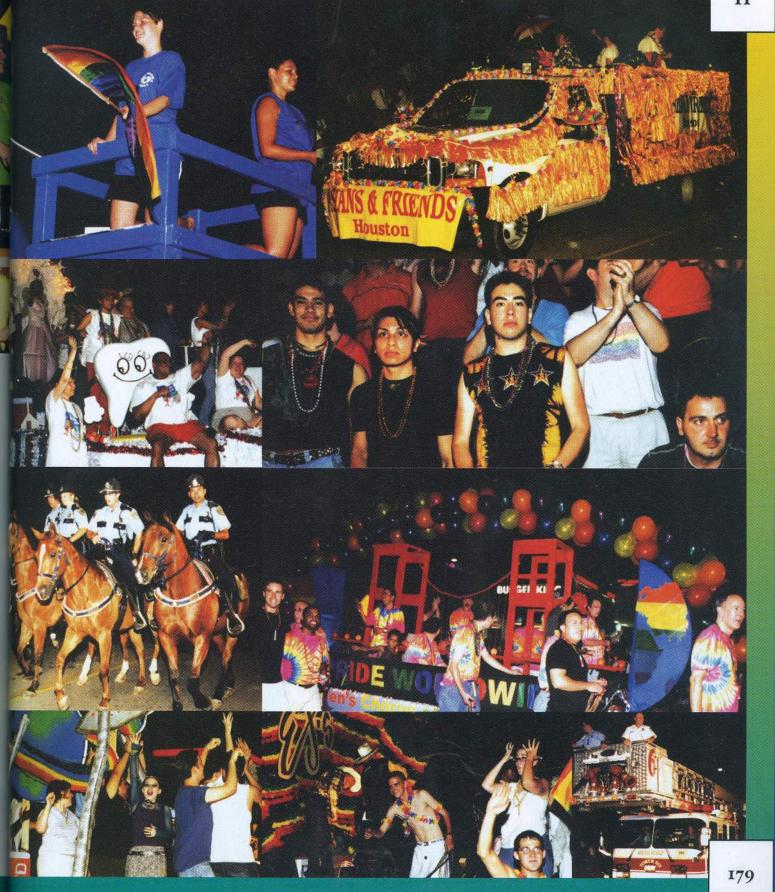
2002 PRIDE WORLDWIDE TROPHY WINNERS

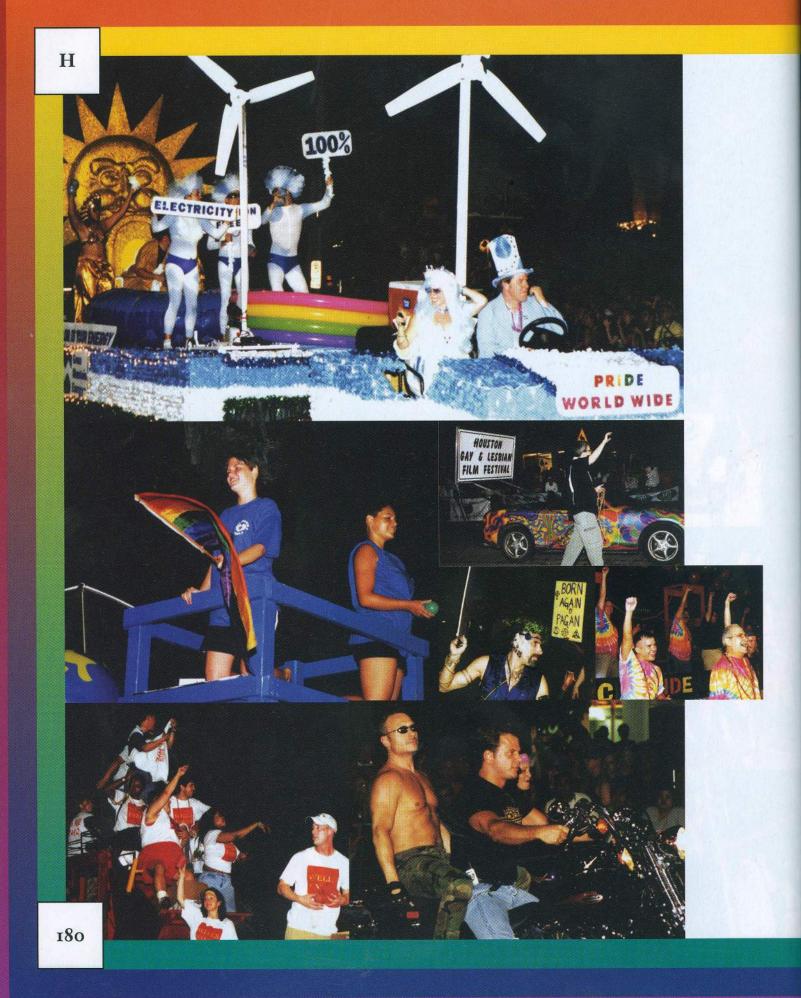
- • EDISON AWARD — Best Lighting on a Non-Professionally Built Unit Montrose Counseling Center
- GYPSY ROSE AWARD Best Out of Town Unit Rainbow Ranch
- • HOUSTON AWARD — Best Non-Professionally Built Motorized Unit P-FLAG Houston
- • PRIDE WORLDWIDE AWARD — Unit with Best Interpretation of Theme Krewe of Olympus
- • RAINBOW LIGHTS AWARD — Best Lighting on a Professionally Built Unit ${\bf JPMorgan~Chase~Bank}$
- RUBY SLIPPER AWARD Best Walking Unit Houston Pride Band
- STONEWALL AWARD Unit to Best Commemorate Pride Bering Memorial United Methodist Church
- • SPIRIT OF MONTROSE AWARD — Best Unit Overall Houston Fire Department
- TEXAS AWARD Best Professionally Built Motorized Unit Club Inergy



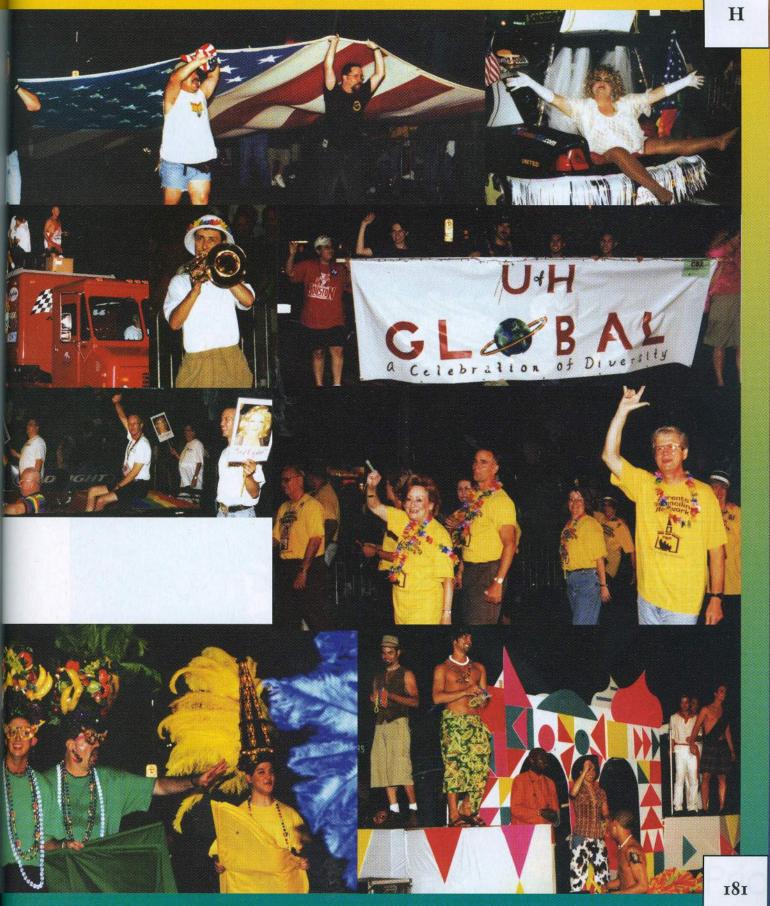








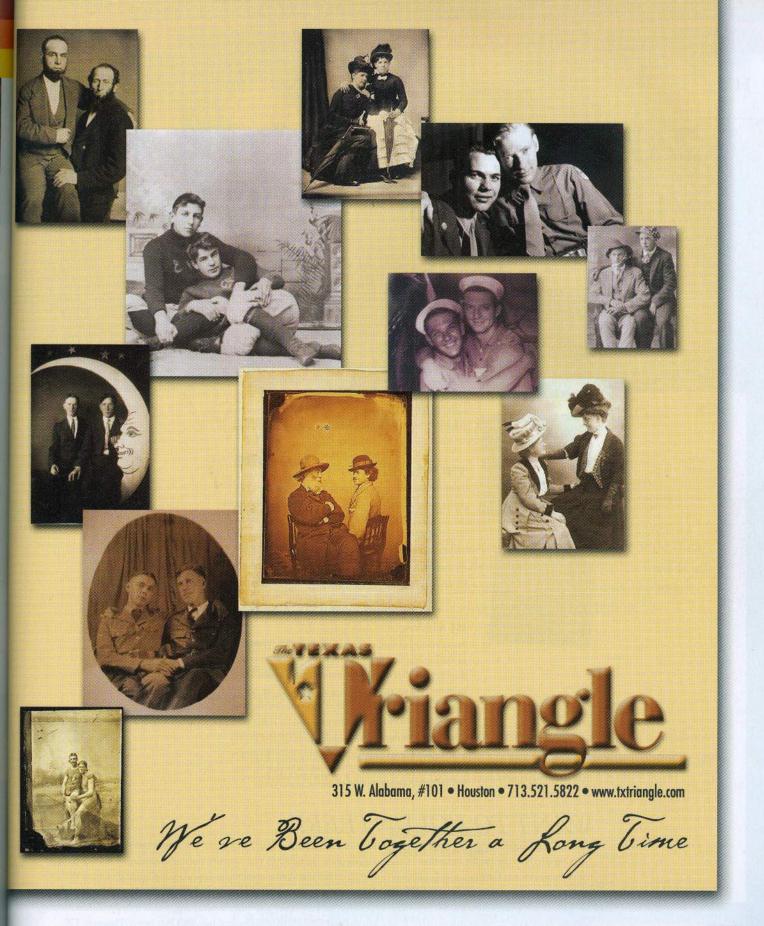




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Houston Transgender Community

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Happy 25th Anniversary Houston Pride

2003 PRIDE VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR - A History of Action!



KEN WILLIAMSON

He came to PCOH with an idea; create an artistic expression of Pride through song and dance. What he created, the Pride Cabaret, was nothing sort of a celebration of our lives. You laughed. You cried. You were moved. All because one person wanted to use his talents to make a difference. What a difference it was!



TROY CHRISTENSEN

There are key people in organization who seen to be doing everything. Then there are others who seem to be the organization itself. At every turn, you could find Troy taking on a key project, putting in long hours, and helping out with even the most mundane of activities. Not enough for Troy, Though his title was Director, everyone knows him as friend.



BI SILVA

Some volunteers stand out and take a bow. Others stand in the background and hold them up. Year after year, the Parade relies on BJ working in the background to keep everything running like clockwork. At the end of the night, when everyone else would jump on the float to ride down Westhemier, BJ would still be at her post, in the dark and by herself, assuring that the last details of the parade were taken care of until the bitter end. Last year, for the first time, we made sure that BJ was in the parade and in a place of honor at the end.

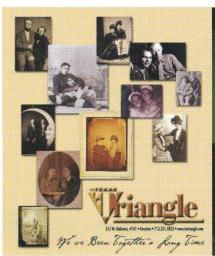
WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

You, too, can shape the next 25 years of Pride history! 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 entire year. And our volunteer opportunities are as diverse as the community we serve!

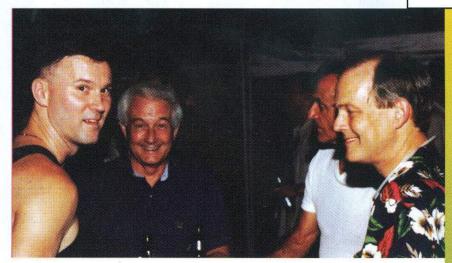
To find more about how you can volunteer, check out our web site at www.pridehouston.org, e-mail info@pridehouston.org, call the Pride Line at 713-529-6979, or drop us a line at Pride Committee of Houston, Inc., P.O. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071. Volunteer and make your impact on history!

Community Resource Guide

For our Silver Anniversary, the Pride Committee of Houston is proud to present our largest GLBT Community Resource Guide to date. Whether you are looking for new friends, a helping hand, answers to your questions, spiritual enlightenment or a place to be entertained, the Community Resource Guide is your primary source of information throughout the year.







ACCOMMODATIONS

LOVETT INN

This 13-room, gay-owned and -operated Bed & Breakfast caters to a mixed clientele and has served the Montrose and Houston's gay community for over 13 years. The Lovett Inn is located at the end of the Pride Parade route at the "crossroads" of Houston's gay community.
713-522-5224, 713-528-6708(fax)
Email: lovettinn@aol.com
Web: www.lovettinn.com
501 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

This gay-owned and operated, lovingly restored turn-of-the-century Bed & Breakfast is located in the historic Houston Heights district. The inn provides the perfect setting for an intimate weekend getaway or as a venue for major social events. Though guests at Sycamore Heights feel like they're in a private and peaceful enclave, the inn is actually close to Houston's energetic downtown theatre and entertainment districts, minutes from various eclectic shopping districts, and right around the block from the Height's famous antique shopping.

713-861-4117 Email: SycamoreHeights@aol.com Web: members.aol.com/teksis 245 West 18th, Houston, TX 77008

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ALLEYTHEATER

The Alley Theater is a professional resident theater company. Recipient of the 1996 special Tony Award, the Alley performs year round in it's two-theatre complex and has toured 40 American cities and abroad. 713-228-9341, 713-222-6542 (fax)

Email: webmaster@alleytheatre.org

Web: www.alleytheatre.org
615 Texas Avenue, Houston, TX 77002

ATHENA ART PROJECT

Athena Art supports the artistic endeavors of women and produces events for the women's community, primarily the annual Houston Women's Festival.

713-861-3316

Email: encents@benfesticael.org

Email: events@hwfestival.org Web: www.hwfestival.org/athena.htm P.O. Box 70102, Houston, TX 77270

DIVERSEWORKS ARTSPACE

The artist-run contemporary art center is dedicated to presenting new visual, literary and performing art. Throughout the year, Diverse Works presents a series of gay and lesbian performances and films. 713-223-8346, 713-223-4608 (fax) Email: info@diverseworks.org

Web: www.diverseworks.org
1117 East Fwy., Houston, TX 77002

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF HOUSTON (GMCH)

Formed in 1979, the Chorus' mission is 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 audiences. GMCH members are bound together by their common love of the power and wonder of music. Dues are \$10 a month. Rehearsals are held Mondays at 7 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006.

713-521-7464
Email:info@gmch.org
Web: www.gmch.org
P.O. Box 541004, Houston, TX 77254-1004

GOGIRLS MUSIC.COM

GoGirls music.com is the oldest online community of independent female artists. Formed in 1996, their mission is to promote women in music.

281-541-0981, 281-565-4239(fax)

Email: info@gogirls music.com

Web: www.gogirlsmusic.com

P.O. Box 16940, Sugar Land, TX 77496-6940

HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL

HGLFF presents films of interest to the GLBT community and its friends.
Email: hglff@cs.com / Web: www.hglff.org 3400 Montrose Blvd., 2nd Fl.,
Houston, TX 77006



HOUSTON WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Women's Festival is a celebration of music, art, culture and community. This year, the 9th annual festival is on October 18, 2003. 713-861-3316

Email: info@bwfestival.org Web: www.bwfestival.org P.O. Box 70102, Houston, TX 77270

HOUSTON GRAND OPERA

HGO is a producer of the highest quality live musical theater. Its mission is to bring larger and more diverse audiences together for exciting live opera in a financially responsible way. Performances are held at the Wortham Theater Center, 510 Preston, in downtown Houston.
713-546-0256, 713-228-4355(fax)

713-540-0250, 713-228-4355(Jax)
Web: www.houstongrandopera.org
510 Preston, Ste.500, Houston, TX 77002

LANDMARK THEATRES

With more than 25 years as Houston's premier art, independent and foreign cinema, Landmark Theatres operates the historic three-screen River Oaks Theatre, 2009
West Gray, and the Greenway 3 Theatre, 5
Greenway Plaza-underground. Landmark is also a host venue for the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The theaters are open evenings 7 days a week, with matinees Friday through Sunday and on major holidays.
713-524-2175, 713-850-1079(fax)
Web: www.landmarktbeatres.com
5 Greenway Plaza, Ste.C-400,
Houston, TX 77046

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

One of the country's leading art institutions, it has approximately 1 million visitors and a 1.5 million participants in its programs annually. It includes the Glassell School of Art and the Junior School, the Cullen Sculpture Garden, the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens and Rienzi. Admission is \$5 adults; \$2.50 youths 6-18, students and seniors; free for members and children 5 and under. Hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 12:15-7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Located at 1001 Bissonnet. 713-639-7300, 713-639-7398(fax) Email: hirsch@mfah.org Web: www.mfah.org

STAGES REPERTORY THEATRE

P.O. Box 6826, Houston, TX 77265

Stages Repertory Theatre is a professional Equity theater dedicated to providing Houston's diverse audiences with challenging, provocative productions with the highest artistic standards. From groundbreaking new works to modern classics, Stages brings the best of dynamic, progressive theater to Houston. As the Houston Chronicle reported, a night at Stages is "richly rewarding." All performances at 3201 Allen Parkway.

Box Office 713-527-0123, Administration and Production Offices 713-527-0220

Email: Join@stagestbeatre.com

Web: http://www.stagestheatre.com/
3201 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019

THEATRE NEW WEST

First known as the "Theater Workshop", Theater New West has been providing Gay and Lesbian theater to Houston for over 20 years. Performances are held at -Sonoma, 1415 California.

713-522-2204 Email:joeleewatts@aol.com 1415 California St, Houston, TX 77006

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HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY

The Houston Humane Society is a non-profit organization caring for Houston's homeless animals. Their mission is to protect, care for and place animals into loving homes. HHS does not receive any government money. Office/Shelter hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 14700 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77503. 713.433.4325(fax)

Email:pr@houstonbumane.org

P.O. Box 450528, Houston, TX 77245

HOUSTON POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE GLBT REPRESENTATIVE

The representative serves as a liaison and ombudsman between the Houston Police Department and the GLBT community. The PAC meets monthly. The current representative is Clarence Burton Bagby, who has served on the PAC since 1998. 713-861-8238, 713-861-8208(fax) Email: cbbagby@msn.com 2003 Kane, Houston, TX 77007



HP, formerly Compaq Computer Corp., sponsors this group for all of its GLBT employees. Meetings are held the first Tuesday each month.

281-518-0187 Email: bpplus.info@bp.com Web: www.hp.com 20555 State Highway 249, Houston, TX 77070

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK PRIDE TEAM

PRIDE stands for People Recognizing Individual Differences Equally and is the bank's networking group for GLBT 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 everyone's individuality and diversity. 713-655-5423, 713-216-7447(fax)
Email: PRIDE.Houston@Chase.com
Web: www.jpmorganchase.com
P.O. Box 2558, MS LL-1301F-20, Houston, TX 77252-2558

SEA SHELL

SEA Shell (Support, Equality and Awareness at Shell) is Shell Oil Company's gay and lesbian company network. Its mission is to provide support for members and coworkers, promote equality for employees regardless of sexual orientation and create aware-

ness in Shell management of issues and concerns affecting people in the diverse workplace.

713-245-7242, 713-245-7981(fax)

Email: sjclopez@sheccins.com

3737 Bellaire, Ste.4020, Houston, TX 77025

HEALTH/HIV

AIDS COALITION OF COASTAL TEXAS INC.

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 and education programs. All client services, including the food pantry, are free. Office hours are Monday though Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 409-763-2437, 409-763-5482(fax) 1405 39th Street, Galveston, TX 77550

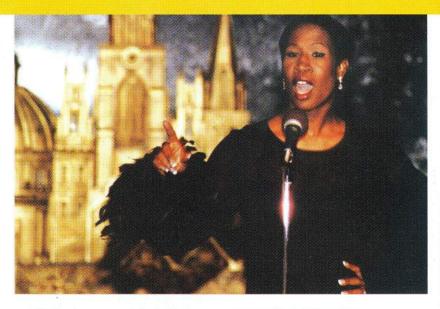
AMERICAN RED CROSS (HOUSTON CHAPTER)

The HIV/AIDS Education and Services Department of the Greater Houston Area Chapter of the American Red Cross provides services and education to a large population of 18 Texas counties. Our HIV/AIDS education programs consist of instructor-level certification courses available to the public. Under our culturally specific programs, we address the HIV/AIDS education needs of the African-American and Hispanic communities. Our youth and HIV/AIDS Peer Education programs are being successfully utilized in area school districts. The HIV/AIDS Workplace Program addresses the education needs of employers and employees. Our Regional Network makes HIV/AIDS education available to the states of Texas and Arkansas. Our Welcome Home trip has made it possible for dozens of people who are in the final stages of AIDS to travel "home" to be with supportive family.

713-526-8300, 713-313-1702(fax) Web: www.houstonredcross.org 2700 Southwest Fwy., Houston, TX 77098

THE ASSISTANCE FUND

The Assistance Fund is a 501 (c) (3) that is dedicated to improving the quality of life of those living with HIV/Aids by maintaining continuity of medical care. Services include the payment of Health Insurance Premiums until Medicare eligibility begins as well as a Medication Program. Office hours: Monday



through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 713-529-4788, 713-520-7520(fax) Email: dcreel@theassistancefund.org Web: www.theassistancefund.org 1116 Jackson Blvd, Houston, TX 77006

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, housekeeping assistance, hospital visitation, child care, pet care and more. Volunteers make friends with the client and other care team volunteers. 713-521-4628

Email: assisthers@hotmail.com

Web: www.assisthers.org

P.O. Box 541095, Houston, TX 77254

BERING OMEGA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bering Omega provides a range of care to people with HIV/AIDS. Services include residential hospice care, adult day care, financial assistance and dental care.
713-529-6071 x101, 713-524-9354(fax)
Web: www.beringomega.org
P.O. Box 540517, Houston, TX 77254

BERING SUPPORT NETWORK

Services provided include weekly support groups for grief, divorce, survivors of sexual abuse, survivors of domestic abuse, people with HIV and caregivers; individual and group counseling; and assistance to people with HIV/AIDS, as well as their family members, friends and caregivers regardless of beliefs or religious affiliations.
713-526-1017, 713-830-3023(fax)
1440 Harold, Houston, TX 77006

BODY POSITIVE OF MONTROSE CLINIC

Body Positive is a wellness program consisting of personal training, nutrition, massage therapy, and other wellness services. The staff specializes in HIV and chronic disease management. Clinic hours, at 3311 Richmond, Houston, TX 77098, are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 713-830-3033, 713-830-3091(fax) Web: www.montroseclinic.org P.O. Box 66308, Houston, TX 77266

COLT 45'S INC.

The Colt 35's provide emergency funding for rent and utilities through the AIDS Troublefund. It also helps provide fresh fruits, vegetables and meat for AFH Stone Soup through the Stone Soup Fund.

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, Houston, TX 77006. Monthly dues are \$5.

713-526-6077

Web: www.colt45s.org
PO. Box 66804,
Houston, TX 77266-6084

DONALD R. WATKINS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Founded by the clinic's medical director, Dr. Joseph C. Gathe, Jr., MD, FACP, DRWMF provides medical treatment and social services to area people with little income affected by HIV/AIDS. The clinic is fully staffed by medical and social services personnel, with a case management team. DRWMF also provides free HIV/STD testing and coordinates a community-building project for African-American gay men. The clinic is open Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located at 4900 Fannin. 713-528-1748, 713-528-7285(fax) Email: drwmf@josephgathe.com Web: www.josephgathe.com 4900 Fannin, Houston, TX, 77004

MILES D. GLASPY, LMSW-ACP

Mr. Glaspy specializes in individual, couples and group counseling. Visits by appointment. 713-529-1913, 713-529-5178(fax)
1973 W Grey, #20, Houston, TX 77019

GENERATION SEX

The gay men's health initiative at AIDS Foundation Houston, Generation Sex aims to reduce the incidence of HIV transmission through community building, with an emphasis on self-esteem and positive sexual values. 713-524-AIDS, 713-623-4029(fax) Email: garciad@afbouston.org Web: www.generationsex.org 3202 Weslayan, Houston, TX 77027

GAY LESBIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OF HOUSTON

The GLHPH is an organization of and for local GLBT health care providers, their families and supporters. They sponsor a free referral service to help patients locate GLBT-friendly health care providers. Member listing fees are \$20 to \$40 per year.

713-523-4700 Email: GLHPH@yahoo.com P.O. Box 66551, Houston, TX 77266-6551

HOUSTON BUYERS CLUB

The Club is the source for nutritional supplements to counteract the side effects caused by prescription drugs and/or disease. The club is opened to the general public. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3400 Montrose Blvd., Ste.604, Houston, TX 77006.

713-520-5288, 713-521-7419(fax) Email:info@houstonbuyersclub.com, Web: www.houstonbuyersclub.com 3400 Montrose Blvd. #604, Houston, TX 77006

HOUSTON REGIONAL HIV/AIDS RESOURCE GROUP

The largest HIV/AIDS agency in Texas administers state and federal HIV/AIDS grants to fund social and medical providers who provide direct client services to people infected/affected by HIV disease in 51 counties of East and Southeast Texas.
713-526-1016, 713-526-2369 (fax)

Email: mspringer@hivresourcegroup.org
Web: www.hivresourcegroup.org
500 Lovett, Ste.100, Houston, TX 77006

HOUSTON VA MEDICAL CENTER HIV CLINIC

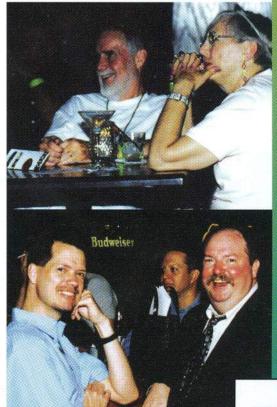
Formed in 1983, the clinic is staffed by 3 infectious disease physicians, 4 infectious disease fellows and 1 physician assistant. Patient's needs are supported by a case manager, 2 social workers, and 4 seasoned coordinators. Clinic hours are Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the VA Medical Center's Ambulatory Care Area 4.
713-794-7943, 713-794-7538(fax)
Email:breaux-katharineg@emed.va.gov
2002 Holcomb Boulevard, Houston, TX 77030

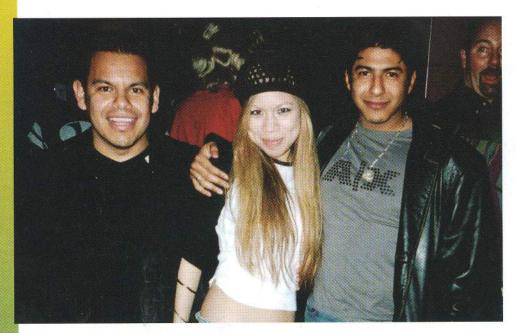
INTERFAITH CARE PARTNERS

Care teams provide nonjudgmental care and supportive services to people with HIV/AIDS and their families, friends and health care providers. The care teams are congregation-based teams of volunteers trained by 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 members 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) Email: info@interfaithcarepartners.org Web: www.interfaithcarepartners.org 701 N. Post Oak, Ste.330, Houston, TX 77024

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

JFS is a United Way agency in southwest Houston that offers counseling, information, 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. Fees are based on clients' ability to pay. JFS is located at 4131 S. Braeswood.





713-667-9336, 713-667-3619(fax)
Email: jfs@jfshouston.org
Web: www.jfshouston.org
P.O. Box 20548, Houston, TX 77225

LESBIAN HEALTH INITIATIVE OF HOUSTON, INC.

LHI is an all volunteer organization which provides health screenings and mammograms to GLBT women who are uninsured or underinsured. We provide health education and materials as well. The Alternative Health and Wellness Center is located at 404 Westheimer Blvd., Houston, TX 77006 on the corner of Taft. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Email: LHIhoustonoo@aol.com
P.O. Box 130158, Houston, TX 77219-0158

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF GREATER HOUSTON

MHA 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 ser-

vices on all mental health topics for interested persons in the Harris County area, as well as providing community education, advocacy services and a self-help resource center for information on support groups. Hours of operation are Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

713-523-8963, 713-522-0698(fax) Web: www.mbagh.org 2211 Norfolk, Ste.810, Houston, TX 77098

MONTROSE CLINIC

Houston's largest anonymous HIV testing site is committed to providing preventative and primary health care to underserved communities. Clinic services include HIV, STD and HEPC screening; counseling and education; HIV primary care; the Body Positive Wellness Center; STD treatment; research services; outreach; medical case management; and women's healthcare. Hours of operation are Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Clinic is located at 215 Westheimer.

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

Email: admin@montroseclinic.org

Web: www.montroseclinic.org

215 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77006

MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER

Anti-Violence Program services provided by MCC include 24-hour crisis services through the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston; individual and group counseling for domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse and bias/hate crimes; accompaniment to medical, law enforcement and court procedures; advocacy; and short-term shelter for domestic violence. Prevention/education presentations on the above topics are available to community groups. 713-529-0037; TTD 526-6285(TTD), 713-526-4367(fax) Email: mcc@neosoft.com Web: www.montrosecounselingcenter.org 701 Richmond, Houston, TX 77006

PAWS HOUSTON PETS ARE WONDERFUL SUPPORT

PAWS Houston is a non-profit organization that serves the needs of low-income pet owners living with terminal illness. PAWS offers comprehensive services designed to enable clients to keep their animal companions. 281-443-3360, 281-443-4477(fax)

Email: laura@pawshouston.org
Web: www.pawshouston.org
14900 Woodham, Ste.170-A, Houston, TX 77073

PEOPLE WITH AIDS COALITION HOUSTON

PWACH empowers people living with HIV disease to achieve independence and

self-reliance through advocacy, education and responsive services. Hours of operation are Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 713-522-5428, 713-522-2674(fax)

Email: info@pwach.org
Web: www.pwach.oeg
3400 Montrose, Ste.207,
Houston, TX 77006

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Comprehensive and confidential reproductive healthcare services include HIV counseling and testing, screening and treatment for STDs, emergency contraception, breast exams, mammograms, pap smears, birth control, abortions, vasectomies and tubal ligation. Planned Parenthood also offers counseling in gay and lesbian relationships, adolescent sexuality, sexual abuse and harassment, parent/teen relationships, healthy sexuality and sexual function. All services are confidential. Planned Parenthood is located at 3601 Fannin. 800-230-PLAN, 713-522-9047(fax) Email: pphset@pphouston.org Web: www.pphouston.org 3601 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004

RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS

RDD is committed to helping the community in its battle against AIDS and HIV infection in all persons regardless of age, sex, race, personal belief or sexual orientation. Money raised at the annual Razzle Dazzle Dallas event in June is used to afford a better life for those who are already affected by this disease and to educate and inform the general public in an effort to end its spread. Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month at the Center for Community Cooperative, 2900 Live Oak, in Dallas.

214-520-7336 Web: www.razzledazzledallas.org 2429 Reagan, Ste.211, Dallas, TX 75219

RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL

The RWPC works to improve the quality of life and advocates for those affected by HIV/AIDS by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources. The RWPC also produces and publishes the Blue Book, an HIV resource guide for Houston and the surrounding area.

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

Email: feedback_rwpc@co.barris.tx.us

Web: www.rwpc.org

2223 West Loop South, Ste.240,

Houston, TX 77027

SOUTHEAST TEXAS LEGAL CLINIC

The STLC provides legal services to those individuals living with HIV/AIDS for free or at a reduced cost, depending on eligibility requirements. The STLC is located at 3400 Montrose, Ste.233.

713-523-7852 Email: stlc@neosoft.com Web: 3400 Montrose, Ste.233, Houston, TX 77006

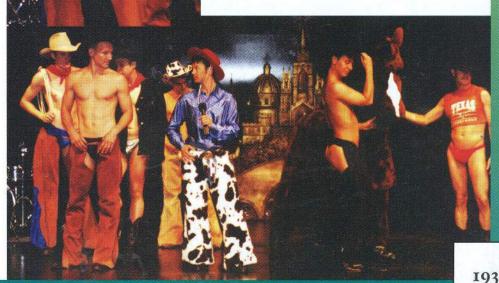
STEVEN'S HOUSE

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. Services are free. 713-522-5757, 713-522-1910(fax) stevhous@swbell.net PO. Box 131303, Houston, TX 77219

TEXAS AIDS NETWORK

Texas AIDS Network's mission is to optimize systems and resources for the Texas HIV/AIDS community through education, research, and advocacy. Programs currently focus on access to HIV medications.

512-447-1115
Email: tan@texasaids.net
Web: www.texasaids.net
P.O. Box 2395, Austin, TX 78768



MEDIA

104 KRBE

Houston's number 1 Top 40 format radio station. Hours: M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 713-266-1000, 713-954-2344(fax)
Web: www.104KRBE.com
9801 Westheimer, Ste.700, Houston, TX 77042

AFTER HOURS

A late-night radio variety show, After Hours provides a permanent voice for the GLBT communities with its varied co-hosts. Features include a News and Views segment and music by GLBT artists throughout the show. After Hours airs Saturdays, 12 midnight to 3 a.m. on KPFT 90.1 FM. 713-526-5738, 713-526-5750 (fax) Email: afterbourskpft@hotmail.com 419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006

BAYOU BOOK

Distributed annually, the Bayou Book is Houston's most respected business directory and organizational resource. Also covering Galveston, the Bayou Book puts consumers in touch with community businesses.
713-521-5822, 713-521-5830(fax)
Email: info@bayoubook.com
Web: www.bayoubook.com
315 W. Alabama, Ste.101,
Houston, TX 77006

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION

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

404-614-3700, 404-614-3701(fax)

Email: glaad@glaad.org

Web: www.glaad.org
159 Ralph McGill Blvd. NE, Ste.506,
Atlanta, GA 30308

HEPATITIS MAGAZINE/HEPATITIS SUPPORT ASSN.

Hepatitis Magazine is a source of information, news and resources for hepatitis patients, families & caregivers.

A blood-borne virus, HCV and HBU have the same modes of transmission as HIV/AIDS. Annual subscription for 6 bimonthly issues is \$20.

281-272—2744, 281-847-5440(fax)

Email: info@hepatitismag.com

Web: www.bepatitismag.com

523 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E., Ste.300,

Houston, TX 77060

HOUSTON VOICE

A free weekly publication, the Houston Voice covers Houston-area and national news of importance to gay and lesbian people, with news, views and interviews with celebrities, politicians and entertainers. The Houston Voice is Houston's leading weekly GLBT newspaper. It covers local, regional, national and international events, with an emphasis on the Houston area and Texas news. The publication regularly features articles on health, nutrition, the arts, entertainment and community events, as well as human-interest stories. It is distributed at more than 325 locations in Houston every Friday. The office's hours are Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 713-529-8490, 713-529-9531(fax) Email: editor@houstonvoice.com Web: www.houstonvoice.com 500 Lovett, Ste. 200, Houston, TX 77006

OUTSMART MAGAZINE

Houston's GLBT monthly magazine is distributed free to over 300 locations in Houston, Galveston and Beaumont and across the U.S. by subscription. OutSmart features articles about the arts, entertainment and local and national news. OutSmart was named "Nation's Best Local Gay and Lesbian Monthly Magazine" by the Vice Versa Press Awards two years in a row. In 2001 OutSmart received three Houston Press Club Awards for excellence in journalism.

713-520-7237, 713-522-3275(fax) Email: letters@outsmartmagazine.com Web: outsmartmagazine.com 3406 Audubon, Houston, TX 77006

OUEER VOICES

QV offers news, interviews with local and national figures and features such as arts reviews, commentary and spotlight interviews with representatives of local community organizations. Queer Voices airs Mondays, 8-10 p.m. on KPFT 90.1 FM, a community-based, public radio station



dedicated to peace through cultural diversity. GLBT issues and music are a regular part of the station's programming service. On the fourth Monday of the month, Queer Music Heritage features queer music from the past.

Email: jack@queervoices.org

Web: www.queervoices.org

P.O. Box 66075, Houston, TX 77266-6075

TEXAS TRIANGLE

The award-winning weekly newsmagazine for Texas' GLBT community is distributed throughout the state every Friday. The Triangle is free and features in-depth articles about issues, events and people important to Houston's community. The Texas Triangle is proud to be Pride Committee of Houston's Official Media Sponsor, publishing the Pride Events Guide, which has been distributed throughout Texas each June since 1999.

713-521-5822, 713-521-5830(fax)
Email: txtriangle@aol.com
Web: www.txtriangle.com
315 W. Alabama, Ste.101,
Houston, TX 77006-5139

NIGHT CLUBS/BARS

611 CLUB

The 611 has been a gay bar and neighborhood meeting place since 1984. 713-528-1582 611 Hyde Park, Houston, TX 77006

METEOR URBAN VIDEO LOUNGE

Clean, sleek and cosmopolitan without compromising fun, energy or excitement, Meteor is a hip, high-style martini lounge that is chic without the attitude. Enjoy a perfectly-made martini while you mix and mingle with Houston's GLBT community. 713-521-0123, 713-521-1567(fax)
Web: www.meteorhouston.com
2306 Genesee Street, Houston, TX 77006

RICH'S - HOUSTON

Rich's is Houston's hottest gay dance bar and Texas' premier dance palace featuring some of the best dance DJs in the country! The club features Texas's largest dance floor with a floor to ceiling video screen, and an incredible sound system and light show. On the upper level, enjoy conversation with friends in either the Video Bar or the Art Lounge, which features exhibits by local artists. Rich's is open Thursday through Sunday, with special events happening throughout the year.

713-759-9610 Web: www.richs-houston.com 2401 San Jacinto, Houston, TX

POLITICAL

ACLU OF TEXAS

The American Civil Liberties Union is our nation's guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in the United States by the Constitution. Dues are \$35 annually.

713-942-8146, 713-942-8146(fax) Email: action@aclu-bouston.org Web: www.aclu-bouston.org P.O. Box 132047, Houston, TX 77219

HARRIS COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

The Libertarian Party works to promote freedom and liberty, including civil liberties for all.

713-271-1776(phone/fax)

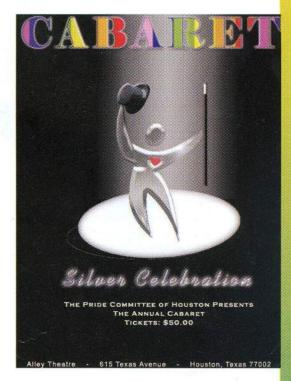
Email: Laur@libertyworks.org

Web: www.lptexas.org/harris

PO. Box 27932, Houston, TX 77227

HOUSTON GAYAND LESBIAN POLITICAL CAUCUS

Formed in 1976, the HGLPC meets political candidates to determine which candidates will most likely propose GLBT-friendly laws and oppose laws that hurt GLBT people. Annual dues are \$35 per year.



Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 3400 Montrose, 2nd Fl., Houston, TX 77266 713-521-1000, 713-799-9484(fax) Email: voter@hglpc.org Web: www.hglpc.org PO. Box 66664, Houston, TX 77266-6664

HOUSTON POLITICAL ORGANIZING NETWORK

HoP-ON is a free, easy-to-use e-mail group service. Postings include press releases and action alerts from all national GLBT and allied organizations. Local GLBT organizing opportunities are posted as well. This is a not a discussion listserv, although there is a separate chat option available.

713-861-8238, 713-861-8208(fax)

Email: hop-on-owner@yahoogroups.com

Web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hop-on
2003 Kane, Houston, TX 77007-7612

LESBIAN GAY RIGHTS LOBBY OF TEXAS

The LGRL of Texas works toward the elimination of social, legal and economic discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity through lobbying, education and research directed toward the Texas Legislative and other state governmental agencies. Annual dues are \$35. 512-474-5475, 512-474-6297(fax) Email: info@lgrl.org Web: www.lgrl.org P.O. Box 2340, Austin, TX 78768

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS -HOUSTON

LCR-H works for an inclusive Republican Party by educating party members and office holders on issues of concern to gay Americans. LCR-H's primary goal is to ensure that the Republican Party fulfills its promise. Annual dues are \$70. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 7 p.m. at the 1415 Bar & Grill. 1415 California St., Houston, TX 77006 Email: lcrhouston@logcabin.org Web: houston.logcabin.org P.O. Box 1874, Houston, TX 77251-1874

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE

The nation's oldest national GLBT civil rights organization operates the nation's premier GLBT think tank, The NGLTF Policy Institute; provides extensive technical and strategic support to local and statewide organizations on many issues; and lobbies the federal government. NGLTF also produces Creating Change, the largest GLBT conference in the world, each year in mid-November. Membership fees are \$35. 202-332-6483, 202-332-0207(fax) Email: ngltf@ngltf.org Web: www.ngltf.org 1700 Kalorama Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

OLOC, INC.

OLOC is a political action group that fights ageism in our own and the larger community. Membership dues are \$20 annually. 713-802-2989(fax) Email: chardenea@worldnett.att.net Web: www.oloc.org P.O. Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098-0422

THE PRISON SHOW COLLECTIVE

Hosted by Ray Hill, the Prison Show is a weekly radio show, networking with GLBT and prison reform organizations and groups. The show airs on Friday nights at 8 p.m. on 90.1 KPFT.

713-523-6969

P.O. Box 3629, Houston, TX 77253-3629

TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

The Foundation operates a 24 hour legal assistance hotline for individual discriminated against due to sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status and funds impacting litigation. Organizational dues are \$25 for an individual, \$50 for a household, or \$10 for students.

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MOORE & HUNT

Moore & Hunt is a lesbian owned law firm which specializes in family law and personal/ estate planning for the LGBT community. 713-522-4282, 713-522-9604(fax) Email: connie@mooreandhunt.com Web: www.mooreandbunt.com 3608 Audubon, Houston, TX 77006

MORTGAGE ASSOCIATES **OF TEXAS**

The best and oldest gay owned and operated mortgage brokerage firm. 713-524-1850, 713-524-8606(fax) Email: johnfrels@mortgage assoc.com Web: www.mortgageassoc.com 5311 Kirby Dr., Houston, TX 77005

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL

BERING MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 1440 Harold at Mulberry, was the first United Methodist Church in Texas to officially declare itself a



"reconciling congregation," proclaiming loud and clear the inclusiveness of all persons as full participants in the Body of Christ. Join them for Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. or 10:50 a.m. and share a Living God's Reconciling Love Phone: 713.526.1017, 713.520.6866(fax) Web: www.beringumc.org
1440 Harold St., Houston, TX 77006

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH

CGC is a diverse fellowship of believers with a common bond — the love of Jesus. Formed in 1982, this fellowship offers inspiring worship, anointed preaching, Bible-based teaching, and most importantly, unconditional love. Services Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235, 713-880-2245(fax) Email: cgospel@communitygospel.org 4305 Lillian, Houston, TX 77007

COVENANT CHURCH, ECUMENICAL LIBERAL BAPTIST

Covenant Church affirms the sanctity, dignity and equality of human beings and the value of life in the universe. The church welcomes persons of all racial and ethnic heritages, sexual orientations and faith perspectives to its Christian community. Covenant stands for each individual's right to worship God and to respond to God's call to ministry in her or his own understanding of God's all-encompassing love. Covenant is affiliated with the American



Baptist Churches/USA and the Alliance of Baptists. Worship services Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at 4949 Caroline. Education at 11 a.m. 713-668-8830, 713-668-8839(fax)

Email: cov@neosoft.com

Web: www.covenanthouston.org
4949 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004-5701

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF HOUSTON

First Unitarian welcomes and affirms GLBT people, includes sexual minorities as minis-

ters and leaders and offers various social and support activities. Services are Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at 5200 Fannin 713-526-5200, 713-526-3037(fax)

Email: church@firstuu.org
Web: www.firstuu.org
5200 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004

JEWISH CONGREGATION MISHPACHAT ALIZIM

A gay and lesbian Jewish congregation open to individuals, couples, friends and families, Mishpachat Alizim provides religious services, Jewish study, social events and community information and activities. All activities are open to members and guests. Dues are \$35 for individuals and \$50 for couples. Shabbat services are held the second Friday each month at 8 p.m. at Baby Barnaby's, 602 Fairview 713-595-2101x2473, 713-748-7079(fax) Email: mishpachat@onebox.com P.O. Box 980136, Houston, TX 77098

KOLBE PROJECT

Founded in 1989, Kolbe Project offers unconditional love and acceptance in the

spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi to GLBT 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.

Meetings are held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. at 1030 Heights.

713-861-1800, 713-861-7212(fax)

Email: info@kolbeproject.org

Web: www.kolbeproject.org

1030 Heights, Houston, TX 77008

LUTHERANS CONCERNED

As an organization of GLBT and non-gay Christians who stand as a community of faith and model the gospel within the church and within the GLBT community, Lutherans Concerned seeks to employ the Gospel's principles of inclusiveness and justice, celebrating God's gifts of sexuality and diversity. Dues are \$50. Meetings are held at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh. 281-463-7891, 713-528-3601(fax) Email: vschill@hcpl.net 16307 Royal Mile, Houston, TX 77084

MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIAN OF GREATER HOUSTON

MLP is dedicated to the full participation of all persons in the Presbyterian Church, without regard to sexual orientation, personal background, or human condition. More Light Presbyterians works for an inclusive church that respects and honors the gifts of all of God's children. Members include clergy and laity who are gay and straight, persons who have a gay members of their family and allies working for social justice.

713-869-9243 Email: thesquid@hal-pc.org

RESURRECTION MCC

Resurrection is a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and is the third largest congregation in the fellowship. The congregation is a



melting pot of religious backgrounds, cultural traditions, and societal status. Their mission is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action. Join them for services Sundays at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. 713-861-9149, 713-861-2520 (fax) Email: mccr@airmail.net Web: www.resurrectionmcc.org 2025 W. 11th St., Houston, TX 77008

SOKAI GOKKAI INTERNATIONAL

SGI is a Buddhist organization focusing on world peace and everyone's individual happiness. SGI is open to everyone regardless of race, gender, age, nationality or sexual orientation. Meetings held Tuesdays, 7 p.m. 713-862-8129

Web: www.gi-usa.org 604 W.Temple, Houston, TX

RETAIL/OTHER

SUPERCUTS

Supercuts is a full-service hair salon.
Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are suggested.
713-862-9955, 713-862-7552(fax)
Email: Randymwilcox@aol.com
1235 N. Loop W. #725, Houston, TX 77008

UNITED CAB

This cab company provides local transportation services to the gay and lesbian community.

713-699-0000, 713-695-0405(fax) Email: ellis@unitedcab.com Web: www.unitedcab.com 1406 Hays, Houston, TX 77009

SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL

AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON

The mission of AIDS Foundation Houston is to create a positive social impact through the innovative management of HIV/Aids and other chronic diseases.

713-623-6796, 713-623-4029(fax) Email: ruppert1@afhouston.org Web: www.aidshelp.org 3202 Weslayan Annex, Houston, TX 77027

FOUNDATION

Uncommon Legacy promotes the visibility, strength and vitality of the lesbian community by awarding scholarships to lesbian students and grants to projects and organizations that address lesbian issues. Meetings of the Houston chapter are held the third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at The Gallery, 1400 Hermann. 202-265-7926; ablumvosen@uncommonlegacy.org Web: www.uncommonlegacy.org P.O. Box 33727, Washington, DC 20033



and co-hosts After Hours the first Saturday each month. Meetings Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Hobbit Cafe, 2243 Richmond Ave. 713-467-4380 Email: BiHouse@flash.net Web: www.flash.net/-bibouse P.O. Box 667041, Houston, TX 77266 THE CENTER FOR EMPOWERMENT INC. The Center for Empowerment is a place for spiritual, mental, and physical growth. 409-763-3097 Email: center4empowerment@yaboo.com

ASIAN AND FRIENDS HOUSTON

Asian and Friends is a non-profit social group for GLBT Asians and anyone interested in furthering their understanding of the GLBT culture of Asia. Annual dues are \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 for students, or \$30.00 per couple.

713-271-2156

Email: chris@asianandfriendshpuston.com Web: www.asianandfriends.com

BINET HOUSTON

A social support group for bisexuals and bifriendly people, BiNet provides 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

Web: www.gaygalveston.com P.O. Box 8113, Galveston, TX 77553

THE CENTER FOR GALVESTON INC.

Opened in 2002, it's is a community center for Galveston's growing GLBT community. Email: galvestoncenter@botmail.com Web: www.gaygalveston.com

P.O. Box 8113, Galveston, TX 77553

CHARLA HOUSTON SPANISH GROUP

Para practicar y disfrutar nuestro Espanol. If you want to improve your Spanish through informal conversation rather than lessons, join this group. All levels welcome. The group meets the first and third Thursdays each month.

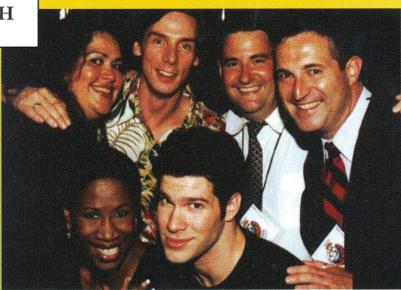
713-416-7203

Email: charlabouston@msn.com

CLASSIC CHASSIS CAR CLUB -HOUSTON

Classic Chassis is a gay and lesbian group whose members own or have an interest in vintage and classic cars, models, literature or other automobilia. The club's purpose is to encourage appreciation, restoration and acquisition of these automobiles in a fun social environment. Members share information, help with care projects and maintenance and, above all, have fun enjoying their cars. The club hosts monthly events including parties at members' homes, outings at local clubs and restaurants, informational workshops and cruises through Houston and surrounding areas. The Houston club was founded in 1989. Sister groups are located in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio. Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for couples. The club meets the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at World Cafe, 1340 W. Gray. 713-797-8615

Email: hou@classicchassiscarclub.org Web: www.classicchassiscarclub.org P.O. Box 920888, Houston, TX 77292



COMMUNITY AWARENESS FOR TRANSGENDER SUPPORT

CATS is an official 501(c)(3) non-profit, peer-led resource and information group that endeavors, through grassroots education, activism and advocacy, to advance the quality of life for all those whose physical makeup or emotional-, sexual- or selfexpression is in conflict with current cultural gender stereotypes. CATS offers transitional living accommodations for gendervariant individuals who would otherwise be homeless, as well as emotional support; medical, therapy, legal, schooling, electrolysis, surgical and medication assistance; peer support; a 24-hour help line; a clothes bank; and support group meetings for our clients. Members are available to speak to educators, employers and service providers, as well as to any public agency. 281-585-8089, 281-585-8089(fax) Email: tghelp@tghelp.org Web: www.tghelp.org P.O. Box 62, Galveston, TX 77553

DIANA FOUNDATION

The Diana Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) taxexempt charitable organization originally set up in 1953 to fund arts organizations, but was changed to fund HIV/AIDS services in the eighties. The Foundation has funded most of the operating cost of the AIDS Foundation in the first three years of their existence. Through these endeavors, Diana has helped PWAs to obtain quality health care that would not otherwise have been

possible. Additionally, the Diana Foundation has assisted in the support of the following organizations: A Christmas Songfest, Astro Alliance, Bering Community Service Foundation Kitchen Fund, Crisis Hotline, Krewe of Olympus, Miss Camp America, Montrose Concealing Center, Omega House, The Pet Patrol, PWA Coalition, Stone Soup and many other charitable organizations. Annual dues are \$200. Planning meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the 1415 Bar and Grill, 1415 California, Houston, TX 77006 713-639-2000 P.O. Box 66523, Houston, TX 77266-6523

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 \$2,700,000 to local organizations for HIV/AIDS care, research, treatment and preventive education. Volunteers create special events and help allocate funds raised. 713-528-0505, 713-528-4336 Email: diffabouston@prodigy.net Web: www.diffa.org P.O. Box 131605, Houston, TX 77219

GAL PALS

A division of the Houston Women's Festival, this group is producing social events for the

women's community, such as Speed Dating for Lesbians, a fun, fast and effective way to meet new people. 713-861-3316

Email: bwfestival@eartblink.net Web: www.hwfestival.org/events.htm P.O. Box 70102, Houston, TX 77270

GALVESTON MARKETING

promoting the GLBT community of Galveston to the world. 409-763-3097 Email: galvestonmrkt@hotmail.com Web: www.gaygalveston.com P.O. Box 8113, Galveston, TX 77553

Galveston's Gay & Lesbian Marketing firm,

GAYAND LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD HOUSTON

GLSH provides information, nonjudgmental support, crisis intervention and referral services. The Switchboard can also put hate-crime, sexual-assault or domesticpartner violence survivors in touch with an advocate or an emergency shelter. The Switchboard is a service of the Montrose Counseling Center.



713-529-3211, 713-526-4367(fax)
Email: voluntr@neosoft.com
Web: www.gayswitchboardhouston.org
701 Richmond, Houston, TX 77006-5511

GAY FATHERS OF HOUSTON/FATHERS FIRST

Weekly support meetings are held for gay fathers and their partners, featuring informal discussions about coming out, legal issues and other topics related to gay parenting. The group meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2125 Waugh. 713-726-8736

Email: gaydadshouston@yahoo.com Web: www.geocities.com/gaydadshouston 5110 Kinglet, Houston, TX 77035

GLBVA HOUSTON

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America informs neighbors that its members are gay and lesbian veterans who served our country honorably and well. GLBVA members speak out for their brothers and sisters in uniform who cannot speak out. GLBVA comprises active, reserve, retired and veteran members of the United States Air Force, Army and Army Air Corps, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Merchant Marine, National Guard or any Reserve components thereof, or the various State Militia. Ask for a copy of the Forward Observer, the organization's quarterly national newsletter. Dues are \$25 annually. Meetings are held the first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 3400 Montrose, 2nd Fl. 713-498-9059 Email: houstonglbva@earthlink.net Web: www.glbva.org

GLOSS (GAY LESBIAN ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS IN SUPPORT)

P.O. Box 667135, Houston, TX 77266

GLOSS is the gay /lesbian /bisexual / transgender organization at North Harris County College in Houston. The group holds regular meetings the first and third Thursday of the month at 12 noon during the academic year, participates in college activities, and provides educational and awareness programs for the college community.

281-618-5526, 281-618-5477(fax) Email: hartgrov@nhmccd.edu A-70, 2700 W.Thorne Dr., Houston, TX 77073

GREATER HOUSTON GAYAND LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber fosters and promotes the economic development and vitality of GLBT and supportive heterosexual businesses and organizations in the greater Houston area; facilitates the exchange of ideas, resources, information and networking opportunities; and hosts Empower, an annual community expo held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The next Empower expo will be held September 21 and 22, 2002. Annual dues are \$125 for individuals, \$200 for businesses and \$1000 for corporations. Meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main 713-523-7576, 713-669-0452(fax) Email: info@ghglcc.org Web: www.ghglcc.org P.O. Box 66129, Houston, TX 77266

GULF COAST ARCHIVES MUSEUM

GCAM collects both personal and organizational items and memorabilia to put in an archives and museum setting that serves the GLBT community, friends and family of the Gulf Coast area. The Museum includes exhibits for viewing, hands-on and educational material and an archival section for research. Dues are \$25. Meetings are held the first Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the GCAM Museum, 1609 W. Main, Apt. 4. 713-227-5973; info@gcam.org

Web: www.gcam.org

P.O. Box 130192, Houston, TX77219

HOUSTON AREA BEARS

HAB promotes camaraderie, brotherhood and social familiarity of and for the Bear community. Membership is open to any individual 21 years and older who exhibits the qualities of or is a professed Bear lover (ursaphile). Full membership is \$24 annually; associated membership is \$12 annually. Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Biba's One's A Meal, 607 W. Gray.

713-867-9123

Email: info@houstonareabears.com

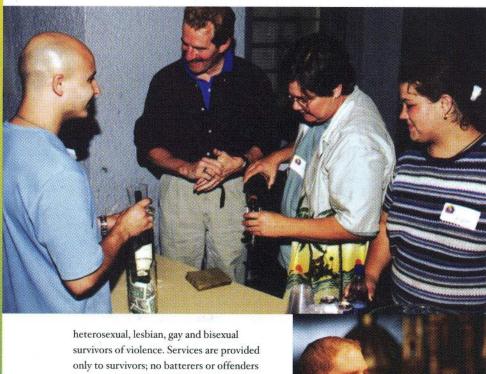
Web: www.houstonareabears.com

P.O. Box 66443, Houston, TX 77266

HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

HAWC provides shelter, counseling and support services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Two 24-hour-aday, 7-day-a-week hotlines provide crisis counseling. The Rape Crisis program provides individual and group counseling and accompaniment to area hospitals and court-rooms for both female and male sexual assault survivors. The Family Violence Program provides individual and group counseling, an emergency shelter, advocacy and accompaniment to area hospitals for both female and male domestic violence survivors. The Center provides services to





are served.

713-528-2121, 713-535-6363(fax) Web: www.hawc.org 1010 Waugh, Houston, TX 77019

HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN **PARENTS**

HGLP is a social and support group for GLBT parents, their partners and kids and those considering parenthood. HGLP hosts a monthly support group, plans at least one family activity each month and publishes a monthly newsletter. Dues are \$35 annually or whatever you can afford. Meetings are held the second Tuesday each month, 7 p.m., at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold 713-284-4939

Email: hglpinc@yahoo.com Web: www.hglp.org 9955 S. Post Oak, PMB#263, Houston, TX 77096

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY

The Humane Society is a non-profit animal

welfare organization dedicated to eliminating the cruelty, abuse and overpopulation of animals.

713-433-6421, 713-433-4325(fax) Email: mail@houstonhumane.org Web: www.houstonhumane.org P.O. Box 450528, Houston, TX 77245

HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP

HOG is a social group for gay and lesbian and gay-friendly people who enjoy the outdoors. Activities are organized by HOG members, individually or by ad hoc groups, and are reported in the newsletter. Events may be typical sports activities (camping, hiking, etc.), but can also include any social activity, whether indoors or out. Call for a free trial newsletter. Regular delivery of the monthly newsletter is available for \$20 annually.

713-KAMPOUT (526-7688) Web: www.absentmind.net/bog P.O. Box 980893, Houston, TX 77098

HOUSTON PINKPISTOLS

PinkPistols is a GLBT-friendly group promoting armed self-defense through safe and accurate handgun use. Houston PinkPistols is one of 22 chapters nationwide. One of the two monthly meetings is at a local gun range. Houston PinkPistols encourages concealed handgun licensing to qualified members.

713-779-8441 Email: houston@pinkpistols.org Web: www.pinkpistols.org 7826 Marinette, Houston, TX 77074

HOUSTON PRIDE BAND

Get your instruments out of the closet. The award-winning Houston Pride Band provides musical entertainment for the lesbian and gay community. The band seeks musicians of all skill levels and instrumentation. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Dignity Center, 1307 Yale. 713-524-0218, 713-522-9604(fax) Web: www.houstonprideband.org P.O. Box 300788, Houston, TX 77230

HOUSTON TRANSGENDER UNITY COMMUNITY

The Unity Committee is a collaborative effort of all Houston area transgender organizations to maintain and promote unity. The committee sponsors a transgender float for the Pride Parade, representation at the Empower conference and the annual Unity banquet. Meetings are held the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. 281-424-6080, 281-424-6092(fax) Email: triess@prodigy.net

ICOH - THE SPACE CITY EMPIRE

ICOH is a fundraising organization supporting local 501(c)(3) charities through benefit shows and other functions. Dues are \$5 per month. Meetings held the second Wednesday of every other month, 7:30 p.m. 712-524-3688

Email: icohemperori@aol.com
Web: www.spacecityempire.org

ISLAND PRIDE FESTIVAL, INC.

P.O. Box 980016, Houston, TX 77098-0016

IPF's mission is to create events that highlight empower, promote and showcase Galveston GLBT community pride. 409-763-3097 Email: galvestonpride@hotmail.com

Email: galvestonpride@hotmail.com Web: www.gaygalveston.com P.O. Box 8113, Galveston, TX 77553

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 education and gaining equal rights for, and elimination of 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 activities and purposes of community organizations.

Email: kellett@aol.com

PO. Box 66574, Houston, TX 77266

KREWE OF OLYMPUS-TEXAS

Founded in New Orleans in 1970 and continuing the Mardi Gras traditions in Houston, the Krewe of Olympus is one of the largest predominantly gay and llesbian Krewes in the United States. 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 in the Houston community. Dues are \$160 annually. 713-864-3774

Email: krewe@mardigrastexas.com Web: www.mardigrastexas.com P.O. Box 920794, Houston, TX 77292

LOAFERS, INC. (LOAF)

Loafers is a social networking and support group for lesbians fifty years of age and over. Dues are \$24 annually. Meetings are held the third Sunday each month, 2-4 p.m. 713-869-1482, 713-802-2989(fax)

Email: cbardenea@worldnet.att.net
P.O. Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601

LONESTAR NUDIST GROUP

LSNG is a diverse group of Houston area men who enjoy sharing nude experiences. A totally nude social is hosted at least once a month. Membership dues are \$24 per year for singles and \$36 for couples.
713-868-8539
Email: info@Lonestarmen.net
Web: www.Lonestarmen.net

MISS CAMP AMERICA FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 66621, Houston, TX 77266-6621

Miss Camp America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that raises money for AIDS-related charities, primarily through a spoof of a beauty pageant held the same night as the Miss America pageant. Dues are \$175. Meetings are held

the second Monday each month at 7 p.m. 713-267-7827

Email: dquijano@srresources.com

Web: www.mcaf.org

PO. Box 924234, Houston, TX 77292-4234

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS

P-FLAG's mission includes community education, advocacy and support. The group supports sexual minorities and their parents, families and friends. Dues are \$30 for individuals and \$50 for couples and families. Meetings are held the first Sunday (second Sunday in case of holiday) each month, 2 p.m.

713-467-3524

Email: pflagwww@insync.net

Web: www.pflaghouston.org

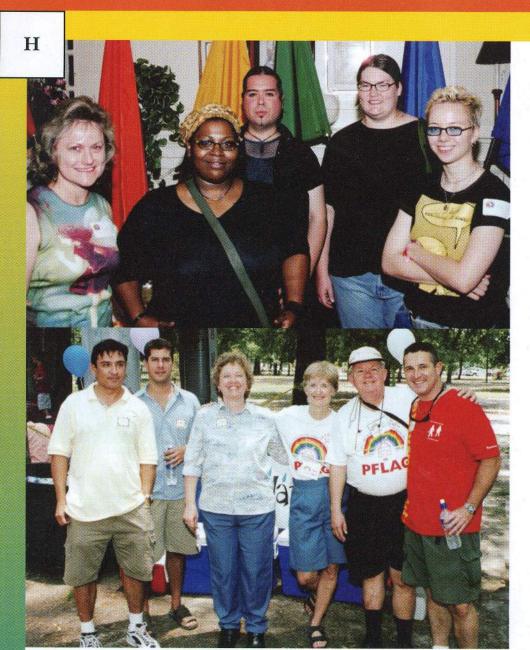
P.O. Box 66834, Houston, TX 77266-6834

PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON

Celebrating it's 25th Silver Anniversary, PCOH sponsors Houston's GLBT Pride by producing the annual Pride Parade and other events, maintaining the Banner District on lower Westheimer, managing the community's best mailing list and organization resource guide, supporting an interactive website, and publishing this Pride magazine annually. Meetings are held



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the third Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1425 W. Gray
713-529-6979, 713-529-6929(fax)
Email: info@pridehouston.org
Web: www.pridehouston.org
PO. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071

PRIME TIMERS, HOUSTON

Prime Timers is a non-profit social group whose purpose is to create a supportive atmosphere for mature gay men. Annual dues are \$25 a person, or \$40 per couple. Meetings are held quarterly for club members and monthly for Board members.

713-729-9662, 713-729-9662(fax)
Web: www.prmetimersworldwide.org/houston
P.O. Box 980612, Houston, TX 77098-0612

ROYAL, SOVEREIGN, AND IMPERIAL COURT OF THE SINGLE STAR OF HOUSTON, INC. (RSICSS)

The Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court to the Single Star of Houston, Inc. is a fundraising and social organization serving Houston for 19 years. Annual dues are \$60. Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at various locations around Houston. 281-546-0724

Web: www.rsicss.org
P.O. Box 980444, Houston, TX 77098

SOUTHERN COUNTRY HOUSTON

Southern Country is a lesbian and gay dance organization for people interested in country and western music and who would like to learn couples' dances, line dances or barn dances. Dues are \$25. The group meets on Fridays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Barn. Email: Concares@aol.com
7911 Marisol Dr., Houston, TX 77083

STONEWALL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER HOUSTON

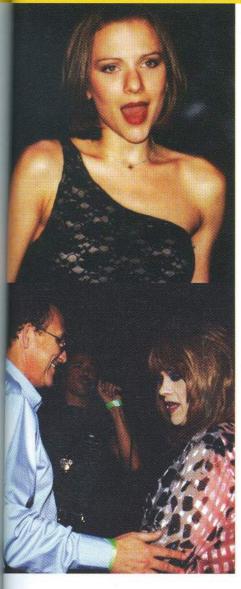
SLAGH is an organization of attorneys, students and others interested in legal issues and the legal community, especially as affects the Houston-area GLBT community. SLAGH is devoted to providing networking opportunities for everyone, educational opportunities (including community "infomixers"), monthly CLE lunches, legal conferences/seminars and opportunities for community participation. The association works with local organizations for the betterment of the community. Dues are \$40 for attorneys, \$10 for non-attorneys and students and \$20 for first-year attorneys. SLAGH meets the first Friday each month at 6:30 p.m.

713-650-0570, 713-222-7002(fax)

Email: Info@slagb.org

Web: www.slagb.org

P.O. Box 66502, Houston, TX 77266



TEXAS GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

TGRA produces an annual rodeo, promotes the Western lifestyle and participates in fundraising for communities across Texas. Dues are \$60 annually. Meetings are held at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. 281-635-2779

Email: dgdptx@netzero.net
Web: www.tgra.org
P.O. Box 130585, Houston, TX 77219

TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

THRF's mission is to end discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation, gender identification or HIV status, THRF accomplishes its mission through operation of a statewide, toll-free legal referral hot line; distribution at no cost of a booklet entitled "AIDS and the Law: Know Your Rights;" and financial support for high-impact litigation. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. THRF is located at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., 2nd Fl.. 713-522-0636, 713-647-0128(fax) Email: donnakdavis@att.net Web: www.tbrf.org

AN UNCOMMON LEGACY FOUNDATION / LESBIAN LEADERSHIP FUND

Uncommon Legacy promotes the visibility, strength and vitality of the lesbian community by awarding scholarships to lesbian students and grants to projects and organizations that address lesbian issues.

P.O. Box 33727, Washington, DC 20033

SPORTS/FITNESS

FITNESS EXCHANGE

Fitness Exchange is a full-service fitness facility. They have weights, cardio classes, fully appointed locker rooms, amenities and personal trainers to help keep the community healthy. Hours are Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturdays & Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 713-524-9932, 713-524-0256
Web: www.fitnessexchange.cc 4040 Milam, Houston, TX77006

FRONTRUNNERS HOUSTON

Organized in 1984 to promote beginning, recreational and competitive running, FrontRunners provides support to men and women interested in running as a means of maintaining fitness and developing friendships. All club runs are non-competitive and informal. Each Thursday run is followed by swimming or hot-tubbing, and then dinner at a local restaurant. Runs are held Sundays at 8 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Tennis Center at Memorial Park.

713-522-8021
Email: larathon@neosoft.com
Web: home.swbell.net/larathon/houfr.htm
3327 West Lamar,
Houston, TX 77019

HAMS

HAMS is a group interested in riding motorcycles. A social is held once a month, in addition to a monthly planned ride and spontaneous rides every weekend. The members of the club are gay men, lesbian, or gay-friendly heterosexuals. All makes of motorcycles are accepted into the club. Dues are \$30 a year.

281-337-3243, 281-596-4309(fax)

Email: info@hamsclub.org

Web: www.hamsclub.org

P.O. Box 7139, Houston, TX 77248-7139

HOUSTON MONTROSE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

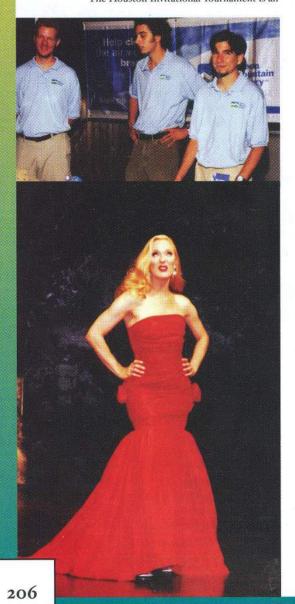
HMAA sponsors the annual Houston Gay

and Lesbian Pride 5k Fun Run/Walk and promotes long-distance running, track and field and other activities for GLBT and straight runners, with an emphasis on inclusion, participation and doing one's best. 713-661-8919

www.geocities.com/houstonpride5k/index.html P.O. Box 667364, Houston, TX 77266

HOUSTON INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Houston 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 on the third Saturday of the month at Dynamic Lanes, 6121 Tarniff, Houston, TX. Annual club dues are \$65.
713-861-1187, 713-228-7814(fax)
Email: wiccado@aol.com
Web: www.texasinvite.com
P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266-6856

HOUSTON WEDNESDAY NITE MIXER

The 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. Dues are \$14. League play is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77025. 713-861-1187, 713-228-7814(fax) Email: wiccado@aol.com

Web: www.texasinvite.com
PO. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266

I LOVE LUCI THURSDAY DUOS

Thursday Duos is a mixed bowling league with four 12-week sessions during the year. Dues are \$12. League play is on Thursdays at 9 p.m. at Dynamic Lanes, 6121 Tarniff. 713-861-1187, 713-228-7814(fax)

Email: wiccado@aol.com

Web: www.texasinvite.com

P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266-6856

INDEPENDENT BILLIARD LEAGUE OF HOUSTON

IBL is a Houston-based, 3-player team billiard league that competes on Thursday evenings at various sponsor establishments within the greater Montrose area. It's open to everyone of all skill levels who enjoys participating in the spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie. Dues are \$40 per person and \$55 for Team Sponsor. Email: secretary@iblhouston.com

Web: www.iblhouston.com
P.O. Box 542345, Houston, TX 77254-2345

INNER LOOP ALTERNATIVE

Inner Loop is a mixed bowling league with a Fall/Winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. Dues are \$12. League play is on Sundays at 7 p.m. at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd.

713-861-1187, 713-228-7814(fax) Email: wiccado@aol.com Web: www.texasinvite.com P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266-6856

LONE STAR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The LSVA is an all-inclusive volleyball league whose mission is to provide a safe, healthy, friendly, and fun atmosphere for athletic competition and sportsmanship to the Houston GLBT community and their friends. There are four different division of league play designed to ensure that everyone has fun, from Recreational to the ultra-competitive tournament teams of the Power division. First time visitors are always welcomed to come play for free. There are three 12-week sessions: May-August, September-early December, and Januaryearly May. LSVA is a member of the North American Gay Volleyball Association and teams participate in many NAGVA tournaments around the country. They also host an annual tournament here in Houston, All games played indoors at the Jerabeck Center, St. Thomas University, 4000 Mt. Vernon. Annual dues are \$25 and season league fees are \$25 and \$50. Email: info@lsva.org Web: www.lsva.org P.O. Box 130423, Houston, TX 77019

MONDAY NIGHT MEN

This men-only bowling league has a Fall/Winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. Dues are \$13. League play is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd. 713-861-1187, 713-228-7814(fax)

Email: wiccado@aol.com Web: www.texasinvite.com P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266-6856

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN

This women-only bowling league has a Fall/Winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. Dues are \$13. League play is on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Dynamic Lanes, 6121 Tarniff. 713-861-1187, 713-228-7814(fax) Email: wiccado@aol.com Web: www.texasinvite.com

RAINBOW FISHING CLUB

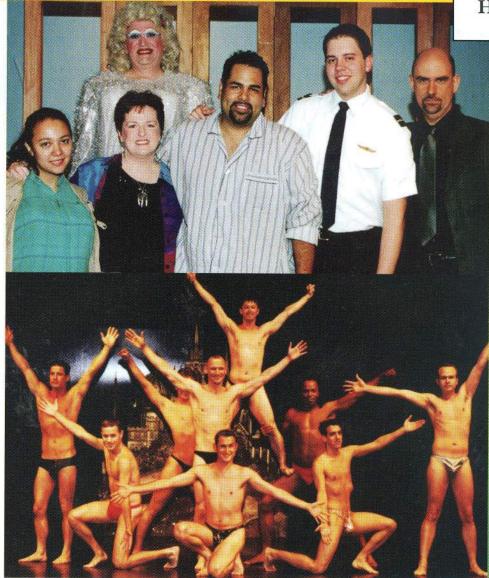
P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266-6856

The club charters deep-sea fishing trips from Galveston on the New Buccaneer. Trips are 12 hours long. The boat can take up to 100 people. You can cook and grill on board, and the 2nd floor has a sun deck for all those sun worshippers. The club plans trips from April through October. Dues are \$5 per year for a quarterly news letters. 713-523-6381

Email: rainbowfishingclub@hotmail.com P.O. Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266

SCOTLAND YARD ADVENTURE CLUB

This new club, started in 2002, features a new and exciting adventure each month. Email: scotlandy ard adventure club@botmail.com12730 Brant Rock, #1602, Houston, TX 77082 Houston, TX



Is Your Organization Not Listed in the Community Resource Guide?

Each year requests go out to Houston's GLBT organizations to renew, update or add their organization to the Community Resource Guide. Sometimes these requests don't get through. But don't fret, the Guide is updated regularly throughout the year on our Web site at www.pridehouston.org. Organizations can add or update their information there or can contact us at info@pridehouston.com or 713-529-6979 for an application. Listings in the Guide are completely free, so get your organization listed and help bring the community together in your own unique way!

Thank





THE PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PAST AND PRESENT SPONSORS, INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS.

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POSSIBLE FOR THE THOUSANDS OF
PARTICIPANTS,

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HOUSTON!