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# PRIDE PAGES!

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## PRIDE 2002: There's No Place Like Home!



### **PRIDE PAGES: April Showers Bring May Flowers**

Welcome to the April edition of Pride Pages! This is our fourth issue and, as usual, we're chock full of fun, information and excitement!

Curious about other Pride celebrations in the area? Don't miss the **London Pride** information on page 06 or the **Hamilton Pride** column on page 09. The WWRP is very happy to be working with both Hamilton and London Pride this year.

For all the hottest and happening events in the area, check out the **Calendar Of Events** on page 12. As always, this service is provided free of charge as

part of the Pride Committee's commitment to help with building community awareness in our area

Keep that feedback coming by phone or email. We appreciate all constructive criticism. If you've got something to say, why not contact us directly? Pride Committee meetings are still the first and third Friday of the month. Our other contact information is at the left.

The 2002 Committee has a lot of great events planned for Pride 2002! This year we plan on having a LGBT film fest at the Princess Cinema (check out page 07 for a

review of **Latin Boys Go To Hell**), a bonfire night at Columbia Lake, the King and Queen of Pride pageants in Cambridge, our Community Dance in Waterloo, a LGBT Art Show in various location and, back by popular demand, our amazing outdoor festival on Roos Island in Kitchener's lovely Victoria Park on Sunday, June 9!

Volunteers are always needed so why not call (519) 584-2415 and let us know that you'd like to help? Pride is for everyone so why not pitch in?

Remember: the submission deadline for the May edition of Pride Pages is April 25th.

### **Logo Launch Party A Success!!**

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee would like to thank everyone who made our launch party at Club Renaissance a huge success.

A very special thanks goes out to both Millennium Signs & Banners of London, Ontario and to Bread and Roses Co-op for the sponsorship of our great new banners and stickers. They all look FANTASTIC! Thanks also go out to Tab A/Slot B Productions for all their hard work on this

event! And, of course, a special thank you goes out to all of our volunteers who helped with the event.

We'd also like to say thank you to Fran, Cheryl and all of the staff and patrons at Club Renaissance for their continued support of Pride 2002 and this year's committee. We can't do it without you!

Look for more great Pride fundraiser information inside this month's issue!



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This newsletter is produced by volunteers on a monthly basis to keep everyone informed about what's going on in regards to the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee's celebration PRIDE 2002: There's No Place Like Home and other LGBT events in and around our area.

750 copies of this newsletter are produced monthly and distributed in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Guelph, Stratford, Toronto, London, Hamilton and St. Catherines.

This is the official newsletter of the WWRP and is not restricted to any one sexual orientation or set of views. This newsletter, although representative of WWRP, does not necessarily reflect the personal views of the Steering Committee. Publication of names, photos of any persons, organizations, events or businesses does not and should not be taken as an indication of sexual preference. Items submitted for publication are subject to editing by the current Managing Editor (Jay Moore) in the interest of space.

All proceeds go to  
Pride 2002

Next deadline  
is April 25th

**Chairs For Charity Another Great Success!**

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee would like to congratulate ACCKWA on this year's very successful fundraiser, Chairs for Charity.

Over \$10, 000.00 was raised that night in the Rotunda at Kitchener's City Hall. Pieces ranged from full-scale functional chairs to theatre tickets to signed ballet slippers to other magnificent pieces of art from local and international artists.

All eight members of the WWRP's Steering Committee were involved in several different pieces donated to the show. What a great way to show community support!

The evening began with live music and a stellar performance by local entertainer Miss Drew. This was quickly followed by the fast paced auction and some of the bidding got to be fierce! Congrats to all involved!



Toby Poirier (left) and Miss Drew (right) at the Chairs for Charity Art Auction.

**King and Queen Of Pride Pageant Announced!**

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee is pleased to present the first annual King and Queen of Pride Pageants! These pageants will take place on Friday, May 31 as a kickoff to our Pride celebrations.

Anyone living in the Waterloo-Wellington Region is eligible to run for either title (except Committee members), providing that they have

submitted the required application and the non-refundable ten-dollar (\$10.00) application fee that must accompany all applications.

Applications are available from our website or in copies of Pride Pages distributed locally.

While the titles themselves are gender specific, each title is open to participation from peoples of all genders and

gender identities (i.e. women may enter as the King of Pride and men may enter as the Queen of Pride, providing that they dress and perform as they feel best represents the title).

Anyone having questions about the pageant should call the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee at (519) 584-██████.

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## Writers Wanted!

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee is always looking for people to submit articles about Pride 2002 events or other LGBT related issues that may be of interest to the local LGBT communities in our area.

Articles can be submitted to our email address or sent to our mailing address on the front page. Submission deadline for articles is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Submissions should be marked to the attention of PRIDE PAGES.

Please note that submission does not guarantee publication.

## St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Another Success!

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee was once again hard at work fundraising at Club Ren on Saturday, March 16. All of our volunteers had a great time and we hope you did too!

The WWRP like to thank everyone who takes the time to help support Pride fundraisers by volunteering their time or by purchasing tickets. Your help is always appreciated! After all, we couldn't do it without you.

Thanks go to Miss Drew for drawing the winning ticket. Congratulations go to Rick Fazekas who had the luck of the Irish that night! Remember, you too can be a winner with Pride!



Miss Drew congratulates Rick Fazekas on winning \$76.50 in our 50/50 draw!

## Pride Weekend Workshops

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee is proud to present a series of FREE workshops that will be held in the Conestoga Room at Kitchener's City Hall on Saturday, July 8, 2002.

Planned facilitators will include ACCKWA, PFLAG, Dave Vervoort, Patti Moses from Anselma House, Dianne Roedding from the Regional Health Unit and Roberta Robinson.

Topics will include: an HIV workshop, "Family Values/Keeping Families Together", "Who We Are In The Community", "Abuse In Lesbian Relationships", "Safer Sex In The New Millennium" and "Learning About Transgendered Issues"

Call (519) 584-████ for more information or to sign up!

Want to advertise in your business or organization locally and across Ontario?

Ad deadline for the 2002-2003 edition of the WWRP's annual Directory listing LGBT and LGBT friendly business, groups and services is **April 30!**

For more details and ad rates, contact the WWRP at (519) 584-████ or by email at [wwrap@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wwrap@rainbow.on.ca)

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## PRIDE PAST: The Pink and Black Triangles

*compiled by Kim Lee-Chu*

The pink triangle is easily one of the more popular and widely recognized symbols for the gay community. The pink triangle is rooted in World War II times, and reminds us of the tragedies of that era. Although homosexuals were only one of the many groups targeted for extermination by the Nazi regime, it is unfortunately the group that history most often excludes. The pink triangle challenges that notion, and defies anyone to deny history.

The history of the pink triangle begins before WWII, during Adolf Hitler's rise to power. Hitler revised paragraph 175, a clause in German law prohibiting homosexual relations, in 1935 to include kissing, embracing, and gay fantasies as well as sexual acts. Convicted offenders -- an estimated 25,000 just from 1937 to 1939 -- were sent to prison and then later to concentration camps. Their sentence was to be sterilized, and this was most often accomplished by castration. In 1942 Hitler's punishment for homosexuality was extended to death. Each prisoner in the

concentration camps wore a colored inverted triangle to designate their reason for incarceration, and hence the designation also served to form a sort of social hierarchy among the prisoners. A green triangle marked its wearer as a regular criminal; a red triangle denoted a political prisoner. Two yellow triangles overlapping to form a Star of David designated a Jewish prisoner. The pink triangle was for homosexuals. A yellow Star of David under a superimposed pink triangle marked the lowest of all prisoners -- a gay Jew. Stories of the camps depict homosexual prisoners being given the worst tasks and labors. Pink triangle prisoners were also a proportionally large focus of attacks from the guards and even other inmates. Although the total number of the homosexual prisoners is not known, official Nazi estimates were 10,000. Many historians estimate the number of gay men killed during the Nazi regime range from 50,000 to twice that figure. When the war was finally over, countless many homosexuals remained prisoners in the camps,

because Paragraph 175 remained law in West Germany until its repeal in 1969.

In the 1970s, gay liberation groups resurrected the pink triangle as a popular symbol for the gay rights movement. Not only is the symbol easily recognized, but it also draws attention to oppression and persecution -- then and now. In the 1980s, ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) began using the pink triangle for their cause. They inverted the symbol, making it point up, to signify an active fight back rather than a passive resignation to fate. For many the pink triangle represents pride, solidarity, and a promise to never allow another Holocaust to happen again.

Like the pink triangle, the black triangle is also rooted in Nazi Germany. Although lesbians were not included in the Paragraph 175 prohibition of homosexuality, there is evidence to indicate that the black triangle was used to designate prisoners with anti-social behavior. Considering that the Nazi idea of womanhood focused on children, kitchen, and church, black triangle prisoners may have included lesbians, prostitutes, women who refused to bear children, and women with other "anti-social" traits. As the pink triangle is historically a male symbol, lesbians and feminists have similarly reclaimed the black triangle as a symbol of pride and solidarity.

### The Rainbow Community Conversation Group

The Rainbow Community Conversation Group will be going on a 5-month hiatus as of **March 31, 2002**.

We do have plans on resuming in the Fall of 2002.

If you would like more information please contact [qlife@qlife.on.ca](mailto:qlife@qlife.on.ca).

The members of RCCG thank all that have come out to the meetings in the past. We also thank The Voice, GLOW and the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee for their continued support of the group.

The Rainbow Community Conversation Group will be in touch with the Rainbow List sometime in August/September to let people know what the new fall schedule will be.

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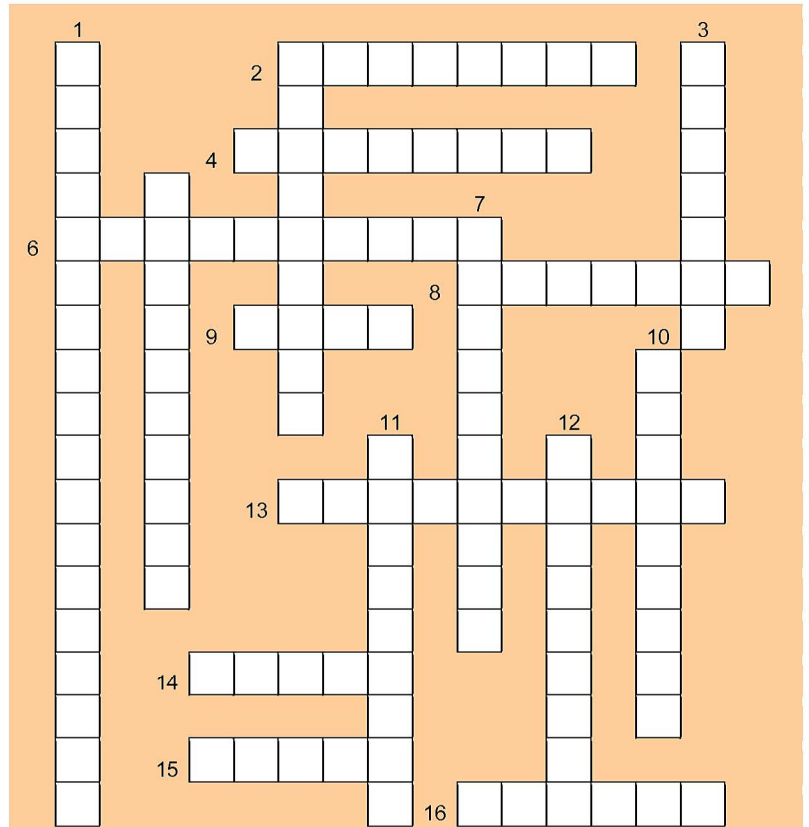
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- Bonfire Night**
- King and Queen of Pride Pageants**
- Saturday Workshops**
- Saturday Night Community Dance**
- Sunday Outdoor Island Festival**

If you or someone you know is interested in performing at Pride, please send a proposal to the attention of Rick Sickinger by **April 19, 2002**.

You should include a brief bio, a description of the art/performance and a photograph. Don't forget to include your contact info! Please note: materials cannot be returned.

Remember, we're looking for musical acts, native dancers, drag kings and queens, comedians and much more! Why not let Pride 2002 showcase your talents?



## Yes Virginia, There Is A Pride!

by Scott Roose, London HALO Pride

Once upon a time, not so long ago, in a town called London, Ontario...

From its start in a bar in 1974 to marching down the street last year, London's annual Pride celebrations have come a long way. During that time we have been involved in political debates, legal proceedings, purchases, sales, good times and bad. People have felt every

emotion from happiness, joy, pain, loss and pride.

In October of 2001 the rumor we all heard came to be true: that there was going to be no Pride celebrations this year. With all the fights fought for London over the past 28 years, this was unacceptable. Four people joined in January 2002, approached HALO and began to organize London HALO Pride

2002. Our theme this year, "Back to Our Roots", could not prove to be more appropriate. Today the executive is eleven strong and has grown bigger and stronger.

The 2002 London Pride celebrations are July 12 to July 14, 2002 at the Western Fairgrounds.

Our first official Pride Event is

the Pride Winter Ball, at the Delta London Armories April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

The local bars have the week leading up to Pride Weekend jam-packed with events. Other events that are being planned are a Film night, a Comedy night, a Pre-Pride dance, and many fundraising events right up until the Pride Weekend. Pride Weekend promises to be a spectacle unto itself. The Mr. and Ms. Gay London Pageant is back and there are four warehouse dances. We've got Drag Kings and Queens! Live performers (local and some not so local) and a fashion show are just a few of the things planned this year.

Watch this space for more information on London HALO Pride in the upcoming months.

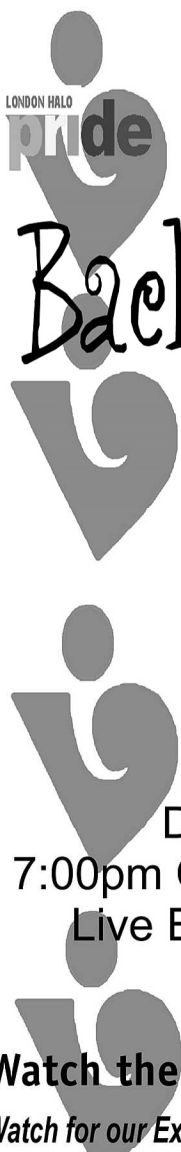
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Our Website is up and running. For up to date info and to find out what is going on, check us out at [www.pride.london.on.ca](http://www.pride.london.on.ca).

Scott Roose is with London HALO Pride and is the current Mr. Gay London.

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee is proud to be working with the London HALO Pride Committee this year and pleased to offer them the opportunity of sharing Pride Pages!



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## Give Me Some Of That Latin-Boy Love!

by Sydney Brenshaw

Whenever Hollywood tries to depict the 'gay experience', we're left, more often than not, with something silly and insulting. Tinsel town's cookie-cutter movie machine churns out what are basically straight films that have been sloppily injected with a token 'shot of gay'. Thank God for the independents!

Director Ela Troyano's *Latin Boys Go To Hell* compellingly explores the conflict between sex and religion. The film is characterized by the juxtaposition of erotic and religious imagery, as young Justin struggles to reconcile his desire with what he sees as his Catholic duty. This is undoubtedly a tough hurdle to get over, considering that Justin has not

fully admitted to himself that he prefers the company of men. His torment stems not from the plain and simple fact of his sexuality, but from his reluctance to accept -- and his inability to celebrate -- his natural penchant for man-love. An inevitable clash occurs, as notions of true love collide with contemporary liberal sensibilities and a genuine, unashamed desire for promiscuity.

Justin is constantly besieged by temptation, as hot young men enticingly invade his quiet life. First is Braudio, a shallow, arrogant, but exceptionally virile specimen of manhood with a fetish for tight boys. Next is Angel, Justin's enlightened (but unfortunately straight) cousin. And then there's Braudio's boyfriend Carlos, a sensitive actor/model with an obsession for the sordid and highly sexualized Spanish soap opera *Dos Vidas* (*Two Lives*).

Certain moments in *Latin Boys Go To Hell* are intentionally played for melodramatic shock value, drawing a parallel between the 'real' events in the film and the over-the-top, insane passions of *Dos Vidas*. This infuses the movie with a series of forceful double meanings, as excerpts from *Dos Vidas* reflect the inner turmoil in the hearts of the central characters. It's a narrative device employed here with assuredness and grace, enabling the film to transcend its low-budget roots. I only wish *Dos Vidas* was a real show. If it were, I'd be tuning in every day!

Based on the novel by Andre Salas, 1997's *Latin Boys Go To Hell* is in Spanish with English sub-titles and is rated [R]. It's available on VHS, but alas, not on DVD

Sydney Brenshaw lives in Kitchener.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRIDE 2002!

WANT TO HELP?

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Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride

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# It's A Matter of Pride!!

by Craig Hunter, WWRP President

Well, it's hard to believe that April is here already! Pride is just around the corner and we'll need everyone's help to pull it off!

Work has begun on our annual **LGBT friendly business and community group directory**. This directory is distributed free of charge in our area. If you would like to help us the production of this year's edition or would like to advertise, please call us at (519) 584-2415. The directory will also be

available on our website so people can download their own copies.

**The First Annual King and Queen of Pride Pageant** kicks of our 2002 Pride celebrations on May 31. It is going to be a show like no other! We've got special out of town judges and guests coming in so be prepared for a fun filled night of pomp and pageantry. Applications forms are available in our local area, inside each edition of Pride Pages and on our ever changing

website [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca) Full details and rules are available on the application form!

Also included in this year's Pride celebrations is a **LGBT film fest** at the Princess Cinema in Waterloo. Are films featuring LGBT individuals and themes important to our lives? You bet. Sydney Brenshaw is a local author and film buff who explores LGBT themes in films in our new movie review column.

If you or someone you know is interested in performing at the Sunday afternoon Island Festival, please send a proposal to the attention of Rick Sickinger by April 19. You should include a brief bio, a description of the art/performance and a photograph. Don't forget to include your contact info! Please note: materials cannot be returned. Remember, we're looking for musical acts, native dancers, drag kings/queens, comedians and much more! Why not let Pride 2002 showcase your talents?

**FUNDRAISER ALERT!** It's not cheap planning a Pride celebration and our area is no different. This month the WWRP is having a "Spring Cleaning" basket draw. The idea behind the basket is to get your mind and body into great shape before Pride 2002. The basket includes a membership at Good Life Fitness, gift certificates and gifts from Athletic Direct, Spartan Nutrition, Mostly Organic and many more. The draw will be held on April 30. Tickets are on sale now so be sure to help support Pride 2002!

Lastly, and probably most importantly, we need the energy and enthusiasm of people just like you! People of all abilities are needed to ensure that all the Pride events run smoothly for everyone during Pride 2002 *There's No Place Like Home!* If you are interested in being a runner or providing security or whatever else is needed, please step up and let us know!

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## Where Is The Colour In Our Pride Committees?

by Lyla Miklos

Along with millions of other TV viewers I watched history in the making on Sunday, May 24 when both Halle Berry and Denzel Washington won Oscars for best actor and actress at the 74<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards Ceremony. What a moving and powerful moment! A moment though tinged with embarrassment and sadness. It took 74 YEARS for any woman of colour to win best actress. The last time a black man won a Best Actor Oscar was Sidney Poitier almost 40 years ago. Disgusting! After Denzel won he told the press that he didn't want people to focus on his skin colour, but on his work. The spin-doctors in the media started this particular focus on things long before Denzel's win, so he wasn't going to get his wish on that front. The

extremely cynical critics say that the Academy gave the Oscars to Halle and Denzel out of a sense of guilt and shame, and manufactured this historic moment knowing that Sidney was receiving a lifetime achievement award that same night. I'm not a member of the Academy, so I couldn't tell you what was going on in their hearts and minds when they filled in their ballots.

This particular debate leads me to examine the lack of colour that is so strangely pervasive in our own Queer Culture. At every InterPride conference I've been to the lack of racial minorities that are involved in our Pride Committees comes up every year. Why don't queers of colour want to be involved? A queer woman of colour once told me in

a nutshell the reason: Why the @\*?!& would I want to be the token person of colour in your racist environment? Good question.

Still, as a Pride Chair, I want to know how to make our event your event. This is supposed to be about "celebrating the diversity of our community". We want you to enjoy the event whether you are male, female, trans, gay, bi, lesbian, straight, married, single, a parent, a minor, a senior, black, white, native, south-Asian, mixed race, polyamorous, monogamous, disabled, rich, poor, and suffice to say the list goes on and on.

I would never presume to know what it is to be a person of colour. I'm not a person of colour and for me to even attempt to draw

conclusions would be insulting and ludicrous. Although I do know that unlike being queer, there is no closet for people of colour to hide in. Queer people can pretend to be straight, but it's a little tougher for a person of colour to pretend to be white.

Why is it that our queer culture is very much a white man's culture? Look at most queer print media and most if not all the ads are directed to a very male and very white audience. Why does the lack of visible minorities exist within our community? Because we still live in a racist society, and being queer does not mean that you are not a racist.

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### Hamilton's Sixth Annual Pride Celebration!

- Opening Reception and Outdoor Movie Screening at The Art Gallery of Hamilton
- Siren Women's Dance
- fab Men's Dance
- March and Rally at Hamilton City Hall
- Musical Entertainment, BBQ, Vendors, and Licensed Bar at The Dundurn Park Pavilion
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# Community Spotlight: Muses Café

by Craig Hunter

Muses Café  
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 Location: 10 King Street East  
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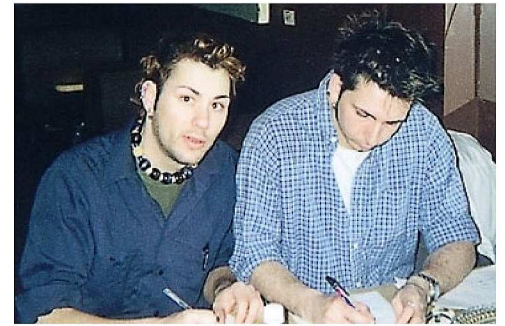
Dan Desrosiers and Dave Bell opened Muses Café in Kitchener on November 6, 2001. They were a welcome addition to the Downtown Core providing quality coffee beverages as well as a number of teas and other non-caffinated beverages and fresh baked goods, while serving a menu highlighting Vegetarian and Vegan foods.

Dan and David had wanted to own their own business for quite sometime and since they felt that the K/W area didn't really have much in the way of vegetarian options for people, opening Muses Café was a way of accomplishing this while providing a needed service. In opening Muses, they have created a new, warm and welcoming space in the heart of downtown.

For the most part, they have found that there is very little difference being out LGBT people opening a business in Kitchener. They say that they have customers that believe "an artsy;



Muses Café in downtown Kitchener



Dave Bell (left) & Dan Desrosiers (right) at Muses Cafe

eclectic café needs to be run by an exuberant and flamboyant couple and we do prove that true."

Dave and Dan believe that simply by being a visible part of the community they are showing that the LGBT communities can not only be leaders, but also be members of the larger community working within the diversity. They see the ability to change and the ability to affect change as the greatest strengths of the LGBT communities. "Using a combination of these strengths allows many community members to be more visible and to have power over themselves and others."

Asked if there were one thing that they could change about the LGBT communities, they said that it would be

nice to see the incessant feuding and bickering between various factions, groups and ages, even though it sometimes seems necessary.

What does Pride mean to Dave and Dan, as LGBT business owners? "Pride is necessary for all members of our community, along with our supporters to show diversity, from others, as well as respect for the past and how it has allowed us to be who we all are today. Pride means that we can stand up and stand out from others and do something differently and not be ashamed."

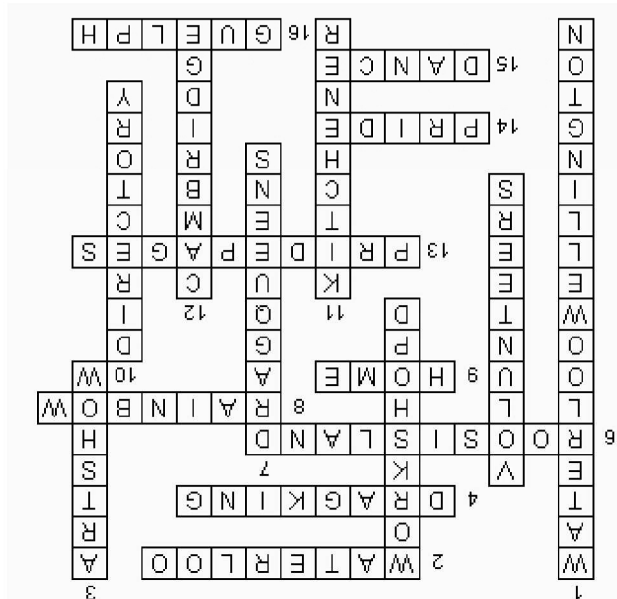
Whether it is a quick stop for coffee, or a full meal, drop in to Muses Café and enjoy.

WWRP presents the first annual King and Queen of Pride!



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**Correction Notice:**  
 The WWRP would like to apologize to Ms Heather Locklear and her fans for misspelling her name in the February edition. We regret any inconvenience it may have caused.



Solution to the Pride puzzle on page 05

## WWRP Has Been Out & About In The Community!

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee has recently been very active in the local and area Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered communities. We'd like to share some of our adventures with you!

Several members of the WWRP Steering Committee attended ACCKWA's recent Chairs for Charity Art Show and Auction. In fact, all eight members of the Steering Committee contributed to the show.

We had a table at the Wellness Fair held in Waterloo to help promote Pride 2002 and

celebrate International Women's Day.

Other members of the Steering Committee have attended meetings of GLOW, GQE and the Rainbow Conversation Group. The WWRP has also been actively promoting Pride 2002 in Hamilton, London and Toronto and online.

Why have we been out and around talking to different groups? Because Pride 2002 is for EVERYONE! We want this to be one of the most inclusive events yet! Pride is for all people in the LGBT Communities and we want everyone to feel involved.



Melody Alderwick (left) and Shelley Durocher (right) staffed the WWRP table at the recent Wellness Fair in Waterloo.

If we haven't approached your group or organization for input yet, feel free to give us a call at (519) 584- or send us a quick message by email to [wwwr@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wwwr@rainbow.on.ca)

Pride Celebrations are one way to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of our local LGBT Communities. Thank you to everyone who has helped support Pride 2002!



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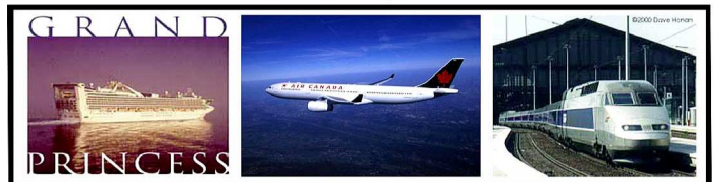
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAYS

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**GROUP** All are welcome to join us on the first and third Wednesday of every month. This group provides a safe and supportive environment to discuss coming-out experiences. Hagey Hall 373 - 7:00 pm. Social follows at 8:30pm at the Grad House on the UW campus, no cover,

**POETS ON THE RUN** - Part of the Freshly Squeezed Readings Series. Held every Wednesday at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café (119 King St., downtown Kitchener) at 8:00 p.m. Hosted by James P. McAuliffe.

On the first Wednesday of every month try out your new pumps at **OPEN DRAG NIGHT** at Club Renaissance. Call the bar at 570-2406 for more details.

**PINK COFFEE HOUSE** meets every Wednesday from 9:30pm to 11:00pm Muse's Cafe at King St (at Queen) in Kitchener.

### FRIDAYS

**PRIDE COMMITTEE!** Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Steering Committee meets on the first and third Friday of the month. We meet at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. Come out and help plan Pride 2002! Please call 584-██████ for more details. The March meetings will be held at 307 Queen Street South in Kitchener. Visit [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)

### SUNDAYS

#### KW FRIENDS OF DOROTHY 10 PIN COSMIC BOWLING LEAGUE

The only Gay/Gay Positive Bowling League in the Tri-City Area meets every Sunday at 3:00pm at Fredrick Brunswick Lanes at 385 Frederick St., Kitchener. For more info, contact Jason Boyko at 578-██████ or [friendsofdorothy\\_kw@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofdorothy_kw@hotmail.com)

### OTHER EVENTS

**WOUF: WATERLOO ONTARIO URSINE FRIENDS**, a group for big and hairy gay men and their friends around Waterloo. For more info, visit <http://homepage.mac.com/questor24/wouf/>

**CONVERSATION CAFE** starting at Mostly Organic in Kitchener. Call Kathy or Della at 745-██████ for more details.

**APRIL 5 - WWRP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** at 7:00 pm 307 Queen Street South, Kitchener. Call (519) 584-██████ for more details.

**APRIL 05 DIANA AND GIOVANNI IN CONCERT.** Accompanied by Diane Leah 8:00 p.m. MCC of Toronto, 115 Simpson Avenue. Tickets 416-406-6228, X 121. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

**APRIL 7** - Empress IV, Robin Sophia Derring presents **THE MR & MISS SKYWAY PAGEANT** at 9:30 pm at The Werx, 121 Hughson Street North, Hamilton. A Coronation fundraiser.

**APR 12** - the Rainbow Chorus sponsors its **MONTHLY FUND-RAISING DANCE** at The CAW Hall (the old schoolhouse), 611 Silvercreek Parkway North. Starts at 9:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00. 19 years of age and older.

**APRIL 13 - THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE LEATHER ASSOCIATION'S BAR NIGHT** at The Werx, 121 Hughson Street North, Hamilton. 10:00 pm in the lower level  
THEME: Brotherhood

**APRIL 19 - WWRP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** at 7:00 pm 307 Queen Street South, Kitchener. Call (519) 584-██████ for more details.

**APRIL 20 - NIGHT OUT WITH THE BEARZ** 10:00 p.m. in the lower level at The

Werox, 121 Hughson Street North, Hamilton. **WE FEED BEARZ!**  
**APRIL 26, 27, 28** - Waterloo Potter's Workshop **SPRING POTTERY SALE** at the Waterloo Recreation Complex. For times and more info, visit their website at <http://info.city.waterloo.on.ca/wpw>

**APRIL 27** - London HALO Pride 2002 presents a **GALA FUNDRAISER WINTER BALL**. Buffet dinner, live entertainment, dancing and prizes. Delta London Armories, London. Cocktails 7:00 pm, Dinner 8:00 pm and dancing to follow. Semi Formal, Black Tie Optional \$60.00 per person. For ticket information contact: [pridelondoninfo@rogers.com](mailto:pridelondoninfo@rogers.com) or call the Pride Info line at 519-860-8138

**MAY 3, 4, 5 - LONDON LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL** at the Rainbow Cinemas, in the Galleria Mall, London. \$9/screening or 3 screenings for \$25. Visit their website at <http://liff.web.net> for details.

**MAY 31 - KING AND QUEEN OF PRIDE 2002!** Kick off to the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee's 2002 Pride Celebrations. Held at The Robin's Nest. \$5.00 cover. A fundraiser for Pride 2002.

If you would like your event listed in the May Calendar of Events, please submit your information to our email address [wrrp@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wrrp@rainbow.on.ca) by April 25, 2002.

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