Our Times Update

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GAINESVILLE PRIDE DAYS 2013

Friday, October 18th: Community Awards Dinner & Silent Auction

The 14th Annual Community Awards Dinner will

officially kick off the 2013 Gainesville Pride Days festivities. This year's MC will be **Pegeen Hanrahan!** The Social Mixer begins at 6:00pm, during which time you can participate in the Silent Auction. The buffet-style Dinner starts at 7:00pm with **Alachua County Commissioner Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson** as the Keynote Speaker. Tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased at the Pride Community Center or at Wild Iris Books. The Awards Dinner will be held at Sweetwater Branch Inn, 625 E University Ave. **Don't miss out on the opportunity to find out who will be recognized as the 2013 Woman, Man, Community Person, and**

Saturday, October 19th, 7pm-9pm: Get Engaged Party!

Business of the Year!

Equality Florida and Pride Community Center of North Central Florida are teaming up for the Get Engaged campaign to bring marriage equality to Florida! We are inviting couples, friends, families and allies to "Get Engaged" for marriage equality. Event will be held at the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE 2nd Pl, Gainesville. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Pride Center or online at http://gainesvillepride.org/getengaged.

Sunday, October 20th, 10:15am: Trinity MCC Pride Service

Trinity's Pride Celebration will feature for the first time a liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt, around the colors of the rainbow flag and their implications for people of faith. Musicians from the local community will be featured throughout the liturgy. Awards for Member of the Year, Friend of the Year, Political Activist of the Year and others will be presented. The entire community is welcome. Trinity MCC is located at 11604 SW Archer Rd in Gainesville.

Tuesday, October 22nd, 8pm: LGBT Film at the HIPP

UF LGBT Affairs is co-sponsoring a film with the Hippodrome Theatre. "Beautiful Boxer" is based on the real life story of Parinya Charoenphol, a Muaythai boxer who underwent a sex change operation to become a woman. The movie chronicles her life from a young boy who likes to wear lipstick and flowers to her sensational career as a kickboxer and finally to her confrontation with her own gender identity. The Hippodrome is located at 25 SE 2nd Place in Gainesville.

Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:00 pm: Be More Heroic

Be More Heroic is an anti-bullying campaign dedicated to inspiring and empowering individuals and communities to stimulate positive, proactive and courageous action in their daily lives. Co-sponsored by UF APIA Affairs, UF LGBT Affairs, UF Intercultural Engagement, and The River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding. Held at Ustler Hall on the University of Florida campus. (multicultural.ufl.edu)

Thursday, October 24th, 7:00 pm: HRCNCF's "Living History"

Human Rights Council of North Central Florida invites you to commemorate the recent passage of Alachua County's Human Rights Ordinance and to look back 20 years to the passage of the county's first human rights ordinance. "Living History: Passing the County's Human Rights Ordinance Then and Now" will include county commissioners, community activists and others who were involved in the local LGBT movement in the early '90s. Free event held at the Pride Center.

Saturday, October 26th: Join or Watch the Pride Parade

Preceding the Festival is the Annual Pride Parade which steps off at 12:00pm at 7th Street and West University Avenue and proceeds down University Avenue to the downtown Bo Diddley Community Plaza. The Pride Parade is co-sponsored by the City of Gainesville Department of Cultural Affairs.

Saturday, October 26th: Celebrate Your PRIDE at the Festival

Be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Pride Festival at Gainesville's Downtown Bo Diddley Community Plaza. The Festival, which is co-sponsored by the City of Gainesville Department of Cultural Affairs, will have dozens of local musical acts and vendors lining the plaza from 1 to 9pm. A "Kids Space" will also be available. The event is free and open to the public.

Sunday, October 27th: UCG Pride Sunday

The United Church of Gainesville, 1624 NW 5th Ave, hosts its annual Pride Sunday Services at 9:30am and at 11am. Special Pride services celebrate the LGBTQ community in Gainesville and witness that God loves us each as we are. The UCG Choir will sing and Rev. Andy Bachmann will preach. At 11am there will be a seminar with Mallory Wells, Public Policy Director of Equality Florida, speaking on the state of equal marriage in Florida. At 12:00pm enjoy a potluck brunch.



PRIDE 2013 T-SHIRTS NOW ON SALE!

only \$15.00

These white t-shirts are made of 100% Cotton & are available in various sizes ranging from Small to XXXXL.

YOU Can Make PRIDE Days Successful

How? 4 things you can do to help:

- 1. **Volunteer** to help set up in the morning, help throughout the day or take down & clean up the evening of the PRIDE Festival, Saturday, October 26th. Sign up for 2 hour shifts at pridectr@bellsouth.net.
- 2. **Donate** a quality item or service to the Awards Dinner Auction. Artwork, a special skill you have to give as a present, time at your lovely mountain time share, a merchant's gift certificate or wares all make great items for our silent auction and raise money to support PCCNCF. Contact us at pridectr@bellsouth.net. Minimum value \$25.
- 3. If you are a merchant, craftsperson, or member of an organization, the PRIDE Festival is a great outreach opportunity. It's not too late to reserve vendor space at http://gainesvillepride.org/2013vendorforms/.
- 4. If you'd like to be part of the PRIDE Festival program, entertainers please apply to pridectr@bellsouth.net with a description of your act.

Gainesville PRIDE Chorus To Resume as Gainesville Men's Chorus

The Gainesville PRIDE Chorus began in 1992, inspired by a concert by the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus concert sponsored by the LGBT student union in University Auditorium. Debuting at the Hippodrome Theater in December of 1992, the GPC made short appearances throughout the Gainesville area and performed full concerts in multiple venues including the Gainesville Community playhouse, University auditorium and the Santa Fe auditorium. As the smallest chorus at the 1996 National Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) Festival in Tampa, GPC made a huge splash with its great song selection and performance. GPC gave its last performance in the beautiful atrium of the Thomas Center in 1997.

The PRIDE Chorus will begin again but this time as the Gainesville Men's Chorus. In the intervening 17 years, much has changed and the LGBT community has come a long way. Our music and program will certainly reflect that progress. There are lots of possibilities for fun and challenging men's music to choose from. We have a board of directors and an excellent musical director who will soon complete a Ph.D. in Musicology to get us started. No formal auditions will be required, but prospective singers will be asked to sing a few scales to determine voice part and match pitch. We also welcome people interested in accompanying the chorus. Interested singers, accompanists or behind the scenes type people should contact the chorus by sending an email to gnvmenschorus@gmail.com.

Gainesville Equality Youth



What? Our Very First Meeting! When? Wed, November 13th, 7pm

Where? Gainesville Downtown Library

Our Mission: To provide a safe and supportive space for the physical, emotional, and social well-being of LGBTQI youth through the formation of peer relationships, community building, and individual empowerment.

This group is for those between the ages of 13-18 years old.

facebook.com/gainesvilleequalityyouth email: gainesvilleequalityyouth@gmail.com

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Property Taxes on Track

Thanks to contributions from members and friends, PCCNCF is on track to meet

our property taxes obligation this fall. This is the first year we've taken over the responsibility for the taxes on the Pride Community Center building and your response to this added challenge has been wonderful.

Keep up the support as we come into the last stretch to reach our goal of \$6,500. We're almost there and we need everyone to help with donations to the property taxes fund. Large and small tax deductible gifts — all are needed and appreciated. You can use the donation slip enclosed and mark the "Property Taxes Fund" line

Thank you in advance for helping PCCNCF meet this new challenge.

UNITY DAY

MARCH & VIGIL FOR PEACE

Please join the **River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding** and **Peaceful Paths** as we march together in solidarity in an effort to end bullying and violence.

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS!

MAKE IT ORANGE. MAKE IT END.
MAKE IT PURPLE. MAKE IT END.

WHERE: The march begins and ends at the corner of 13th St. & University Ave.

WHEN: Wednesday October 9th, 4 - 7 PM Peace Vigil starts at 5:30 PM







visit www.centerforpeacebuilding.org for more info

A Stellar Show Bois

PCCNCF wants to thank everyone who made Show Bois so successful. United Church of Gainesville is a great new venue and even though it was raining the entertainers and audience shone.

Emcee - Johnny Rocket. Performers - John Jay, Stevie Sparkles,

Tyrone Luv, Ford, Blue and Lorna. And to all the volunteers who did the heavy lifting, dish washing, staffing of tables, etc.- You know who you are and we could not have done it without you. And our great, fun audience.

It was truly a lot of fun and laughs, not to mention some amazing talent. Hope to see you all at our next event.

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