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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.

This newsletter is produced monthly and distributed in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Guelph, Stratford, Toronto, London and Hamilton.

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 in the interest of space.

**All proceeds from
Pride Pages go
directly to
The W.W.R.P. to help
finance our local
Pride Celebrations.**

Pride 2002 General Meeting Date Announced

The dust has barely settled from Pride 2002: There's No Place Like Home, but it's time to start thinking about and planning for Pride 2003.

The Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee will be holding a General Meeting on **Monday, August 12, 2002**. This important meeting will be held at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café located at 119 King Street West in downtown Kitchener.

The Waterloo-Wellington

Regional Pride Committee is getting closer to incorporating as a registered charity. With luck, all of our paperwork will be filed by the end of August and we will be able to build upon the successes of the previous Pride celebrations.

Each year our Pride Celebrations grow. Why not come out and help make Pride 2003 a true community event? Once the General Meeting and elections are out of the way, the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee plans on holding

meetings with various business and organizations in our area to co-ordinate everyone's efforts for Pride 2003. By working together, we can turn this great event into a spectacular week of events that everyone can enjoy. Got an idea for Pride 2003? Drop us a line at wwrp@rainbow.on.ca or call (519) 584-██████

Volunteers are always needed through out the year. If you are interested in helping with fundraising or planning other great events to happen during the year, let us know. If you want to see events like a Hallowe'en Party or a Winter Ball, bring your energy and ideas to a meeting. We're looking to hold events in Cambridge and Guelph but we need YOUR help to do this. Be part of your community.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Sexual Assault Support Centre is recruiting volunteers for *The Crisis Line, Public Education, Office Support and the Board of Directors.*

Volunteering at KWSASC is an opportunity to receive extensive training and to work with other dedicated women in a supportive environment.

Women who are interested in supporting survivors and working to end violence against women are invited to attend the **Information Night**
Monday, Sept 9, 2002
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
in the Boardroom at the Community Resource Village,
151 Frederick Street, Kitchener.

Please call (519) 571-0121 for more information.

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Hamilton Pride: Many Thanks!!

Submitted by Lyla Miklos, Hamilton Pride Committee

Hamilton Pride Celebrations this year were overwhelmed with support, whether that support is emotional, financial or political.

As our Queer Community has grown so has the supportive attitude of the City of Hamilton - its elected leaders, its business community and its people. This year we had over 60 local businesses and organizations come on board as sponsors. That's double the number of sponsors we had last year! The support of the business community of Hamilton was a positive and progressive statement.

What's more, Hamilton Pride Festival Inc. had nearly 40 paid members and almost 50 volunteers. The support of volunteers also doubled, again making an unequivocal pronouncement that this is a festival eagerly embraced by the Community of Hamilton. Politicians from all levels of government gave their support and The Hamilton Pride Committee was delighted to once again have Mayor Wade take part in our Rally. Most importantly despite the wet weather over 3000 people attended the four days of events.

The Hamilton Pride Committee for 2002 is thrilled to announce that they made a \$1700 donation to Camp Oasis at the Golden Horseshoe Leather Association's Sixth Annual Camp Oasis Fundraiser on Saturday July 13 at The Werx.

The Golden Horseshoe Leather Association was the honoured group at Hamilton Pride's Annual

March and Rally this year. The GHLA has been a leader and positive force in our local gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community for over a decade. Hamilton Pride has been thrilled to be working in partnership with the GHLA this year in raising funds for Camp Oasis Canada. Camp Oasis Canada is the first national summer camp just for children infected or affected by the HIV/AIDS virus.

Highlights from the Hamilton Pride 2002 Festival:

Hamilton Pride Festival Inc. was elated to have Andrea Horwath (*Councillor Ward 2*) and Marvin Caplan (*Councillor Ward 1*) speak at Hamilton Pride's opening event. Matthew Stewart host of CFMU's Queer Radio Hamilton acted as host for the evening. Staff and Volunteers from the Hamilton AIDS Network ran the bar at the Art Gallery raising over \$40 in tips for their organization.

Hamilton Pride Festival Inc. was gratified to be working with Siren Magazine in raising funds for their volunteer run women's only publication at our Women's Dance. Nearly \$60 in tips and almost \$100 from the 50/50 Draw was raised at the event.

Hamilton Pride's 3rd Annual Rally at the steps of Hamilton City Hall. Speakers included: Guy Gagnier (*Cohost of PrideVision TV's "Shout"*) Marie Bountrogianni (*MPP Hamilton Mountain*), David Christopherson (*MPP Hamilton West*), Dominic Agostino (*MPP Hamilton East*), Enza Supermodel Anderson, Mayor Robert E. Wade and Lyla Miklos, Chair of Hamilton Pride.

Over 300 people attended our March this year. The Golden Horseshoe Leather Association was the honoured group this year. Other groups that took part in the march included: Pridevision TV, The Greater Hamilton Gay and Lesbian Business Association, The First Unitarian Church of Hamilton, The Hamilton West NDP, The Hamilton AIDS Network, CUPE 3906 - Teaching Assistants and Lecturers from McMaster University and a plethora of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight but not narrow supporters.

Members of the Golden Horseshoe Leather Association ran the bar at the Dundurn Park Pavilion. They helped to raise over \$160 in tips for Camp Oasis. The entertainment was hosted by Shamim Ahad and Randy Mattinson. Our musical line-up included: Kristine Stone, The Strap-Ons, Kathy Thompson as The Divine Ms. M - Bette Midler, Ben Hartt, King Claire and Nancy Rancourt

Hamilton Pride Festival Inc. would like to thank all the local sponsor bars for their proud support. Saturday evening events at all locations were jam packed with patrons.

Sunday saw the Outdoor brunch, concert with violinist Ruth Hoffman, book reading and signing with author Michael Riordon at Whitehern Historic House and Gardens.

Please check out the GHLA's official website at <http://home.cogeco.ca/~rashwood/ghla.htm> for more detailed information about the Annual Camp Oasis Fundraiser.

Please check out Camp Oasis Canada's official website at www.camposis.com for more detailed information about Camp Oasis.

Please also check out The Werx's official website at <http://www.thewerxsite.com>

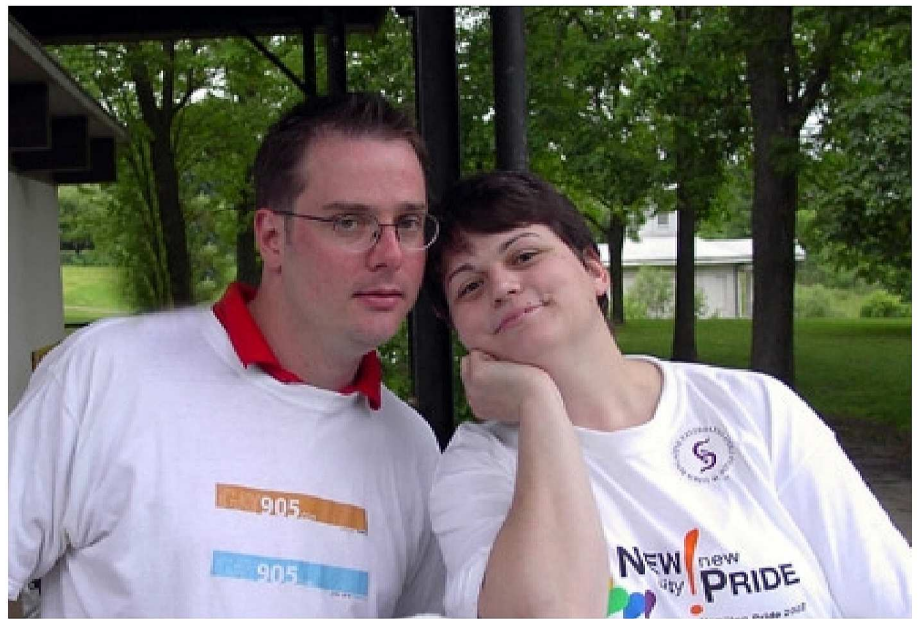
PRIDE 2002: Keep It Coming!!

Sarnia Pride	Aug 9 - 11
Chatham-Kent	Aug 11 - 17
Medicine Hat	Aug 17
Prince George	Sept 1

Snapshot: Hamilton Pride 2002!

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These photos were from Hamilton Pride, which took place June 13-16. The weather held up long enough for us all to enjoy the sights and sounds. The people in these photos are NOT necessarily gay, nor are they straight... they're just cool. Photos courtesy of the groovy folks at Gay905.com All photos copyright 2002 Gay905.com



Hamilton Pride 2002: New City, New Pride



Uncensored: Toronto Pride 2002!

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Valley Of The Glamazons A Fabulous Success!

Submitted by the LGBT Caucus of CHFC

The LGBT Caucus of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada is pleased to announce the results of the Mr. and Ms CHF 2002 event, which occurred during "Valley of the Glamazons", the latest incarnation of the popular Bread and Roses Co-operative Homes fund-raising events.

was crowned Ms CHF 2002.

The titles were created in part to build bridges among ALL of the communities that make up CHF Canada. We are pleased to announce that this year, women hold both titles. In fact, our new Mr. CHF 2002 is a 60 year old heterosexual grandmother.

Each of the contestants gave their all during the show. In the end, Arthur Ittis (*a.k.a. Carol Fishburn*) from Bread and Roses in Kitchener was crowned Mr. CHF 2002 and Lady Butterfly (*a.k.a. Amanda Yetman*) from Frank G. McLoughlin Co-operative Homes in Brampton

The amazing show, "Valley of the Glamazons!" was a smash success due to fantastic performances by performers like Miss Concepcion from Buffalo, New York, Dominique Blake from Chatham, Lyla Miklos, Octavia Thunderpussy and the current reigning Emperor and Empress of



Lady Butterfly (left) and Arthur Ittis (right) were crowned Mr and Ms CHF 2002 during "Valley of the Glamazons!" held at The WERX in Hamilton. Photo courtesy of Charles Ng.

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Hamilton, Tig and D.B. Hooters. The evening was emceed by Ms CHF 2000 Morgan James and Mr. CHF 2000 Craig Hunter who also brought down the house with the debut of their first duet!

Thanks to a generous and giving audience, more than \$1800.00 was raised during the two hour show. Proceeds from this 100% fund-raising show will be divided amongst Camp Oasis (*Canada's first national camp for children living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS*), the Leaky Co-op Defense Fund and Bread and Roses Co-operative Homes.

It was wonderful to see peoples of all ages, races, genders and orientations coming together and enjoying the show. Door prizes included several Cruiseline memberships, a collector's doll and more!

Many thanks go to Amber, Patrick, Joanne, Damien and everyone else who helped make "Valley of the Glamazons!" a success. See you next year in Halifax as we present the Mr. and Ms CHF 2003 event during the next Glamazon event!



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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

THE CAFE AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE READING SERIES is presented on the **first Sunday of the month** at The Dalby House at 143 Metcalfe Street in Elora. The group convenes in the historic and funky downstairs room known as The Coal Bin at 7:00 pm. For more information about the readings and/or The Cafe at the End of the Universe Reading Series, contact Gordon Gilhuly at (519) 576-██████ or by email at ██████████

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. 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.

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.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA

The Imperial Court of Hamilton Wentworth presents a **Beach Party** at the WERX (121 Hughson Street N) in Hamilton on **August 3** beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Empress IX and XIV Candice and Emperor XIV Chris Holmgren are hosting a **SUPER PATIO SHOW** on **August 4** at TRAX V Bar, Toronto beginning at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds go to TICOT charities. There will be lots of performers from Toronto and area Courts performing. Also

a big BBQ is planned! (*Hey - would we have an event without food??*) We have also a huge leather contingent coming to the show (titleholders, clubs) so this is going to be a hoot.

Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee General Meeting.

Everyone Welcome! **August 12.** The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Cafe - 119 King Street West, Downtown Kitchener. Discussion Topics include: Pride 2002: Community Feedback, Elections for Pride 2003 Steering Committee and Plans for Pride 2003. Call (519) 584-██████ for more details and/or directions

On **August 16**, TICOT presents **The Emperor's Birthday Show** 10 30 pm at TRAX V, Toronto. A Fundraiser for Chron's disease. Come one and all for a night of fun and festivities!

KW FRIENDS OF DOROTHY 10 PIN COSMIC BOWLING LEAGUE begins their 2002-2003 Season with their **ANNUAL FREE SIGN UP (KICK OFF) BOWLING PARTY** on **August 25 @ 3:00 pm**. The regular bowling season starts Sunday, September 8, 2002 @ 3:00 pm. For more info, call 579-██████ or email Paul at friendsofdorothy_kw@hotmail.com

