

the Pride Center

Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights

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A Letter from the New President of TOHR

Hello to all current and former TOHR members and friends. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. With the start of this new year, we continue to face more challenges as an organization and as a community. The Pride Center has now been open for over a year and yet every day people are surprised to hear of it's existence. The growth process has been slow, but we continue to move forward. If you haven't seen the Pride Center yet, you should. Look for the rainbow flag on top of the building.

This looks to be an exciting year for TOHR. Preparations are already beginning for the Pride Picnic on June 20, once again being held at Owen Park. We are also planning a concert in March featuring the Tulsa Gay Men's Chorus and a return of the TOHR Follies this fall. Look for definite dates soon. Additionally, we continue to provide the HIV Testing Clinic and our H.O.P.E. outreach programs. For those who aren't aware, the testing clinic moved with the HIV RC to its current location near Harvard on Admiral. A new coordinator for the clinic, Greg Hisaw, has been hired and he is doing an excellent job. The testing clinic and outreach programs of H.O.P.E. continue to flourish under the direction of new Director of HIV Programs, Kristie Frisbie. And we're gearing up for a banner year at the Pride Center, with lots of activities beginning over the next couple of months.

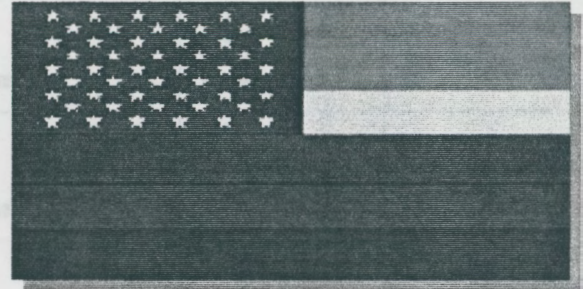
I want to urge all of our former members to rejoin TOHR so that we can continue to work toward the equal rights and opportunities each and every one of us deserves. If you don't agree with a decision we make as a board for TOHR, please let us know, and we will discuss it. If you don't tell us you have a problem with what we are doing, how can we even consider your viewpoint. It's important that each one of us do as much as possible:

- * rejoin TOHR (if you haven't already);
- * come to general membership meetings, participate in discussions and votes on issues as a member (2nd Tuesday each month);
- * come to our board meetings to find out what is going on (1st Tuesday each month); and
- * encourage your partners, friends and colleagues to join and make their voices heard as well.

I strongly encourage all members of the community to join TOHR, be active in the organization, and support the Pride Center. The Pride Center exists for all of us. It is our safe space to congregate without fear of what others will say or do. If you are interested in volunteering or serving on one of the committees (Activities, Fundraising, 1998 Pride Picnic) or in using the space at the Pride Center for one of your events, please call the Pride Center at 743-4297. We will contact you as soon as possible. If you would like to get in touch with me or any other board member, please call the Pride Center and leave a message.

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

Steve Horn



New Flag for the Pride Center

Soon there will be a new flag flying proudly over the Pride Center. As some of you may know our last flag was stolen. Thanks go to Jimmy Flowers for donating the flag. It is the new glory flag. Watch for it to go up soon!

Calling All Volunteers

Feeling like you want to do something 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 next Community Picnic, staff the Pride Center, and many other jobs. We need your skills to help us bring the community closer together and the Pride Center can serve to be the focal point of our community. You can be an important part. Call the Pride Center today to learn what opportunities are available.

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H.O.P.E. : 712-1600

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Ssshhhh The Silent Auction is Coming to the Pride Center

Hey its a secret that is too good to keep. Please pass this one to your friends! The Prime Timers are holding a silent auction to benefit the Pride Center. The auction will be held Saturday, February 7th, from 5 PM to 7 PM at, where else, the Pride Center of course. This is your chance to intrude your friends to the Pride Center and to help support it. If you have some true antiques or valuable items that you would like to donate please contact the Primetimers at 492-2828 and make arrangements to drop them off. Any donation made to the PrimeTimers is tax deducible. So bring yourself, bring your friends, and bring your money and help us make this auction a truly Prime Time Event that will benefit the Pride Center and all of the community.

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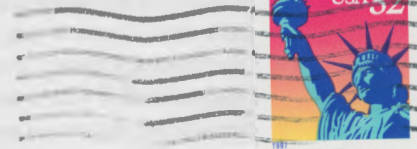
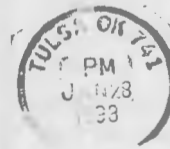
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TOHR Board Meeting

On Jan 13, at the TOHR Board Meeting Steve Horn introduced Tim Beck, Greg Gatewood, Rick Martin, and Tim McDaniels who were voted in as At-Large TOHR Board Members. The financial status of the Pride Center and HOPE were discussed. Taye Claire gave the Board and members a brief history of the Communities involvement with the city of Tulsa. To learn more about the TOHR we invite you to join the TOHR and participate. TOHR is the oldest gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender organization in Oklahoma.

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February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3 6:00PM Coming Out Group 7:30PM TOHR Board Meeting	4 7:00 PM AA 8:30 PM Ellen Watch Party	5	6 8:00 PM Safe Haven	7 5-7PM Primetimers Silent Auction 5:30PM AA
8	9	10 6:00PM Coming Out Group 7:00PM Primetimers Board Meeting	11 7:00 PM AA 8:30 PM Ellen Watch Party	12 7:30PM TOHR Membership Meeting	13 7:00PM Red Rock	14 5:30 PM AA 7:00PM Primetimers Valentines Party
15	16	17 6:00PM Coming Out Group 7:00 PM Primetimers	18 7:00 PM AA 8:30 PM Ellen Watch Party	19	20	21 5:30 PM AA
22	23	24 6:00PM Coming Out Group	25 7:00 PM AA 8:30 PM Ellen Watch Party	26	27 Movie Night Love, Valor, & Compassion Go Fish	28 5:30 PM AA