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Panhandle AIDS Support Organization (PASO) Presents Turnabout 2003: Eighties Ladies Back at the Nat!

November 15, 2003

Doors open at 7:00 PM
Show starts at 8:00 PM
Silent and Live Auction

Ticket Prices:

Tier 1: \$90.00 per person or \$750.00 a table for 8 people. 6 drink tickets per person. Hors d'oeuvres and two bottles of champagne at each table

Tier 2: \$70.00 per person or \$525.00 a table for 8 people. 5 drink tickets per person. Munchies at each table.

Cabaret Tables for 2 people: \$40.00 per person. 4 drink tickets per person. Munchies at each table.

General admission: \$20.00 per person. 3 drink tickets per person.

For more information, contact PASO 806.372.1050

Coming OUT Party

Amarillo's first coming out party was held at the Community House on October 11th. Attendance was terrific, the food was tasty, and the beverages were free. Everyone had a good time, and we met many new friends.



Thank you to the United Market Street for providing the snack trays, to Starbucks for providing coffee, to the anonymous donor of beer, wine, and soft drinks. Judy and Jane provided great music and kept the party going.

Special thanks to Cyndy, Terre, and Chip for making it happen. We even had pictures in the Globe-News!

First Fringe Festival

On Saturday, November 8th, 8 pm to midnight at The Acapulco Café, 800 S. Polk, OUTstanding Amarillo will host the first ever Fringe Festival.

The headliner for the event is Jenn Lindsay (pictured), a political singer/songwriter from New York City. She is bringing a special guest Phoebe Kruezt. The MC for this event is Sara Trevean, jazz singer extraordinaire from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

There will also be a diverse group of local talents sharing their poetry, songs, and talents. Vendors will be peddling their wares such as art, jewelry, and other fun things.

A \$5 donation will be requested at the door to cover our costs, and any proceeds will go to OUTstanding. Acapulco Café will be serving food as well as beer, wine, and set-ups. Feel free to bring your own bottle.

The evening will be fun filled, so please join us on November 8th and help to welcome our guests to Amarillo.

For additional information check out www.jennlindsay.com or www.outstandingamarillo.org or just come and find out. See you there!



OUTstanding Amarillo:

- provides outreach and support to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered young people coming to terms with their sexual orientation. provides support and education for individuals and the community at large on sexual orientation and gender identification issues, especially as they relate to young people.
- provides access to services for the GLBT community of the Texas Panhandle.

SoulJourners' Food Drive at T-Time November 15th

SoulJourners church will be hosting a food drive on November 15th at T-Time. Come by and give a donation of canned or packaged food.

With winter coming soon, and with budgets being tightened in all public service agencies, the poor are in need of more assistance and receiving less. Many in our community have to pay for medications and healthcare and struggle to buy food.

Come by T-Time and share what you have. Your generosity could save someone's life.

Annual Campaign Update

Our first ever annual campaign has brought in some remarkable results! We have received many monthly pledges and many generous gifts.

As we come into the holiday season, keep OUTstanding Amarillo in your thoughts and budgets. We need monthly income to pay the rent, pay the utilities, and provide monthly youth gatherings.

With more help from our friends we hope to hire a part-time Executive Director so we can have more events, more programs, and keep the phones and the mail answered.

Even if you can pledge \$20, your monthly donation ensures we have lights or heating. Every bit helps, and continuous income means continuous programs.

Become an active part of an exciting future for the GLBT community of the Texas Panhandle. Complete and return the enclosed form with your tax-deductible gift or pledge.

For additional information, visit our website, www.outstandingamarillo.org, contact any of the board or committee members, or leave a message at the Community House, 337-1688 (337-10UT).

The Annual Campaign Committee

Michael Timcisko
 Bekki McQuay
 Jennifer Hinkle
 Terre Moore
 Whitney Kelly

Santa Fe Traders T-Anchor Flea Market Saturday and Sunday 10-5 Space 315

Sterling Silver Rings	\$9 and up
Native American Jewelry	\$10 and up
Contemporary Jewelry	\$5 and up
Southwest Décor	\$5 and up

Wholesale to the public!

New retail outlet opening soon

For information, call J. Michael
 Rosetta 806.353.9969

Amarillo Churches Welcoming the GLBT Community

Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

4901 Cornell
 Amarillo, Texas 79109

Phone: 806.355.9351

Email: email@auuf.org or
newsletter@auuf.org

Services:
 Summer Sunday 10 am
 Non-Summer Sunday 11 am

Adult Religious Education:
 Summer Sunday 9 am
 Non-Summer Sunday 10 am

Children Religious Education:
 During services

Metropolitan Community Church of Amarillo

2123 S. Polk Street
 Amarillo, Texas 79109

Phone: 806.372.4557

Email: mccamarillo@hotmail.com or
RevBelle@aol.com

Services:
 Sunday 10:30 am

Children's Service:
 Sunday 10:30 am

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

1601 S. Georgia
 Amarillo, Texas 79102

Phone: 806.376.6316
 Fax: 806.376.6075

Email: saec@arn.net

Services:
 Sunday 8 and 10:30 am
 Wednesday 5:30 pm

Religious Education:
 Sunday: Spiritual Awakenings 9:15
 am St. Alban Room, Lowndes Hall

Souljourners

1212 W. 15th Avenue
 Amarillo, Texas 79102

Phone: 806.355.4566

Email: Souljourners99@aol.com

Services:
 Sunday Worship 11 am

LGRL Launches New Website

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas has launched a new tool in the fight for civil marriage equality: Marriage Equality Texas, <http://www.marriageequalitytx.org>. At the web site, advocates for marriage equality can sign a petition, tell their friends about the project, get the latest action alerts, contact their representatives, and peruse the latest news and editorials on same-sex marriage.

"E-advocacy is a powerful new trend," says LGRL Webmaster, Bobby Apperson. "As our web presence grows, our members and allies will be able to contact their lawmakers - and speak their minds - with tremendous ease." Web tools in development will allow members and site visitors to fax their representatives on an issue with the click of a mouse.

During October, LGRL will join the Human Rights Campaign and other LGBT rights organizations for a series of town hall meetings across the state on marriage equality. The issue of civil marriage for same-sex couples has been pushed to the forefront since the June 26 Supreme Court ruling in Lawrence v. Texas, with opponents of marriage equality concentrating on amending the U.S. Constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage.

Some anticipate far-right forces will attempt the same in Texas during the next regular session in 2005. Should legislators introduce an amendment to the Texas constitution on the matter, LGRL will be ready. The first step toward that goal is LGRL's new Voter ID Project.

"We have launched a new voter identification project to meet this challenge," says LGRL Field Coordinator, Colin Cunliff. "By talking to voters about same-sex marriage, we can identify and build our base of gay-friendly voters so that, when a proposition comes down to the ballot, we'll have the votes to win."

As the debate on same-sex civil marriage equality grows, [marriageequalitytx.org](http://www.marriageequalitytx.org) will grow alongside it and continue to be a central hub for LGBT rights advocates in the state of Texas to plan, stay up to date, and take action. *To join in the fight for civil marriage equality, visit: <http://www.lgrrl.org/join>.*

Be the First on Your Block to Contribute to OUTstanding Amarillo's Annual Campaign!

Name:

Address:

Email and Telephone:

City

State & Zip

I would like to pledge \$_____ as a monthly donation.

My gift of \$_____ is enclosed.

Draft my checking acct. in the amount of \$___ each month. (Voided check attached.)

Routing and Account Numbers

Bill my Visa or Mastercard \$_____ each month.

Number and Expiration Date

Contact me for volunteer opportunities.

All donations are tax deductible as donations to a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

November 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 OUTstanding Board Retreat
2	3	4	5	6	7 OUT House 6-10	8 Dinner Club 7 pm Bring a dish!
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December 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Every Friday at the Community House!

Every Friday 6-10 pm, the Community House is open for you! Drop by, play some cards, watch a movie, meet some friends. Check the website for more information, or show up and see what's happening! Tell your friends you're going to the OUT House!

Dinner Club

2nd Friday of every month
7 pm
Bring a dish or contribute \$5
Everyone is welcome!

A Letter from Our President The Year in Review

As the end of the year approaches I always tend to reflect upon the passing year as it comes to a close. Since this is the last newsletter we will print this year, I decided it would be a good time to give to you, our readers and supporters, a Progress Report for 2003.

January 2003: This is the month that brought Whitney Kelly to our organization. Whitney started the year with us as a consultant. His duties were to assist the Board of Directors with our training retreats, coordinating our focus groups and annual campaign, and took over as editor of our newsletter **OUTspoken**. None of which were small tasks. Whitney's first newsletter, as our editor was mailed out.

February 2003: This was the month that we held our second (in five years) board training retreat. We also had additional support for this training from our Technical Assistance Providers assigned to us by the Gill Foundation, which has been and remains our major funder.

March 2003: Our phone system became operational, and planning for our focus groups began. We also moved into our new home at the Community House. Whitney's second newsletter went out.

April 2003: Thanks to Whitney, Marilyn Van Petten, and Lise Blankenship we started our community focus groups. This was a chance for our community members to speak out and tell us what they wanted and needed from OUTstanding Amarillo.

May 2003: Preparations and planning began for PRIDEfest and our first Annual Campaign. Also, our computers were purchased and set up for use: two for OUTstanding Amarillo's office and one for community use. Whitney's third newsletter goes out.

June 2003: OUTstanding Amarillo coordinates and implements its 6th PRIDEfest and 5th GLBT film festival. Thanks to new board members and additional committee members, these events were the most successful ever. Also, our grand opening of the Community House, our home and community gathering place. KVII presents its first story about OUTstanding Amarillo.

July 2003: Planning and preparation for our first Annual Campaign. Whitney's fourth newsletter goes out.

August 2003: Our first Annual Campaign begins and appeal letters go out to the community. Also, the Community House opens on Friday nights for our "OUThouse" socials.

September 2003: Community potluck dinners begin the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Community House. Planning for our 3rd Board training retreat begins.

October 2003: OUTstanding Amarillo hosts its 1st National Coming OUT day open house for the community. 63 people attend at the Community House. The Amarillo Globe News covers the event. Whitney's 5th newsletter goes out.

November 2003: OUTstanding Amarillo conducts its 3rd Board training retreat, and produces the 1st Fringefest November 8th at the Comedy Club. Whitney's 6th newsletter goes out.

December 2003: We're on a roll. Who knows what we will do this month?

In addition to what I previously mentioned, our youth program continues to have youth socials the 3rd Saturday of every month.

What a year! What a GREAT year!

In closing, I want to extend an invitation to YOU to become a part of our organization. We are here for you. You can join up with us as a volunteer or as a member. Or, you can just come by for some dinner and conversation. Fellowship is a wonderful thing. I hope each of you has a wonderful Holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you in 2004 at the Community House.

Always,
Michael

OUTstanding Amarillo Board of Directors:

Michael Timcisko Bekki McQuay Dyanne Kuster Chip Chandler John Hintz
Rene Ramirez Terre Moore Cyndy Walton Jennifer Hinkle Dee Prigmore Kim McGill

Letter from the Editor:

Have a wonderful holiday season. Hug your friends, eat some turkey, enjoy the egnog.
Whitney