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A Night Out Volunteers Make the Evening a Success!

by: Kellye Pinkleton

Once again, the Stonewall Volunteer Team did an amazing job of pulling off yet another successful Stonewall Columbus event! November 12th's "A Night Out... On The Town" benefit was a HUGE hit and we heard really positive feedback from the community that this year's gala gathering was the best one to date! The Committee, under Michael Dutcher's leadership, spent months preparing for this, working many hours and making sure it all came together for Stonewall and the community on November 12th at Miranova. Special thanks to the following Committee Members:

John Aldinger, Lori Boldman, David Curry, Curtis Davis, Deron Fetz, Nicole Foulk, Alana Haberman, Shawn Hamilton, Jim Hammond, Matt Hamparian, Brooke Litwinko, Jon Mabry, Marshall McPeek, James Montalvo, Autumn Odierna, Lisa Odierna, Ian Pensinger

Special thanks also goes out to the amazing group of volunteers that helped out that night... they are:

Adam Altman, Rachel Andrews, Chuch Arrida, Jon Bova, Eileen Carroll, Ed Chin, DJ Coon, Linda Cox, Jared Dixon, Bob Eberhard, Wanda Ellis, Lauren Fields, Jenny Fields, Jim Ford, Bill Franke, Lauren Haas, Corey Harris, Rick Harrison, Matt Hernandez, Kelly Jaeger, Susan Johnston, Carrie Kortegast, Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko, Brian Lawrence, Mary Lay, Craig Little, Mark Martin, Marshall McPeek, Cheri Meyers, Brian Meyers, Joyce Michowski, Michelle Morgan, Derek Neuman, Eric Peters, Derek Plant, Mary Kay Rainey, Matt Rhodes, Barbie Rogers, Nick Solman, Don Stuart, Sandy Thomas and Mr. Hammond (LJ's Dad!)

Thank you all for making the night a success for Stonewall!

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Starting with this issue... the SVP will be published 6 times per year (every other month)

Stonewall's New Family Group, PACT (Parents and Children Together) is hosting a potluck Dec. 10th... Contact Coordinator, Kelly Bishop for more info at kellysbishop@yahoo.com

Sharing the Giving Spirit with Stonewall

The holidays are a perfect time to think about what gifts you want to give those you love... and what better way to show your favorite organization this year than to give the gift of YOUR support! Please consider making a tax deductible gift to Stonewall Columbus which supports and important programs and services. Stonewall Columbus is YOUR community Center and we need YOUR help in continuing the quality services we offer.

Also, you may make a contribution by donating "in-kind" gifts that can be put to good use. Items that are needed are: rolls of first-class postage, 8 1/2 x 11 white copy paper reams, gift cards to Staples, Target or other stores, colored copy paper reams, flip chart pads, cleaning supplies, paper ware supplies, etc.

Never underestimate the power of your gift... regardless of how small. Please consider making a donation to support the Center and our programs.

Happy Holidays to each of you and best wishes in the New Year!

Program Schedule

All groups meet at Stonewall

Men's Support Group

3rd Tuesday of each month 7pm
Facilitated by Jim Broyles, Ph.D.

Men's Coming Out Support

2nd & 4th Mondays 7pm

Women's Support Group

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7pm
Facilitated by Shirah Siladie, MSW, LISW

Women's Book Club

First 3 Wed. of each month 6:30pm
Coordinators: Missy and Becky

Men's Book Club

Second Tues. of each month 6:30pm
Coordinator: Scott Parr

T Support Group

1st Wed. of each month
Facilitated by Meral Crane, MSW

Stitch 'N Bitch

2nd Wed. of each month AND
Last Thursday of each month 7pm
Coordinator: Kate Burdett

Hiking Club

Seasonal

Interfaith Group

1st & 3rd Thurs. 7pm— Rev. Phil Hart

Interfaith Time Outs

Every Thurs. 4:30-6:30pm one-on-ones
philhart@stonewallcolumbus.org

Stonewall Advocacy Programs

Meetings at Stonewall Community Center

GIFT (Gender Identity Focus Team)

Meets odd months on the 3rd Monday 7:30pm

Contact: Kellye Pinkleton

Ohio Freedom to Marry Coalition

Meets the third Tuesday of each month 6:30pm

Contact: Nick Staup at nstaup1@insight.rr.com

Speak OUT (ally advocacy group)

Meets the third Saturday of each month 11:30am

Contact: Cheri Meyers speakout_cols@yahoo.com

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Orientation (For New Volunteers)

Wed. Dec. 6th, 2005 5:30—6:30pm. Must RSVP

OPEN Center Shifts: Wed. 4—7pm

NEED Lit Distributor Teams of Vols— Call Kellye for information

Center Clean/Paint Days Ahead... We are scheduling a CleanUp day and Paint Day in Dec. Experienced painters wanted! Call Kellye

Join Us... for a Family Holiday on Ice Event!

Visions of sugar plum fairies and tiny little elves careening across the Dispatch Ice Haus rink on a Sunday afternoon.... Nutcracker on Ice? Well, almost. A special ice skating event dubbed "Family Holiday on Ice" is being organized by a conglomeration of Central Ohio LGBTQ service organizations including BRAVER, BRAVO, CATF, Equality Ohio, Kaleidoscope Youth Center and Stonewall Columbus.

On Sunday, December 4, from 2 until 4 pm come out to the Dispatch Ice Haus (which faces Neil Avenue behind Nationwide Arena) to enjoy the wintry weather with a few turns around the ice with family and friends to celebrate the beginning of a festive holiday season. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Lucky winners may leave this fun event with enough "cold cash" to finance their holiday shopping! Santa will also be on hand to visit with the little ones!

And speaking of festive, "celebratory" is the word the organizers used to describe the reasons behind this event. The idea grew out of wanting to come together as a community to thank folks for their support and involvement over the past year. The Ohio Gay Hockey Association will be on hand to help those who have trouble staying on their skates!

Donation prices are \$10 per person, \$5 for students, youth and seniors. Children under five years old will be admitted for free. Advance tickets are not necessary. The donation includes admission and skate rental. Hot cocoa and cookies will be available for skate breaks. Proceeds will benefit each of the planning committee's organizations equally.

For more information, contact Stonewall Columbus at (614) 299-7764 or Equality Ohio at Lynne@equalityohio.org.

Congrats Jim Hammond (aka "LJ") On the 2005 Stonewall Columbus Volunteer of the Year Award

Volunteer Tidbits & Celebrations

Congrats Glenn Rondo on your graduation!

Thanks OSU Community Service (Prof. Beemyn's class) Volunteers: Nick, Megan and Brooke

Good luck to SpeakOUT's Ayanna Burrus in the UK

Congrats to Michelle Morgan on the new job!

Deepest sympathy goes out to David, in the loss of his dear grandmother, Hattie

Welcome new Board Members: Heather Rittenhouse, Dr. Jeff Kover and Dr. Jim Ford!

Happy Birthday Krhysso! Glad you're not going to AR :)