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From the President...



The September General Membership Meeting has been scheduled for the regular second Tuesday, September 8, 1998, 7:30 PM at the Pride Center. We are planning to have a program in preparation for National Coming Out Day (October 11th). We want to focus on what each of us can do to continue coming out of the closet to family, friends and col-

leagues. The program will be for those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender as well as those who care about someone who is.

We will also be holding elections for the nominating committee. The nominating committee will consist of 3 members elected by the membership and will be responsible for putting together a slate of nominees for next year's officers. The nominees will be presented at

the October membership meeting (October 13) and elections will be held at the November membership meeting (November 10). *If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or as an officer for next year, please be sure to attend the meeting!*

September Membership Meeting Planned

It's Time for Officer Nominations

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Pride Center Door Smashed... Twice

You may have read it in the paper or heard about it elsewhere, but the Pride Center was the point of two recent Hate Crime attacks within a week. The first incident occurred the night of Friday, August 7, when someone decided to smash the front door of the Pride Center with a bat or other blunt object. The culprit(s) took 5-6 swings at the door and left the laminated glass completely shattered. Replacement of the glass in the door cost \$295 on Saturday (with overtime). A second incident occurred on the night of Thursday, August 13. The incident was very similar, except someone took closer to 15 swings at the door. The replacement cost was \$220.

Luckily, the laminated glass kept those responsible from gaining easy access to the center, though it's doubtful that was ever the intention. Both incidents seemed to be simple acts of vandalism by people with very simple minds. The police were contacted both times and have been asked to send the reports to the Hate Crimes unit. The FBI has also been informed of the incidents.

Several possibilities for improving security at the Pride Center are being considered. One of the best alternatives would be to place a security camera aimed at the front door for monitoring purposes. This would also allow for monitoring of anyone coming into the Center. Understandably, some people will be concerned about being on tape, so measures will need to be taken to assure that no one's identity is compromised. The problem at this point is that it will cost a minimum of \$1,000 to have such a system installed. With the current financial status of TOHR, that is not a realistic cost. If you know of anyone who might be willing to donate part of the equipment or contribute to the cost, please call the Pride Center.



Membership Renewal Time!

Just in case you've forgotten or misplaced your renewal letter, here's another reminder that it's time to renew your membership in TOHR. Even if you haven't been a member in a year or more, now is the time to rejoin. We are on our way to rebuilding the program and making the Pride Center the central point for the GLBT community in Tulsa. But we can't do it without you! So, renew now and come join us at the Pride Center. And while you're at it, why don't you consider making a monthly pledge to the Pride Center? It doesn't have to be much - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 a month; whatever you can afford will make a difference in our being able to keep the Pride Center operational.

HELP Needed at Pride Center

OK, OK. You're tired of hearing about what we need at the Pride Center. Well, the truth is that we are tired of asking too, but the work still needs to be done. We will stop asking for volunteers and help when we get these things done! Of course, we always have a need for volunteers to work the helpline and the store. But, we also need help on a few projects that have been waiting in the wings for a while now. I know that we have all different kinds of skill sets out there, so now is the chance for you to put your talents to work for your community! If you don't see anything along your line listed, call the Pride Center. We'll find something for you! Some of the needs are:

- ▽ We need a **plumber** (or someone with plumbing skills) to snake out a drain from Neal-Padgett Hall, as well as the main drain out of the hall closet.
- ▽ We need an **electrician** (or someone with electrician skills) to check the wiring in the TOHR office and in the main stairwell. Both have a short or some other problem.
- ▽ We need someone to **lay tile** in both of the bathrooms.
- ▽ We need someone to **install a handicapped accessible stall door** in the men's bathroom.
- ▽ We need someone to **install a utility sink** in the men's bathroom or the utility closet.
- ▽ We need someone who is willing to **organize the library**. We have had quite a few donations of books and we are beginning to develop quite a library. Now we just need someone to organize it and set up the policies for borrowing.
- ▽ We need someone who can **help with managing the Pride Store** (ordering, monthly inventory, merchandising, etc.).
- ▽ We need volunteers to **help plan the Holiday Dinner and/or Party** for TOHR and the Pride Center.

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Pledge **HELP**
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CHILDREN
WHERE
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YOU?
HELP ?

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- ▽ We need someone who would be willing to **manage the accumulation and updating of community calendar information** from the various businesses and organizations in Tulsa. The Pride Center is a prime location for compiling that sort of information and making it available to the community.
- ▽ We need **other activities to be planned and coordinated at the Pride Center**. We want to offer other programs and activities that will bring in more of the community. If you have an idea for a program *and are willing to plan it (or know someone who is)*, let us know.
- ▽ We would like to **bring back TOHR Follies** this year. We need people who can help coordinate and organize this event.

- ▽ We could use **donations of several items** at the Pride Center:
 - ▽ A Computer (capable of running at least Windows 95) and monitor.
 - ▽ Vending Machine (Sodas, Snacks).
 - ▽ A Copier.
 - ▽ Installation of cable TV or a satellite dish.
 - ▽ Bookcases.

Pride 1999 Planning Meeting

Several local individuals, businesses and organizations were invited to a meeting at the Pride Center on Saturday, August 22, for a kickoff planning meeting of next year's picnic. The intention was to get plans off of the ground early so that more preparations can be made for

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the Pride Center Calendar

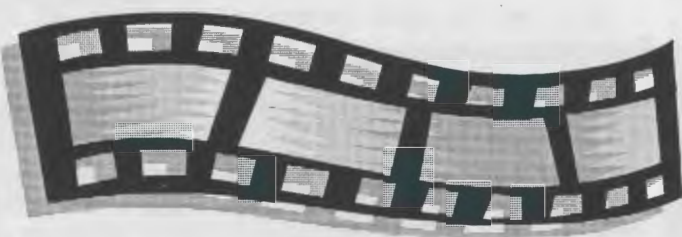
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 Labor Day	8 6:00PM Coming Out Grp 6:30 TOHR Social Hour 7:00PM Prime-Timers Meeting	9 7:00 PM Lambda AA	10 7:30 Center Cinema Rocky Horror Picture Show	11	12 12:30 NOW 5:30 PM Lambda AA
13 4:00 PrimeTimers Membership Meeting	14	15 6:00 Coming Out Grp	16 7:00 Lambda AA	17 7:30 Center Cinema In & Out	18	19 4-8:00 HIV Testing 5:00 T.U.L.S.A. 5:30 Lambda AA
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next year. Unfortunately, we only had three people show up for the meeting, despite the fact that numerous people expressed an interest to be involved for next year.

What everyone needs to understand is that this is not an event that you can jump in the day before and plan. Plans began in February-March last year and that was not nearly enough time. And, when you consider the possibility of adding a parade this year, the planning and coordination becomes even more difficult. We **must** start planning now.

We have scheduled the next planning meeting for the 1999 Pride celebration for Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 PM, at the Pride Center. Please plan to attend.



Weekly Movie Night Started at Pride Center

Movie night has been changed from a monthly event to a weekly one, with positive results. We've had great turnouts so far for favorite gay films from The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert to Change of Heart, and more great films are planned. Movie night is **EVERY THURSDAY at 7:30 PM** at the Pride Center. Currently, films are being shown in the Renfro Room, but plans are to move to Neal-Padgett Hall as attendance increases. Future planned movies include:

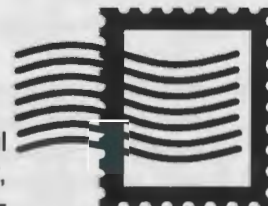
- ▽ September 10: The Rocky Horror Picture Show
- ▽ September 17: In & Out
- ▽ September 24: The Sum of Us
- ▽ October 1: The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love

If you have a suggestion for a movie to show or would like more information, contact the Pride Center.

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Mailing Address Change



To better control the flow of mail into TOHR and the Pride Center, we are changing our mailing address to the PO Box previously used by TOHR for the H. O.P.E. programs. The new mailing address is:

**P O Box 2687
 Tulsa, OK 74101**

We will continue to receive some mail at the street address, but would prefer to have all membership and other correspondence to be directed to the post office box. This provides more control over the mail we receive. The street address will still be used to publicize the Pride Center and will remain on the letterhead and in all correspondence as well.

Pride Shirts Still Available



Pride Shirts from this year's picnic will continue to be available at the Pride Center inside the Pride Store. We still have lots of t-shirts available in both designs and the tank tops in the full-chest design. Sizes may be limited in some designs or style of shirt, so come by early for the best selection! Shirts are \$15.00 each (\$17.00 for XXL & XXXL sizes) and profits will go to fund future Pride events and other special events.

FREE

Come By *the Pride Center* For Your Copy!

- The Gayly
- Tulsa Family News
- Triangle News
- Community News Voice

Testing

Free & anonymous testing is available at the Pride Center.

Alternating Saturdays
 4:00 - 8:00

H.O.P.E.

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