

# GLAD Chat



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## August Social Will Celebrate Fair Theme

The August 9<sup>th</sup> GLAD Social will have a “Fair” theme this year.

The board has planned a few “fair-type” carnival games, and those attending are asked to try to bring food with at county-fair flair – perhaps a pint of Grandma’s award-winning peach preserves or some delicious pulled-pork barbecue.

This will, sadly, be our last social at the Peerless Corporate Training Location. As we reported in the last newsletter due to Peerless policy changes, GLAD will no longer be able to use the location. So come bid a fond farewell to a location that has been dear to our hearts for the last five years.

We are still in search of a new location for our socials. Let us know if you have any ideas.

The social will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sat. August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Peerless Corporate Training Center, 1304 N. 20<sup>th</sup> street.

The potluck begins at 7:00p.m. GLAD will supply the tableware and drinks. We ask you to bring a dish to share and please donate \$5 toward our expenses. We hope to see you there.



## CORAL Float & Flag Corps Gearing Up For “Making Memories” in 8/7 Twilight Parade

It’s almost here – the annual Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade. The finishing touches are being put on CORAL’s latest float creation that centers on this year’s theme – Making Memories.

The Twilight Parade will be held Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Springfield.

In keeping with the State Fair theme this year of “Making Memories,” the float for the Coalition of Rainbow Alliances (CORAL) will be a giant scrapbook with

memories of CORAL entries over the last ten years.

How can you not come out and support this incredibly exciting event? Click on this [link](#) for information on the parade route.

For more information on CORAL, go to [www.coralfloatandflag.org](http://www.coralfloatandflag.org)

### Upcoming Events

#### **August 7**

Twilight Parade  
Illinois State Fair, Springfield

#### **August 9**

GLAD Social, 6:30 p.m.  
Peerless Training Center  
Decatur

#### **August 9**

Drag Show 10 p.m.  
Ken’s A-Frame, Decatur

#### **August 19**

DOJ Transgender Training  
4 p.m. Peoria

#### **August 27**

GLAD Board Meeting 6 p.m.  
DMH Cafeteria

#### **September 13**

GLAD Social, 6:30 p.m.  
Mari Mann Herb Farm



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## GLAD Briefs

**Congratulations to our friends** at UU Fellowship of Decatur. They are welcoming their new minister Elaine Gehrmann this month. Rev. Gehrmann comes from Urbana and was recently the Executive Director of Generations of Hope in Rantoul.

**Equality Illinois reported** in July that more than 5,000 couples have either been married or converted their civil unions to a marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act, which took effect June 1st. Remember that you have one year to convert your civil union to a marriage license for free.

**The UP Center of Champaign County is growing.** They've moved to a new location at 44 E. Main in Champaign. They're also looking for new board members. Email info@unitingpride.org if you would like more details.

**The Dog Days of GLAD Chat.** You'll notice GLAD Chat is a little on the skimpy side this month. August is traditionally a slower month with less news going on. Martha Miller is also on hiatus this month. We hope to have her back in September with a brand new column.

**Just a reminder that GLAD is in search of new location** for our monthly socials. The location needs to hold 30 to 40 people and have some limited kitchen facilities. You can email us at gladinfo@mchsi.com if you have any suggestions.



## Jim Barr on the Road to Recovery

*By John Poling*

As many of you are aware, our friend (and GLAD secretary) Jim Barr had a heart attack last month.

It was extremely serious, but fortunately he realized what was happening and called 911. We won't get into the details here, but let's just say that he wasn't too far from the "go towards the light" moment.

Doctors were able to resuscitate him and later put in a stent. He is scheduled to have a second stent inserted on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Jim was released from the hospital on July 24<sup>th</sup>. He's been recovering with his family. I spoke with him on 7/31, and he told me: "so far my recovery is going fine."

We know you all wish Jim well in his recovery. His spirits sound good, and hopefully, we will see him at a GLAD function very soon.

## LGBT Seniors Wanted for Gay & Gray Survey

One Iowa has started a new program called Gay & Gray in the Midwest, which strives to meet the needs of elder LGBTQ people across the Midwest region

In order to discover how to meet these needs most effectively, One Iowa is distributing an anonymous survey to LGBTQ organizations around the Midwest. One Iowa will use the results of this survey to address specific programming needs of the Midwestern LGBTQ elder population. The results will also be shared with other LGBTQ organizations in the Midwest.

Please share this survey link with LGBTQ people who are fifty (50) years or older: [www.surveymonkey.com/gayandgray2014](http://www.surveymonkey.com/gayandgray2014)

## Transgender Training Offered in Peoria on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

The Department of Justice Transgender Law Enforcement Training Prep will be offering a transgender training program in Peoria on August 19th. The program will be at the Peoria Police Department, 600 SW Adams Street.

Mary Gorecki the Regional Director of Region V Community Relations Service U.S. Department of Justice will be presenting an overview of the training along with highlighting several resources they have for the LGBT community. She is planning a 45 minute presentation and then Q and A.

The USDOJ/Community Relations Service partners with organizations to offer the Transgender 101 training throughout the United States for Law Enforcement free of charge.