

# NWA GLBT Community Center



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## NWA GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER

### NWA GLBT Community Center Election Results

For Elected Officer Positions: (all candidates were running unopposed.)

President:

Donna Marie Tindle 23 yes / 01 no

Secretary:

John Miller 24 yes / 00 no

Director of Fund Development:

Todd Martin 23 yes/01 no

Board Member at Large:

Carrie McCabe 24 yes / 00 no

For Vote of Confidence:

Treasurer:

Teresa Goodrich (Jag) 24 yes / 00 no

Vice-President:

Tymthy Aieran 21 yes / 03 no

Board Member at Large:

Faith Sawyer-Tindle 21 yes / 03 no

Board Member at Large:

Chris Hannon 24 yes / 00 no

Board Member at Large:

Jamie Renae Van Horn 13 yes / 11 no

29 paid members / 24 voted - excellent turn out for our first election

Verified by the 2007 Governance Team:

Chris G - Chairperson

Janice Eldridge

Ray Cozad-Bolte

Tymthy Aieran

Teresa Goodrich

### Pride Group Forms in Northwest Arkansas and Schedules Pride Celebrations for Fayetteville, AR on June 30th



NWA Pride is forming to plan and execute this year's Pride Celebrations in Northwest Arkansas. Ken Boyle, a community center member has taken on the task of forming the group and needs volunteers and participants for the parade and picnic being planned for this year. Lots of exciting things are in the works and your participation is crucial to its success. Ken encourages anyone to participate and invites the local GLBT youth and GLBT community to show our colors and numbers to the rest of the community in the area. Go to [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nwa\\_pride/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nwa_pride/) to join the NWA Pride Yahoo Group and get in on the ground floor of the planning stages. Check out the NWA PRIDE web site at [http://www.geocities.com/nwa\\_pride/](http://www.geocities.com/nwa_pride/) for updates!

**'Jagism' for June – the excitement is the ride,  
the destination is a bonus.**

## Community Center General Meetings:

June 24th, 2007

2-4 PM Jones Center for Families 922 E. Emma Ave  
Springdale, AR Room TBA

### June: Celebrating Gay Pride

Beth Clark

Just after midnight on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1969, a bar in New York City was raided by the



police. As word spread through the neighborhood and other bars nearby, hundreds of people rushed to the scene and added to the chaos. Patrons were grabbed and beaten, bottles and rocks were thrown, parking meters pulled up and used as a battering ram against the door to force the police out, there was extensive property damage, fires, injuries and arrests were made in the rioting that lasted for four days. That bar, now famous in the gay community was the Stonewall Inn. The bar catered to gay men, lesbians and cross-dressers. The police had planned a routine raid that night however, this time, the people fought back. That incident proved to be a turning point with gays and lesbians and the gay liberation basically flew out of the closet that night.

Raids of that type were not uncommon during the sixties. Arrests were often made for same sex couples kissing, holding hands, and being in what may have been rumored to be a gay establishment. Arrests could be made for a person wearing clothes of the opposite gender, women could not wear men's clothing nor could men wear women's. A bar could be shut down, their license revoked and their employees arrested if homosexuals were even suspected to be in the bar. That June riot in 1969 was the literal 'shot heard round the world' and the gay community started to stand up for their rights and literally fight back.

Since that Stonewall incident the gay community has celebrated each year, usually in June, the liberation and freedom our brothers and sisters fought for during those riots. We celebrate our diversity, our pride in who we are, what we stand for, and that we exist. Pride that our identity is inherent and cannot be altered by choice. Proud to love and be free to love, proud of ourselves and

each other for what we have overcome and what we face daily. Proud to not be sheltered or hidden in a closet pretending we do not exist. Our pride means we respect ourselves, refuse to be held down, demand to be acknowledged and seen. We are proud of our accomplishments and each other.

We are proud and have pride. We are men, women and children who are your brothers and sisters, your sons and daughters. We live, we love, we laugh, we feel, we cry and we are proud of who we are.

This month celebrate with us. Remember our history of where we have been and where we need to be and what we have to do to get there. Remember our struggles and our obstacles of then and now. Remember our fight for liberations, freedom, love, equality and to be seen for who we are and not who we love. This month, celebrate our diversity, celebrate our pride.

### Membership:

Individual membership dues are \$25 a year. This membership is for one adult and any youth in the household under the age of 18. This membership has one vote.

The Family membership dues will be \$35 a year and will cover as many adults as are on the application listed as Family and any youth in the household under 18. This membership will have one vote.

Non-voting memberships are free.

**Contact John Miller at [secretary@nwaglbtc.org](mailto:secretary@nwaglbtc.org) or write to [info@nwaglbtc.org](mailto:info@nwaglbtc.org) for more information or questions. You can also find more information on our web site.**

**We need your help. Send donations to:  
NWA GLBT CC PO Box 1161 Bentonville,  
AR 72712**

If you would like to make a submission to the newsletter, please submit your letters, articles announcements or photos to the editor at [newsletter@nwaglbtc.org](mailto:newsletter@nwaglbtc.org). The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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