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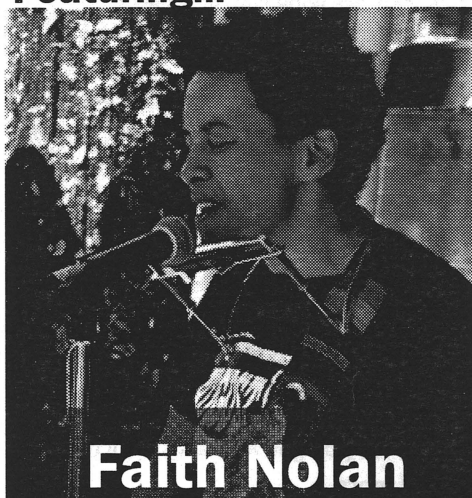
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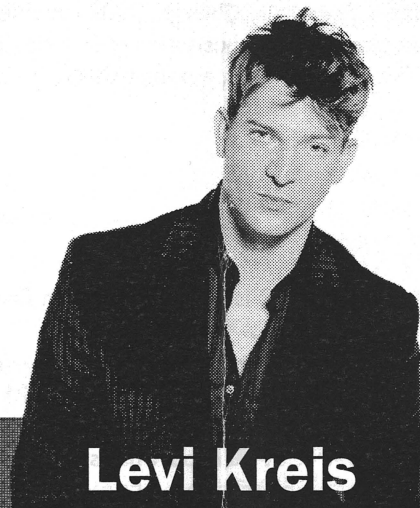
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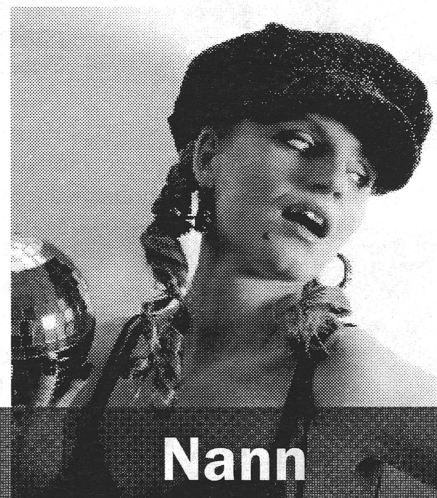
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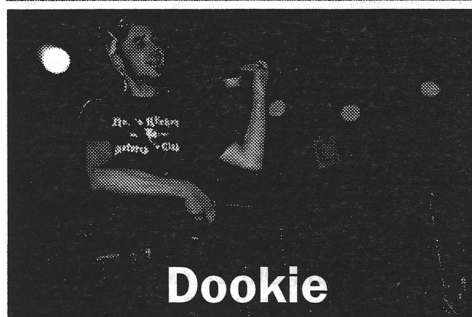
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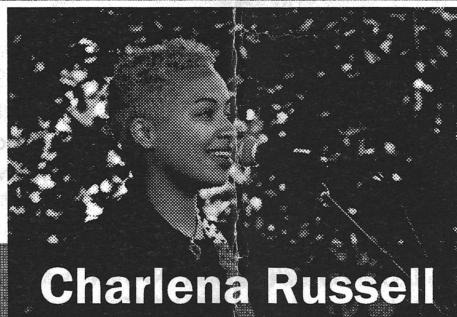
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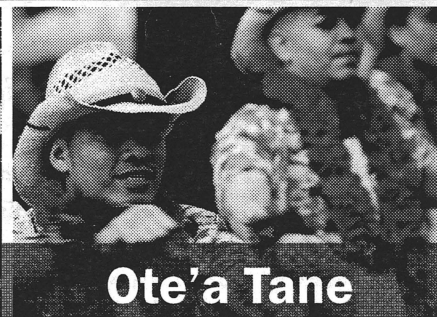
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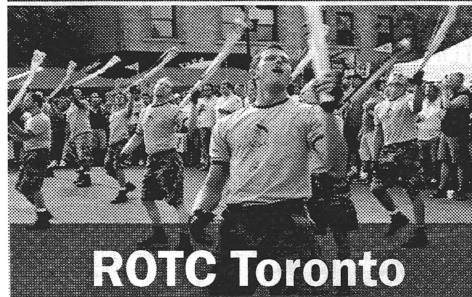
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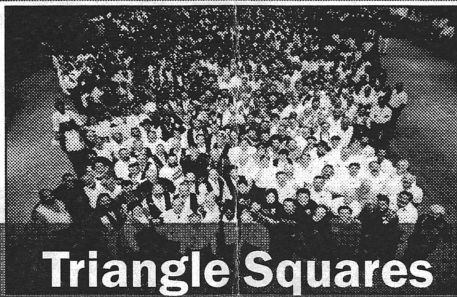
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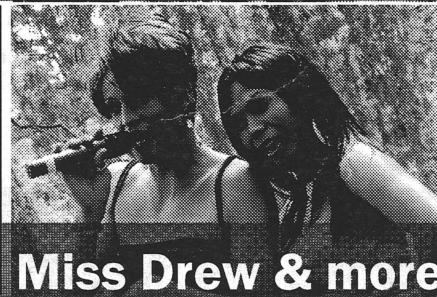
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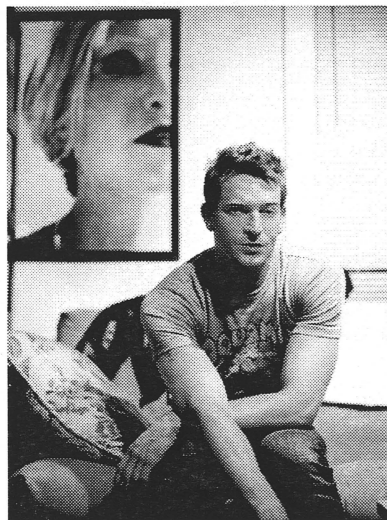


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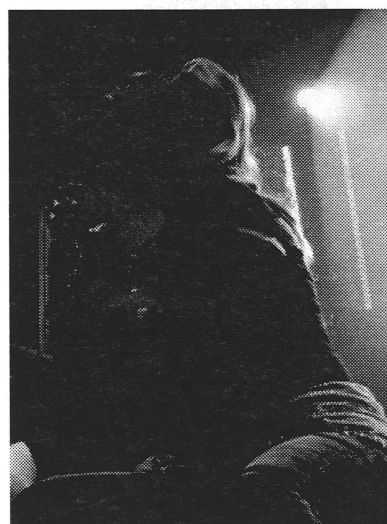


Levi Kreis

Levi released his debut album "One of the Ones" in 2005 following an appearance on NBC's hit reality show The Apprentice with Donald Trump. Songs from his debut CD have been featured on The Apprentice, Days Of Our Lives, and The Young And The Restless. His single "We're Okay" which held the #1 position for nine weeks on Mtv's Logo network. With nearly 300 appearances in 2006-07, Levi has shared the stage with Quincy Jones, Herbie Hancock, Snoop Dog, Farrel, Collective Soul, and Cyndi Lauper.

In fall of 2007, Levi took a break from touring to become the original cast member in a new hit musical called "Million Dollar Quartet", where he received astounding reviews for his portrayal of Jerry Lee Lewis, and went on to launch the official national debut at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago. 2008 provided a record-breaking run, and Levi's performance received enthusiastic praise from The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Seattle Times, among others.

www.levikreis.com



Nancy (Nann) Rancourt

NANCY RANCOURT is Canadian Lesbian Dance Music Diva 'Nann'.

Rancourt, Sultry Vocalist with Power Pipes was featured in CURVE MAGAZINE as one of 'HOLLYWOOD'S TOP 13 MUST SEE PERFORMERS'. Nancy was also featured in Capital XTRA MAGAZINE in the article 'TORONTO'S NANCY RANCOURT WILL MAKE YOU DANCE'. Rancourt has shared the stage and spotlight with artists such as JOAN JETT, DEBORAH COX, DEBBY HOLIDAY, and more.

Nancy Rancourt's single 'RELY ON SIMPLE' from her album 'READY OR NOT' is receiving airplay throughout Canada and the U.S., including Toronto's popular GLBT 103.9 PROUD FM where she has TOPPED Britney Spears, Rihanna, and even Leona Lewis on THE TOP 20 Chart! Rancourt was recently awarded a FACTOR Music Grant for her talent as a vocalist and songwriter, and was also nominated FEMALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR at HMA 2008.

Publicly 'OUT' Lipstick Lesbian 'NANN' is a FIRECRACKER PERFORMER exuding high energy, with a surprisingly BIG VOICE coming from her pint-sized Barbie Doll figure. You just don't expect it, and then WHAM! That's Nann. Rancourt's 'Ready or Not' album is now AVAILABLE at CD BABY and on iTUNES!

www.nancyrancourt.com

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May 31 to June 6 tri-Pride Week

Sunday May 31

The Robin's Nest Tea Dance

When: 2:30pm

Where: 1260 Bishop Street North, Cambridge

Cost: FREE

"The Life and Times of Harvey Milk" - the original

When: 2:00pm

Where: Princess Twin Cinema

46 King Street North, Waterloo

Cost: \$10 (\$7 for Princess members)

Wednesday June 3

6th Annual Lesbo Bingo!

When: 7:00pm

Where: Rum Runners Pub

1 King Street West, Kitchener

Cost: \$10.00—get tickets at Encore Records

Thursday June 4

Miss tri-Pride 2009 Pageant

When: 10:30pm start

Where: Club Renaissance

24 Charles Street West, Kitchener

Cost: FREE

Friday June 5

GLOW Bon Fire

No Alcohol will be permitted as part of the event and it is bring your own food.

When: 8:00pm-11:00pm

Where: Columbia Lake Ice Fields, University of Waterloo
North Campus

Cost: FREE

Community Sing-a-long Workshop w/ Faith Nolan

When: 7:30pm

Where: Rum Runners Pub

1 King Street West, lower level, Kitchener

Cost: FREE

Club Renaissance Pre-party

When: Doors open 9:00pm

Where: Club Renaissance

24 Charles Street West, Kitchener

Cost: \$3 cover after 10:00pm

Sunday June 7

tri-Pride Afterglow Brunch

When: 11:00am-2:00pm

Where: Walper Terrace Café

1 King Street West, Kitchener

Cost: Buy your own brunch



Saturday June 6 Outdoor Festival

When: 12:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Roos Island, Victoria Park, Kitchener

Cost: FREE (or donation!)

Vendor Village/Community Tables

Products, services, resources, education from our businesses and community organizations. Peruse local LGBTQ community groups and information tables all day. Find new friends and new ways to get involved in your community.

TD Canada Trust Kids' Zone

Kids play all day. A volunteer-supervised "kids-only" activity centre with plenty of fun things to do for the tots.

Massive Silent Auction

eBay without the Internet. Bid on an array of fantastic items, merchandise, gifts, packaged goods, deals, crafts and more. All proceeds to tri-Pride.

BBQ

Enjoy lunch, dinner, and great BBQ food throughout the day. Something for everyone!

Licensed Area

The entire half the island will be licensed this year! A time-honoured tradition at tri-Pride, serving up ice cold beverages and libations to brighten up any day. Hosted by local bartender personalities from Club Renaissance.

Live Entertainment Stage

Check out the complete listing of performers on stage at the Roos Island outdoor gazebo throughout the day.

Club Renaissance Afterparty

When: Doors open 7:00pm

Where: Club Renaissance

24 Charles Street West, Kitchener

Cost: \$3 cover after 10:00pm

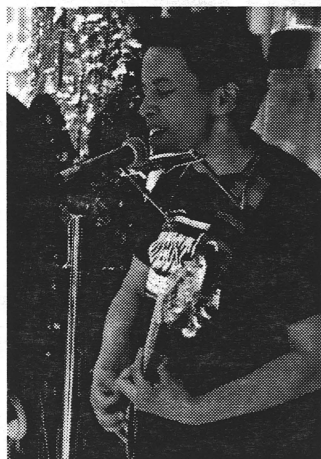
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Where: 1260 Bishop Street North, Cambridge

Cost: FREE

Live Performances



Faith Nolan

Faith Nolan was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and her parents and extended family were coal miners in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia of African, Miqmaq and Irish heritage. She later grew up in Toronto's working-class Cabbagetown.

Faith's commitment to social justice comes from her life experiences and the people she grew up with, and she works through the cultural tool of music. Her music is her political work, a politics firmly rooted in her being working class, a woman, African Canadian and queer.

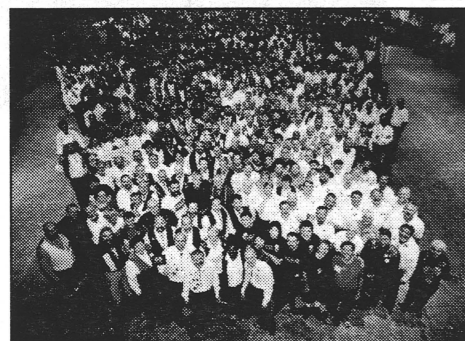
Faith is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist. She has performed at Concerts, Music Festivals, Conferences, Universities, Rallies, and Women's Events etc... Using music to bring about social change for a fairer and better world.

www.faithnolan.org



Ote'a Tane

Literally means a group dance that is performed with unity (ote'a) by men (tane). In unity, Ote'a Tane seeks to preserve and illustrate the beautiful culture of Tahiti and Hawaii that is rarely experienced here in Canada through dance. Organized as a not for profit troupe of male dancers specializing in performing the Tahitian ori and the Hawaiian hula in the ancient style makes Ote'a Tane very rare even in Polynesia. Since 2004, Ote'a Tane has mesmerized and inspired audiences of all ages and from diverse cultural backgrounds to appreciate the beauty of ancient Polynesia through dances performed exclusively by men, just as it was in ancient Polynesia – in the spirit of Ote'a Tane. Ote'a Tane is an all male Polynesian group, specializing in the Tahitian ote'a and hula kahiko (ancient hula).

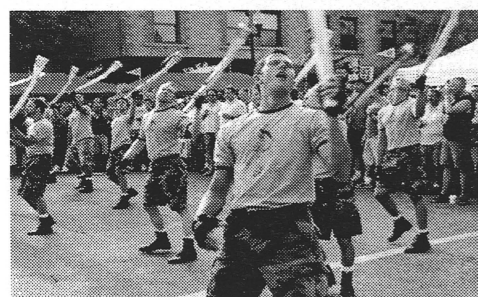


Triangle Squares

Triangle Squares was founded in 1987 and was the first Square Dance Club to offer square dancing for the Toronto LGBTQ community and its friends. Triangle Squares members have been dancing ever since, welcoming everyone, making friends, and making memories!

With over 70 dancers calling us home, we offer weekly dance classes and regular club events, in addition to opportunities to travel to other cities and attend dance events offered by the global square dance community.

www.trianglesquares.com

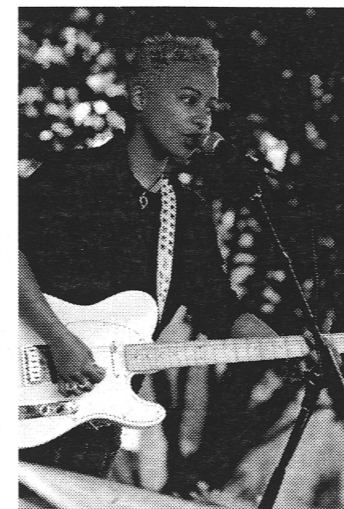


ROTC Toronto

(The Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps)

Modeled after similar groups in the United States, these were the first group of its kind in Canada. ROTC - Toronto has gone on to become one of the most successful ROTC units in North America. The not-for-profit performance-based organization is comprised of both men and women who form a modern-day colour guard. We twirl flags, spin rifles, dance and utilize other props to create a stunning visual production, choreographed to some of today's hottest sounds.

www.rotctoronto.com

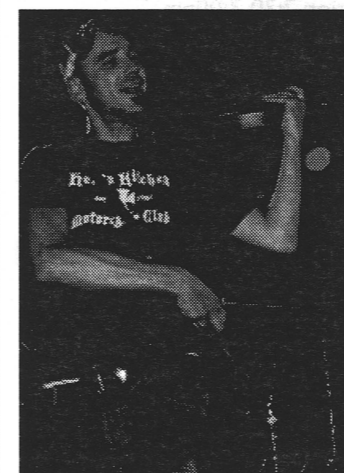


Charlena Russell

A powerhouse vocalist and adept multi-instrumentalist, Charlena Russell uses her musical training to create fiery, soulful blues-rock and haunting, personal electronica. Famed for her do-it-yourself ethic, she is constantly involved in community projects and has been performing and promoting shows for the last six years. Charlena uses her music to address various social, spiritual and political issues she feels need attention. If that's not enough she recently spearheaded her own independent quarterly zine Fox Rock Ex-Press which has only begun to stir the grey matter of fans and critics alike

Never one to rest, Charlena is performing and organizing benefit shows to raise money for the orphans that have now planted themselves in her heart. You can find out more about her benefit shows and future performances at www.myspace.com/charlenarussell.

www.charlenarussell.com



Dookie

This is the story of the ever elusive Dookie, on and off again rawkstar, composer, singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and pop culturist. Raised by wolves in the wilds of Northern Ontario he chose music as his voice and eventually migrated south landing in K-W. Having been classically trained he realized that the real money in music was not playing violin with symphony orchestras but was busking on street corners and outside beer stores and eventually joined such hit and chart busting bands as The Result, Finnegan's Tongue (formerly War Wagon), and Closed Caption. Eventually, tiring of driving around in a van full of smelly band mates, equipment, and dirty socks, Dookie slid into semi-retirement to avoid paparazzi and mobs of teenage fans, and limited himself to studio work with bands such as Cap Gun, Tacomma Redd, Jason Wilcox, and various other Canadian artists. Dookie makes his comeback at tri-Pride this year, to unleash the inner rawkstar again and to share his wacky ass covers and 80's inspired originals back on the world. Watch for him to be playing at a campfire, barmitzvah, or wedding near you soon.



Miss Drew

Once a novice...NOW A QUEEN. Miss Drew A.K.A. Bradley has been showing the fans of Kitchener that he is more than just "a boy in a dress." Trying to capture his dreams, Miss Drew is the founder and cast member of the infamous show "All that Glitters is Gold" each Thursday at Club Renaissance. With his own sense of style and creativity, Miss Drew has given some of drag's most magical moments on and off stage. A grand thank-you to Miss Drew as he MCs the tri-Pride stage show for 2009.



Miss tri-Pride

Watch as claws come out, hearts are broken and dreams alight anew as the former reigning Miss tri-Pride begrudgingly but elegantly hands off the coveted crown to the newly crowned Miss tri-Pride for 2009 in the annual inauguration ceremony. Thanks to Miss Madison Divine Hart Glace, Miss tri-Pride 2008.

tri-Pride is on Facebook!

Visit our tri-Pride community on Facebook. Just search for "tri-Pride" and join the group. 310 members and growing!

facebook

Live Performances Saturday June 6 Outdoor Festival

tri-Pride Community Awards are back! Nominate an individual, business or group now... deadline May 24.

Know someone who has gone above and beyond to support our local LGBTQ community? Is there a business you've seen do more to support LGBTQ-positive spaces and raise awareness than any other? A community group who has made our common place far richer?

The 2009 tri-Pride Community Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of people and organizations to the LGBTQ community and to the benefit of us all.

Nominate for:

- OUTstanding Individual Award
- OUTstanding Business Award
- LGBTQ Community Builder Award

The deadline for nomination is May 24. We can't accept nominations after that deadline. A Nominations Committee will review nominations, and the 2009 award winners will be recognized on Saturday June 6th on Roos Island, Victoria Park, Kitchener during the tri-Pride Outdoor Festival.

Nominate online. Visit <http://www.tri-Pride.ca/communityawards.htm> and complete the online form.

Live Entertainment Stage Schedule

Drag Performances 12:30-1:00pm
tri-Pride Organizers/Big Flag arrives 1:00-1:20pm
Triangle Squares 1:20-1:40pm
Charlena Russell 1:40-2:20pm
Community Awards 2:20-2:30
Miss tri-Pride Inauguration 2:30-3:00pm
Faith Nolan 3:00-3:45pm
ROTC 3:45pm-4:00pm
Dookie 4:00-4:20pm
Drag Performances 4:20-4:40pm
Levi Kreis 4:40-5:30pm
Josie Southern 5:30-5:50pm (invited)
Ote'a Tane 5:50-6:10pm
Nann 6:10-6:50pm

*NOTE: **Placement and timing of acts subject to change. Check the website for up-to-date details*

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NRW Rainbow Women's Soccer League
A league for **LGBT and Gay Positive Women** - regardless of age or athletic ability. Become part of a recreational soccer league that's focused on having fun, making Friends, and staying active!
We are looking for more players! All skill levels welcome. No experience required!
For More Info and Registration go to:
www.rainbowwomensoccer.org

"Stepping Out" Community Gathering Places

LGBTQ Youth Group
Meets biweekly from 7:00-8:30 pm. in Kitchener. Contact ACCKWA for details 519-570-3687

Anonymous HIV Testing Drop-in Clinic
Thursdays, 4:00-7:00pm. 105-67 King Street East, Kitchener. Contact ACCKWA for details 519-570-3687
www.acckwa.com

OK2BME Drop-In Groups for LGBTQ Youth 13-18
OK2Bme Youth Group meets biweekly. Contact OK2Bme for details.
www.ok2bme.ca
Club Renaissance

Wednesday to Sunday,
9:00pm-3:00am
24 Charles Street West,
Kitchener
www.clubrenaissance.com

The Robin's Nest
Saturdays 9:00pm-2:00am
Last Sunday of the month, 2:30pm Tea Dance
1260 Bishop Street North, Cambridge
www.geocities.com/robinsnestclub

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



Guelph Pride

May 24 - June 1, 2009

- Concert "Q"
- Flag Raising Ceremony
- Maggie Cassella Pride Comedy Night
- Pride Film Night : "For the Bible Tells Me So"
- Pride Party and Dance
- Pride Brunch

Learn more at:
www.guelphpride.outontheshelf.ca

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

Public Health Offers Rapid Point of Care HIV Testing

In June 2007, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced the coming of a rapid point-of-care (POC) HIV testing program for Ontario. Region of Waterloo Public Health AIDS/STD Program launched a pilot project in September 2008, offering POC HIV testing at its Waterloo site.

Rapid POC HIV testing provides results on-site while clients wait. The blood sample is obtained by pricking a finger and the test is done at the clinic. The results are ready in a few minutes. People who test negative will know they are not infected with HIV, eliminating the need to return for their results. People who test reactive or indeterminate must have further blood testing to confirm if the result is HIV positive or negative. Clients must come back to the clinic in two weeks to receive the confirmatory test result. Rapid POC HIV testing is free and confidential, but not anonymous. No

health card is required. HIV pre- and post-test counseling by a Public Health Nurse are part of the testing process.

STI (gonorrhea and chlamydia) rates indicate that there is a high incidence of unprotected sex occurring across the Waterloo Region and the rest of Ontario. It is important to note that the presence of an STI increases the risk of acquiring HIV infection.

POC HIV testing is now available at Region of Waterloo Public Health drop-in clinics (listed below).

Standard HIV blood testing is available at these clinics, as well as the Waterloo STD Clinic - 99 Regina St South, 2nd Floor, Waterloo on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Anonymous HIV testing is available, only by standard testing, at Public Health's Kitchener clinic - 2B-625 King St East

(ACCKWA), Kitchener, Thursdays 4-7 p.m. Both clinics are drop-in. For more information about Region of Waterloo Public Health services and/or clinic hours, please call the AIDS/STD Program at 519-883-2251. For information about POC HIV testing sites across Ontario contact the AIDS Hotline at 416-392-2437 or 1-800-668-2437.

**Had sex without a condom/barrier?
Planning a pregnancy?
In a new relationship?**

Get tested for all sexually transmitted infections, including HIV.

Call 519-883-2251 or visit
www.region.waterloo.on.ca/ph
(click on "health info" and then "by topic")



HIV Testing Clinic		STI Clinic
150 Main Street Cambridge 1 st floor, rear building Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.	99 Regina St South Waterloo 2 nd floor Wednesdays 9-4 p.m.	150 Main Street Cambridge 1 st floor, rear building Tuesdays 3-5 p.m.



Community Resources

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

Bi Ways of Life
Karen biwaysoflife@execulink.com
Roy 519-650-████

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

WLU Rainbow Centre
www.mylaurier.ca/rainbow

GLOW The Queer and Questioning Community Centre, at the University of Waterloo
www.glow.uwaterloo.ca

Grand River Rainbow Community Centre
www.grandriverrainbow.ca

Guelph Pride
www.guelphpride.outontheshelf.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 Poly(-amorous) Folk
groups.yahoo.com/groups/kwpolyfolk

KW Rainbow Women's Soccer
www.rainbowwomenssoccer.org

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

OK2BMe Youth Group
www.ok2bme.ca

OOTS Out On The Shelf
www.outontheshelf.ca

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

Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington County
www.rainbowchorus.ca

The Rainbow List
listserv.thinkers.org/mailman/listinfo/rainbow

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

Torchlight Gender Support
www.raptor.golden.net/~kcr/tgs/

Waterloo Region Gay Straight Alliance
www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=5060769726

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

WOODS Women Out Of Doors Socially
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WPIRG The Waterloo Public Interest Research Group
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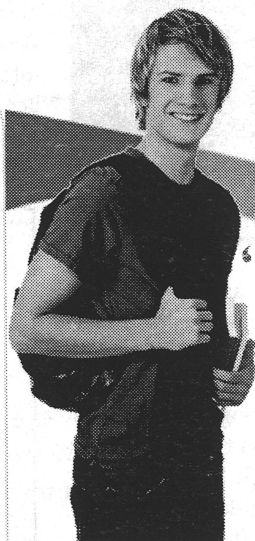
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Visit www.tri-Pride.ca and click on volunteer

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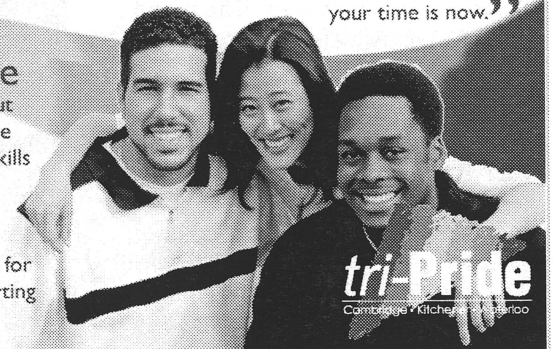
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“I contribute
because I care about the community I live in. I have valuable skills I can offer.

I want this to be a better place to live for all of us, so I'm starting now.”

“ We're working together
-- we volunteer because it's fun, we meet new people and it makes a difference. It's easy, once you decide your time is now.”



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