

GLAD Chat



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Phoenix Center Gayla

The Phoenix Center hosted their annual Fall GAYla at Erin's Pavilion in Springfield on October 17, 2014. The evening consisted of a wonderful evening of dinner, award presentations, silent auctions and live auctions with around 200 in attendance. One of the awards was presented to one of our GLAD members, Buff Carmichael. The award was for the outstanding work he has done through the years for the LGBTQ community both in the local and state wide areas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14 6:00 PM

GLAD Social Unity Center for Inspired Living, 815 North Church Street, Decatur

March 25 6:00 PM

GLAD Board Meeting Decatur Memorial Hospital Cafeteria Decatur, IL

March GLAD Meeting

With budget cuts in the State, and busy scheduling conflicts as the GLAD Chat is being assembled, we are still hoping to have Penny Harris, Executive Director of Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center at our March 14 social to be held at United Center for Inspired Living, 815 North Church. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:30. A \$5 donation is requested to help defray costs for the evening. After dinner, Executive Director Penny Harris will discuss with us the various services the Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center provides to those in need in Illinois. We are also hoping she will be able to bring the testing mobile unit so we may get a tour of some of the services they provide.

February GLAD Meeting

On February 14, 2015, 16 members of GLAD enjoyed a wonderful time at the Il Forno in Decatur. With dinner, the group had plenty of time to socialize and celebrate our anniversary/Valentine's Day. Even the owner of the restaurant and server joined in on the celebration. After dinner, Jenny Cowgill discussed how the gay youth group, Macon County LGBTQ Youth Group, was beginning to get started. While there is still a lot of work to be done, it sounds like she is really working very hard with the group. After Jenny's presentation, the members enjoyed a piece of Red Velvet cake (rainbow decorated) made by our female Co-Chair Rene Verry.

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The UP Center Has Moved

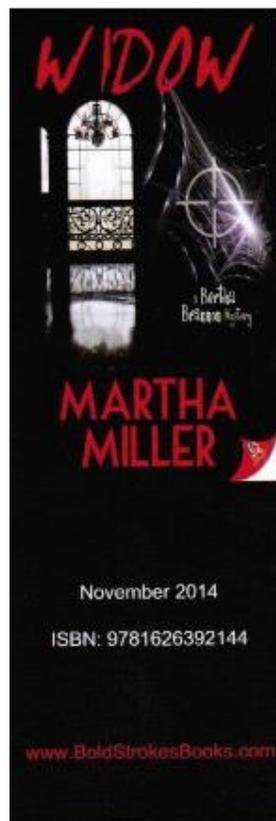
The UP Center has moved to the Lincoln Building at 44 E. Main St. Suites 516 and 517— 44 E. Main Street— in Downtown Champaign. Feel free to come by and see the new offices.

Volleyball Tournament April 18 and 19 Leonhard Recreation Center Champaign

Welcome to the very first NAGVA* Tournament in Champaign-Urbana! The tournament will be open to the public so mark your calendars now! More information available at the UP website: <http://www.unitingpride.org/>.

UP Pride Committee

The UP Center is looking for community members who want to join the Pride Committee and help plan the next Pride Festival in September. Please email Heath at heath@unitingpride.org if you are interested.



WIDOW by Martha Miller

County Judge Bertha Brannon's life blows up when her partner of twelve years, police sergeant Toni Matulis, the love of her life, is killed during a domestic violence call gone bad. Bertha is still trying to accept what's happened when she gets the first of several threatening phone calls. This is followed by one dangerous incident after the next, one dead body after the last. The police are no help, so Bertha starts her own investigation and learns that Toni was working on a case that no one wanted her to solve, a case of corruption that goes all the way to the top.



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