

# the Pride Center

Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights

February 1998

## Events to Benefit Pride Center, Pride Picnic to be held at Silver Star

Get ready to have a great time the first two Fridays in March. March 6 at 10:30 PM will be **After the Leather '98: The Great Leather Campout** at the Silver Star, sponsored by T.U.L.S.A. It will benefit the Pride Center and the Food Bank. I've been assured that this will be a show that you'll never forget; something you've never seen before and it should be a fun time for all. It will also include an auction and collection of canned food for the Food Bank.

Also, March 13 at 10:30 PM also at the Silver Star will be a benefit by the **Git Up & Go Girls** for the Pride Picnic. This will provide the working capital for setting up this year's picnic. Both of these events are very important for the continued success of both the Pride Center and the Pride Picnic, so please make every effort to be there. Both events will be a blast, so don't miss out! You don't want to have to explain *why* later!

## TOHR Membership Meeting

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For those who might not know, the Polynesian culture actually led up to what is happening in Hawaii now. Same-sex marriages have been common in that culture and, as a result, the Hawaiian Constitution was written to protect those interests. Since the U.S. Constitution orders that individual states must recognize marriages granted in other states, this could quickly become a hot issue (as if it's not already). With other states already preparing to deny such marriages, it could be an interesting fight, possibly all the way to the Supreme Court! But... don't plan on any individual states recognizing Hawaiian marriages (when it goes through) anytime soon. It could still be years before a final decision is made. However, we must always keep up the fight.



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Well, once again bandits have absconded with the Pride Flag from the top of the Pride Center. We're working on new security measures to deter thievery in the future, so hopefully we'll have a new one flying very shortly. Keep an eye out.

## Calling All Volunteers

Feeling like you want to do something more for the Community? Feeling like you need to get out, meet people, and be helpful? The Pride Center is the place for you. We have opportunities for self motivated members of the community to help plan the Pride Picnic, plan events at the Pride Center and volunteer at the Pride Center as well as many other odd jobs. We need your skills to help us bring the community closer together so that the Pride Center can serve to be the focal point of our community. You can be an important part. Call the Pride Center (743-4297) today to volunteer.

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There are a couple of ways that a couple can come *close* to replicating a marriage in Oklahoma, the extra benefits of marriage just won't be there. One thing would be to have a Testamentary Will which leaves everything to your partner, naming the partner as the representative. A letter of designation can even be drafted naming the partner in charge of funeral arrangements. Power of Attorney can also be used, but be careful... if you don't know your partner, it could be dangerous if problems arise in the relationship. Also... if you own a home together, make sure *both* names are on the deed. If only one name is on the deed and that partner dies, it could be a messy situation.

These are just examples of ways that you can protect yourself *and* your partner. There may be other options as well. To explore your options and assure that things are safe, talk to your attorney.

Hope your *Freedom to Marry Day* was a great one!!!!

### Community Groups & Events Meeting at the Pride Center

Coming Out Group	Weekly on Tuesday Nights
DVIS Support Group	Weekly on Wednesday Nights **Requires Intake Appointment with DVIS
AA	Weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays
Safe Haven	1st Friday of Each Month
T.U.L.S.A.	1st Saturday of Each Month
TOHR Board Meeting	1st Tuesday of Each Month
TOHR General Membership Meeting	2nd Tuesday of Each Month
Primetimers Board Meeting	2nd Tuesday of Each Month
Primetimers Membership Meeting	3rd Tuesday of Each Month
Ellen Watch Party	Weekly on Wednesday Nights
Community Coffee House	2nd Friday of Each Month
Community Movie Night	4th Friday of Each Month

### Work Day Scheduled at Pride Center

A work day has been scheduled at the Pride Center for Saturday, March 21st at Noon. We have several projects that need to be completed, so if you have special talents with electrical wiring, plumbing, painting, or just general work, we've got the work to do. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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### TOHR Newsletter Via E-Mail

In the last issue of the newsletter, we offered the option of sending the newsletter via e-mail. Please bear with us. This is still an option we'd like to explore. However, our new Newsletter Editor had to resign from the board recently and, as a result, your humble president has temporarily taken over the job once again. Until I can find someone else to explore the possibilities of electronic transmission (or until I can find the time), we'll have to rely on the U.S. Mail version. Sorry for the inconvenience to those who have already responded.

Anyone else who might want the newsletter delivered via e-mail at some point, please e-mail me at [pride\\_center\\_news@pobox.com](mailto:pride_center_news@pobox.com). Thanks!!

### Pride Store to Re-Open

Our apologies go to those of you who have come by the Pride Center only to find the Pride Store closed. We've been working to get the change of ownership in place and things look good for us to be open no later than March 1. Tentatively planned hours will be: Sunday - Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Saturday Noon - 9:00 PM. We'll continue to offer the same quality merchandise and the option of special ordering items which we may not carry. Call the Pride Center number (743-4297) for more information. Hope to see you there soon!!!

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## March - April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:00PM Coming Out Grp 7:30PM TOHR Board Meeting	4 7:00 PM AA 8:30 PM Ellen Watch Party	5	6 8:00 PM Safe Haven 10:30 PM @ Silver Star After the Leather '98	7 3:00 PM Investor's Club Meeting 5:30PM AA
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22	23	24 6:00PM Coming Out Grp	25 6:00 PM DVIS Support Grp 7:00 PM AA 8:30 PM Ellen Watch Party	26	27 Movie Night 7:00 PM - It's My Party 9:00 PM -	28 5:30 PM AA
29	30	31 6:00PM Coming Out Grp	1 6:00 PM DVIS Support Grp 7:00 PM AA 8:30 PM Ellen Watch Party	2	3 7:00 PM - BINGO Night - with Family of Faith	4 5:00 PM T.U.L.S.A. 5:30 PM AA
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