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celebrating the lives and times of rainbow folk in Grand River country

Pride Pages

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Serving the greater LGBTQ communities of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and area

April 2008

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www.tri-Pride.ca

2008 *tri-Pride* Theme Unveiled... see inside

LGBTQ Athletics

Sometimes you don't have to go all the way to the big smoke to get your fix...

Your Pride needs you!

- Volunteers
- Businesses
- Community Groups
- Resources



Upcoming Events

tri-Pride General Meeting
Sunday, April 27th at 2 pm
www.tri-Pride.ca for details

La Cage, The Great Casino
Run, Lesbo Bingo and more...

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Women's Soccer Thrives!

Are you tired of the bar scene, potlucks and sitting around wondering when spring will finally be here? The KW Rainbow Women's Soccer League is getting ready to start their 2nd exciting season and you are invited to join the fun! Here's a chance to meet new friends, be active outdoors and simply enjoy the sport of soccer.

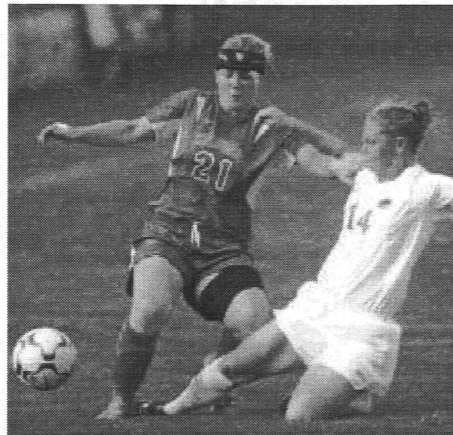
The league provides a safe space for lesbian/bisexual/transgendered and gay positive/supportive women and is the first and only league of its kind in this area. Teams will be made randomly based on skill level to encourage fun rather than competition.

Kim Le, a soccer fanatic, started the league in 2007 after realizing that

the area could benefit from a league declared as queer positive. Inspired by her past involvement in Toronto's Pink Turf Soccer League, Le says, "we need a space for us to be open to be who we are while enjoying the sport." There has been a very positive response from community and the league is expected to fill up fast for the 2008 season!

Games are played in Kitchener on the Montgomery field across the street from Eastwood Collegiate Secondary School and run from June 7th to August 30th every Saturday morning at 9am and 10am.

To register for the 2008 season and for more information, please visit www.rainbowwomenssoccer.org



"Growing Stronger Together" - the 2008 tri-Pride theme

In 2008, the focus of tri-Pride has been on rebuilding our Pride and on strengthening our commitment to hold a festival for the entire family.

"Growing Stronger Together" is about reconfirming our commitment to ourselves and to our community, to make this a better place to live for ourselves and for our families, by encouraging diversity, bringing people together, and sharing in our common struggle against homophobia.

It's about making our common voice more powerful by numbers and by accord. It's about reconnecting and strengthening our social and community groups. It's about creating exposure for our LGBTQ businesses, artists, and all of our



livelihoods. It's about raising awareness of LGBTQ issues in our community and abroad in the world. It's about our families, our future and our shared vision of diversity and acceptance. Most of all, it's a celebration!

We hope you will join us in sheer celebration of the LGBTQ spirit for the week of May 25-June 1, 2008. We've got a roster of events planned and of course, a festival in the park on June 1.

Mark your calendar for 2008 tri-Pride Events!

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| Sat, May 24th | Friends of Dorothy No-tap Tourney |
| Mon, May 26th | Pride Flag Raising Ceremonies |
| Tues, May 27th | Kitchener Community Centre Film |
| Wed, May 28th | 5th Annual Lesbo Bingo |
| Thurs, May 29th | Miss tri-Pride Pageant |
| Fri, May 30th | GLOW Columbia Lake Bonfire |
| Sat, May 31st | Club Ren tri-Pride Party |
| Sun June 1st | Shed a Light on AIDS Walk |
| Sun, June 1st! | tri-Pride Festival: Live Entertainment, BBQ, Licensed Area, Kids Area, Silent Auction, Vendor Market and much more! |

the 5th annual
Lesbo Bingo!

Wednesday May 28th, 7:00-9:00pm
Yuk Yuks Comedy Club
1 King Street West, Kitchener, lower level
\$10 per person

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to reserve your seat!
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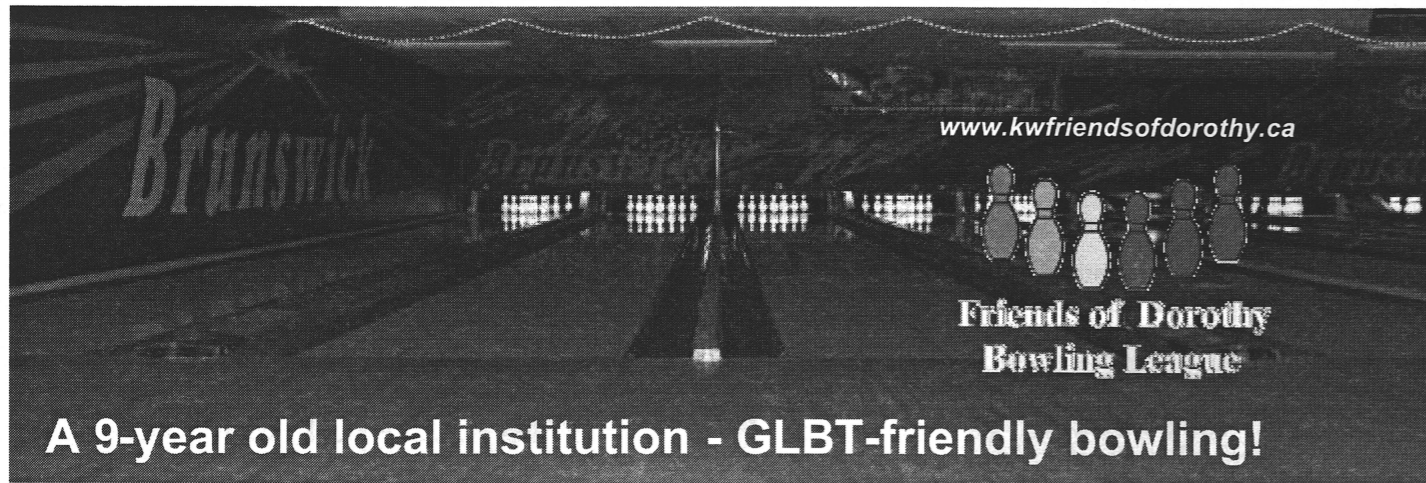
Friday May 2, 2008
6:00pm cocktails/7:00pm showtime
also featuring a Silent Auction
The Walper Terrace Hotel
1 King Street West, Kitchener
\$10 ticket

tickets available at the Walper,
Club Ren or online at www.tri-Pride.ca

All proceeds benefit

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A 9-year old local institution - GLBT-friendly bowling!

Starting out

In September 1999, eight friends who enjoyed 10-pin bowling decided to start a non-competitive league, and "Friends of Dorothy Bowling League (FOD)" was born. Now completing our ninth season, the league maintains its original purpose – to be a fun alternative to the bars and a comfortable, safe place for friends to meet. An important aspect to the league has become the support we enjoy from the non-homosexual members of the league – a reminder that we are not isolated in the community. FOD is, now more than ever, a link to the community and the executives are always striving to keep it a fun league. Although the league has followed the "bowling as a fad" cycle of good years and bad in terms of participation, we have had a pretty steady core of bowlers who come back year after year. This season we have 10 regular teams of four and a roster of over 20 substitutes.

Through the Year

Each Sunday afternoon, from the beginning of September to around the end of April or beginning of May depending on holidays for a total of 32 weeks, we play three games of

cosmic (glow-in-the-dark) bowling. We have a variety of prizes throughout the season and special celebration days which help to keep the mood light. Although we originally had a short playoff time at the end of the year, we have gone to final standings to determine awards at the end of the season. Our members have found that it encourages our non-competitive atmosphere. Who am I trying to kid? We're just out for a good time with good friends!

In the Community

There's a great charitable side to the league that involves support of the community. Currently, each December we have a food drive for the local food bank and have averaged over 120 lbs each of the last few years. In the past we've also done successful toy drives for Christmas. But our most successful endeavours have involved bowling tournaments.

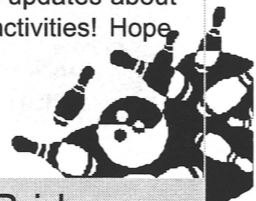
Each March, we hold a one-day event that includes three games of 9-pin no-tap bowling (that means you only have to get 9 pins down on your first ball to count a strike instead of all 10) and a buffet dinner as well as a vast array of prizes and awards and a silent auction. We've also hosted tournaments in October and June in the past, but have passed those on to tri-Pride for their

benefit. Through the success of these tournaments we have donated more than \$19,000 to various charities, including over \$4,000 from our recent tournament. The proceeds are shared equally between ACCKWA and a local cancer charity, this year our own Grand River Regional Cancer Centre.

Beyond the charity connections, our website maintains a links page which connects visitors to various organizations in and around the area for community information and other bowling leagues. We also promote local events to our members through frequent email contact throughout the year. We participate in local Pride celebrations as a league and community nights held from time-to-time at Club Renaissance.

A Perfect Game

And that's a great way to sum it all up – a perfect game! Good friends enjoying fun games in a great atmosphere! If you're interested in next season or even just to come out for a single Sunday afternoon, check out our website at www.kwfriendsofdorothy.ca for more information and updates about the league and our activities! Hope to see you there!



info@tri-Pride.ca

www.tri-Pride.ca

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LOCAL EVENTS

Aid 4 Aids
Club Renaissance
Thurs, April 17th, 10:00-2:00pm
www.clubrenaissance.com

tri-Pride General Meeting
Sun, April 27th, 2:00-3:00pm
WLU Bricker Academic Building
1st-floor, Room 110
www.tri-Pride.ca

La Cage Drag Performance
Walper Terrace Hotel
Fri May 2, 6:00-9:30pm
www.tri-Pride.ca

The Great Casino Run
Sat May 3, 9:30am-7:30pm
Kitchener to Niagara
www.tri-Pride.ca

5th Annual Lesbo Bingo
Yuk Yuks Comedy Club
May 28, 7:00-9:00pm
www.tri-Pride.ca


ONGOING EVENTS

LGBTQ Youth Group
Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm
Anonymous HIV Testing Drop-in Clinic
Thursdays, 4:00-7:00pm
www.acckwa.com

OK2BME Drop-In Groups for LGBTQ Youth 13-18
Tues 6:00-7:30pm Kitchener
Wed 5:30-7:00pm Cambridge
www.ok2bme.ca/events.html

GLOW Discussion Group
Tuesdays, 7:15pm
Dyketopia
Thursdays 8:00pm
www.glow.uwaterloo.ca

The Laurier Rainbow Centre
Contact for time/date/details.
www.mylaurier.ca/rainbow

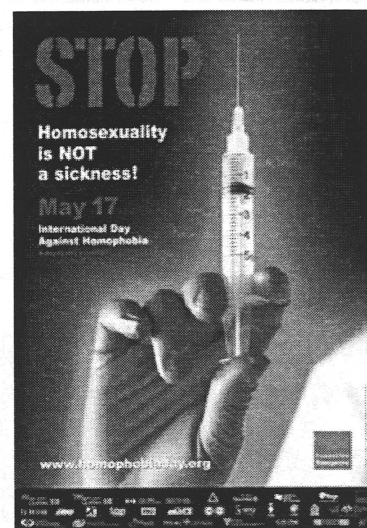
Lesbian Moms and Tots
Meets every second Saturday
9:30-11:30am (519) 571-

Club Renaissance
Wednesday to Sunday
9:00pm-3:00am
www.clubrenaissance.com

The Robin's Nest
Usually Saturdays 9:00pm-2:00am,
but check the website for updated
dates and times!
www.geocities.com/robinsnestclub

KW Friends of Dorothy Bowling
Sundays, 3:00pm-5:00pm
www.kwfriendsofdorothy.ca

Notify us of your upcoming
events: info@tri-pride.ca



International Day
Against
HOMOPHOBIA

May 17,
a day-by-day campaign

Each year, worldwide campaigns against homophobia culminate on **May 17** with the *International Day Against Homophobia*.

As it traditionally does every year, the Fondation Émergence suggests that the new 2008 campaign puts front and centre one particular sector of human activity. This year, it will be healthcare.

The 2008 campaign highlights gay and lesbian health issues. Just like any other citizens, gays and

lesbians need to receive health services free of discrimination.

Gay, lesbian, transgender and transsexual people must feel comfortable in consulting a healthcare professional. The *International Day Against Homophobia* for the year 2008 will be an opportune time to question current practices in the health and social services field, and to put forward new approaches.

To read more, visit their website at <http://www.homophobiaday.org>



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AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area
www.acckwa.com

CAW Women's Slo Pitch
www.cawrec.com/3.html

CLGRO Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario
www.web.ca/clgro

Conestoga College GLBT
www.conestogac.on.ca/stserv/stmsgboard/gbltintro.html

e-LIPSE Electronic Lesbian Information Postings and Social Events www.e-lipse.com

First Unitarian Congregation of Waterloo
www.waterloo.unitarians.ca

The Gay Bisexual Fathers Peer Support Group of Waterloo-Wellington
www.ouontheshelf.ca/gaybifathers

WLU Rainbow Centre
www.mylaurier.ca/rainbow

GLOW Student Group
www.glow.uwaterloo.ca

Grand River Rainbow Community Centre
www.grandriverrainbow.ca

Guelph Pride
www.guelphpride.ouontheshelf.ca

HOWL Hanging Out With Lesbians
howlgroup@hotmail.com

KW Sexual Assault Support Centre
www.kwsasc.org

KW Friends of Dorothy Bowling
www.kwfriendsofdorothy.ca

KW Rainbow Women's Soccer
www.rainbowwomenssoccer.org

Lesbian Moms and Tots
519-571-

LGBT Parenting Network
www.fsatoronto.com/programs/lgbtparenting.html

LGBTQ Youth Group
www.acckwa.com/youthgroup.htm

Ontario Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
www.oglcoc.ca

OK2BMe Youth Group
www.kwcounselling.com/lgbtq

OOTS Out On The Shelf
www.ouontheshelf.ca

PFLAG Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
www.pflag.ca

Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington County
www.rainbowchorusww.com

The Rainbow List
www.qlife.on.ca/RainbowLists

Region of Waterloo Public Health
www.region.waterloo.on.ca

Southern Ontario Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors
www.soglad.ca

SQY Supporting Queer Youth
sqy-changenow@bellnet.ca

Torchlight Gender Support
home.golden.net/~kcr/tgs

tri-Pride (Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo)
www.tri-pride.ca

Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region/Haven House
www.wcswr.org

WOODS Women Out Of Doors Socially
woodswimmin@yahoo.ca

WPIRG The Waterloo Public Interest Research Group
www.wpirg.org

Not listed here? Quit griping! If you're a non-profit or charitable group serving the LGBTQ community we want to hear from you! Email us at info@tri-Pride.ca

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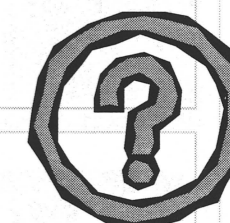
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Website: www.kwsasc.org

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OK2BME is a set of support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning youth ages 5-18 and their families.

All services are free and confidential.

P: 519-884-0000 x212
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