

the Pride Center

Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights

November 1997

Red Ribbon Holiday Bazaar to be held at the Pride Center

Join TOHR and Interfaith AIDS Ministries at the Pride Center on Friday, December 5th at 7 PM for the Red Ribbon Holiday Bazaar and TOHR's Holiday Gathering. A light buffet and refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to get those Christmas, Yule, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa gifts and help support HIV/AIDS services in Tulsa. The TOHR Holiday Gathering is free,

**Bazaar Reception -
TOHR Holiday Gathering**
Friday, December 5th
7:00 - 10:00 PM

Bazaar Hours on Saturday
Noon - 6:00 PM

HIV Outreach, Prevention and Education programs are very welcome. For more info., call Kathy at 712-1600.

The Red Ribbon Holiday Bazaar will continue

through 10 PM on Friday and will be held from noon to 6 PM on Saturday, December 6th. For information on the Bazaar call Ray, 628-0468, or IAM at 438-2437



Tai Chi Lessons to be Offered

This is for all of you out there who are interested in making yourself feel better, while improving your overall health. Tai Chi lessons will be offered at the Pride Center

Introductory Session
December 9th - 7:00 PM

starting in January. If you are interested, please attend an introductory session at the Pride Center on December 9th at 7:00 PM. These lessons include the complete Yang form, which stimulates all of the meridians and acupuncture points in the body, and it



No Gay History in Tulsa?

TOHR is formally protesting the new Tulsa Centennial book, "Tulsa! Biography of the American City" for its failure to acknowledge any contribution, or even the existence of Lesbians and Gay men in Tulsa's 100 year history. Author and Rogers University professor Danny Goble was asked by TOHR prior to beginning the book to be both fair and accurate by having at least a brief mention of the existence of Lesbian and Gay contributions, organizations, or issues.

Goble was told of the nationally groundbreaking report done by the City of Tulsa in the middle 70's on anti-Gay discrimination. At that time, only a handful of American cities were even considering this sort of issue. TOHR gave Goble the names and phone numbers of Tulsans who were part of this effort to create a trendsetting non-discrimination policy. Despite Goble's stated intention to write a history that would be inclusive of Tulsans whose history once had been suppressed, his deliberate exclusion of Lesbian and Gay issues makes his sections on civil rights incomplete and inaccurate.

Since this is the official commemorative book for this city, and because the Centennial office and Centennial Coordinator, Paula Hale are paid with public dollars through the Mayor's office, Tulsa's Lesbian and Gay taxpayers have the right to be outraged by our exclusion. And Centennial Committee members and the book Committee members are to be chided for their efforts to defend Goble's biased product with claims that the only other alternative would have been an encyclopedia thousands of pages long. Fairness would only have required a paragraph or two. Direct complaints to 918-596-1898, fax: 596-9010, Tulsa Centennial, 200 Civic Center 74103, or to the Mayor at 596-7411. Copies to TOHR would be appreciated at 712-2440 or 1307 E. 38th St. 2nd



Pride Center on December 9th at 7:00 PM. These lessons include the complete Yang form, which stimulates all of the meridians and acupuncture points in the body, and it helps the immune system.

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Just a reminder to renew your TOHR membership if you haven't already. Memberships are due annually in August. The rates for membership are: \$25 for individuals, \$40 per household, \$100 sustaining or \$10 limited income.

Pride Center / HelpLine : 743-4297
 HOPE : 712-1600
 Newsletter : pride_center_news@pobox.com

Interested in Volunteering??

Yes, believe it or not, the Pride Center and HOPE can still use

volunteers. Maybe you've been thinking that you'd like to give a little more back to the community; or maybe you'd like to provide support but don't have any extra money. Well time is as valuable as money, and both the Pride Center and HOPE can use your help.

The Pride Center needs volunteers to act as sitters and answer the HelpLine phone. The Center is staffed by volunteers from 6 - 10 PM on weekday evenings and from 12 - 10 PM on weekends. If you can volunteer 1 night a week, 1 hour a week, once a month, whatever you can manage will help keep the Pride Center open. Volunteers are also needed at the HOPE testing clinic. Training classes are available for those interested in getting involved, but volunteers are also needed to help with filing and answering the phone.

Holiday Dinner & Party Planned

A holiday dinner and party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 13, at 7:00 PM at the Pride Center. Come socialize with the rest of the community and see the changes that have been made to the Pride Center. A traditional holiday meal will be served (and we won't forget you vegetarians!!) with door prizes, raffle items, and a very special guest appearance following the meal. Don't miss it! **Cost is \$5 per person. Please RSVP by December 9th** to the address on the back, to the attention of "Holiday Dinner". Please include your name and payment for those who will be attending. Proceeds will benefit the Pride Center and HOPE.

Community Groups and Activities

- Community Coffee House** - Held the 2nd Friday of each month starting at 7:00 PM. An informal chance to socialize with others in the community: meet new friends, chat with old ones, read a book, watch some TV, etc.
- December-** a dinner and party held on the 2nd SATURDAY. See above.
- Community Movie Night** - Held the 4th Friday of each month starting at 7:00 PM. Movies of interest to the community will be shown.
 - November - salmonberries - 7:00 PM, Torch Song Trilogy - 9:00 PM
 - December - Moved to 3rd Friday, Dec. 19 - The Sum of Us - 7:00 PM, The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love - 9:00 PM
- Coming Out Support Group** - Support group to help deal with issues and fears faced at any stage of coming out. Bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 6 PM.
- Primetimers** - Social group for gay and bi-sexual men ages 40 and over. Associate memberships for men 21-39 years old. 3rd Tuesday at 7 PM.
- Safe Haven** - An unstructured "safe place" gathering for young adults between 18 and 30 to meet and socialize. 1st Friday at 8:00 PM.
- Monday Night Football Watch Party** - Watch Football with us at 8:00 PM.
- Ellen Watch Party** - Come watch Ellen with us on Wed nights at 8:30 PM.

Pride Center Pledge Drive

The Pledge Drive continues for the Pride Center. Our community center is now a reality, but your financial support is still needed. We have on-going monthly expenses to keep the Pride Center in operation, as well as the need for resources to finish work on several rooms. Please consider making a monthly pledge to help with these monthly operating expenses. Any assistance will most certainly help.

Are You the Victim of Discrimination or a Hate Crime?

The Pride Center is taking reports of discrimination to collect info from those who might not make a report otherwise. Volunteers and staff can also refer you to agencies/people who might help regarding the complaint. 743-4297.

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