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Pride Pages

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Not Strictly for the Grrls

Thom Ryan

tri-Pride 2003's first fundraising event, "Rosie's Riveting Revue: Random Acts of Woman Kindness," Friday October 25th, was an unprecedented success. Not only was the show a welcome reverie from the usual - but the Robin's Nest was a welcome and rarified venue on the eve of a Hallowe'en bash.

The quality of performances was excellent. The hilarious antics of MC Dirk Diggler (Deb Pearce) kept the ball rolling, and the performers definitely kept up with the tempo. From plastic-wrapped shock couture to daring feats of woman-on-woman drag, wry gender bending wit to insightful social commentary - the atmosphere was raucous and the mood was high.



Evalyn Parry entertains the crowd

The night started out with performances by male impersonators from Toronto and across the USA. The New Cocks on the Block gave the audience more than an eyeful (hey, it's publicly legal now, people!), Flare (Clare Smith) rocked the house with a few updated house favorites while Christopher (Noel Campbell) knocked their socks off with his/her powerful cross-gender charisma...

Evalyn Parry's brand of mixed song and spoken word performance delivered big time with a two-punch of intelligent wit and soulful social critique. The New Cocks and Flare returned for a hilarious air guitar, Christopher bared 'almost all' to the thrill of the masses, and Dirk Diggler rounded it all up with bent antics and the final word about women in jockstraps.

An excellent time was had by all, and some goodwill supporting local Pride was spread around, too.

A very special thanks goes out to The Robin's Nest, Evalyn Parry, The New Cocks on the Block, Christopher Noel, Dirk Diggler, John Olesen, Angus Audio and of course, the tri-Pride 2002 Volunteers, for their participation and support.

"Rosie's Riveting Revue: Random Acts of Woman Kindness" was a fundraising event for tri-Pride 2003. For more information about tri-Pride, please visit www.rainbow.on.ca or contact tri-Pride at (519) 584-██████ to learn more.



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ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET!

THE STAGE IS SET FOR WATERLOO-WELLINGTON'S FIRST PRIDE PROM

Jeremy Steffler

Whether you are currently in high school or reminiscing about the past, one of the events often considered one of the highlights of these years is the senior prom. It not only holds a unique place as a "rite of passage" marking the end of an important stage of our lives, but also perhaps more importantly, is an unforgettable evening of fun with your friends and peers.

Despite the importance this event can hold, the experience for LGBT youth can be bittersweet, when complications arise when considered whether or not they will attend their prom with a same-sex partner. Last spring, amidst the Marc Hall controversy, members of GLOW and GLOBAL, the LGBT groups at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University, began thinking about organizing a "Pride Prom". This event was envisioned as a formal event, complete with dinner and dancing, catered specifically for LGBT persons, their partners and their allies. Since that time, the group has grown and become an active committee who are working to make the Pride Prom a reality. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated volunteers, the event is scheduled for **Friday January 31, 2003** in the **Crystal Ballroom at the Walper Terrace Hotel**. The location is ideal because of its history in the local LGBT community and its relatively central location in the KW-Region. The Ballroom is also perfectly suited to the glamorous theme of "Vintage Hollywood" chosen for the event. The event will be open to all ages and have a cash bar. Despite the high school setting invoked by the name, the Pride Prom is an event open to all ages. Not only does this event provide an opportunity for current LGBT high school and university students to attend a prom with their partners, but it also provides a unique opportunity for those who may have missed their prom in the past to re-live their youth. The Pride Prom Committee is made up of university students from both UW and WLU as well as community members who have various ties to other LGBT organisations in KW. The group is still quite small and looking for more enthusiastic volunteers to help move forward. The current focus is on finding sponsorship to help keep ticket prices low. Tickets are currently being printed and will be on sale by the end of October. The Pride Prom will allow us to comfortably experience an important life event with those we care about. Tickets are \$35/person. For tickets email prideprom@hotmail.com.

News From the tri-Pride Committee

tri-PRIDE, formerly know as Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee has undergone a few changes in the last few months. First we have a new logo (pictured below). Second, the theme for tri-PRIDE 2003 is 'Tribes'. Thirdly, we have had some change in our Committee Members. The Committee is currently composed of:

Suzanne Botsford - Chair
Dave Olesen - Vice Chair
Melody Alderwick - Secretary
Audrey Charbonneau - Treasurer
Tracey Boughey - Fundraising
Angie Keen - Volunteers
Thom Ryan - Corporate Sponsorship/Website
Rick Sickinger - Events
Petr Bakus - Publication/Advertising



Pride Pages Editorial Policy

The **Pride Pages** aims to be a source for LGBTQ community information such as information about local organizations, resources, social groups and upcoming events.

The **Pride Pages** encourage submissions for organizational information, and upcoming events, as well as any related articles. The **Pride Pages** has the discretion to refuse publication of opinion, or any material that is deemed unsuitable.

The **Pride Pages** is a free bi-monthly publication of the tri-PRIDE committee.

Submissions can be made online at <http://www.rainbow.on.ca/ppsubmit.htm> or by email to info@rainbow.onca.

Pride Pages

BRUISED FRUIT

A QUEER COMEDY SHOWCASE

9PM, THURS, DEC. 5th CLUB RENAISSANCE

FEATURES SOME OF THE BEST QUEER TALENT AROUND INCLUDING:

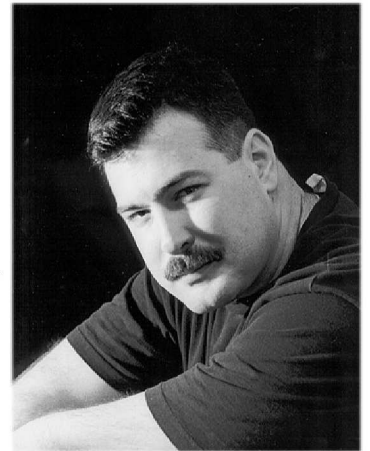


FIONA MACCOOL

Fiona MacCool is a stand up comedian, lounge singer, inspirational speaker, wealthy industrialist, foot model, occasional bowler and lesbian shut-in. Fiona performs regularly at a variety of cabarets, concerts, fundraisers and benefits around town. You can catch Fiona's next appearance as soon as someone invites her to appear in public, she agrees to it and then remembers to let you know. She can be harassed at fionamaccool@hotmail.com.

ROBERTO BOZAC

Roberto Bozac was born in Montreal but started his comedy career in Ottawa because there wasn't anything else to do. He was a regular at YukYuk's (one of their few openly gay comics) as well as a member of the improv comedy troupe at The Institution and has performed in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, and San Francisco. He is also an award-winning actor, and has performed in such shows as Sondheim's Assassins, Sorkin's Hidden in This Picture, Shakespeare's A Midsummer's Night Dream and Hutchinson's Rat in the Skull. He continues to perform at comedy venues around Toronto, has recently appeared in *Queer as Folk* as 'distant blur behind Emmet's head at the awards show' (uncredited) and has a small (but pivotal) role in *Homecoming* (a Karrowprime film to be released in October 2002). This multi-talented actor/singer/comedian/IT consultant is available for plays, parties, weddings, bar mitzvahs, web services programming and dates with handsome and sane (optional) men (not so optional).



RICHARD RYDER

Native Torontonain Richard Ryder is an Actor/Writer/Standup Comic/Supermodel (you have to say it with the slashes or it isn't the same). He is also one of the co-founders of Oot & Aboot, Canada's first All Gay Comedy Company. Richard's comedy has been a constant source of embarrassment to his family which is as it should be.

AND A FEW MORE

TED MORRIS AND DAVE THOMLINSON



A COMMUNITY EVENT OF TRI-PRIDE

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Tri-Pride Committee

Meets every second Monday at 6:30 P.M. at Regional Municipal Building, 150 Frederick Street, Kitchener.

Our meetings are open to all members of the community. Come and see what we are planning and have your say. For dates please call 584-████.

Gay & Bi Fathers Support Group of Waterloo Wellington

Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. Meetings held in Guelph. Contact: Jon (519) 823-████ or Dave (519) 821-████.

TUESDAYS

Poets on the Run

Held every tuesday at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Cafe (119 King St., downtown Kitchener) at 8.00 pm. Hosted by James P. McAuliffe.

WEDNESDAYS

GLOW Discussion Group

GLOW hosts three distinct discussion groups on a rotating basis on Wednesday nights: the Coming-Out Discussion Group, the Heart-to-Heart Discussion Group, and the Diversity Discussion Group. All three groups meet at the same location, room 373/378 of the Hagey Hall Building at the University of Waterloo from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Social follows at 8:30 P.M in the Grad House. For weekly topics and more information see www.glow.uwaterloo.ca or call 884-4569.

Rainbow Youth Group

Open discussion group for GLBT youth ages 16 to 25. Meets every Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Call 570-3687 for information.

Pink Coffee House

Meets every Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 P.M. at Muses Café, 10 King Street E., Kitchener. A place to meet and play games with other GLBT folks. Come for board games and cards, and to socialize.

THURSDAYS

GLOBAL gathering

GLOBAL is Wilfrid Laurier University's organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and undecided students, alumni and faculty. GLOBAL gathers every second Thursday. This is an informal gathering open to men and women of all sexualities. For meeting times, and location email global@wlu.ca.

SUNDAYS

K-W Friends of Dorothy

10 Pin Cosmic Bowling League

The only Gay/Gay positive bowling league in the tri-city area meets every Sunday at 3:00 P.M. at Frederick Brunswick Lanes at 385 Frederick Street, Kitchener. For more information contact Jason Boyko at 578-████ or friendsofdorothy_kw@hotmail.com.

OTHER EVENTS

DECEMBER 5

"Bruised Fruit"

Queer stand-up comedy show at Club Renaissance. Show starts at 9:00 P.M., cost \$10.00.

DECEMBER 13

Rainbow Chorus Dance

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 836-████ or visit our website www.geocities.com/rainbowchorus

GENERAL INFORMATION

Outline - 836-4550

Guelph and area information and support line for LGBT and Queer community.

GLOW Line - 884-4569 (GLOW)

GLOW's peer, support and community information line.

WOUF: Waterloo Ontario Ursine Friends

A group for Bears and their friends. For more information visit

<http://homepage.mac.com/questor24/wouf/>



NAMES PROJECT COMES TO THE TRI-CITIES

Rick Sickinger

As part of Pride: 2003, the tri-Pride Committee along with the AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo and Area are endeavoring to mount a large display of The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Quilt is a national memorial made up of over 500 - 3'x6' fabric panels. Each panel has been created as a loving tribute to someone who has died of AIDS. The Quilt is managed by The NAMES Project - Canada.

About The NAMES Project - Canada

In June of 1987, a small group of friends gathered in a San Francisco storefront to document the lives that they feared history would neglect. Their goal was to create a memorial for those who had died of AIDS and to thereby help people to understand the devastating impact of the disease. It was there that the AIDS Memorial Quilt began.

Over the next few years thousands of people, all over North America began to send panels to San Francisco to be included in the Quilt. Thus the NAMES Project Foundation was established to manage all these panels. Fifteen years later The AIDS Memorial Quilt has developed in to the most visible symbol of the AIDS pandemic worldwide expanding from the United States to thirty-three other countries. In Washington, D.C. a display of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt, with some international panels, is held every four years in conjunction with the presidential elections.

In September of 1988 a small group of AIDS activists began negotiations with the San Francisco group to have the AIDS Memorial Quilt tour Canada. Their intention was to gather new panels to begin a Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt. As a result the first NAMES Project in Canada began in early 1989.

In 1992 the original Canadian group dissolved handing custodianship of the Quilt to the Canadian AIDS Society. Then, in May 1994 after a nationwide call for proposals, The NAMES Project - Canada / Le Projet des NOMS - Canada was awarded management of the Quilt.

Since 1994 operating as a national volunteer board The NAMES Project continues to follow the principles of the first AIDS Memorial Quilt in the United States. They work to coordinate displays of the Quilt, host regional panel-making workshops and maintain the national memorial in Halifax. The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt is the third largest Quilt project in the world.

Panels of The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt can be viewed at www.quilt.ca

NEW NIGHTCLUB OPENS IN K-W

Chris Weatherall

Welcome to Frequency Nightclub (183 King St., W), Kitchener's hottest new gay club. The interior incorporates a very cool contemporary look, and the overall design makes use of every square foot in the club. All of the staff is friendly, and anxiously waiting to serve you, with a smile. The club features some special nights. On Thursday night the girls are all hanging out for Womyn's Night, while groovin' to the tracks spun by the energetic DJ Barb, and served by a full womyn staff. On Friday the men come out to play for Men's Night, and DJ BadWeather is the resident DJ. The music is a variety of the hottest new vocal progressive house tracks, to hard house hits, to mainstream pop and R&B radio hits, and mixed in with the set are some of the classic dance tracks from the 80's and 90's. DJ BadWeather is set as the resident DJ for Saturday night, as well.

Four months of meticulous, tedious hard work and determination were put into the renovations and preparations for this club. As what used to be known as "The Banke" Nightclub, the vacant space was converted from a run-down concert band hall/bar into what is now a club that is up-to-date with the latest trend in nightclub design. The nightclub gives its patrons the feeling that they are a part of a high-class establishment, and they certainly are! But the best part, setting the club ahead of the game ... there is no attitude.

Frequency Nightclub is currently open from 9PM to 3AM, Wednesday to Sunday. Every age group is welcome and everyone will appreciate the uniqueness of the club. No one is left unnoticed, and all of the staff strives to make sure that each customer is served in a friendly and efficient manner. Frequency Nightclub is trying to be dramatically different than the rest; it's just the way they are.

THE LARAMIE PROJECT

Rick Sickinger

The Laramie Project is coming to Waterloo. A professional production of this compelling and challenging piece of theatre is running March 5-8, 2003 at the Theatre for the Arts at the University of Waterloo. The performance on March 5th will be a **Special Fundraising Performance** for ACCKWA and tri-Pride. The money raised at this event will go towards sponsoring a display of The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt during the week of Pride in June 2003. All tickets purchased for this special March 5th performance will include an invitation to a catered post-performance reception with the cast and crew. Buy your tickets for this special fundraising performance of The Laramie Project starting December 15th. All tickets \$12.00 - Box Office orders 888-4908.

About the Play:

These are the facts. On October 6, 1989 in Laramie, Wyoming Matthew Shepard was brutally beaten and left for dead tied to a fence alongside a rural road. Six days later in a comma Shepard died in hospital as a result of the injuries. He was twenty-one years old, he was a college student, and he was gay.

Everything that happened afterwards is open to interpretation. His killers Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney would claim robbery as their motivation. The gay and lesbian community and the international media would claim Hate Crime. But what's the opinion of those who knew the men involved, the people who investigated the crime, the medical staff that treated Matthew and the people who lived in the community that would be billed as the "hate crime capital of the world"?

Moises Kaufman's play "The Laramie Project" offers us compelling insights into these questions. Mr. Kaufman and his theatre company Tectonic Theater Project would spend a year and a half following the murder travelling to Laramie conducting interviews. The compellation of these interviews and excerpts from the company member's journals make up the resulting play. In "The Laramie Project" we hear the voices and actual words of fifty-four "characters" including the father of Matthew Shepard, the detective who investigated the crime, the religious leaders of Laramie and even the two men who committed the murder. The script offers varied viewpoints into how one town tries come to terms with a horrific crime, the media spotlight, homophobia, fear, capital punishment, religious beliefs, and how to begin the healing process. In the end we see that Laramie, Wyoming is not unique nor "the hate crime capitol of the world" but a microcosm of a society to which we all belong. The play opened in Denver in February 2000 to great renown before moving to New York and in November 2000 to Laramie itself. An HBO film of the play opened the Sundance Film Festival this year.



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Do you have a community event coming up,
if so submit it to tri-PRIDE.

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SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO PRIDE ALLIANCE REPORT

Thom Ryan

It was with careful anticipation that the first participants in the Southwestern Ontario Pride Alliance arrived in London September 21. An initiative spearheaded by Ben Benedict (London Pride), Chris Schnurr and Scott Frazer (Gay Blue Water International Pride: Sarnia/Port Huron), no one quite knew what to expect, or whether the concept of a Southwestern Ontario Pride 'alliance' would fly.

Getting people around a table talking about the issues was the first goal. What shape would a regional Pride alliance take? What role would that organization play in the growth, facilitation and advocacy of the region it was to represent? Even the rubric of 'Southwestern Ontario' as a region would be called into focus.

It was clear immediately that successfully meeting the needs of our differing communities would be a primary challenge for the alliance. Rural versus urban, multi-culture versus monoculture, physical distance, large versus small volunteer base, remarkably different cultural composition – these would determine the extent of cooperation and effectiveness which could be achieved in such a caucus.

Surprisingly, the alliance itself did quite well, for a first caucus. The ideas flew about potential strategic alliances, such as a single LGBT Pride Resource for Ontario, and essential operational concerns, which were so clearly disparate when considering a large, mature metropolitan organization such as London Pride in comparison to a fledgling rural area like Chatham-Kent Pride. The people around the table were ready to talk about practical efforts, attainable goals, and were careful not to overstep the best intentions of individual Pride celebrations.



Christmas Basket Draw

1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Tickets will be sold through out the community, watch for more information.

Draw will be held on Wednesday,
December 18th at
Club Renaissance.

Proceeds of the draw will be used to fund Pride 2003.

Just a few of the initiatives discussed:

- Collaboration of timing of Pride events in Ontario
- A Pride Resource Directory for Southwestern Ontario
- Pride: Social Advocacy or Annual Event? Defining the Role
- A shared volunteer network
- A Southwestern Ontario Pride web site
- Best Practices to help Pride organizations be more effective
- Combating internal schism and healthy committee structures
- Collective bargaining 'buying power' for events, venues and performers
- Seeking large-scale partnerships with national players, like Tourism
- A place for smaller community Prides to be recognized and to learn how to be more effective
- Providing a uniform web site naming convention for Ontario, ie: "www.pride.yourarea.on.ca"
- Defining what communities constitute Southwestern Ontario

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