Community (Center) News

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Community Newsletter Begins!

Welcome to the first issue of the Community (Center) News. In the interest of serving a larger portion of our community without duplication of effort, the Community (Center) News was born. In this first issue, a cooperative effort between PFLAG and T.O.H.R., a new era of communication and information for the Tulsa community has been realized.

This Newsletter is the beginning of what will later become an indispensable vehicle for the Community Center to keep its members and patrons informed about the activities and resources available through our non-profit organizations. We hope to be joined by other non-profits in the production of this newsletter so that it might serve a broader audience, and will become a powerful avenue for non-profits to inform the community while sharing expenses.

Let us hear from you. If you are a member of PFLAG or T.O.H.R. and have just received this newsletter, please call us and let us know what you think, or if you are a non-profit organization that would like to participate in our newsletter, we may be reached at the T.O.H.R. helpline number, 743-4297. We appreciate your input and as always your support of our organizations.

We will be dropping the parentheses in the title, Community (Center) News when the new center is opened.

Your donation to the building fund will help make this center a reality.

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Fifteenth Anniversary Follies

Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights will present the 15th Anniversary production of TOHR Follies, Friday, June 30th. The TOHR follies has consistently been one of the organization's largest fund-raisers of the year. The 15th Anniversary production theme “Priscilla” was inspired by the recent popular movie, and promises several over-the-top numbers sure to delight audiences.

Lynn Smith, TOHR Fund-Raising Chair and his Follies Co-Chair, Renee Anthony, have assembled a group of unparalleled entertainers for the evening. Linda and Stevens and Friends will bring several of their numbers from the Follies Revue to the TOHR Follies, delighting audiences with their live vocal renditions. Bill Lewis (aka Lola McCall) has assembled his Lola’s Girls, who will recreate several of the production numbers from the movie Priscilla. Tulsa legend, Raghenna, will return to T-Town to spice up this special event, and long time Follies Contributor, Danny Hale, will again appear. The recently formed Tulsa Family Choral is also scheduled to perform.

Tickets for the evening are $8 in advance and $10 at the door. Tickets are available at several Tulsa area businesses, including Budget Window Treatments, Tomfoolery, and Floral Design Studios. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the production begins at 8pm. The evening will conclude at 10pm, and includes a cash bar. Seating is limited to a maximum of 200 people and the event will take place at All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S Peoria.

John Rothrock and Steve Walley, the owners of the Silver Star Saloon, have donated the use of their spotlight for the production, and Charles DJ Bunny Campbell has donated the sound system. Other assistance is needed with the event, and those wishing to volunteer or obtain additional information should call, 918.743.4297.

⇒ So Long--Farewell
Sadly we are losing our 1st Vice President, Tim Henry. Tim has been transferred to Houston and will be moving soon. We would like to thank Tim for his hard work and support of T.O.H.R. We will miss Tim and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

⇒ Welcome
To fill the vacancy left by Tim’s departure the nominating committee has indicated they will submit the name of Debbie Starnes. Debbie is a past president of T.O.H.R. and is a grant writer by profession. Debbie’s knowledge will be a great asset to the organization. We will be voting on her nomination at the July 11th meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at this meeting.

⇒ We need a computer
T.O.H.R. is in need of a computer for our helpline database as well as one for the clinic. We need to track these numbers to be effective in our grant writing and in our lobbying of city officials. So if you know anyone who has a computer they are not using or someone who would just like to donate to a worthy cause, give them our number. It would help if the computer had ample memory and speed to run Windows applications.

⇒ Picnic on Bartlett Square
The August 1st meeting of T.O.H.R. will be held on Bartlett Square. This is the third annual Dance and Picnic on Bartlett Square. Soft drinks and music are provided at no cost to you. Join us from 7-10 PM. Don’t forget to bring a snack.

#### Community Center

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Detach and mail to: TOHR, PO Box 52729, Tulsa, 74152
July Meeting
Monday, July 10 1995

Quadrangle Building
4154 South Harvard, Suite H
6:30 - 7:45 PM
PFLAG 101 and PFLAG 102

PFLAG 101 is a group designed to support new parents and members as they begin their journey to accepting and supporting their lesbian and gay loved ones.

PFLAG 102 is a new group for those who have “graduated” from PFLAG 101, but who would like to meet in a small, supportive setting to discuss matters and topics on a more personal level than is sometimes possible in the larger, general meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

SPOUSES, led by Carolyn Wood, is a new group forming to support straight spouses of gays and lesbians.

8:00 PM
General Meeting and Program

July program, “Our Stories,” will involve PFLAG parents as they share their personal stories about their child coming out and how they responded.

Sharing - Discussion - Questions - Answers

ABOUT PFLAG

Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a not for profit, tax exempt, all volunteer, community-based organization of parents, other relatives and friends of lesbian and gay persons. PFLAG is not affiliated with any ethnic, religious or political group. PFLAG/ Tulsa is a member of the international federation of the same name.

OUR PURPOSES AND GOALS ARE TO:

▼ Provide a support system for families and friends of lesbians and gay men in an effort to understand, accept and support their children with love and pride,
▼ Provide education for individuals and the community at large on the nature of homosexuality, and
▼ Support the full human and civil rights of lesbians and gay men.

14th International PFLAG Convention
September 29 - October 1

For Registration & Convention Information, please contact:

Indy 95
P.O. Box 1406
Anderson, IN 46015-1406
Phone/Fax (317) 644-3570 Email: kgprunty@aol.com

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
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Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter of Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
P.O. Box 52800 Tulsa, OK 74152
Helpline 918-749-4901
Regular meetings: Second Monday of the month
Family AIDS Support Group: First and Third Wednesday of the month.
May 17, 1995

Dear P-FLAG Family:

I write to notify you of a situation which merits swift responses from as many people in your chapter as possible!

On March 30, 1995, my supervisor, Ray Morgan, fired me two days after discovering that I am Gay. The day I learned from a fellow employee that my supervisor had discovered that I am Gay, I began to try to talk to him. He refused all my attempts at communication, and on the third day, he fired me! The termination came in a cowardly Fed Ex'd letter, with no explanation. The supervisor and the President of the division, Chuck Nelson, refused to return my calls or e-mail, following the firing. The letter of termination instructed me to use the company credit card to return the equipment and the samples, but when I attempted to pay the shippers, the card had been canceled! Homophobia is both mean-spirited and cowardly!

The most helpful persons to contact at this company are listed below. The company is a paper manufacturer which does not sell to the public, but rather through distributors. Their distributors are listed in the local yellow pages under either Promotional Products Distributors or Specialty Advertising Companies. Their most challenging competitors are the 3M Company and the Kreiger-Ragsdale Company.

Raymond Morgan, the Vice President who fired me, has been under internal investigation on three occasions for sexual harassment as brought to light by three women working in his office. On the last complaint, the Nelson family requested that Mrs. Morgan accompany him to the meeting before the Board!

Homophobia has various relatives!

I realize that we are offered, at this time, no legal protection. But, we can still let people know that this behavior has got to stop! Thank you for any help you can offer!

Fellow-P-FLAGGER in Houston,

Signed by Dean Luttrell
2686 Murworth Dr. #702
Houston, Tx. 77054

My former company is: Barton Nelson Inc. (Also known in the industry as “The Beboe Line”)
Mr. Dwight Nelson, President
13700 Wyandotte
Kansas City, MO 64145
(800) 821-6697
Local (816) 942-3100
Fax (816) 942-6995

At the same address: Mr. Chuck Nelson, President, Promotional Products Division

I'm asking each Chapter to generate at least 10 letters plus phone calls and faxes. Thanks, Dean
SUNDAYS
BLESSED THE LORD AT ALL TIMES CHRISTIAN CENTER - Sunday School 8:45, Morning Worship Service 11:00. 2623-8 East 11th. Call 583-1715 for info.
BLQA - University of Tulsa. 6:30 p.m. Camaraderie Center.
COMMUNITY OF HOPE (United Methodists) - Evening Worship Service 8:00. 1347 North Yale. Call 838-7232 for info.

MONDAYS
HIV TESTING - TOHR Clinic. Free and Anonymous testing using fingerstick method. No appointment required. Walk in until 7:00. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call 749-4194 for info.

TUESDAYS
MINISTER'S CLASS - Bless the Lord at All Times Christian Center, 7:30 p.m. 2623-8 East 11th. Call 583-1715 for info.

WEDNESDAYS
TOHR MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Morning Meeting. 6:30 Social 7:00 p.m. Meeting. The Gathering Place. 4154 South Harvard, Ste. H. Call 749-4801 for info.

THURSDAYS
18-STEP EMPOWERMENT GROUP FOR WOMEN - 7:00. Women's support group. Community of Hope. 1347 North Yale. Call 583-1722 for info.

JUNE - JULY

WEEKLY EVENTS

JUNE 14
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S SUPPER CLUB • La Notreana. 8408 South Peoria. 8:30 p.m.

JUNE 17
COMMUNITY-WIDE GOSPEL SING - Kick off pride week with a gospel sing at Family of Faith MCC. 5451-8 South Mingo. Will include MCC Tulsa, Bless the Lord at All Times, Community of Hope and other area churches. Call 622-1441 for more info.
OK FLAMES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - McLain High School. 5th & 6th. 7:30 p.m. Call Bassey 466-6651 for more info.

JUNE 18
COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES, MCC of Greater Tulsa. Special for Gay Pride Week. Also includes Family of Faith MCC and other area churches. 1623 North Maplewood. Call 583-1715 for info.

JUNE 21
COMMUNITY SERVICE
MCC of Greater Tulsa. Special for Gay Pride Week. Also includes Family of Faith MCC and other area churches. 1623 North Maplewood. Call 583-1715 for info.

JUNE 26
GAY PRIDE PARADE, Oklahoma City. Assembly from 12:00 - 2:00 at the park. Parade ends at Habana Inn with a party.

JUNE 27
RAINBOW BUSINESS GUILD - Monthly Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Olive Garden • $10. Call 254-2100 for info.

JUNE 29
FEED THE HOMELESS - Community of Hope. 1347 North Yale. Meet at church at 5:30 p.m. and caravan to Day Center for the Homeless. Call 588-7232 for info.

JULY 3
TOHR POLIES - TOHR's annual entertainment extravaganza. Many new performers. 8:00 p.m. All Soul's Unitarian Church. 2632 South Peoria. Call 743-8821 for ticket information.

JULY 10
PFLAG 101/102 - Monthly meeting. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 4154 South Harvard. Call 749-4801 for info.

JULY 13
GREEN COUNTRY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE. Muskogee Library. 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Write P.O. Box 614 • Muskogee, OK 74402 for more info.

Do you have a group or event that should be listed in the TOHR Community Calendar? If so, please call us at 838-2121.

Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this calendar; however, neither Tulsa Family News nor TOHR assumes responsibility for errors or omissions.

And come to Indianapolis on Friday, September 29 for the 14th International PFLAG Convention. Almost everybody is glad that the 1995 PFLAG Convention has been shifted away from Labor Day weekend. We hope you can begin to plan now to be in Indianapolis for the Indy95 Convention.

The Convention begins on Friday afternoon, September 29 and ends on Sunday afternoon, October 1. The slightly shorter schedule allows the saving of one night of hotel lodging for most delegates and enables us to make even better use of our time.

Mel White will be the keynote speaker. A frequent speaker at Human Rights Campaign Fund dinner and conventions and an ordained minister, Mel is also a much published writer and a film producer. Mel is now dean of the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, TX, the largest gay and lesbian congregation in the world. He comes to Indy95 with great appreciation for PFLAG having dedicated Stranger at the Gate to PFLAG. He carries much concern for the spiritual nurturing of gay and lesbian persons and their families and brings deep concern for the safety of gay and lesbian persons and their families in light of the declaration of war made against homosexual persons by leaders of the radical right. He is an inspiring and interesting speaker.

Indy95 has a strong focus on education - the second leg of PFLAG’s three legged stool of purpose. Though the convention will stand on all three legs - support, education and advocacy. Friday’s focus will be on Support and Sunday’s emphasis will center in on Advocacy. Saturday, the major full day of the convention, will keep zeroed in on Education and training all day long.

Here's the schedule for the 1995 convention:

**Friday, September 29, 1995**

"We Support as We Listen"

8:30 Registration & Check-In
4:00 - 5:30 Interest Groups and Skillshops
8:00 KeyNote Program with Mel White
9:30 Hospitality/Community Building Centers

**Saturday, September 30, 1995**

"We Educate Toward Love and Acceptance"

8:00 - 9:30 KickOff Program for All
10:00 - 3:30 Seminars
12:15 Special Interest Luncheons
4:00 Annual PFLAG Meeting
7:30 DinnerCelebration

**Sunday, October 1, 1995**

"We Focus on Advocacy - Equal Rights for All"

8:00 Community Celebration
9:30 Forums on issues and Opportunities
11:45 Luncheon Program
2:30 It’s All Over!

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Family AIDS Support Group
6:30 PM
Wednesday July 5 and Wednesday July 19

Call for location

PFLAG/Tulsa’s Family AIDS Project, HIVRC, and the Tulsa Visiting Nurse’s Association provide a bimonthly support group for families with members who are living with HIV/AIDS. These sessions are facilitated by a professional counselor who has experience in AIDS related concerns. If you or a loved one are dealing with HIV/AIDS you are most welcome at these meetings.

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| U.S. Rep. Tom Coburn    |
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| Washington, D.C. 20515  |
| 202-225-2701            |

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Among Family: If your gay child's partner answers the phone when you call, take the time to exchange a few words. It will mean more than you know.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

___ New  __ Individual membership  $20.00
___ Renewal  ___ Household membership  $30.00
___ Change of Address  ___ Newsletter subscription  $12.00
___ Please take me off the mailing list  ___ Generous gift membership
___ Flag Pole (National Pub.) mailing list  (Thank you very much!)

Make checks payable and mail to:
PFLAG/Tulsa, P.O. Box 52800, Tulsa, OK 74152
Your donation is tax deductible.

Name: ___________________ Date: __________
Address: ___________________ Phone: __________
City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip: __________
Letter from the President

I hope you are enjoying our new look. We have rejoined the ranks of monthly newsletter publishers. This will allow T.O.H.R. to share more of our ideas and thoughts with the membership and allow space for our membership to share with us. The newsletter will provide space to cover topics of interest to our membership and be a useful tool in organizing future projects for the organization. Sort of a direct line to the community center and its programs.

This first issue is a trial run with PFLAG to see how efficient we can be in producing a community center newsletter. We are able to combine efforts and reduce costs for both organizations. We hope that in the future we will be able to have participation from other non-profit groups with information that affects our community. Let us know what you think. This newsletter will be taking the place of the Tulsa Family News as your monthly information source. To continue to receive the Tulsa Family News, one should subscribe to the publication directly.

I hope you made it to the Pride Picnic, it was a great time. The weather was beautiful and the turnout great. Thanks to the Pride Picnic committee for the great event. The committee has expressed an interest in turning this event over to T.O.H.R., to which the board has agreed and will present to the membership at the July 11th meeting for a vote.

As always we need your participation to implement new programs and fun events for our community. If you have a talent or skill to share please let us know.

Tim

HELPLINE:
Reuben Garcia has announced a party for the helpline volunteers. All volunteers are invited to attend the party July 17th. Look for details in your mailbox soon.

LIFEGUARD:
The lifeguard program is starting again! The first session HEAT will be held July 11th call 742-2927 for more information. This series will be a provocative educational experience for men. Learn how HIV prevention can be exciting and erotic.
Tired of the same old safer sex messages?  
So are we.

Come for your free and anonymous HIV test at the TOHR Clinic and ask for your own free copy of Eros: Loaded with full color and full body photographs of hot men practicing safer sex. Ladies, we have one for you too: You can't get these at the Red Cross!

Come up and see us!

Monday and Thursday Evenings
7:00 - 8:30 for Testing
7:00 - 9:00 for Results

Daytime testing
Monday - Thursday
By appointment.

4154 South Harvard, Suite H-1
Call for directions, 743-GAYS (4297)

By and for, but not exclusive to the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities.

HELPLINE: Bisexual, Lesbian, and Gay Information and Referrals. 743-GAYS (4297)

TOHR Membership Application
Name:______________________________________________
Address:______________________________________________
City:_________ State:___ Zip:________________________
Phone:________________________________________________
Signature:_____________________________________________

Yes! I want to be a contributing member of TOHR. Please accept payment as described below:

$10 Limited Income/Student Membership
$20 Regular Membership
$35 Organizational/Household Membership
$100 Sustaining Membership

I would like to volunteer help with:
0 HIV Counseling
0 Event planning and party preparations
0 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Helpline
0 Executive Board Member
0 Monthly Meeting Support

0 I am currently receiving TOHR mailings
0 I am not on the mailing list

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