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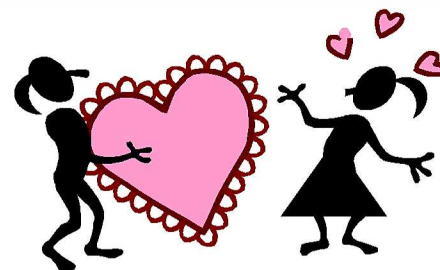
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PRIDE 2002: There's No Place Like Home!



PRIDE PAGES: Forget the February Blahs

Welcome back 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.

This is our second issue and in it, you'll get to hear a little more about what we have planned for Pride 2002.

Check out the all new Community Calendar on page 8.

We're also introducing a column called **PRIDE PAST** on page 4. This column will address some of our local history as well as common LGBT history.

As a reminder, the Steering Committee is here to plan Pride but we like to hear from **YOU**. Why? Because Pride 2002 is intended as a community event.

Why not come out and get involved?

Steering Committee meetings are held the first and third Fridays of the month. These 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.

Don't forget! Submission deadline for the March edition of Pride Pages is February 25

Fundraiser Alert: Nice Basket Dorothy!

Still looking for that perfect Valentine's Day present for that special someone? Look no further than the WWRP "**Love Is In The Air**" basket draw.

Tickets have been on sale since February 1 at various locations across our region. The prize? A wonderful gift basket worth over **\$450.00**.

And how much are tickets you ask? Unbelievably, tickets are only **two dollars each (three for five dollars)**.

In the basket you'll find all kinds of things designed to create that perfect evening.

Prizes donated by area merchants include a hotel package from the

Four Points Sheridan, chocolates, red wine, a package from Earthwinds, CDs, candles, theatre tickets, more chocolate, a movie and a few other Valentine's Day treats!

All money raised goes to help pay for the Pride celebrations in June including our Saturday night Community Dance and the Sunday afternoon festivities on Roos Island in Victoria Park!

Deadline Extended

Due to several requests, the deadline for the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee's 2002 Logo Contest has been extended.

We are now accepting submission until NOON on Sunday, February 10.

For complete rules and details, visit our website at www.rainbow.on.ca and click on the Logo Contest link.

The winner of the WWRP 2002 Logo contest will be announced in the March edition of Pride Pages.

Club Renaissance has generously offered to host a Logo Launch Party for the WWRP on Saturday, March 2 to promote the 2002 logo. Come out and help us celebrate!

PRIDE 2002: June 7-9, 2002

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Card Of Thanks

The name A.J. Mahari is widely recognized in our local LGBT communities. Known primarily as the founder/editor of The Voice magazine, A.J. is also a past chair of the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee.

The current Steering Committee would like to thank A.J. for all of her hard work in the past, which

includes helping plan and promote last year's main events.

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee extends our best wishes to A.J. in all of her future endeavors.

Visit The Voice online at
www.thevoice.on.ca

Who Do You Want To See On Pride Day?

We are already working hard to bring you the best entertainment for Pride 2002. Candice (Empress IX and Regent Empress XIV of Toronto) was in town recently to perform at a Club Renaissance fundraiser for the Pediatric AIDS Unit of Sick Children's Hospital. The total raised at press time was approx. \$2100.00. Way to go Club Ren! Candice is one of the great performers willing to volunteer at Pride to entertain you! We already have entertainers from Toronto, London, Hamilton and Buffalo ready to go on stage and entertain you as volunteers. If you have any

suggestions for types of entertainment or specific entertainers then please contact the WWRP.



The lovely and talented Candice (above) wowed the crowd at Club Renaissance

We're Back Online! Visit Us On The Web

Our website is back up and running again!

Be sure to visit us at www.rainbow.on.ca for up to date info about the cool events and fundraisers planned for Pride 2002.

Our thanks go out to all of the good folks at Golden Triangle for their tireless efforts in helping us out during our brief down time.

We'd also like to thank all of those who quickly offered their support, technical assistance and advice, including Cefn Fforest, Cedric Puddy (host of the Rainbow Lists) and Lyn McGinnis (of Blue Star Web Design).

We're always open to suggestions from the public on how we can improve our site. Let us know what you would

like to see on our site and why. We welcome your input.

If your community group or organization would like to be added to our resource lists or link page, contact us at 584- or send us an email with your details to our email address: wrrp2002@hotmail.com

Check us out today at www.rainbow.on.ca!

You Like Us! You Really Like Us!

Submitted by Craig Hunter, President, WWRP 2002

To paraphrase the late Abraham Lincoln, you can please some of the people some of the time, all of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time.

Recently, it was brought to our attention that the decision to produce Pride Pages has had some critics. The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Steering Committee is working to help build community within the area by publishing it's own newsletter. For the record, the January and February issues have been produced by donation and we are taking steps to ensure that Pride Pages will always be self-supporting.

Other than that, the feedback received about

the January Pride Pages has been very favourable and positive. Thanks to everyone who offered us encouragement, assistance, words of support, advice and constructive criticism.

Pride Pages is the newest addition to our local area and one that the WWRP Steering Committee felt was needed. We feel that this is a positive step forward not only for Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride but also for the local LGBT communities that we are here to work on behalf of.

Why go through the hassle of producing a monthly newsletter? Don't we have enough resources here in our local communities? The WWRP agrees that while

a variety of resources for the local LGBT communities exist, PRIDE PAGES is intended to act as a supplement to all current resources, not a replacement and we will focus on local events, groups, people and of course Pride.

By publishing a monthly newsletter we are attempting to reach as many people within our communities directly and create a forum to keep everyone aware of fundraisers, contests and the planning and hard work that will make PRIDE 2002: There's No Place Like Home! a great event that the LGBT communities in our area can be proud of.

In this issue, we've started to include a

Community Calendar of Events (see page 8) to give other community groups yet another venue in which to list their events and contact information. This is provided free of charge as part of our mandate to support other LGBT friendly community groups and to promote public education of LGBT issues.

If your group would like to be listed in the March edition of Pride Pages the deadline for copy is Monday, February 25th.

Advertising space in the March edition is still available. Call us at (519) 584- [REDACTED] for more details or contact us at wwrp2002@hotmail.com



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FUNDRAISING ALERT!

The WWRP will be
selling 50/50 tickets
at
Club Renaissance
on
February 9th
February 14th
and
February 27th

**HELP
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PRIDE 2002**

PRIDE PAST: The History of the Rainbow Pride Flag

PRIDE PAST is new column that outlines great moments in LGBT history locally, nationally and internationally. Future columns will include the past of our local Pride committees, Pride symbols and other issues relating to the LGBT Pride celebrations around the world.

This month we take a brief look at one of the most familiar LGBT symbols: The Rainbow Flag.

The number of LGBT symbols grows every year. One of the most colourful and widely recognizable of our symbols is the Rainbow Flag and its collection of colours - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and

purple. These colours are intended to represent the diverse nature of our LGBT communities.

Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist designed the first Rainbow Pride Flag in 1978. The flag was created as a response to a local activist's call for the need of a community symbol.

Baker's original design was a flag with **EIGHT** stripes: hot pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. According to Baker, those colours stood for sexuality, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony, and spirit.

Baker approached a flag company in San

Francisco about mass producing and selling his "gay flag". Mass production of the eight-striped version was impossible as hot pink was not commercially available at the time.

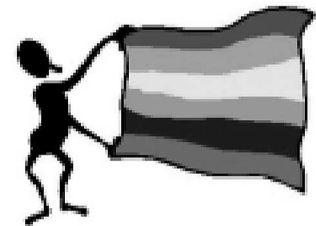
Baker reduced the flag to seven stripes for one year until it was discovered that the International Co-operative Housing movement had been using a seven-striped flag since 1925.

In November 1978, Harvey Milk, the first openly gay supervisor in San Francisco was assassinated. Wishing to demonstrate strength and solidarity after this tragedy, the 1979 San Francisco Pride Parade Committee decided to

use Baker's flag design, which had been further reduced to the six colours that we know today.

Although the Rainbow Pride Flag was initially used as a symbol of LGBT pride only in San Francisco, it has received increased visibility over the years. Today, it is a frequent sight in cities all over the world. Variations exist for almost all groups that make up the LGBT communities.

Be proud and fly your flag high!



LUNA
 WOMEN'S DRUM CIRCLE & JAM SESSION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8
 7:30 p.m.
 Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café
 119 King Street West, Kitchener
 Call Caroline at 745-█ for more details.

Upcoming Pride Celebrations

Waterloo-Wellington Pride
 June 7-9

Hamilton Pride
 June 13-16

Toronto Pride
 June 24-30

London Pride
 July 5-14

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.

We're looking for people to present workshops on all kinds of things including but not limited to LGBT issues.

Workshops can deal with business or social issues, legal issues, spirituality, diseases,

crafts and/or anything that you think might interest the public.

Once we have a list of interested facilitators, we'll start taking names for those interested in taking the workshops.

If you would like to help with the planning of these events or have a great idea, please submit your ideas and your enthusiasm to the attention of **Kathy Frey** no later than **February 28, 2002**. Call 745- [REDACTED] for details.

Go Through Your Closets!

Do your friends call you a packrat? Got any old photos, posters or stories of LGBT events in our area? Did you strut your stuff at the Pink Zone? Remember the Half and Half? Everyone must have some Pride photos that are gathering dust somewhere. The local University Discussion groups have seen fads come and go. There's got to be stories!

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

From the early days of the Robin's Nest to Campground Socials, we want to share those good times, laughs and tears with everyone. It's time to celebrate our local history. Let's be like Heather Lockler and be proud to show our roots!

Credit will be given to those who help share a piece of local history.

PRIDE PAGES NOW AVAILABLE AT:

Kitchener:

Club Renaissance, ACCKWA, Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café, Muses Café, KW Bookstore, Kitchener Public Library

Waterloo:

Wordsworth Books, Grabbajabba, Princess Cinema, Holly Oak, Gen X Video, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Waterloo, Waterloo Regional Library (main branch)

Cambridge:

The Robin's Nest, The Stag Shop

Guelph:

The Bookshelf, University of Guelph

Toronto:

519 Community Centre, Club Toronto

The Rainbow Community Conversation Group

Every Monday at 7:00 P.M.

119 Hagey Hall

(University of Waterloo Campus).

This group meets to discuss topics of interest to the GLBT/Queer Community. All are welcome! For more information please see [www.qlife.on.ca/rccg](http://www qlife.on.ca/rccg) (note under construction will be up mid Feb.) or email qlife@qlife.on.ca.

Topic List For February

February 4 – Toys. *Bring some of your favorite toys for a show and tell. What we do in our spare time from gadgets to games to ...*

February 11 – Finding Mr./Ms Right (Recognizing Mr./Ms Wrong & Mr./Ms Right Now). *Our Valentine's edition. Come and bring your ideas on what makes a perfect relationship or a not so perfect relationship.*

February 18 – Pet Peeves. *This is our chance to get some of those issues off our chests. A lighthearted look at what annoys us.*

February 25 – Terminology. *Have you ever wondered what a BEAR is or a TWINK or where the term DYKE or LIPSTICK LESBIAN come from? Let's explore some of the words used to describe us.*

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN: *ONTARIO MEN'S SURVEY*

The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener Waterloo and Area (ACCKWA) is looking for men to participate in the 2002 Ontario Men's Survey.

The 2002 Ontario Men's Survey will question gay and bisexual men on social issues, HIV and sexuality.

This two-part study, which is guaranteed anonymous, is an important follow-up to the 1991 National Men's Survey. During the upcoming weeks, volunteers will be approaching men in bars, bathhouses and local community groups to take part in this survey.

Why take part? The survey will help in the creation of educational campaigns. These campaigns will be directed to specific groups such as younger men and men in relationships. It will also help educators and caregivers to design programs and strategies in advance of actual demand. The

results will help make stronger arguments to government officials and others who control the resources needed to fight AIDS.

For more information on how to participate, call

ACCKWA at 570-3687
OR 1-888-266-1449.

You can also visit them online at their website

www.mens-survey.ca

Make Cancer History! - The Canadian Cancer Society's annual door-to-door fundraising campaign takes place in April. Join in the fight against cancer by giving a few hours to canvass your neighbourhood. Call the local chapter at 886-8888 to find out how you can get involved.



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Get Out Your Dancing Shoes

Submitted by Richard Sickinger

"A Pride Dance for the LGBT communities was something that the WWRP felt had been missing from previous Pride Celebrations"



The WWRP is planning a wide range of events for PRIDE 2002. It is our goal to have a number of different activities that cover the whole weekend of June 7-9, 2002.

We have already received confirmation from many different kinds of entertainers and notable persons from within the LGBT communities and we are very excited about the program we are putting together.

A new feature of PRIDE 2002 will be a Pride Dance. We are working with **HYPE** to put together a hell of a good dance on Saturday, June 8, 2002.

The dance will take place at the Bridgeport Community Centre and will incorporate this year's theme "**There's No Place Like Home**".

A Pride Dance for the LGBT communities was something that the WWRP felt had been

missing from previous Pride Celebrations and we are happy to be able to add it to this year's festivities.

We hope all of you plan on attending the dance or join us for many of the other events we are planning for Pride 2002 as we celebrate our lives in our very own community. We will be providing more updates and comprehensive events information as we go. Please stay tuned.

Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are!

"We are looking for a variety of interested individuals to help with Pride 2002. Are you ready to become one of them?"



WWRP Steering Committee Meetings

Friday, February 1

Friday, February 15

Friday, March 1

Friday, March 15

PRIDE 2002 cannot happen without the hard work of a team of dedicated volunteers.

We are looking for a variety of interested individuals to help with Pride 2002. Are you ready to become one of them?

Why volunteer? It's simple. By volunteering, you and hundreds of people like you are making a direct impact on lives throughout our area. It's a "hands on" way to show that you care for your local LGBT communities.

Volunteering isn't that scary. Anyone can volunteer. It's a great way of expressing your care and concern for others in the local area

LGBT communities. Perhaps you'll learn something new at the same time.

Anyone willing to give time to help others is encouraged to become a Pride Volunteer. Opportunities are available for people of all ages.

Volunteering for the Pride Committee can include helping at different fundraising events or assisting in the production of the Pride Guide and the annual Directory listing LGBT friendly services and businesses.

Of course, volunteers are needed for our BIG events during Pride weekend in June. Are you willing to come out

and help? We need individuals of all ages and all abilities. We're looking for people to help with set up, tear down and everything in between!

How about helping with our art show or just donating an hour of your time to distribute posters and flyers? Want to help with the Pride Weekend dance? Great! Contact us!

Give us a call at our office number 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 communities?

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAYS

KW FRIENDS OF DOROTHY 10 PIN COSMIC BOWLING LEAGUE

The only Gay/Gay Positive Bowling League in the Tri-City Area meets every Sunday at 3:00pm at Fredrick Brunswick Lanes at 385 Frederick St., Kitchener. For more info, contact Jason Boyko at 578-██████ or friendsofdorothy_kw@hotmail.com

MONDAYS

THE RAINBOW COMMUNITY CONVERSATION GROUP

meets at 7:00 P.M. in 119 Hagey Hall (University of Waterloo Campus). This group meets to discuss topics of interest to the GLBT/Queer Community. All are welcome! For more information please see www qlife.on.ca/rccg (note under construction will be up mid Feb) or email qlife@qlife.on.ca

TUESDAYS

TURNING LEAVES BOOK CLUB

meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Kitchener Public Library (main branch). Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.. Drop in for lively discussions.

WEDNESDAYS

GLOW'S COMING OUT

DISCUSSION GROUP explores issues in sexual orientation. The Group meets at the University of Waterloo. Meetings are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. For more information, call 884-██████.

POETS ON THE RUN

Part of the Freshly Squeezed Readings Series. Held every Wednesday at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café (119 King St., downtown Kitchener) at 8:00 p.m. Hosted by James P. McAuliffe.

On the first Wednesday of every month try out your new pumps at **OPEN DRAG NIGHT** at Club Renaissance. Call the bar at 570-2406 for more details

FRIDAYS

PRIDE COMMITTEE! Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Steering Committee meets on the first and third Friday of the month. We meet at 7:00 p.m. Please call 584-██████ for more details. The March meetings will be held at 307 Queen Street South in Kitchener.

OTHER EVENTS

“**PICKLED**” runs **FEB 1-25** at the Kitchener Public Library (Main Branch). The Society of Fine Arts (SOFA) at the University of Waterloo presents selections from the Annual Fine Arts Juried Show. The works, selected from a number of entries, have been created by students ranging from first year to graduate level.

LUNA: WOMEN'S DRUM CIRCLE & JAM SESSION starts at 7:30 p.m. on **FRIDAY, FEB. 8** at Mostly Organic in Kitchener. Call Caroline at 745-██████ for more details.

RAINBOW CHORUS DANCE **FRIDAY, FEB. 8** at CAW Hall, 611 Silvercreek Parkway North, Guelph Admission is only \$5.00. Everyone is welcome. No membership required.

BOYZ & BOYS & GIRLS & GRRLS NIGHT. A mostly LGBT student pub & dance night on **SATURDAY, FEB. 9** at the Grad House at the University of Waterloo. This is now an ALL AGES event! Primer Party starts at

9 p.m. Admission \$2 in advance and \$3.50 at the door. For more details, send an email to gllow@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca

ONYX WIND QUARTET is performing a **BENEFIT VALENTINE'S CONCERT** in support of the Ontario challenge for equal marriage. This concert is scheduled for **FRIDAY, FEB. 15** at MCC Toronto (115 Simpson Ave) Visit their site at www.mcctoronto.com/onyx.htm for details and ticket information.

Announcing the formation of **WOUF: Waterloo Ontario Ursine Friends**, a group for big and hairy gay men and their friends around Waterloo For more info, visit <http://homepage.mac.com/guestor24/wouf/>

The Hamilton Gay and Lesbian Business Association is holding a **FUND RAISING DANCE** on **SATURDAY, FEB. 23** at the CNIB in Hamilton. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Proceeds from the silent auction are split between the Association and Hamilton Pride. All other proceeds after expenses will go to the Sexual Assault Centre.

If you would like your group or event listed in the March edition of Pride Pages, the deadline is

**Monday,
February 25 2002**

Send your information to wwrp2002@hotmail.com or call (519) 584-██████