

NWA GLBT Community Center



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NWA GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER

NWA GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER ELECTIONS NOMINATIONS NOW CLOSED

The NWA GLBT Community Center distributes many local, regional, and national magazines. Come to the next meeting to get your copies and keep up on all the GLBT events.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Vote to fill positions open for this year's election

Candidates for President
(Unopposed)

Donna Marie Tindle

Candidates for Secretary
(Unopposed)

John Miller

Candidates for Director of Funds
(Unopposed)

Todd Martin

Candidates for Board Members at Large
(Unopposed)

Carrie McCabe

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Vote to show confidence for those in current positions not open to this year's election (This election only).

Interim Treasurer

Teresa Goodrich (Jag)

Interim Vice President

Tymythy Aieran

Interim Board Member at Large

Faith Sawyer-Tindle

Interim Board Member at Large

Chris Hannon

Interim Board Member at Large

Jamie Renae Van Horn

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. The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.

NWA GLBT Community Center's

First Annual

Linking Together As One Gala

An Affair to Remember

Dine and Dance the Evening Away to Celebrate our New Community Center

June 8th, 2007 at the Clarion Inn, Fayetteville, AR.

7pm to 11:30pm on Friday June 8th

Buffet Dinner, Cocktails, Entertainment, Dancing,
Silent Auction, Speakers

Room at the Clarion for 2 Raffle \$1 per Ticket

Gala Tickets on Sale Now for only \$30

Call Toll Free 1-888-391-9222

'Jagism' for May – Been there, done that,
burned the tee-shirt!

Community Center General Meetings:

May 27, 2007

2-4 PM Jones Center for Families 922 E. Emma Ave
Springdale, AR Room 218 (Oklahoma City Room)
Board Member Elections.



[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. Click the logo to join the [NWA Pride Yahoo Group](#) and get in on the ground floor of the planning stages.

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

NWA GLBT CC Adventures at Rodeo in the Rock!
Faith Sawyer-Tindle

DSRA (Diamond State Rodeo Association) hosted their annual 'Rodeo in the Rock' April 20 – 22, Little Rock, AR, and a few of us were very fortunate to experience it.



We missed the Welcome party, although we heard it was fun. A few of us braved the crowds of enthusiastic cow-folk at Side Tracks Bar for a-little while. Imagine an old, long and narrow bar filled to the brim, then expand that to a balcony and a patio outside, with tasty foods, loads of drink and music pumping the pace of the event through us all. We were warmly greeted by Dusty, the DSRA Secretary, and Lou, the President of DSRA and Rodeo Director, the Mom's (more or less) of this event.

The first day of the rodeo, we rose early and slipped in the gates with the Judges and Cowboys/Cowgirls, long before the crowds appeared. Chris went to work for us with the DSRA crew immediately and spent most of the weekend in endless hours of standing (or sitting) guard. Thank you so much Chris for your generous work! I am sure they appreciated having your efforts on their team. The rest of us went about the work of setting up our table of information. I went about creating rainbow lettering to call attention to our table. Jag and Rachelle set out the papers and began meeting the other

participants. The room slowly filled with other vendors and cowboys and cowgirls taking a stroll between events. We were set up next to the Stone Wall Democrats and the Human Rights Campaign tables. You can imagine the lively conversations we had. We met wonderful artists, a fabulous healer named Lin Long, head of the Vendors for DSRA, and the sellers of Tee Shirts, Candles and other fun stuff.

The Rodeo events included the usual Barrel Racing and Bull Riding, etc., as well as Drag Riding, Goat Dressing, and other humorous events. We didn't get a-lot of time to watch it, but what we did see was done with the good cheer, competitive spirit and humility which characterize the Cowboy Credo.

At night they played as hard as they rode and long into the night. As the horses that morning had collected, jostling each other, filled with energy and anticipation, now the cowboys gathered, coy and playful. All the shows were very entertaining and fun too!

We are very thankful to have been a part of the Rodeo in the Rock! We spoke with many people about our Center's dreams and the upcoming Gala. We met some great net-workers and caught up with friends. We had a blast and hope to see you all again.

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 or write to info@nwaglbtc.org for more information or questions. You can also find more information on our web site.



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