

GLAD Chat



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January Social

The January Social will meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 3773 N. MacArthur Rd. in Decatur at 6:30pm on the 14th. The guest speaker will be Anthony Charles Galloway from Equality Illinois speaking about that organization.

As always, doors open at 6:30 and the potluck begins at 7:00. Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share and \$5.00 to toss into the communal pot to help cover rental of the meeting space.

Bio of Anthony Charles Galloway

Anthony Charles Galloway, Equality Illinois' Director of Education and Outreach, is an East St. Louis, IL, native with experiences as an artist, social entrepreneur, fundraiser, and activist; in fact, he says he really can't tell them all apart.

For the past 15 years, Anthony has worked with community based organizations across the country in training public health professionals on evidence based interventions, implementing High Impact sexual health programs, and providing programmatic technical assistance to not for profit organizations

In 2006, Anthony was featured in the award-winning documentary "Coals Under Pressure" documenting the lives of black queer men. After moving to Chicago in 2007, he founded No Wire Hangers Inc., a social enterprise aimed at highlighting the assets of the Black Queer experience in Chicago. Anthony is the former Director of Strategy and Implementation for Step Up. Get Tested, a county-wide HIV/Hepatitis-C campaign. In 2004 at the age of 23, Anthony was the recipient of the Creating Change Award by the National LGBT Task Force and in 2011 was a recipient of the 30 under 30 honor by the Windy City Times.



Brothers and Sisters Weekly Dining

On January 13, we'll go to Fritz's Wagon Wheel at 2709 S. MacArthur Blvd. for a bit more sophisticated dining.

On January 20, we'll go really up-scale and try out Cooper's Hawk in White Oaks Mall. Please be aware that this place is pricey, but we have been told it is wonderful.

We'll close out the month on January 27 at Flavor of India, 3124 Montvale Dr., just north of MCL Cafeteria.

As always, dinner is at 7 pm. Reservations will be under the name, "Brothers and Sisters Together." It is very helpful if you always call to let the host know to expect you. Call before 4 pm on Friday and we will notify the restaurant and the hosts of how many to expect.

** Rob Weis has offered to help us with the arrangements each week, so you can call or text him at 217-851-1956, Jerry Bowman at 217-494-8567 or Buff at 217-415-5823 or send e-mail to Rob at robert.weis@blackburn.edu or to bufnjer@live.com or to let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 14 6:30 PM
GLAD Social UUFD
3773 N MacArthur
Rd. Decatur.

Jan. 25 6:00 PM
GLAD Board Meeting
DMH Cafeteria

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Community Action Meeting

Springfield Organizing for Action is holding a meeting on Saturday, January 14th from 1:00—2:30 PM at Schnuck's Community Room at 2801 Chatham Road in Springfield. The Host is Scott Cross. That's the Schnuck's at Montvale Commons, in the Community Room in front the check-out stands off Chatham Road..

"Progress is hard, but it's worth fighting for. OFA Supporters are ready to work for the kind of progress all Americans deserve. Are you in?"

Trump Protests in the Area January 21st

Springfield:	Call to Action	Old State Capitol Plaza 1:00—2:00 PM
Champaign	Women's March	West Side Park 400 West University Avenue 11 AM—12 PM
Chicago	Women's March	Petrillo Bandshell in Grant Park Beginning 10 AM

M. T. Vann Obituary

Mary Therese (M.T.) Vann, of Springfield, died suddenly in the emergency room of St. John's Hospital on December 31, 2016. MT was born on July 28, 1961 to Bill and Theresa Vann. She was born into a raucous family that up to that time had four boys. She was the baby of the family until another boy, David, was born in 1971.

Her community work was widespread, but nothing was more important to her than the mission of the Phoenix Center. She joined the Board of Directors in 2007 and served as both Vice-President and President during her 8 years of service. During this time, M.T. served as an ambassador for the LGBT community and was a part of the first Springfield PrideFest Committee. In recent years, she had also taken an active role in grass roots politics at the local level.

Memorials may be made to the Theresa Vann Scholarship Fund, c/o St. John's Hospital, 800 E. Carpenter, Springfield, IL 62702 or The Phoenix Center, 109 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 62704.