

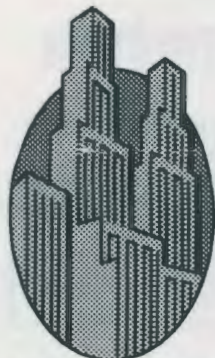
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# Community (Center) News

*A publication of Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights in cooperation with Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays*

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## ALL COMMUNITY MEETING

Make plans now to attend the CommUNITY meeting on **November 7th in the Chateau Room of the Alan**

**Chapman Activity Center on the University of Tulsa Campus.** A short membership meeting of TOHR will be held from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. with an open discussion forum following on issues of concern to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities of northeastern Oklahoma.

Leaders from many of the organizations listed on the next page will be available to present a brief synopsis of their organization and to assist in leading roundtable discussions. Issues which might be discussed include: (1) unifying the community; (2) spiritual issues; (3) social events and activities; (4) finding the "hidden" community, and; (5) opening the Community Center.

**Everyone's input is extremely important - so be there to help resolve issues and make future plans for your community.**

Individuals, business owners, organizational representatives, and friends of the community are all invited to attend as we work together to bring **Unity to our Community.**

Everyone is also invited to attend the TOHR membership meeting prior to the Community Meeting. If you've not been involved in TOHR, this would be a great time to find out what it's all about. If you were involved years ago, get back involved now. If you've remained a member but haven't attended a meeting recently, please join us.

TOHR has set many goals which will benefit the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities of northeastern Oklahoma. Your help is needed in reaching those goals.

Committees for the upcoming year will soon be formed. Think seriously about working on a committee. Whether it be the program/activity committee, the Community Center committee, the newsletter committee, the Pride Picnic Committee, or a fund raising event committee, you will know that you have played an important role in making northeastern Oklahoma a great place to live.

**Simply put, Tulsa's oldest organization serving gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals needs you.**



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# Community (Center) News

## Community Organizations

**Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay Alliance:** T.U. student organization. Call 583-9780 for info

**Bless the Lord at All Times Christian Center.** Call 583-7815 for info.

**Community of Hope:** A Shalom Community of the United Methodist Church. Leslie Penrose, Pastor. Call 585-1800 for info.

**Dignity/Integrity of Tulsa:** Lesbian/Gay Catholics and Episcopalians. For info call 298-4648.

**Family of Faith Metropolitan Community Church:** Exists to call the Tulsa community to life through the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ. Nancy Horvath, Pastor. Call 622-1441 for info.

**F.U.S.O. :** Write to P.O.B. 8542, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 for info.

**Green Country Pride:** Exists to improve quality of life in Green Country for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals. Call 583-1248 for info.

**PFLAG -Parent, Friends, and Families of Lesbians and Gays:** Support groups and educational programs Call 749-4901 for info.

**Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Tulsa:** Where God uplifts all people. Call 838-1715 for info.

**Primetimers:** An educational and social group for "mature" gay men. Meet monthly. Write P.O. Box 52118, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104

**Rainbow Business Guild:** A social forum for Lesbian and Gay or Gay friendly business owners. Call 665-5174

**St. Jerome Ecumenical Catholic Church:** An independent Catholic Church founded for the gay and lesbian community and affirming to all people. Call Rick Hollingsworth at 742-7122 for info.

**SWAN - Single Women's Activity Network:** Call 832-2121 for info.

**Technicians Leather Club:** Call 584-1308 for info.

**Tulsa Family Chorale:** Choral group that performs at various gay/lesbian community events. Male and female voices needed. Call 749-1563 for info.

**Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights:** Tulsa's oldest organization serving gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities. Call 743-GAYS for info.

**T.U.L.S.A. - Tulsa Uniform and Leather Seekers**  
Call 838-1222 for info

**Women's Supper Club:** Exactly what it says. Meets on a monthly basis for supper. Call 298-4648 for info.

If we have failed to include your organization, we apologize. Future information to be included in this or similar listings should be sent to Community News, P.O. Box 52729, Tulsa, OK 74152 or faxed to 918-584-4541. Submission deadline is the 15th of every month.

Help us fill **OUR** Community Center by sending in your contribution **TODAY!**

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Please mark your chosen pledge or donation category, detach and mail to: **tohr**, P.O. Box 52729, Tulsa, OK 74152

**Please include your name and address, so that we may thank you properly.**

All contributor's names and information are held in the strictest confidence

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of Lesbians and Gays

P.O. Box 52800 Tulsa, OK 74152 Help line (918) 749-4901  
Regular Meetings Second Monday of the Month Lynn Mostoller, editor

### NOVEMBER MEETING

## Monday, November 13, 1995

Quadrangle Building  
4154 South Harvard  
Suite H

Look for the entrance on the north side of the building--  
"The Gathering Place"

PLEASE, NOTE THE NEW TIME SCHEDULE

6:30 - 7:30 pm

PFLAG 101 and PFLAG 102

### **PFLAG Family Aids Support Group**

**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.

**PFLAG FAMILY AIDS SUPPORT GROUP** offers resource information and continuous peer to peer support for families dealing with HIV/AIDS. The group will also serve as an entry point to PFLAG for families facing several new issues at once. See pg 4 for more details.

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

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Social and Refreshments

7:30 pm

General Meeting & Program

**TOMMY CHESBRO**, AIDS educator for the Indian Health Care Resource Center, will be our guest speaker. He recently gave a moving speech at the closing ceremonies of the Names Project Quilt display in Tulsa. He will share stories from working with the AIDS/HIV community.

### CALENDAR

**NOVEMBER 8, 1995** (Wednesday)  
Project Open Mind Press Conference  
Aaronson Auditorium  
Tulsa Central Library  
400 Civic Center  
1:30 pm

**NOVEMBER 11, 1995**  
Special Benefit Performance for  
Interfaith AIDS Ministries  
"The Long Way 'Round To Ninevah" the  
Jonah story.  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
2 pm & 7 pm  
Call 438-2437 or 663-5372 for ticket  
information.

**NOVEMBER 13, 1995** (Monday)  
PFLAG General Meeting  
See left for details.

**DECEMBER 1, 1995** (Friday)  
World AIDS Day  
Sharp Chapel (TU Campus)  
6:30 pm  
See page 4 for details.

**DECEMBER 11, 1995** (Monday)  
PFLAG Holiday Potluck Dinner.  
All Souls Unitarian Church  
29th and Peoria  
6:30 pm  
See details in next month's newsletter.

**FEBRUARY 10, 1996**  
Metro Men's Chorus  
Hope Unitarian Church  
84th & Sheridan  
Ticket Price: \$10.00  
8:00 pm

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!!!**



**Out and About:**

Wear a rainbow, a discreet symbol of gay pride, as a pin, sticker, or luggage tag. If someone asks you about it, you can say you support equal rights for all people, or you can be more specific.

**Get Me Jesus on the Line.**

Lifeline, a long-distance telephone service, was founded by Jesus Christ, says one of its earthly co-founders, Carl Thompson. The OK City company bills \$6 million a month in the Lord's name, renting established lines, but says it will have its own in four years. AT&T is "the Devil," Thompson says, because it "helps gays and lesbians." Lifeline donates 20% of profits to the Founder--to "conquer the world in the name of Jesus." --*New York Times Magazine, August 27, 1995.*

**Project Open Mind**

Tulsa, OK, has been chosen as one of three cities (along with Atlanta, GA, and Houston, TX) to pilot Project Open Mind. This project, designed and supported by PFLAG's National Organization, will focus on addressing the homophobia that exists in a community. Through a multimedia (radio, TV, print, forums, speaking engagements, etc.) educational program we hope to reach Tulsa's "mushy middle" on gay/lesbian/bi issues. Tulsa's PFLAG chapter can look forward to special media training, materials for TV and radio, and access to national staff support.

**Say No to Racism and Hate Crimes**

On Friday, October 20, about 100 people walked together over Tulsa's Martin Luther King Bridge and up Greenwood to UCaT, with banners promoting diversity and tolerance and calling for an end to hatred and hate crimes. The event was covered by local media. Gathered inside UCaT, the group, which included three survivors of the Tulsa race riots, several youth from the Anytown, Oklahoma interracial summer camp, eight PFLAG members, and many others, listened to representatives from member groups of the "Say No to Hate Coalition" speak out against racism, xenophobia, and religious intolerance. As the final speaker, Ric Kirby did us proud. He told movingly of his personal encounter with hatred when he was violently gay-bashed in Tulsa in 1989. His talk, which was warmly received, prompted a young male listener to ask with emotion what he can do as he sits by and listens to friends put down another good friend of his for being gay. The gathering ended on a hopeful note in a call to action.

**Are You a PFLAG Member?**

Hopefully, you feel that our organization is worth supporting and that you enjoy receiving this newsletter. This organization has continued to grow because there are people out there who need the support PFLAG offers. As an organization, we are completely staffed by volunteers. **Your membership fee is not a luxury to us--it is essential for our survival.** Please use the form below to renew your membership with PFLAG Tulsa.

**FINAL NOTICE:**

**1995/1996 Dues Are Due!!!**

(Clip and Mail to PFLAG, PO Box 52800, Tulsa, OK 74152)

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual membership \$20.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Household membership \$30.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting membership \$50.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gift for the ongoing support of the Tulsa PFLAG Chapter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\$8.00 of your dues will be sent to National PFLAG to enable you to receive the FLAGPOLE, the national quarterly newsletter. The PFLAG pole is mailed to your home. If you do not want receive the newsletter at your home, please check the box \_\_\_\_\_. The words, "Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays: will appear on the return address of the PFLAG Pole.

**VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR TIME AND ENERGY.....INDICATE IN WHAT AREA YOU WILL WANT TO WORK.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Program                      \_\_\_\_\_ Library  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality                \_\_\_\_\_ Funding  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hot line                      \_\_\_\_\_ Support Group

*Your participation will enable us to further our goals - SUPPORT - EDUCATION - ADVOCACY*

### Oklahoma Congressional Delegation

**U.S. Senator Don Nickles**  
133 Hart  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-5754

3310 Mid-Continent Tower  
409 So. Boston  
Tulsa, OK 74103  
918-581-7651

**U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe**  
453 Russell  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-4721

1924 So. Utica, Suite 530  
Tulsa, OK 74104  
918-748-5111

**U.S. Rep. Steve Largent**  
410 Cannon  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
202-225-2211

2424 East 21st, Suite 510  
Tulsa, OK 74114  
918-749-0014

**U.S. Rep. Tom Coburn**  
511 Cannon  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
202-225-2701

215 State Street, Suite 815  
Muskogee, OK 74401  
918-687-2533



## Gays, Nazis & Facts

It is no secret that the average radio and TV evangelist is a notorious manipulator of the facts, and some, such as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, tell blatant lies.

Recently on the 700 Club, Robertson said: "When lawlessness is abroad in the land, the same thing will happen here that happened in Nazi Germany. Many of the people involved in Adolph Hitler were Satanists, many were homosexuals--the two things seem to go together."

As usual Robertson makes it up as he goes along.

Hitler, who dreamed of being a Catholic priest, was virulently anti-homosexual. Paragraph 175 of his German criminal code called for imprisonment of "any male who commits lewd and lascivious acts with another male." (There are recorded arrests of females as well.)

Of the estimated 100,000 homosexuals sent to death camps, more than 60% perished. They were required to wear a pink triangle to mark them as homosexuals. (Heinz Hege, *The Men With the Pink Triangles*, 1972.)

Why does Robertson lie?

It is part of the demonization process that works so well on the Religious Right. It is ironic that the same technique was used by the Nazis. First they had to demonize the Jews so there would be no great outcry when they were eliminated. The same technique was used on gays, the mentally and physically challenged and finally the liberal clergy.

Homophobia is a sure-fire fund raiser for Robertson, Falwell, James Dobson, James Hagee and D. James Kennedy. If you doubt it give a listen. *The Oklahoma Observer*, September 10, 1995.

## Human Rights Campaign Debuts Web Site

This month, the Human Rights Campaign debuts its new site on the World Wide Web, designed to provide users with the up-to-the-minute information they need to communicate with congress on a regular basis. the addresses <http://www.hrcusa.org>. Users enter their zip code and their members of Congress are displayed with up-to-the-minute voting records on gay and AIDS-related issues. Special instructions are displayed if the member requires special action because of committee membership, or sponsorship or lack of sponsorship of a particular bill.

## PFLAG Members Involved in Quilt Display

This October 13 through 15 a portion of the NAMES project AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed at Tulsa's Expo Square Pavilion on the state fairgrounds. The display included over one hundred sections of Quilt, each measuring twelve feet square. Those who attended found themselves wrapped in Quilt, with panels draping the entire circumference of the Pavilion. Tulsa PFLAG members assisted in the event by volunteering on folding and unfolding teams at the opening and closing ceremonies, and serving as quilt monitors throughout the weekend. Chapter members Nancy and Joe McDonald, and Carolyn Wood participated in reading the names of those memorialized by the Quilt. The next major display in Tulsa is scheduled for 1997. Anyone wanting to become more involved should contact: **The NAMES Project Tulsa Area Chapter, 4154 S. Harvard, Suite H-1, Tulsa, OK, 74135, (918) 748-3111.**

## 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.

## World AIDS Day December 1, 1995

Tulsa's Sixth Annual World AIDS Day Candlelight March and Memorial Service, sponsored by Interfaith AIDS Ministries (IAM) will be held on Friday, December 1, 1995. Participants will gather in the plaza north of Sharp Chapel on the Campus of the University of Tulsa at 6:30 pm and will march to the Great Hall in the Alan Chapman Activity Center where there will be a memorial service followed by a reception.

Organizations are encouraged to bring banners; participants are asked to bring bells of some kind. Candles and matches will be provided. All are invited to participate.

Join Interfaith AIDS Ministries in remembering those infected with and affected by HIV and those who have died of AIDS. the 1995 march route will be lined with luminaries displaying the names of those we remember in our prayers on World AIDS Day. The luminaries will be provided by IAM and will be available at the reception following the service. Contributions for the luminaries are requested, but not required. For more information or to submit a name, please call 438-2437 or 1-800-284-2437. (Deadline for requests will be Monday, November 20, 1995.)

## Family AIDS Support Group: New Format

Beginning in November, the PFLAG Family AIDS Support Group will meet at 6:30pm on the second Monday of the month, directly before the general PFLAG meeting. This group will offer resource information and continuous peer to peer support for families dealing with HIV/AIDS. The group will also serve as an entry point to PFLAG for families facing several new issues at once. Those attending are welcome and encouraged to also attend the PFLAG meeting.

## COLAGE: Children of Lesbian and Gays Everywhere

COLAGE (Children of Lesbian and Gays Everywhere) is the first and only national organization for young kids with lesbian and gay parents.

"The most pressing problem facing kids with lesbian and gay parents is our isolation," says Suzanne Pullen, COLAGE's Administrative Assistant and the daughter of a lesbian mother. "It isn't about an adult world of politics, it's about a kids' world of connecting and making friends who understand. It exposes kids all over the world to a community they are a product and part of, in a way that they can relate to."

The American Bar Association estimates there are upwards of 8 million sons and daughters of lesbian and gay parents in the US alone. Hundreds of thousands of these kids are under 10. Despite these enormous numbers, books for kids with lesbian and gay parents, such as *Daddy's Roommate* and *Heather Has Two Mommies*, are one of the most censored genre, being pulled from the shelves of libraries all over the country by members of the religious right who don't understand that lesbian and gay people can and do make loving families.

COLAGE was created six years ago by children of lesbian and gay parents, focusing on the needs of teenagers. Over a year ago, a number of parents and younger kids approached COLAGE to ask for something for younger kids, out of which grew the COLAGE Kids Club. COLAGE works to build self-esteem early on and helps kids develop tools to deal with homophobia that children of lesbians and gays face.

For further information on this group (which has over a thousand members), contact: COLAGE; 2300 Market Street #165; San Francisco, CA 94114. Phone: (415) 861-5437; fax: (415) 255-8345; email: Kidsofgays@aol.com.

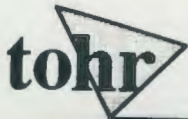
**PROJECT OPEN MIND  
UPDATE**

**Thanks to all of you for participating in the training sessions for Project Open Mind. We have scheduled another training for Saturday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in participating, please call for location. (We need to know the number of persons participating before we can <sup>reserve</sup> space). PFLAG has sent us additional "talking points" so for those persons who are willing to be listed on the Speakers Bureau, if you will let me know, I will get packets of information to you. Please call 749-4901 or 742-8565.**

**The PRESS CONFERENCE is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 1995. at 1:30 p.m. in the Aronson Room, Lower Level, Tulsa City County Library, Downtown, 5th and Denver. We hope the room is filled, so please come and bring friends that will stand with us as we make the announcement about PROJECT OPEN MIND.**

**We will begin immediately to schedule presentations. If you can open a door for us to a church, organization, business, etc. Please call 749-4901 and leave a message, someone will get back to you as soon as possible.**

**We thank each of you that have given financial gifts to Project Open Mind. Media buys are very expensive and we do not want our ads to run at three in the morning. Your gifts have also helped to buy additional materials that will be needed for presentations. Thank your. If you want to give and have not yet had the opportunity, please call Nancy at 742-8565 or send your gift to PFLAG, P.O. Box 52800, Tulsa, OK 74152. Gifts to PFLAG are tax deductible.**



## A CALL TO ACTION A CALL FOR HELP

**Your help is needed NOW!** Together we can stop "HIV/AIDS associational employment discrimination" in Tulsa (and perhaps the United States) by helping ensure a victory for the first human rights case of its kind.

**What makes this case so special to you?** The HIV/AIDS associational employment discrimination happened right here in Tulsa, Oklahoma. All of us (partners, coworkers, friends, parents, children) are at risk of *experiencing prejudice and losing our jobs because we care for a loved one living with HIV or AIDS.*

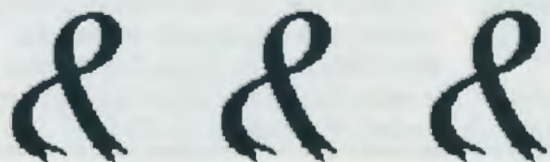
**The facts:** One of our own was suspended and eventually lost his job simply because of his association with an HIV positive partner (who is now deceased). The Plaintiff was and continues to be HIV negative. The evidence supports that the Plaintiff, who is known to many in our community, lost his job because the Defendant (the owner and operator of a well-known restaurant) acquiesced to the prejudice and irrational fears of his customers. Allegedly, customers complained after another customer of the restaurant asked the Plaintiff about the health status of his partner.

**This case is about enforcing the rights we already have under the law.** The facts of this case fully support the first "AIDS-associational" case to go to trial in the United States since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990.

The ADA is a federal law that protects the rights of the disabled. It makes illegal any discrimination against an employee because he/she is regarded as having a disability (for example, you experience discrimination because someone thinks you might be HIV positive) or because he/she has an association or relationship with someone who has a disability (for example, you experience discriminatory treatment because you associate with someone who is known or thought to be living with HIV or AIDS). The ADA also makes it illegal to retaliate against any employee because he/she has opposed an illegal practice.

**There are significant financial needs in bringing this case to trial that cannot be paid by the Plaintiff.** In particular, to help ensure a victory, the Plaintiff's attorneys have strongly recommended that a specialized consultant be hired to: (1) guide the jury selection process so as to select as fair and non-biased a jury as is possible in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and (2) to skillfully frame the issues on this sensitive and controversial topic.

**How you can help.** The costs for these services are expected to be \$7500.00. None of this money will go to the Plaintiff's lawyers. Should you decide that you want to help win this case for the Plaintiff and all of us, please send your tax deductible donation payable to: **Legal AID -AIDS Project** at 1350 East 15th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120. If you wish to gain more information regarding this case or how you can help, contact Marilyn Ihloff at 587-2566. ☐





## Upcoming Events

### Red Ribbon Treefest

The Treefest is an annual event where decorated holiday trees are auctioned to raise funds for local organizations serving persons with HIV/AIDS. Funds raised through the 1995 auction will benefit the



HIV Resource Consortium (to purchase prescription drugs) and the Interfaith AIDS Ministries (to help pay for their AIDS information telephone line.)

The 1995 Red Ribbon Treefest will be held at The Spotlight Theatre, 1318 Riverside Drive. The 1995 tree viewing reception will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the auction following at 5:30 p.m. on December 3, 1995. For more information contact a member of the Treefest Committee: Steven at 663-5372, Linda at 481-6067 or Aaron at 492-7438.

### "The Long Way 'Round to Ninevah"

The Jonah story in song and dance will be presented by the parish family of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma at All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S. Peoria on Saturday, November 11, 1995. The Matinee performance (2:00 p.m.) and evening performance (7:00 p.m.) will benefit the Interfaith AIDS Ministries. For ticket information call 438-2437 or 663-5372.



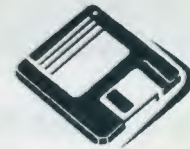
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## Clinic News

The tohr HIV Testing Clinic is in desperate need of computers (even one would be helpful). If you or someone you know would be interested in donating a computer or the money to buy one, please call Claudette at (918) 742-2927.



## Positively Negative

Positively negative, a co-facilitated dialogue for HIV negative gay and bisexual men will start its second session in December. The first group was well received and the second group is expected to fill-up fast. If you are interested in participating, please call Jason at (918) 742-2927. ☞

## The Name Game

The tohr HIV Testing Clinic is asking for your help in choosing a catchy new name for the clinic. If you have a brilliant idea for a new name for the clinic, call Claudette at 742-2927 or send your entry by mail to P.O. Box 2687, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101. (Be sure to include your name along with your suggestion for the clinic name.)



Names must be submitted by November 30, 1995. The new name will be announced at the Holiday Dinner. The individual who suggested the name will receive a special prize in addition to a free year's membership in tohr. ☞



Property of the Center



## From Your President

During a recent visit to Memphis I had the opportunity to visit their Community Center. What a great place! A gentleman at the Center took the time to give me a tour and talk with me about their community. The budget is about \$18,000.00 per year and they have about 1800 square feet with no paid staff. They have a T.V. room where they show movies every Friday night, a lending library, and each Saturday they have a coffee house with live music. They don't have any outreach programs but do allow other organizations to use the Center, a small fee is involved. They have had a Center since 1988 and this is their 3rd location and the best to-date, I was told. What they have a lack of is volunteers to staff and participate in the Center activities. Overall I was very impressed and excited to see a Center in good operating order.

This of course brings me to my vision for Tulsa's Center. We are a city about the size of Memphis and should be able to support a Center equal to or larger than theirs. What I saw in Memphis and have seen here in Tulsa is a lack of volunteers to make things happen. TOHR currently needs volunteers to staff our helpline. This is a very small commitment requiring a two hour shift each month. We need to fill ten positions as soon as possible. Our lack of participation in staffing the helpline makes me a little concerned about how we will staff a Community Center when it is open/ What we need is more participation from the

Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay community in Tulsa and surrounding areas. By participating in TOHR you can help bring about positive change for our community. Participation in TOHR events is a great way to meet people and put a smiling face on our community for visitors and newcomers.

Tulsa, we have some very exciting things happening within the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay community and each and everyone of you could be an integral part of these advances. We need your support in unifying our community to create change. It's easy to sit at home and say, "I'll go to the next event or meeting", but each event brings opportunity to participate in creating change and we need your participation. There are lots of ways you can support TOHR. Give us a call, or better yet attend a meeting. I believe you will be pleasantly surprised by how much fun is awaiting you.

Let's unify our community and create positive change for every Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay person in Northeastern Oklahoma. See you soon!

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### HIV Testing Clinic

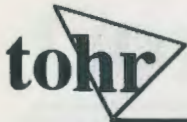
4158 S. Harvard, Suite E-2

(918) 742-2927

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Monday and Thursday Evening  
Testing 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Daytime Testing By Appointment  
Monday through Thursday  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



**TOHR  
ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY  
DINNER**

The Annual TOHR Holiday Dinner has been scheduled for **December 8, 1995** at All Souls Unitarian Church. The night promises to be a wonderful evening featuring good food, friends, and entertainment, as well as the annual auction.

TOHR will be providing the entree for the dinner. Everyone attending is asked to bring an accompanying dish in accordance with the following list:

First letter of last name	type of dish
A-I	veggies
J-Q	desserts
R-Z	salads

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7:00pm.



**The Board of TOHR invites everyone to join in celebrating the holidays with their extended community family.** ♪

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are still needed to help answer Tulsa's only Helpline for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities. If you feel you can give a few hours a month to help with this important service, call 743-GAYS and leave a message for the



Helpline Coordinator. ♪

**1996 Candidates for TOHR Executive Board**

The Nominating Committee presented the following list of candidates during the October Board meeting:

- President - Debbie Starnes
- First Vice-President - Mariam Childers
- Second Vice-President - Rob Hill
- Secretary - Sue Minshall
- Treasurer - Pam Pretz

Elections will be held during the **November 7th general meeting of TOHR - 7:00pm in the Chateau Room at the Alan Chapman Activity Center on the TU campus.** ♪

**Has your membership expired or have you just discovered tohr? If so, join tohr today!** Although memberships are due on August 1, 1995, tohr gratefully accepts memberships throughout the year. If you've not sent your membership - please do so today and invite a friend to join you!

**TOHR Membership**

Please detach and mail to: P.O. Box 52729, Tulsa, OK 74152

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$10 Limited Income/Student Membership
- \$20 Regular Membership
- \$35 Organizational/Household Membership
- \$100 Sustaining Membership
- I am currently receiving tohr mailings
- I am not on the mailing list
- Please contact me about volunteering