The monthly membership meeting of Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights or TOHR (pronounced T-O-H-R) for February will be held Tuesday, February 15th, 2000 at 7:30 pm at the Tulsa Gay Community Services Center.

Membership meetings are your chance to learn more about the activities TOHR has planned in the coming year and more importantly, learn more about the work TOHR is doing to improve the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in Tulsa and the surrounding areas.

A short business session is part of the agenda, enabling you to grasp a better understanding of the amount of work, as well as the amount of dollars required, that is necessary for the mission of EQUALity to be achieved.

This upcoming meeting is of importance because of the need to achieve quorum (10% of the membership residing in the city of Tulsa). Quorum is necessary in order for actual business to be voted on and this meeting there is an approval necessary by the membership.

Two new at-large members of the Board of Directors have been appointed and will be presented to the membership for approval. Quorum is required for this to happen.

In addition to the regular business session and approval of the board appointments, as always, a special program is slated for the night.

All TOHR members, guests and interested individuals are invited and encouraged to attend.

"FLOAT CLINIC"

Getting ready for this years Parade requires planning and hard work and here is your organizations chance to get a jump start.

Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights and the Steering Committee of June pride activities will be hosting a "Float Clinic" Saturday, March 11 at the Community Center at 1:00 pm.

Last year’s historic first pride parade for Tulsa had over 40 entries with many of them being floats. If you were involved with the planning or building of any of the floats, you know the work (and sometimes the heartache) of preparing a rolling mass of tissue paper, paper mache or balloons.

The clinic is designed to help you in your planning and execution of your entry. From the initial design concept to the eventual completion—it all requires planning. Short presentations will cover design concepts, material (cost effective) gathering, building techniques and of course, the policies and procedures (the rules) of the parade.

For more information, please call 918-743-4297 during the evening.

MISSED LAST YEARS PARADE?
VIDEOS AVAILABLE FOR $10.00
CALL 918-743-4297 FOR INFO

The Sooner State (for many—the Cowboy State, but that’s another article) has a reputation for being near or at the bottom of the 50 states when it comes to many issues our nation faces as a whole.

We have all heard about the high teenage pregnancy rate, the evolution textbook disclaimer, the quality of the roads, the low rate of pay for our teachers, the turnpikes, the cockfighting issue; the list can go on and on. These are issues that are important to many in the GLBT community as well as the community at large. However, there are a few issues that deserve to be brought up into the limelight—issues that directly affect the lives of many of us.

Last year, a brave legislator brought HB1211 to Oklahomans. HB1211 would have added sexual orientation to our state’s existing enhanced penalties hate crimes law. The measure would have also allowed hate crimes victims to receive civil damages from their perpetrators. HB1211 passed the House Committee on Judiciary on 2/28/99 but was killed in a full House vote on March 10, 1999.

A similar Senate bill, SB578, would have also added gender and sexual orientation to the state’s existing enhanced penalties hate crimes law. It also would have allowed hate crimes victims to receive civil damages from their perpetrators. However, this bill died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations as of February 2, 1999. The measure will be carried over for consideration during the 2000 legislative session.

While HB1211 and SB578 were and are issues worth fighting for, there are many more that should be rallied around and brought crashing to the floor. The Oklahoma legislature will be considering many bills in this session that could DIRECTLY AFFECT EVERY GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUAL in the State of Oklahoma. See "Oklahoma," page 3.

QUILT WORKSHOP PLANNED!

The Steering Committee of the Tulsa chapter of the Names Project will be giving a "Quilt Workshop" as part of the TOHR membership meeting, MARCH 14, 2000. The workshop will follow the regular short business session of the meeting and is intended to show how to plan and make a panel for addition to the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The Tulsa Chapter of the Names Project will be bringing a major display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Tulsa this coming December and this upcoming workshop can help you in the design and construction of a panel with which you wish to remember a loved one or friend.

TOHR is also asking for individuals to submit names of members of TOHR who have passed away due to HIV or AIDS related illnesses. These names will then be incorporated in a panel (size to be determined) and presented during opening ceremonies of the display December 1, 2000.

For more information or to submit a name, please call 918-743-4297 during the evening before 9:00 pm.
The Steering Committee of Millennium Pride has been hard at work, ensuring this year's events will be the biggest celebration Tulsa and Oklahoma have seen.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 at 9:30 AM. Yes, that's AM, as in the morning. The meeting, as always, will take place at the Tulsa Gay Community Services Center at 1307 E 38th Street or 38th and Peoria.

ALL INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN THE PLANNING. With everyone's help, this year's celebration can be a milestone in the history of the Tulsa GLBT community.

Watch for more information coming very soon regarding the announcement of the Grand Marshal as well as additional events being planned. If you would like to help in organizing Millennium Pride or are interested in being a volunteer, please call 918-743-4297.

THE MARCH, THE RALLY, THE FESTIVAL

Join thousands of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transpeople, as well as our friends and allies as our community converges on Washington D.C. for the MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR EQUALITY. MMOW is scheduled for April 30, 2000.

Tulsa and Oklahoma will certainly have a presence there as several throughout town and the state are planning on making a trip to participate in this historic event.

Hotels and airlines are quickly filling up in D.C.—if you plan to attend or would like to, call IMMEDIATELY to find out where (and if) rooms are available.

In addition to the actual March, many other events such as concerts and parties are planned for the week preceding and the weekend of the April 30th.

For more information, visit www.mmov.org or via mail at: 1000 16th St. NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036 or call at 202-467-8100.

For information and tickets for the DANCES ON WASHINGTON!, contact Montage Events at 1-800-792-5819 or www.montageevents.com

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

thursdays @ 7:30 pm

FEB 10: “AND THE BAND PLAYED ON”
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TOHR marches in MLK Parade

Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights, PFLAG, Soulforce in Oklahoma and Americorps joined together Monday, January 17, 2000 and participated in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.

Approximately 25 marches walked behind the banners of PFLAG and TOHR. The large crowd (sometimes 8 people deep along the sidewalks) appreciated the GLBT community efforts with several "halpha" and applause.

A very large event with over 225 entries, the annual parade celebrates the life of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you to all who joined together, braved the drop in temperature and walked the distance—and next year join us again (in the meanwhile, be working on your dance steps).

VOLUNTEER:

ONE WHO ENTERS INTO OR OFFERS THEMSELVES FOR A SERVICE OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.

TOHR and the Tulsa Gay Community Services Center are run completely by dedicated volunteers devoting their time to the need for EQUALITY. All work associated with TOHR and the Center is done by VOLUNTEERS, as there is no part-time or full-time paid staff.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities available at your Community Center. Answering the Information line, running the Pride Store, cleaning (yes, that has to happen), working with our librarian in the Nancy McDonald Rainbow Library and organizing special events are just a few of the responsibilities taken on by volunteers. TOHR also has opportunities for you to volunteer your time and help your community at large. The Millennium Pride Celebration, advocacy work and organizing and helping to run special events also require volunteers.

Whether it be one evening a month or 1 night a week, as well as everything in between, volunteers are the backbone of TOHR and the work that is accomplished. In addition to the self-satisfaction of volunteering, you also get a 10% discount at the Pride Store when you volunteer.

Troy McGoveran, TOHR volunteer coordinator, has announced a NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION for February 15, 2000. The orientation will begin at 6:30 pm and will include an overview of what you may expect when volunteering, a short training session and refreshments.

All interested individuals are encouraged to attend the orientation as well as stay for the February general membership meeting, scheduled for 02/15/00 beginning at 7:30 pm. Please call 918.743.4297 for more information.

FREE HIV TESTING

TULSA OKLAHOMANS
TULSA GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER
for HUMAN RIGHTS

FREE HIV TESTING
FREE CONFIDENTIAL TESTING Every Tuesday by Red Rock
4:00 - 9:00
FREE ANONYMOUS TESTING Every Saturday by H.O.P.E. 4:00 - 8:00

Tulsa, OK 74135

House of Holy Spirit Ministries
Come...Let Your Spirit Soar

9:00 am Sunday School
10:45 am Sunday Worship
7:00 pm Sunday
7:00 p.m. Wednesday
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3210 S. Norwood, #B
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**JANUARY 2000**

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**Additional Events:**

- **Tulsa Gay Community House of the Holy Spirit:** 7:10 PM
- **Lambda AA:** Tulsa Gay Community Services Center: 7:10 PM
- **Red Rock:** Oryan Youth Group: 1:00 PM
- **Rainbow Discussion Group:** Tulsa Gay Community Services Center: 7:10 PM
- **Lesbian Connection:** Women's Movie Night: TBA

**Contact Information:**

- Call for more information: 785-1715
- Email: info@tulsaqc.org

**Sponsors:**

- Lambda Bowling League
- House of the Holy Spirit
- Center Cinema

**Community Partners:**

- Council Oak Men's Chorale
- Community of Hope
- Fellowship Congregational Church
- Community United
- St. Jerome

**Location:**

- Tulsa Gay Community Services Center
- Community of Hope
The Tulsa Gay Community Services Center, a program of TOHR for the city of Tulsa, is a hub of activity each and every week throughout the year. If you haven’t visited the Center recently, or if you have never been to the Center (why would that be?), stop by anytime to see what’s going on in Tulsa and how you can help.

The Center is the home of the offices of Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights—mission control as it were, for the numerous activities and events TOHR presents and sponsors. The Center also houses the Pride Store and the Nancy McDonald Rainbow Library. The Center provides space for H.O.P.E. and Red Rock for education and HIV testing. There are also large and small meeting rooms in addition to the TV lounge, complete with a large screen TV.

The Center is busy every day of the week. Below are the organizations that utilize the Center and their meeting times. Groups meet every week unless otherwise noted.

**SUNDAY**
- Center and Pride Store open: 8-9 pm
- TOHR Board of Directors meeting: 2:00 pm, 2nd Sunday of month
- Tulsa Area Primetimers membership meeting: 4:00 pm, 2nd Sunday of month
- "Lesbian Connection" book discussion: 7:00 pm, refer calendar for exact dates

**MONDAY**
- Center and Pride Store open: 6-9 pm
- TOHR office hours: 6-9 pm
- Monday Night Football (during the season): 8:00 pm

**TUESDAY**
- Center and Pride Store open: 8-9 pm
- TOHR general membership meeting: 7:30 pm, 2nd Tuesday of month
- "Coming Out" - a support group: 8:00 pm
- "Loss of a Love" support group: 7:00 pm
- Tulsa Area Primetimers board meeting: 7:00 pm, 2nd Tuesday of month
- TulPac support group: 7:30 pm, 2nd Tuesday of month.
- Youth drop-in day: 2-5 pm
- HIV testing (confidential) by Red Rock: 4-9 pm

**WEDNESDAY**
- Center and Pride Store open: 8-9 pm
- Lambda AA: 7:30 pm
- Rainbow of Discussion: 7:00 pm, 1st Wednesday of month
- Rainbow of Dinner: 7:00 pm, 3rd Wednesday of month at 41st Barnes & Noble

**THURSDAY**
- Center and Pride Store open: 8-9 pm
- "Center Cinema": 7:30 pm,
- "Singles": 6:30 pm

**FRIDAY**
- Center and Pride Store open: 8-9 pm
- "Lesbian Connection" Women's movie night: 7:15 pm

**SATURDAY**
- Center and Pride Store open: 12-6 pm
- NOW (National Org. of Women): 12:30 pm, 2nd Saturday of month
- Lambda AA: 6:30 pm
- T.U.L.S.A. (Tulsa Uniform & Leather Seekers Ass'n): 5:00 pm, 1st Saturday of month
- HIV testing (anonymous) by H.O.P.E.: 4-8 pm
- "Circle of Friends": 2:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.
- Millennium Pride planning meeting: refer "Community Calendar for date and time.

In addition to the above organizational meetings, TOHR and the Center hosts the bi-monthly "Community Council", numerous special events, and is the place to get your free copy of "Community News", the Gayly Oklahoma, Tulsa Family News, Triangle, Gay Parenting and Poz. The bulletin boards are also an excellent place to advertise your place of business, group events and even roommate information. There are also dedicated bulletin boards for local, state and national news and news about TOHR and the Center.

Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights and the Tulsa Gay Community Services Center invite everyone in the community to come by anytime to see what's going on in your community and how you can get involved in the fight for EQUALITY.

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**news around town**

Tulsa Opera's "Gay Paree"

Return to the era of Josephine Baker, Maurice Chevalier, Edith Piaf, Marlene Dietrich and more in Tulsa Opera's "An Evening in Gay Paree." This special evening on the set of "Manon," Tulsa Opera's next production, is scheduled to take place MARCH 3, 2000.

The evening will include wine, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a silent auction—all on the stage of the Tulsa Performing Arts Center—and run from 5:30 pm–8:00 pm.

Tickets are available for $35.00 per person or $75.00 per person including tickets to the production of "Manon" later in the evening. Please call 918-562-4035, ext 18 for reservations.

"Rainbow of Discussion"

Tulsa's newest book discussion group, "Rainbow of Discussion," meets on the third Wednesday of every month to discuss classic and contemporary titles. Selected titles for discussion will include those that have influenced the present Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual cultures.

This month's selection, "The Gay and Lesbian Self-Esteem Book: A Guide to Loving Ourselves" can be found in the staff recommendations section of Barnes and Noble at 41st and Yale. The book will be discussed at Barnes and Noble on February 16, 2000 at 7:30 pm.

For more information on this book group, contact Brian at 918-665-4580. Also, for more information on book clubs at Barnes and Noble, contact Ann at 918-665-4585.

St. Jerome's Fat Tuesday Party!

The Parish Church of St. Jerome will be having their annual Fat Tuesday and Silent Auction, March 7th at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are $5.00 and include dinner, which will feature southern and New Orleans style delicacies.

The Parish Church of St. Jerome is located at 205 W King Street in the historical Brady Heights District.

Community Meetings

The Tulsa Gay Community Services Center was the site of the bimonthly community meeting last January 18th. Leaders of several local businesses and organizations gathered to discuss various issues and explore possible coordinated efforts benefiting the entire community.

The next meeting will be held MARCH 21, 2000 at 7:00 pm at the Tulsa Gay Community Services Center (38th and Yale). The agenda will include, but is not limited to, the selection of an official name, the ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding between the organizations and TOHR and community/citywide work on issues of concern.

If your organization would like to be involved in these meetings, please contact TOHR at 918-743-4297.

Circle of Friends"

"Circle of Friends," an offshoot of the popular "Lesbian Connection," a program of TOHR, meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at the Tulsa Gay Community Services Center.

The group is primarily a no holds barred discussion group, but will be having outings of various interest throughout the year.

The group will meet at 2:00 pm at the Community Center at 38th and Peoria.

Concert and Dance

Marsha Stevens, contemporary Christian music performer, will be giving a free concert Saturday, February 12th at the Sheraton Hotel, 10918 E 41st Street. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm in Salon D of the hotel. Ms. Stevens has been called "... conservative Christianity's nightmare: a God-fearing, Bible-believing, Jesus-loving lesbian Christian.''

Following the concert, MCC United will be hosting a "Sweetheart Dance" at the Sheraton Hotel. The cost for the dance is $5.00 per couple. Call 839-1715 for more information.

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