

# GLAD Chat

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## GLAD HEADS TO IL FORNO FOR NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> SOCIAL

GLAD is breaking with tradition this November, and forgoing our usual Thanksgiving Social. This month we are heading to Il Forno, an Italian restaurant on Decatur's north side that features excellent wood fire pizzas and Italian cuisine.

The social will be Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at Il Forno's at 6:30 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1423 E. Mound Road. Please email Jim ([jebdecaub@yahoo.com](mailto:jebdecaub@yahoo.com)) or Rene ([river1815@att.net](mailto:river1815@att.net)) if you will be attending. **RSVP is required by Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Il Forno will be providing us a buffet dinner including Roast Beef, Green Beans w/ Bacon, Penne pasta w/Vodka Sauce, Garden Salad, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Bread, Coffee, Tea, and Soft Drinks.

The cost will be approximately \$13 to \$14 dollars per person which includes taxes and gratuity. For directions you can visit their website at [restaurantilforno.com](http://restaurantilforno.com)

Hope to see you there!

## MARCH ON SPRINGFIELD DRAWS THOUSANDS!

The day was chilly and the rain was an unwelcomed visitor, but the elements did not dampen the spirits of nearly 5,000 folks who gathered at the state capitol on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> to demand the Illinois House pass the marriage equality bill.

A quick headcount during the afternoon showed around 18 folks from Decatur came to Springfield for the march. Decatur got two shout-outs from the stage during the pre-march festivities, one of them from our beloved friend and activist Rick Garcia.

Windy City Times Publisher, and March organizer, Tracy Baim tells us: "the March on Springfield obliterated previous records of people going to Springfield for an LGBT-focused rally or lobby day. Previous high was about 300 and we got to nearly 5,000. "

The Illinois Observer reports that it seems possible that bill sponsor Greg Harris will call for a vote on it in the second round of the veto session, which begins on Tuesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) to read the article.

Keep checking the GLAD Facebook page to learn how you can help in the final push leading up to the vote.



### November 9

GLAD Social, 6:30  
Il Forno Restaurant

### November 10

Just Flicks, 6 p.m.  
Central Christian Church

### November 16

CORAL Thanksgiving,  
5 p.m. Springfield

### November 22

Drag Show,  
Katz Martini Bar

### December 1

World AIDS Day

### December 7

Acorn Equality Breakfast,  
East Peoria

For more information or questions on any events please join us on Facebook

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# GLAD COUPLES TIE THE KNOT IN OCTOBER



Two longtime GLAD couples were united in matrimony in October. Linda and Nancy Ryherd-Schroeder, and Cynthia and Dottie Dare all made the trek to Iowa last month to be united in marriage.

Linda and Nancy were married in Davenport. Dottie and Cynthia, who live in Kentucky now, said their "I Do's" in Keokuk. The Dares stopped by the

October GLAD social on their way to Iowa.

We wish all these fine ladies the best. It is bittersweet, however, that they were married in Iowa and could not be married in Illinois – a state that, at least for now, denies the right of all loving couples to be married.

**There was a great** turnout for the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> wiener roast social at Randy's. We had around 25 folks there, including Cynthia and Dottie, who were heading to Iowa to get married, and Dave and Gary from Bloomington, who came to promote the recent Normal LGBT Film Fest. Many thanks go to Randy for hosting another fun event this year.

**It is almost** that time of year again; time for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Acorn Family Breakfast to benefit the Acorn Equality Fund. The event will be Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. For more information check out the [Acorn Equality Facebook](#) page.

**You'll notice there** is no Martha 'Lesbian' Living in your GLAD Chat this month. Martha Miller is hard at work on her next book and is taking a little time off. We hope to be able to run a few "Best of" columns in the coming months.



Linda & Nancy Ryherd-Schroeder



Cynthia & Dottie



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## GLAD BOARD ELECTIONS RESULTS

GLAD held its annual board elections at the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> wiener roast. The following people were elected for the upcoming year.

- Rene Verry: Female Co-chair (2 year term)
- Robert Lowery: Treasurer (2 year term)
- Wes Drake: Male Co-Chair (1 year remaining on term)
- Jim Barr: Secretary (1 year remaining on term)
- John Wylder: Board Member
- Mary Lynn Feltes: Board Member
- Charla Stone: Historian

**Many thanks go to these individuals who have made the commitment to lead our organization.**

## “BODY OF WAR” NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> JUST FLICKS FEATURE

The Just Flicks Social Justice film series rolls along in November with documentary film “Body of War” from 2007.

According to website IMDb.com the film is “the story of an injured American veteran returning home from the war in Iraq is set against the backdrop of a critical indictment of the government’s handling of the

U.S.-led invasion.”

The film has a running time of 90 minutes, and will be shown at Central Christian Church at 6 p.m. The evenings always feature delicious snacks, and a lively discussion following the film. For more about the film you can go to [www.bodyofwar.com](http://www.bodyofwar.com)

## TRANSGENDER, GENDER VARIANT AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING STUDY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

My name is Daniel Johnson. I am a gender-fluid clinical psychology doctoral candidate from University of the Rockies in Colorado Springs, CO, conducting a study to explore transgender-identified individuals’ experiences in psychotherapy and counseling.

The study intends to be trans-affirmative, and will refrain from asking personal questions regarding your health. In respect of your privacy, no questions will be asked about your health history regarding your surgical, hormonal or other gender realignment procedures you may have had.

This study is being done with an online survey that takes about 20-30 minutes. This research has been approved by the University of the Rockies Internal Review Board, approval number 13-020-C. We invite you to help with the survey by going online to the link listed below if you:

- 1) Self-identify as transgender, transsexual, intersex, cross-dresser, transvestite, or gender non-conforming. If you have another term you use for your gender or do not appreciate the use of terms at all, but feel that the study is a good fit for you, you are very welcome to participate.
- 2) Are least 18 years of age
- 3) Have received individual counseling or therapy, now or in the past, for any reason.

[Click here to access the online survey and participate in the study](#)

Thank you for your participation in this study. If you have any questions, I can be reached at [johnson.uor@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.uor@gmail.com).