

GLAD Chat



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September GLAD Social

The September social will take place near Clinton, at Weldon Springs campsite number 23 at 6:30 Sept. 10th. To find Weldon Springs State Park, coming up Rte.51 from Decatur, turn right at the first Clinton exit. Turn right at Revere Road. Follow the signs 3 miles to park. The site is located across from the showerhouse, and near the parking lot.

There will be a campfire. Bring your own chairs and a dish to share.

We hope that David Gill, running as an independent for State Representative in the 13th district against Rodney Davis will be able to join us.

The board will meet at 4:00 before the social.

October Elections

At the October social, GLAD members will vote on officers. Open offices are one co-chair, secretary, historian, and both members at large. There will also be a special election for one year of the treasurer's term as our current treasurer, Robert Lowery, is resigning.

These are the incumbents running for their current positions: Co-chair: Jerry Bowman; Secretary: Jim Barr; Historian: Charla Stone; Member-at-Large: Micah LaGrave

John Wylder will be running for treasurer.

While anyone who has paid their dues can run for any of these positions, we have no one currently running for one of the member-at large positions.

If you would like to run for office, let a current board member know, preferably by the next social so we can be sure to have your name on the ballot, although we will be taking nominations from the floor at the October Social.

You must have paid your \$12 dues in September or October to be eligible to vote or hold office.

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School Supplies for Macon County Youth Pride

Macon County Youth Pride needs school supplies for its LGBTQI middle and high school aged members. They would appreciate GLAD members bringing multi-pocket poly accordion files, three-ring binders, pencils, pens, post-it-notes, colored Sharpie markers, 3x5 index cards, pocket folders, sticky arrow notes, and college-ruled notebook paper.

Cash is always good, too, for those who don't like to shop.

Thanksgiving Social

Since last year's dinner with Springfield CORAL was so successful, the board elected to have the November social with the CORAL Thanksgiving Dinner again this year.

More details, including the precise date, will be made available as we get them.

Champaign Pride Fest

Champaign will hold its Pride Festival September 10th and 11th downtown.

The Tenth will include a Family Friendly Zone from noon to 6pm in the Orpheum Children's Science Museum Lot. The Accord and the adjacent parking lot will have live music, drag shows, and more for adults, serving as the Pride Festival Headquarters.

At 3:00pm there will be a parade with floats and more.

On the Eleventh a Drag Brunch will be served at V Picasso in Downtown Champaign. There is also a LGBTQ Wedding Showcase at the Fluid Events Center.

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Transgender Spectrum Conference

The third annual Transgender Spectrum Conference will be held Friday, November 4th at Washington University in St. Louis. The conference unites a cross-section of people interested in celebrating the lives of transgendered people, fostering dialogue, educating the community, and improving the lives of “all gender variant people.”

The conference includes papers, panels, and workshops for those just starting to investigate transgender issues, well-educated scholars, and experienced activists.

The theme of the conference is *Education, Liberation, and Healing*.

LGBTQ Health Center Planned

The LGBTQ community may have a new health center as soon as next summer according to Len Meyer, Executive Director of the Central Illinois Pride Health Center.

The center is planned for the Bloomington/Normal area.

LGBTQ advocates say there is a great need for a safe space, and few resources for the community in the area.

According to Meyer, a trip for medical services can be unpleasant for many LGBTQ community members; they can feel disrespected, find it difficult to get the hormone treatment they need, and have problems with HIV and AIDS treatments.

The new center, which might attract negative attention, would still, according to Meyer, “address every ally and every no supporter with the same respect.”

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