

# GLAD Chat



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## **Proposed Change to GLAD Constitution**

The GLAD Executive Board approved a motion to bring to the GLAD membership a proposal to change the by-laws to state that an annual membership fee of \$12.00 be collected at the GLAD Social in October each year. The vote will take place at the June Social.

### **June Social**

The June social is a potluck at Unity Church, 317 W Decatur St in Decatur, followed by an outing at Overlook Adventure Park for mini-golf. Overlook is located at Nelson Park, 2501 E. Nelson Park Road in Decatur. A round of mini-golf costs \$6.50, or \$6.00 for seniors. Cherry Berry and Ted's Taters are also conveniently located next to Overlook for those interested.

<http://www.decatour-parks.org/overlook-adventure-park/>

### **PrideFest Totals**

Springfield PrideFest, despite the rain, was a huge success for GLAD. We made a profit of \$106.00 from the Lottery Tree, and \$152.00 from sales of hand-made soap from The Soap Company Coffee House, East Central Park on the Downtown Square, Jacksonville, IL (978) 854-3531. And a heartfelt "Thank you" to Nicole Riley, for donating the soap.

<https://www.facebook.com/soapcocooffeehouse>

And congratulations to Doug Merano of Chatham for winning the Lottery Tree, and \$138 from the tickets thereon.

### **Pride Picnic**

Come and join us in Springfield for the 34th annual LGBT Pride Picnic at Lincoln Park shelter #4, just south of the Nelson Center. CORAL will supply the main dishes. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share if they can. So come on out, socialize, have a few laughs, and maybe even make a few new friends. Rain or Shine.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 13 6:00 PM  
GLAD Social. Unity Center 317 W. Decatur St. Decatur, followed by an outing to Overlook Adventure Park for mini-golf.

June 20 5:00 PM  
Springfield Pride Picnic Lincoln Park, Springfield, IL

June 24 6:00 PM  
GLAD Board Meeting  
DMH Cafeteria

*PFLAG of Bloomington-Normal  
Prairie Pride Coalition*



## **Family Reunion Pride Picnic**

**Anderson Park**

**Sunday - June 14**

**Noon to 4:00 PM**



***Fried Chicken Provided***

**Attendees should bring an item to share.  
Table service, drinks, games provided.  
Tables available, lawn chairs/blankets welcomed.**

### **Pride Month Events**

#### **The Bistro**

***June 5—First Friday's and Legends Show***

***June 12—Chicago Invasion Show***

***June 19—Adult Salad***

***June 20—Studio 54 Party***

***June 26—Pride Show***

***June 27—Punk Fest***

## **Get to Know Your Members: How I am a Part of Decatur**

**By Mary Lynn Feltes**

I have been in Decatur since 1981. My three sons were born here in the 80s. Started being involved when I was asked to be a school board member at St. Thomas. I have been a school teacher on and off since 1981. I raised my kids and then went back to work. I got involved with GLAD in the late 90s with my late wife, Kim. I have been a board member and former female co-chair at GLAD. I am a choir member at Central Christian. My friend, Don Martin, and I got together to implement a new special needs adult choir called Heart and Soul. We are in our third season. I enjoy every minute with this group. Last year I also became a steering committee member for a Decatur chapter of Charter For Compassion. I have been a leader for many years in the town. Being a gay leader is only one part of that.

## **Hats off and Screw Off**

**By Stavia Stone-Wylder**

Hats off to Ireland for legalizing gay marriage.

Screw off to Russia for its policies towards gays.

Hats off to Caitlyn Jenner.

Screw off to the media for immediately sexualizing her.

Hats off to everyone who helped at PrideFest.

Screw off to the rain.

Hats off to the Marriage Equality rally in Sidney.

Screw off to Indiana.

Hats off to Ontario for banning conversion therapy.

Screw off Scott Walker for promising anti-gay legislation.

## **Martha [*Lesbian*] Living**

Martha is taking off June and July to work on her latest novel.

We look forward to its release.