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# PRIDE PAGES!

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



### **PRIDE PAGES: Countdown to Pride 2002 Begins!**

Only one more month until Pride 2002! Are you ready?

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee has spent a great deal of time and effort to bring you a diverse and exciting line up of events for this year. We hope to see many members of the LGBT communities out and about this year.

Are you curious about more than just the local Pride celebrations? Don't miss the **Hamilton Pride** column on page 04.

Check out some of the hottest and happening events in and around the

area on the **Calendar Of Events** on page 12. As always, this service is provided free of charge as part of the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee's commitment to help with building community awareness in our area

Keep that feedback coming by phone or email. The WWRP Committee loves hearing from you. If you would like to voice your opinion, why not contact us directly? Pride Committee meetings are the first and third Friday of the month. Our other contact information is at the left.

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

Remember: the submission deadline for the June edition (our Pride edition) of Pride Pages is May 20th. If you want to be included, please let us know!

**PRIDE 2002**  
**There's No Place Like Home!**  
**June 7-9, 2002**

### **Pride Flags To Fly High Above City Halls!**

Members of the WWRP Steering Committee approached the cities of Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph earlier this year to ask each city to consider flying the flag high and proud.

The City of Cambridge was the first to reply. We're pleased to report that the City of Cambridge has agreed to fly the LGBT Rainbow Pride flag at City Hall this year in honour of the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Celebrations this year.

Our second reply came from the City of Kitchener. Due to the setup of their flagpoles, the City of Kitchener is unable to fly the Pride Flag at City Hall.

The City of Waterloo has also agreed to fly the Pride Flag during the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Celebrations.

A reply from the City of Guelph had not been received at press time.

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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. Catharines.

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 May 20th

**I'll Put It On The Mantle Next To The Oscar** *by Ron Welker*

As our community joins together to celebrate our lives and our various achievements on Pride, the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee would like to take the time to recognize those special individuals and groups that make a difference in our GLBT community.

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee recognized four groups last year with community service awards: GLOW (University of Waterloo), GLOBAL (University of Wilfred Laurier), Muses Cafe and Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café.

This year, the Waterloo-Wellington

Regional Pride Committee is opening the Nomination Process to the community at large.

We are asking for written submissions by **May 15th** to honour those individuals and groups that you feel are worthy of this special recognition. Submissions can be sent to our mailing address or sent via email to the attention of Ron Welker at [wrrp@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wrrp@rainbow.on.ca)

The criteria for the nominations this year is very simple. The individual or group must live/have lived in Waterloo-Wellington County, be supportive of the GLBT community

and have made a positive contribution to the GLBT community in our area.

Awards will be presented on Sunday, June 9 during our Pride Celebrations on Roos Island in downtown Kitchener's lovely Victoria Park.

This is the time to recognize those people who make a difference in our community.

The Steering Committee will review all nomination at the May 17 meeting.

**You Were Born To Volunteer!** *by Suzanne Botsford*

O.K. It's time to get off your asses and get involved in the community. We have one big event each year where we celebrate who we are, who we love and show there is nothing to hide "in the closet" about. Pride weekend is closer than you think and there is work to get done before we click our ruby red shoes together. So

pick up your pink boas or your MAC tools and pitch in. Get in touch with me now so I can sign you up for the area you were born to volunteer in. We won't be recognized until we raise our homo voices loud and proud. We need all the help we can get!

NOTE: for all the boys who

think they are too tough or cool to do "fluffy" volunteering, we have numerous areas that can put your muscles to work. Just call and bring your tools.

Leave a message for me at MOSTLY ORGANIC Juice Bar Cafe (519) 745-4884 or you can contact me by e-mail [mostlyorganic@wightman.ca](mailto:mostlyorganic@wightman.ca)

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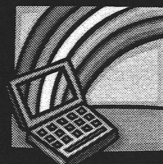
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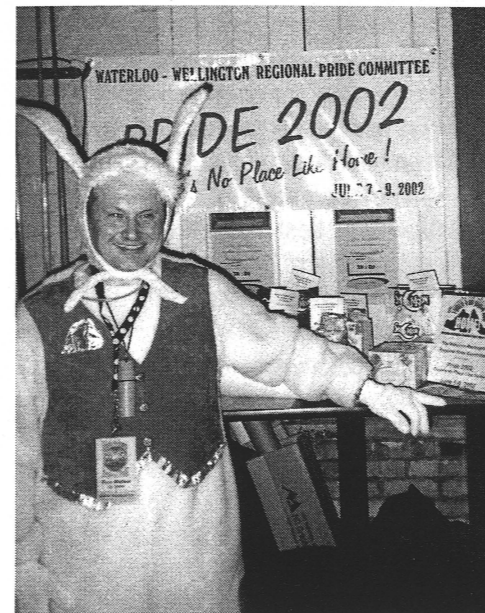


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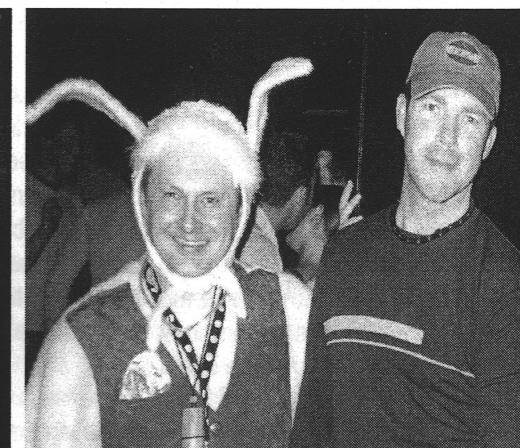
**Logo Launch Party A "Hopping" Success!**



Everyone's favourite bunny, Ron Welker, entertained the crowd during the WWRP's recent logo launch party at Easter time.



Ron Welker, Craig Hunter and Melody Alderwick pose beneath one of our beautiful new banners at Club Ren.



That Wascally Wabbit, Ron Welker, Director At Large, hopped down the Bunny Trail to congratulate Mr. X, our recent 50/50 draw winner. Is that a carrot in your pocket or are you just happy to see him, Ron?

Are you man enough to fill these shoes?



The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee is proud to announce the First Annual King and Queen of Pride Pageant!

**Friday, May 31**

26 Hobson Street, Cambridge  
(home of The Robin's Nest)

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## Getting Involved!

by Ken Giesen- Member at Large of The Hamilton Pride 2002 Committee

Last year was the first time I attended Hamilton Pride. I remember marching through the streets of downtown Hamilton feeling completely empowered and vowing to myself that I wanted to be part of the organization of this important event.

I joined this year's Pride Committee about a month or two into the planning process. I had planned to help out right from the

beginning but the fear of the unknown and feeling that I would not have the time kept me from joining right away. I soon realized that it was not that scary and I could handle giving up a couple hours a month to go to the meetings and complete the tasks that I felt comfortable taking on.

These tasks included previewing movies for opening night and spending some time canvassing local businesses

for sponsorship. When the actual festival takes place I anticipate volunteering behind the scenes to help with some of the events, possibly serving food at the BBQ on Saturday afternoon or collecting tickets for the Saturday night Men's Dance.

It is easy to get involved. The first step is getting over any fears or misconceptions and realizing that a Pride Committee is simply a team of

people volunteering to work together to put on a weekend party. Once you realize that the work can begin and you can have fun and meet interesting people along the way. The best part is the satisfaction of knowing that you helped organize an important festival in your local LGBT community. You can help people feel empowered and give them a sense of Pride.

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We're reaching out to you, now reach out to us. Contact us at (519) 584- or wwwr@rainbow.on.ca

I Am Woman  
Hear Me Roar!  
KING AND QUEEN OF PRIDE  
2002!  
FRIDAY, MAY 31



Kick off to the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee's 2002 Pride Celebrations.  
26 Hobson Street, Cambridge  
(Home of The Robin's Nest)

## PRIDE EVENTS: THE MUSICAL

Music and lyrics by David Bowie, text by Richard Sickingner

"I, I will be king/And you, you will be queen" - Heroes

Your chance to be heroes (just for one day) is on Friday, May 31. The WWRP will hold it's first King/Queen of Pride Pageant at The Robin's Nest, 26 Hobson Street, Cambridge. Entry forms and contest rules are available through The WWRP. Come out and enjoy all the pageantry life has to offer and cheer on your favorite royalty.

"Now she walks through her sunken dream/To the seat with the clearest view/And she's hooked to the silver screen" - Life On Mars?

Queer cinema brought to you by The Princess Cinema, 6 Princess Street W., Waterloo. Bust out of that celluloid closet with screenings of queer content films. Join us on the red carpet for a special screening, which will take place Friday, June 7. What's so

"special" about it? You'll have to be there to find out.

"Put on some clothes, shake up your bed/Put another log on the fire for me" - Oh! You Pretty Things

There will be plenty of logs on the fire at Columbia Lake on Friday, June 7 for this event co-hosted by GLOW (Gays and Lesbian of Waterloo). We'll be drumming and roasting and hanging and perhaps even stargazing. And hey, whose look isn't enhanced by the soft "glow" of firelight.

"Let's sway, while colour lights up your face/Let's sway, sway through the crowd to an empty space" - Let's Dance

Fooled you by not using the obvious line from this song. The rumours are indeed true The WWRP is hosting its very own Pride Dance. The Bridgeport Community Centre will be your

portal to the emerald city of Oz on Saturday, June 8. If you only had a brain, you'd know that this will be one of the events not to be missed.

"So I turned myself to face me/ But I've never caught a glimpse" - Changes

You'll be able to catch more than a glimpse of what's going on in that pretty little head on Saturday June 8 with a full day of workshops. We are endeavoring to cover every aspect of your lovely (and not so lovely) life so take the time to take stock, regroup and rethink. Trust me when I tell you - YOU NEED THIS!

"You've got your mother in a whirl She's not sure if you're a boy or a girl" - Rebel Rebel

Bring mom to Pride Day on Roos Island, Victoria Park, Kitchener on Sunday, June 9 and she's

sure to see just what you're really all about. We've got seven hours of very talented performers representing every aspect of our diverse community. There's also community group and vendor displays, children's activities and of course cool refreshments in our beer garden (Don't you owe your mother a beer?). Hey babe, make sure that hair's alright and let's show the world how "we love dancing and we look divine."

"Let me make it plain/You gotta make way for the HOMO superior" - Oh! You Pretty Things

We really need all you pretty things to come out because the world can be an ugly place sometimes. Meet the committee members (we're the ones wearing the lime nametags) and support our fundraising efforts on Saturday, May 11 at The Robin's Nest

Check out the June issue of Pride Pages for all the details of your community's Pride 2002: There's No Place Like Home. I've got to go and change CD's now (this one is starting to wear a little thin) and you have my solemn vow that I will never try to be clever in print again.

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Regional Pride  
June 7-9

Hamilton Pride  
June 13-16

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June 24-30

London Pride  
July 5-14

### Community Spotlight: Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café

by Jay Moore

Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café  
Owners: Kathy Frey and Della Baczyk  
Location: 119 King Street West  
Kitchener, 519-745-4884

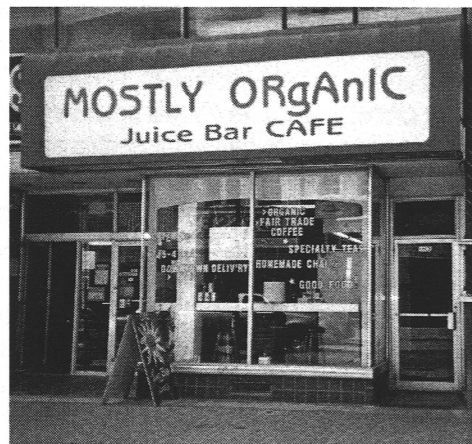
Mostly Organic is one of my favourite spots in downtown Kitchener. Their diverse menu includes freshly squeezed juices, fruit smoothies and over 50 healthy cocktails. Any meat used at Mostly Organic is hormone and chemical free and they boast an excellent vegan and vegetarian menu as well. Favourites on the menu include: soups, stews, wraps, salads, pizza and their famous home made veggie burgers.

On July 14, 2002, the City of Kitchener and the Kitchener Downtown Business Association awarded the Innovative Retailer Service Award to Mostly Organic. I decided to pop in and talk to owners Kathy Frey and Della Baczyk about Pride and being visible members of the local LGBT community.

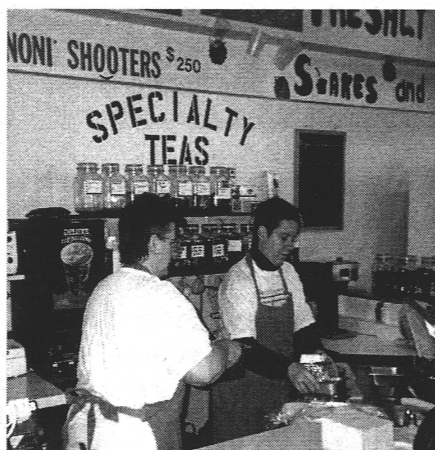
The bright and cheerful café was opened because Kathy saw a need for "a place for community and healing, a place for people to relax in." Mostly Organic's mission statement certainly spells it out: **to support one's enhancement and maintenance of "Personal Quality of Life" by offering "Healthy Choices" and "Availability of Options for Wellness" in turn promoting a more Stable and Balance Society and thus a Rippling Benefit to All!**

Being an LGBT-friendly business provides them with a diverse and eclectic clientele that come from all spectrums of life. On any given day, you find an engaging mix of people in the café including transgendered individuals. It's the variety that makes things interesting for this couple.

Kathy and Della both contribute time and energy locally because they feel that it is very important to "bring everyone together, providing a space to feel comfortable in". Mostly Organic allows various groups to use their space to facilitate workshops, hold poetry readings, drum circles and other meetings. They also hold a "dance night" on



Mostly Organic Juice Bar Cafe



Della Baczyk and Kathy Frey pictured hard at work – as usual!



Kathy Frey (left) and Della Baczyk (right) pose with the 2002 Innovative Retailer Service Award.

the last Saturday of the month for those who want to enjoy a "smoke and alcohol free" environment. In fact, their posters promote the night as "for those who don't think so young yet still want to move to the beat!!"

Over a fragrant chai, I asked Kathy and Della what they would like see changed about our local LGBT communities. Both said that it would be nice to see the pettiness put aside and have people focus on what's good for our community. However, both women were quick to point out that our local community does indeed have a dedicated core group. "Those who work together are very committed. They all have a single goal

in mind: to pull the community together."

What does Pride mean to Kathy and Della, as LGBT-friendly business owners? "Pride is a time to come out and come together. It's an affirmation of who and what we are and that we truly do belong. Pride is a time to celebrate our differences rather than be divided by them. It's about acceptance, unity and getting along with one another."

For a quick shot of positive energy, good food, good times and good tunes pop into Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café, one of Kitchener's hidden gems.

### Is Pride 2002 Really Worth It?

by Craig Hunter, WWRP President

Pride 2002 is just around the corner and there seems like there is more and more to be done each day. Is Pride 2002 really worth it?

The WWRP Steering committee has been working together as a team since October of 2001 and I think what we as a group have accomplished is quite amazing. Pride 2002 "There's No Place Like Home!" will be a great step forward for the local Pride festivities.

The sheer number and diversity of events is one thing that I believe the WWRP can be proud. The creation of King and Queen of Pride titles are another thing that we hope will be able to promote Pride throughout the year raise visibility and help with fundraising. Have you submitted your application yet?

The inclusion of the Art Show and LGBT Film Events are also new and I hope both events will grow as years go by.

Another new event that will be happening is a day of free seminars for people in the LGBT communities. They promise to be very informative and are another great addition to our growing event.

Another thing that the WWRP has been doing is building bridges with some of the other Pride Committees that are in close proximity to us. In particular we have been working with Hamilton and London to try to strengthen our committees through networking and mutual support. The one

thing that I think I can say for all of us is that we know that we are not Toronto Pride and never will be. It is the grassroots nature of local groups that we need to keep and develop. The smaller Pride Committees will only gain strength and momentum by working together.

The Pride Pages Directory is coming together and has grown significantly as well this year. Watch for its distribution closer to the end of May. It will be distributed locally and in the surrounding areas. If you have any difficulty finding a copy, they will be available everywhere that Pride Pages are available, at Pride events and through the WWRP.

Our Pride Pages newsletter has had a great beginning and will continue after the June festivities. We will continue to be working with the other Pride organizations and use this tool to help promote the work and needs of Pride Committees throughout the year. I know we have said it before, but I am going to say it again, thank you for your positive support of the Pride Pages and thank you to our advertisers for your support. We could not do it without both of you.

We have our General meeting on May 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Mostly Organic, 119 King Street West Kitchener. This meeting needs your support and is a way to find out the full details of our events and committee's goals for after Pride 2002. Everyone who is interested is invited to attend and please bring and share.

We need your questions, input and enthusiasm.

I would like to also to mention that even though almost all of the plans are in place for this Pride 2002, we do definitely need to have volunteers for events and if you think you have some time and energy to give then please contact Suzanne Botsford and let her know.

One month and counting. We hope to see a new record set for attendance on Roos Island. One of our goals this year was to ensure that every one could find an event that suits their taste.

If you have any ideas for events or new initiatives that you feel the WWRP should be looking into then please send your ideas in writing to us or attend our regular monthly meetings or suggest them,at out General Meeting. Planning for next year will be starting immediately after June and your ideas will be taken into consideration for next year.

We are not even through Pride 2002 and we are starting to look towards Pride 2003.

Yes, it is really worth it.

**MEN AT WERX**

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## FILM REVIEW: Sexual Chaos?

by Sydney Brenshaw

Director Monika Treut's *Female Misbehavior* is a collection of four 20-minute documentaries, each of which profiles a woman notable for the creation and control of her own sexual identity.

The film opens with *Dr. Paglia*, starring Camille Paglia, the self-proclaimed "bisexual lesbian who's also monastic, celibate, a pervert, a deviant, and a voyeur." In her on-camera conversations, Paglia rails against modern feminism, which she sees as merely a relapse into the Puritanism of 17<sup>th</sup>-century New England. For Paglia, it is obvious that Woman is the dominant sex, and the anti-intellectualism and

victim mentality of contemporary feminist movements disgust her. In her view, such movements have degenerated into a reliance on empty slogans.

Paglia, a staunch advocate of pornography, does not hesitate to give vent to her opinions – or her anger. But this anger is fuelled by brilliance and tempered with eloquence. She is neither an upstart nor a reactionary; rather, she is a revolutionary and an intellectual, possessing both a fiery energy and a formidable mind.

*Female Misbehavior's* second short film is entitled *Annie*. It's a

profile of Ellen Steinberg, aka Annie Sprinkle, a porn actress, stripper, and performance artist whose act is characterized by humour, glamorous spectacle, and audience interaction. She reminds me of Mae West, if Mae West had been a porn star. However, I don't think Mae West ever inserted a speculum into her vagina, opened it, then passed out flashlights so audience members could take turns examining her cervix! Annie Sprinkle is one crazy dame, but it's apparent throughout the film that the creation of this highly sexualized persona, and all the ribald things she does, are entirely her choices.

The third film in the collection is entitled *Bondage*, and presents us with Carol Macho, a lesbian sado-masochist who expounds upon the value of exhibitionism and shock tactics. She feels there's nothing wrong with "flashing a tit every once in a while." The most interesting aspects of *Bondage*, however, are not the shots of black leather against naked flesh (though I'm not complaining), but Carol's casual elaborations upon her personal S & M experiences and

her views on sex in general. *Female Misbehavior* closes with *Max*, a documentary on Max Valerio (formerly Anita Valerio). Max speaks with frankness and humour about his journey from girlhood to manhood, outlining the emotional, physical, and even financial dynamics of gender transformation. He has nothing but praise for the FTM (Female To Male) Organization, a support group that has helped him immensely.

*Female Misbehavior* is touted as a "celebration of sexual chaos", but that's just a titillating catch-phrase designed to sell the movie to straights. Treut's documentaries are unified not by chaos, but by an unprecedented sense of sexual clarity. Unlike most people, the individuals in this film know exactly what's good for them. *Female Misbehavior* is available on VHS, and is rated [R].

The next "She-Devils On Heels" show is scheduled for May 5th (Cinco De Mayo!) Morgan James will be our extra-special guest, to tell us about her adventures and give us some info about what's coming up during Pride 2002: There's No Place Like Home!

"She-Devils On Heels" is the new incarnation of the old "Leopard Betty" shows, featuring your glamorous hosts Venus Flytrap and Muffy St. Bernard. Premiered February 24 on CKMS, 100.3 FM, now reappearing every second Sunday, always from 10pm until midnight. If you're outside our listening area, check us out on the internet at <http://watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~ckmsinfo/webcast.html>

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## Pride Past: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)** is a support group that meets to promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons, their families and friends through support to cope with an adverse society and education to enlighten an ill-informed public. They also advocate ending discrimination and secure equal civil rights.

Coming out is an on-going process. PFLAG members meet to share family stories in a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere. We work with our children to secure equal rights, and to understand ourselves. We work to welcome

our sons' and daughters' partners into our families.

Guelph, K-W PFLAG members are from all walks of life. Most of us are not and haven't become social activists yet. We try to be non-judgmental. Some of us have known for years and some for only months. We help each other work through our various degrees of homophobia and grief. For many of us a certain image of ours kids has died and is being replaced by one that we are uncertain of. Our kids are going where most of us have never been, but then our straight kids are going where we have never been too!

The Guelph, K-W, Cambridge and Area PFLAG Chapter meet as a group in Guelph, at 8:00 p.m. every third Friday of every other month from September through May. We are available to meet individuals at any time. All is confidential. Phone (519) 742-0700 to make arrangements or for directions.

For further information contact: PFLAG Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge & Area 164 Krug St., Kitchener ON N2H 2Y4

Evie (519) [redacted] (Kitchener)  
Sue (519) [redacted] (Cambridge)  
Barb (519) [redacted] (Guelph)

You can also email the local chapter of PFLAG at [pflag@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:pflag@rainbow.on.ca)

There are usually 15 to 20 people at the meetings. Participants share experiences, discuss problems, and make suggestions. Discussions are confidential; only first names are used.

Visit the local PFLAG website at [www.rainbow.on.ca/pflag1.htm](http://www.rainbow.on.ca/pflag1.htm) or the national PFLAG website at [www.pflag.ca](http://www.pflag.ca)

PFLAG will be staffing the BBQ and have an information table at Pride 2002!

### Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee

## GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café

119 King Street West, Kitchener

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## WOUF: The Secret Origin Revealed

by Questor Twenty Four

**WOUF: Waterloo Ontario Ursine Friends** is a group for big and hairy gay men and their friends around Waterloo, Ontario.

It was mentioned in passing at the last Waterloo Wellington Regional Pride Committee Annual General Meeting that there wasn't a local bear group.

I initially hesitated labeling myself a bear since I originally thought a bear had to fit the lumberjack image and I wouldn't last long with a chain saw or without cable TV.

I founded the group after attending two events held by

Bear Buddies Toronto since I felt more comfortable in the company of bears than any other gay groups attended in the previous couple of years.

Bears focus on comfort, not fashion. Bears accept anyone who is at least friendly to bears. That's why the word "friends" is in both the group acronym and description.

Apparently, "Wouf" is French for "Woof" (the traditional bear greeting). That wasn't intentional, I just wanted a bear word in the acronym.

Currently we have a Yahoo

Group with over a dozen confirmed local bears. This mailing list/discussion area is used to plan our own events as well as trips to nearby bear events in Toronto, London, and Hamilton.

Hopefully, a table at the local Pride Weekend will raise awareness of the group to other bears in the area.

We held our first Bears Night Out at the Mongolian Grill in March and our second at Philthy McNasty's in April. I'm also planning a more ambitious outing to see "Spiderman" followed by dinner at Dragon

Court on Saturday, May 4. Visit the WOUF web page at <http://homepage.mac.com/questor24/wouf/> or email [questor24@yahoo.ca](mailto:questor24@yahoo.ca) for more information about Waterloo Ontario Ursine Friends (WOUF).



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London Pride is back this year with our community focus of **Back to Our Roots**. This year, the newly established Pride Committee is striving to bring back what Pride is all about to London and our community.

Watch for advertisements in Scene, CHRW for information blurbs and upcoming interviews about Pride. Don't forget to read the London Free Press daily until Pride kicks off. Check back here for updates too!

The London Pride 2002 website is currently being revamped by Digital Dorothy Design, an ongoing sponsor of London Pride. Visit it at [www.pride.london.on.ca](http://www.pride.london.on.ca) Please check it in the very near future for all of the exciting London Pride news.

## WWRP Presents Free Workshops

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee is sponsoring **FREE WORKSHOPS** on Saturday, June 8, 2002 as part of the Pride 2002 Celebrations.

All workshops will be held in the Conestoga Room at Kitchener's City Hall (the main floor behind the Rotunda). Please contact Kathy Frey at (519) 745-██████ for more details or to register. You can also contact Kathy Frey at [wrrp@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wrrp@rainbow.on.ca)

Workshops begin at 10:15 and are approximate an hour long. Everything is finished by 6:00 p.m. so there's plenty of time to get ready for the WWRP Community Dance later that evening at the Bridgeport Community Centre.

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (subject to change)

**ACKWA** (AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area) is presenting an "HIV WORKSHOP".

**PFLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays) will do a workshop on "FAMILY VALUES/KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER".

**DAVE VERVOORT** (Marriage and Family Therapist) is scheduled to speak on "WHO WE ARE IN THE COMMUNITY".

The "ABUSE IN LESBIAN RELATIONSHIPS" workshop will be facilitated by **PATTI MOSES** (Anselma House).

**ROBERTA ROBINSON** presents "LEARNING ABOUT TRANSGENDERED ISSUES"

**LEE DICKEY** and **LEE HORTON** will lead a seminar on "UNITARIANS AND THE LGBT COMMUNITIES".

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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)

**SHE DEVILS ON HEELS!** A local radio show devoted to the joy of drag, music, entertainment, and current events hosted by the always civil and mostly entertaining Muffy St. Bernard and Venus Flytrap. Tune in to hear what's going on in the world as they know it. They also try to bring in surprise special guests! The show is broadcast every second Sunday from 10pm until midnight (upcoming shows on May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16 etc.) You can hear it on CKMS FM (100.3 FM), or catch the web broadcast at: <http://watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~ckmsinfo/webcast.html>

### WEDNESDAYS

**GLOW COMING-OUT DISCUSSION 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 at Muse's Cafe at King St in Kitchener. A place to meet and play games with other GBLT folks. Come for board games and cards, and socialize.

### FRIDAYS

**PRIDE COMMITTEE!** Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Steering Committee meets on the

first and third Friday of the month. We meet at 7:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. Please call 584-2415 for more details. The May meetings will be held at 307 Queen Street South in Kitchener.

### GROUPS

**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/>

### OTHER EVENTS

**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://lfff.lweb.net> for details.

**MAY 3 - PRIDE COMMITTEE** meets at 7:00 p.m. 307 Queen Street South in Kitchener.

**MAY 4** - The Imperial Court of Hamilton Wentworth presents **CORONATION VIII "A TRIP DOWN THE JEWELLED NILE"**. Doors open 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, Coronation 7:00 pm sharp  
Reserved seating - \$65.00, General - \$55.00  
The Royal Connaught Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, 112 King Street East, Hamilton

**MAY 7 - PRIDE COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING!** Come out and learn about what's been planned for Pride 2002 at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café (119 King St., downtown Kitchener) at 7:00 p.m.

**MAY 9 - MISS RENAISSANCE PAGEANT** at Club Renaissance. Call the bar at 570-2406 for more details. Show begins at 10:00 p.m.

**MAY 10-12 RAINBOW YOUTH CONFERENCE - "Queer Community Organizing"**. The conference will be a weekend gathering for gay, lesbian, bisexual, two-spirited, transgendered, questioning and otherwise queer youth (approximately ages 15-25). For more details, and a registration form visit the website at: <http://www.uoquelfh.ca/~rainbow>  
Contact information: Rainbow Youth Conference, c/o Central Students Association (HRO), University of Guelph, Guelph ON, N1G 2W1. 519-824-4120 ext 2629 or [rainbow@uoquelfh.ca](mailto:rainbow@uoquelfh.ca)

**MAY 10 - RAINBOW CHORUS DANCE** (Last Dance Until September) CAW Hall 611 Silvercreek Parkway North, Guelph 50/50 Draw/Great DJ. Doors open at 9:00 p.m. Admission only \$5.00 Presented by the Rainbow Chorus for the GLBT Community. Must be 19 years of age or older. For more information call Colleen at 836-0224 or visit our website: [www.geocities.com/rainbow\\_chorus](http://www.geocities.com/rainbow_chorus)

**MAY 11 - PRIDE FUNDRAISER** at the Robin's Nest, Cambridge.

**MAY 17 - PRIDE COMMITTEE** meets at 7:00 p.m. 307 Queen Street South in Kitchener. Website: [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)

**MAY 27 - INFORMATION SESSION FOR AIDS WALK 2002.** Anyone who may be interested in helping out with this truly amazing event is invited to an information session at the ACCKWA offices (85 Frederick Street, Kitchener.) If you would like to attend please RSVP by Monday May 20th to (519)-570-3687 ext 308 or email Toby Poirier at [specialevents@acckwa.com](mailto:specialevents@acckwa.com)

**MAY 27 - HALLELULAH PALOOZA** with the Chancel Choir, Alana Bridgewater, Marcus Cassius (of The Nylons) and Jayne Lewis. 8:00 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, 115 Simpson Avenue, Toronto. \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. 416-406-6228 or [registration@mcctoronto.com](mailto:registration@mcctoronto.com)

**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 with special Out of Town Guests!

If you would like your event listed in the June Calendar of Events, please submit your information to our email address [wrrp@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wrrp@rainbow.on.ca) by May 20, 2002.

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