

# GLAD Chat



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11 6:00 PM  
GLAD Social.  
Unity Center  
317 W. Decatur St.  
Decatur Bingo

July 29 6:00 PM  
GLAD Board Meeting  
DMH Cafeteria



## Dues Required to Vote For Officers

At the June Social, members voted 7 to 5 to require dues of \$12 per year in order to vote for officers or to run for office in GLAD. Dues must be paid by or during the October meeting for that year. Dues will be used to offset the increased costs of rent; payment of dues is **not** required to attend the potlucks or any other social activity.

## July Social

The doors for the July Social will open at 6:00 pm at the Unity Center at 317 W Decatur St. in Decatur, and the potluck will begin at 6:30. We will have Rainbow Elephant Bingo; if you have something you would like to donate for prizes, please bring it; otherwise, just please bring yourself.

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## Treasurer's Report

By Robert Lowery

Previous Balance = \$1431.85    Total Debits = \$228.13    Total Credits = \$338.00

**Debits include:**    New Checks \$12.13    June and July Social Rental \$150.00  
P.O. Box 1 Yr. Rental \$66.00

**Credits include**    Springfield Pride Sales \$258.00    June Social Donations \$80.00

If there are other debits that need to be paid, please send me the amount and who the check needs to be sent to (name and address) and I'll drop those in the mail as soon as possible.

Also received in the mail:

1.    Donation request from the Illinois Alliance for Safe Schools
2.    Donation request from the Human Rights Campaign
3.    Announcement of the 2015-2016 Bloomington Center for Performing Arts season of shows and performances

## August GLAD Social

By Jim Barr

Join GLAD members as we tour the Allerton Park with Gregg Rogers from Champaign, Illinois. Gregg is quite familiar with the Allertons as he often visited them as a young man growing up in Central Illinois. Gregg will take us on a tour of the grounds while he shares many interesting stories of Robert Allerton and his adopted son. **We will plan to meet at 4:45 p.m.** at the main parking lot at Allerton Park. **Promptly at 5 p.m.**, Gregg will begin our tour of the grounds. We will take a leisure tour so that those who have difficulty walking will be able to keep up with us. The tour will last about an hour. After we return to our cars, we will travel to Monticello to have dinner at Filippo's Pizza and Italian Food Restaurant located at 200 S Market. Phone number is 217-762-2921. We will plan to make a group reservation so if you would like to sit with the group, please let Jim Barr know (412-4749) one week prior to the meeting or let a board member know at our July Social. More information will be in the August GLAD Chat.

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## ***To my ex-girlfriend, on the day her child was born, and mine wasn't***

*By Antares Lyn Harrison*

In a hospital waiting room  
Blue badge stuck on my blouse  
I pace, awaiting the hospital's newest patient.  
With apple juice and *People*.

Her nurse invites me in  
I see, on the bed, an old flame  
Rekindled by the light of her newborn child  
And her scowling boyfriend

This child is not mine  
This child could never be mine.  
I have loved her too deeply to give her fruit to bear  
Grown only to fulfill family duty

But it could have been  
Were I born the same as he  
When we made sweet love  
I would have given her the world in a child

I stay, she and I chat  
I hug her and baby goodbye  
And I can't help but wonder  
If we won't meet again.