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# PRIDE PAGES!

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## PRIDE 2002: There's No Place Like Home!



### PRIDE PAGES: The New Kid On The Block!

Welcome to the new  
**PRIDE PAGES!**

This is a brand new publication produced on a monthly basis by the Waterloo Wellington Regional Pride Committee to keep everyone in and around our area informed of what's going on in regards to PRIDE 2002.

We're always looking for new and creative people who want to help make this year's Pride weekend a huge

success.

In our first issue, you'll get to meet the Steering Committee members and learn about some of the great events planned for our Pride celebrations.

We are currently looking at revamping our website. Why not pay us a visit at and take a look? Our current website is [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)

Let us know if you like

what you see or what you think should be changed. Our website is provided by the good folks at Golden Triangle.

Steering committee meetings are held the first and third Fridays of the month and start at 7:00 p.m. SHARP!

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and we welcome guests. After all, PRIDE 2002 is for everyone so come out and participate in the planning!

### Calling All Volunteers! We Want You!

PRIDE 2002 cannot happen without the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers. Are you ready to be one of them?

We are looking for all interested individuals to help with fundraising events, promotions, our annual Rainbow Directory and the Pride Guide.

Of course, volunteers are needed for our big events: the Pride weekend celebrations in June.

Are you willing to come out and help your community? We need individuals of all ages and all abilities. Want to help with Security on Pride Weekend? Great! Maybe you're interested in helping with our art

show or participating in a fundraiser? Give us a call at 519-584-████ and we'll gladly put you to work.

Volunteers are the very heart and soul of any Pride event, big or small. Why not come out and help YOUR local community?



## Meet the Steering Committee Members!

Planning Pride is a lot of work. No one person can do it on his or her own. The WWRP Steering Committee is made up of eight individuals from the local gay and lesbian community.

The Steering Committee members are **Craig Hunter** (President), **Kathy Frey** (Vice President), **Melody Alderwick** (Secretary), **Cefn Fforest** (Treasurer), **Rick Sickinger** (Fundraising/ Events Director), and **Jay Moore** (Promotions & Marketing Director). The Directors At Large are **Ron Welker** and **Suzanne Botsford**

Each member of the Steering Committee brings a different area of expertise to the WWRP. Here's a brief snapshot of each Director.

**Craig Hunter** has done fund-raising locally, nationally and internationally. Educated at the Ontario College of Art and the U of W, he has worked with a wide variety of organizations including the Toronto PWA Foundation, Casey House, the International Court System, and the Names Project (the AIDS Quilt). He is also the Chair for the LGBT Caucus of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto.

**Kathy Frey** is a Certified Addictions and Body Works Therapist. Kathy

has worked as an individual and group therapist for 15 years. She is currently the owner of Mostly Organic Juice Bar Cafe in downtown Kitchener. Kathy was a volunteer with last year's Pride committee.

**Melody Alderwick** recently graduated from the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary with her Masters of Theological Studies, with a focus on women's counseling, in particular lesbian relationships. Melody has volunteered for various community associations and events including last year's Pride Committee.

**Cefn Fforest** has a long history of advocacy and public awareness in the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities. His work has included positions on the Board of Directors for a wide variety of groups including ACCKWA, the Ontario AIDS Network and Bread & Roses Co-op. He is also the builder and

designer of the website for Bread & Roses Co-op and edits their newsletter, *The Sheaf*.

**Rick Sickinger** has spent most of his working life in the non-profit arts sector. This experience combined with the knowledge and skills gained from doing volunteer work within the arts and queer communities allows him to bring a lot of resources to the organization. Rick got involved with the WWRP because he felt there was a real need for a dance to be included as part of the events - he is working towards achieving this goal.

**Jay Moore** has a fantastic record of fundraising and public awareness in and outside of the LGBT communities. He has worked with a number of organizations including AIDS/HIV agencies across Canada and other non-profit groups.

**Ron Welker's** past volunteer work includes being the Student Course Rep at the University of Toronto, Art Society Rep and French Club President at the University of Waterloo, time on the Student Council and Library Committee at the UWO Faculty of Education. He maintains membership with the Waterloo Historical Society, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. He is a community member of GLOW and for the last ten years has been the Secretary and Treasurer of the Lutheran Life Ins. Society of Canada (Branch 9003)

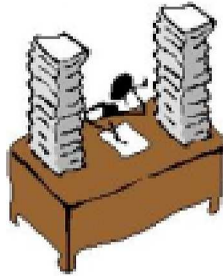
**Suzanne Botsford** is one the newest members of the Steering Committee and comes to us with amazing energy and enthusiasm. She has a background in social work and experience in working with families, troubled youth and sexual abuse. Suzanne is this year's Volunteer Co-ordinator.



*Steering Committee Members Melody Alderwick (left), Rick Sickinger (centre) and Kathy Frey (right) are already hard at work planning PRIDE 2002!*



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## **PRIDE 2002: What's Going On?**

Plans are well under way for PRIDE 2002! If you are interested in volunteering or have a GREAT idea to share, please feel free to contact us.

Check our website [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca) for the latest updates.

We have a limited number of vendor and information tables still available for the

Sunday celebrations in Victoria Park so book your table early. It's a great way to promote local groups, services and businesses that welcome LGBT clientele.

We are also looking to book a variety of talent acts for the Sunday afternoon. So, if you are interested or have some suggestions, please let us know.

Pride 2002 is going to be a community event. We welcome and value your input. Plans so far include a film festival, art show, a dance and the King and Queen of Pride Competitions.

We're also planning more great fundraisers so start saving your pennies! Look for many cool fundraisers to happen in 2002.

## **Steering Committee Meetings**

Steering Committee Meetings are held the first and third Friday of the month. Each meeting is open to the public.

Friday, January 18

Friday, February 1

Friday, February 15

Friday, March 1

Friday, March 15

**Call (519) 584- [REDACTED] for more details!**

## **Fundraiser A "Roaring" Success!!**

We'd like to thank Club Renaissance for letting us do a New Year's Eve 50/50 draw. We raised \$387.00. Congrats go out to Marg, the lucky winner who started 2002 off with \$193.50!

We'd also like to thank Craig and Jay for selling tickets and all those who supported our efforts.



*Jay (left) and Craig (right) congratulate Marg (centre) on her win New Year's Eve at Club Ren's Masquerade Ball.*

## **Workshop Facilitators Wanted!**

This year, the Waterloo Wellington Regional Pride Committee is looking for interested individuals who wish to facilitate workshops on Saturday June 8, 2002 as part of the Pride festivities. Please bring

your ideas and your enthusiasm to the attention of Kathy Frey no later than February, 28, 2002.

Kathy can be reached at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café, which is

located at 119 King Street West in downtown Kitchener (1 block east of City Hall).

Feel free to drop in to discuss your plans or call her at 745- [REDACTED] for more details.



## PRIDE 2002 Announces Logo Contest!

At the WWRP Steering Committee's November planning meeting, a theme was selected for the 2002 Pride Festival. We are thrilled to announce that the theme for Pride 2002 is "There's No Place Like Home!"

Now that a theme has been selected, a Logo for Pride 2002 that best represents our theme "There's No Place Like Home!" is required. This year WWRP is asking for Logo submissions from the public.

Here are the contest details. The contest is

open to any resident of Canada.

1. We would prefer an electronic copy of the Logo (jpeg format preferred, 320 dpi). The Logo may contain colour but we ask that you try and create a Logo that will work both in colour and in black and white.

2. The Logo must creatively express the theme for 2002 - "There's No Place Like Home!"

3. Submissions may be submitted to our email

address or sent through the mail on disk. Our NEW mailing address is WWRP, PO Box 31009, 25 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 6M0

4. Submissions for the WWRP Pride 2002 Logo Contest must be received by noon on Thursday, January 31, 2002 to be considered.

5. The Steering Committee will hold a vote on all submissions at the next meeting.

6. The winner of the Logo Contest will

receive official recognition on the WWRP website, a profile in both the 2002/2003 Rainbow Directory and Pride Guide, public acknowledgement at the opening ceremonies and other fabulous prizes.

Submissions will not be returned. Be sure to include all your contact information with your submissions (name, mailing address home phone, and e-mail). After all, if you win the contest we'd like to let you know!

## Time To Clean The Attic!

The theme for Pride this year is "There's No Place Like Home" and we want to put together a display of materials showcasing the past of the LGBT communities in our area

Do you have old photos or posters of events that happened in the region? Do you remember the dances at the Bridgeport Community Centre or shows at the Pink Zone or the Half and Half? Got some past Pride photos that are gathering dust somewhere? Someone must have a picture

of the 80's big hair days at Timothy Steven's and Circles! From the early days of University Discussion groups to Campground Socials, we want to share those good times (and laughs) with everyone. It's time to celebrate our history. Let's be like Britney Spears and be proud to show our roots!

All materials will be returned and credit will be given to those who help share a piece of our history.

## Upcoming Pride Celebrations

**Waterloo-Wellington Pride**  
June 7-9

**Hamilton Pride**  
June 13-16

**Toronto Pride**  
June 24-30

**London Pride**  
July 5-14

