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— Tim Hayes

May 1992

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- 5-01 First Friday Fort Worth, 7-10 pm
- 5-03 TGRA meeting, 3 pm
- 5-05 National Homebrew Day
- 5-06 Dignity monthly meeting, 7 pm
- 5-06 Imperial Court Candidate Review
- 5-07,08,09,10 Names Project Quilt Display, Fair Park
- 5-07 P-FLAG, 901 Lake St, 7 pm
- 5-09 Leadership Luncheon, Luby's, 251 Univ, 12:30 pm
- 5-09 "Wheels that Heal", rollerblading, S.J. Stoval Park, Arlington
- 5-09 Men's Potluck dinner, Agape MCC, 6:30 pm
- 5-10 Mother's Day
- 5-10 Imperial Court Meeting
- 5-10 Gay Pride Week meeting at Across the Street, 3 pm
- 5-11 Tarrant County Parents Group meeting, 7 pm
- 5-12 TCLGA meeting at Botanic Gardens Arboretum, 7 pm
- 5-12 Legal Clinic, AOC, 7 pm by appointment
- 5-15,16,17 Lesbian Conference, Dallas, details-(214)720-3407
- 5-16 Preakness Frog Hop, Baltimore, MD
- 5-16 Full Moon!
- 5-17 Lutherans Concerned, Dignity/FW, Honest, Affirmation/Tarrant County, joint meeting, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 3 pm
- 5-17 AIDS Candlelight Memorial, 8 pm
- 5-21 P-FLAG, 901 Lake St, 7 pm
- 5-25 Memorial Day
- 5-25 HIV testing, Agape MCC, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- 5-26 Legal Clinic, AOC, 7 pm by appointment
- 5-26 Turtle Creek Chorale Concert, Ed Landreth Auditorium, 8 pm
- 5-30 Safer Sex Workshop for Women, info: 335-1994, 10 am -3 pm
- 5-30 Womyn's Potluck, Agape MCC, 6:30 pm
- 6-07 Gay Pride Week Parade & Carnival
- 6-13 Gay Pride Week Picnic at Greenway Park

-----ONGOING ACTIVITIES-----

- Sunday KYRO TV, Channel 44, 9 am
Agape MCC, 9 am, 11 am, 6:45 pm
Trinity MCC, 11 am
- Monday HIV + Healing, AOC, 5:30 pm
HIV testing, The Source, 5:30 pm & 6:30 pm by appointment
Care partner support group, St. Stephen Pres Church, 7 PM
Ray of Hope support group, Agape MCC, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday Positive Women, AOC 5:30 pm
Care Contacts, AOC 6:30 pm
Trinity MCC service, 7 pm
Spiritual support group, JPS Hope Rm, 7 pm
KYRO TV, channel 44, 10 pm
- Thursday KYRO TV Channel 44 1:30 pm
HIV support group, 7 pm, College of Osteopathic Medicine
The Men's Hour, AOC, 8:30 pm
- Daily Lamda AA, 8 pm

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PFLAG mother & American Express VP at April meeting

The April 14 Alliance meeting at Colonial Cafeteria served as a forum for affirmation by supporters of the lesbian/gay community

Over 30 Alliance members, friends and guests gathered for food and socializing, and to hear representatives of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and American Express. Both expressed their concerns about prejudiced attitudes against the lesbian/gay population and committed their support.

Dr. Rita Cotterly, founder of the local PFLAG chapter, said she started the group here because by her own life experiences she could relate to the plight of people who differ from mainstream.

As a nun she had received negative reactions to her graduate studies in human sexuality. "I reached the point in my life where I learned I had to be myself, regardless of the price I had to pay," she explained. "If people didn't like it, then that was their problem."

After leaving the church in 1990 she created the Sexuality Education Center in Fort Worth to provide instruction on sexual health and intimacy. She works with PFLAG to "assist others to help themselves to be the beautiful people they can be, and to share that beauty with others."

PFLAG provides a self-healing environment to help families understand, accept and support

lesbians and gays. The group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 901 Lake Street (817/338-4551).

One mother from PFLAG addressed the Alliance on how her son's coming-out had affected her. She described her initial reactions and feelings and the self-growth that resulted from the adjustment process. "I am much less narrow-minded now — this issue has opened up my way of thinking," she related. "I don't label people anymore. In fact, I realized recently that my prejudice now is against people who are prejudiced!"

She said she welcomes the opportunities to educate others on their prejudices. When a friend confided to her that he didn't understand why someone would choose to be gay, she chastised him and asked, "Did you choose to be heterosexual?"

Weldon Gresset, division vice president of American Express, also spoke at the meeting to convey his company's inclusion of lesbians and gays in employment practices and financial services policies.

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you don't know who supports you," he began. "I'm here tonight to let you know we support you."

He said the American Express administration has long been crusaders for the rights of minorities, including sexual orientation among those categories. Managers are evaluated by the numbers of minority employees they recruit.

"There are places you can work

Alliance News

Newsletter of Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance Inc. Viewpoints expressed herein are not official views of TCLGA unless explicitly stated. Inclusion of any name or photograph is not a representation of sexual orientation.

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where you don't have to be in the closet," he offered. He said personnel are evaluated by their job performance, not by their personal beliefs nor the way they conduct their lives. "American Express is a good place for people with diverse viewpoints to work," he invited.

According to Gresset, the company is assessing services and marketing strategies — currently targeted at traditional families — to better meet the needs of lesbians and gays.

May Meeting

TCLGA's next monthly meeting is to be held at the Botanic Gardens Arboretum. The belated Cinco de Mayo celebration will be Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm.

The evening will consist mainly of socializing, eating and drinking, but there will be a plaque awarded and a short presentation on the new goals of the Alliance.

All of the appetizers and drinks are free, so invite your friends and come out for a festive evening.

YES! Count me in. I want to be a part of the important work of Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

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Dear Community: Tarrant County Public Forum

Dear Community:

Do you want your parents or friends to gain a better understanding and acceptance of you and your lifestyle?

We are the group to help. We are P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Feel free to visit our meetings or ask your loved ones to attend a session. You will find some very caring and open folk there to answer questions about "coming out" or over coming fear and prejudice.

Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 901 Lake Street, Fort Worth, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Phone 338-4551 for details or directions.

Our local group, which is affiliated with the National P-FLAG organization, has been meeting for over a year and we have seen some great results in the way of strengthening of family unity and

communication.

Please feel free to share this information with others.

D. Rich
P-FLAG member

Dear Community:

Hello! and congratulations on your publication. We truly enjoyed it. One of our steering members received a copy and brought it to our group.

We sincerely hope that you will add Lesbian Visionaries to your mailing list! We have added you to our mailing list for our newsletter, The New Vision.

Also, we would like to be listed in your "Community Guide" in your publication. We sponsor the Lesbian Information Line (LIL), (214) 526-2428.

I would also like for you to add my lover, Linda Haines (Editor of The New Vision) and I to your invitation list for the "fort worth formal" New Year's Eve party. We heard it was great fun.

Keep up the good work at TCLGA!
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--Thursdays--

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FRIDAYS

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By Trinity MCC's Rev. Jo Crisco



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Just punch a button! Someone should invent other similar machines. For example we could use one that dispenses Hope... a bottle full only 50¢. Along side it could be one with Patience. (Then the next time your lover or boss is driving you up the wall, you could just call "Time Out", race to the corner store and punch a button.)

We could all keep spray bottles of "anti-homophobia, anti-fear, anti-injustice" potion handy. Think of the

wonderful world we could create with an appropriately aimed shot from our spray bottle!

We could have one bottle filled with love and one with faith. Oh, and another with dreams. We would want one filled with gentleness and caring.

But as you know we have no such machines. But we do have one another! The human heart and spirit determined to do good can be a resource of all these attributes. We can fashion and mold our community to be whatever we decide it should be.

...We do have one another!

It will take a lot of work and dedication. No problem — this won't be a mountain at all to a climber. We can do it... together. Sorta like punching a button.

Rev. Crisco is Senior Pastor at Trinity Metropolitan Community Church in Arlington.

Straight volunteers with gay relatives needed for research

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is looking for volunteers to participate in a family study of *Biological Determinants of Human Sexuality*. The study is to determine whether the development of sexual orientation is influenced by heredity.

Volunteers will be interviewed in private by a gay-positive researcher, and will donate a blood sample. The identity and participation of volunteers will be strictly confidential. Travel expenses and per diem will be paid by

the NIH.

Participants need to be 18 or older with two or more adult gay or lesbian relatives. Of special interest are families with three or more gay men or lesbians; those in which both of the parents and the paternal grandfather of a gay person are available.

Anyone interested or who has family that might qualify and be interested should contact: Dr. Dean Hamer, NIH Bld. 37, Rm 4A13, Bethesda, MD, 20892, or call collect (301)402-2709.

Music Notes

Pleiades Production's April 11th concert was another successful event to add to their growing resume.

Energy, electricity, expectations and satisfaction filled the evening at Orchestra Hall for Cris Williamson and Tret Fure's first concert in Fort Worth. A standing-room-only crowd thoroughly enjoyed Cris and Tret, who have been performing together for 11 years with out loosing any freshness.

Both were excited to tell about their adventures to the Commonwealth of Russia and their new benefit, "In Interest of Children", using music to raise money for children who are HIV positive or have AIDS.

With "The Girls All Dance" and

Loving Safely for women

The AIDS Outreach Center (AOC) will be hosting a safer sex workshop targeted towards women on Saturday, May 30.

The workshop, which is entitled "Loving Safely" will be from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be served at the workshop.

The fee for the workshop is \$20, which includes lunch and all materials. According to Caroline Goodspeed, Information and Referral Specialist, reduced rates and scholarships are available.

For more information about the workshop, for reservations to the workshop or for scholarship and reduced rate information, women should contact Caroline Goodspeed at the AIDS Outreach Center, the number there is 335-1994.

"Tight Black Jeans", Tret energized the audience and showed why she is considered one of the best female rock-n-rollers in the music industry. Chris, the folk-ballad singer, invited the audience to join in on the chorus of "Sister" and "Waterfall", from the famous "Changer and Changed" album.

The encore performance ended with "Lullabye", a soothing song that brings the show to a beautiful ending, leaving the audience with a feeling that Cris and Tret had just given each person a warm hug and bid them goodnight.

Pleiades, one of the only women's music production companies that can consistently produce sell-out or near sell-out events, is a great asset to the lesbian/gay community of Tarrant County and the whole metroplex. Let us keep supporting Pleiades and keep supporting the arts.

The Source, for HIV concerns

The Source, an HIV resource center for empowerment, has opened an office at 1640 Mistletoe Boulevard.

The Source is a place where anyone is free to explore all aspects of HIV concerns. They have a database with over 20,000 articles relating to clinical and wholistic therapies regarding HIV/AIDS. The Source also has videos, books, and periodicals for anyone seeking information on HIV/AIDS.

In cooperation with Caremark Connection, they will be offering HIV testing and counseling at a nominal fee, and weekly seminars regarding all aspects of a wellness approach to HIV.

Flyers from The Source indicate, "What we will do is give anyone as much information as we have so they are free to make informed choices."

TCLGA office space leased

○ ○ ○ FINALLY

That's right folks. The Alliance has finally signed a lease on an office space — we have a home.

On April 6, the TCLGA board met for a work meeting at which Alliance treasurer, Ron Streff, was authorized to sign a lease to begin on April 15.

The office, which leases for \$150.58 per month, is in the Ridglea Office Building at 3327 Winthrop, Suite 243. The building is directly behind the Ridglea Theatre on Camp Bowie.

Neighbors in the building include a telemarketing firm, realtors, a psychotherapist, a property management firm, a softball association, several artists' studios and a janatorial service owned by Fort Worth City Councilman, Chuck Silcox.

Silcox, interviewed by the The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, indicated that he had no problem with being neighbors. In fact, Silcox dropped by to welcome us to the building. He also converses regularly with us on current events in the city.

Neighborliness aside, this new, monthly expense will severely tax the budget of the Alliance. At least a 15% increase in memberships and contributions will be required to cover this new expense. We will also have new expenses related to operating an office.

The new office will allow us to have a live person answering the phone for people who are unable to leave their name or number. This space will also allow us to start new support groups, serve as a meeting space for other organizations, start a resource library, have community planning and development meetings, offer HIV testing and many other new and exciting things.

The office also needs to be fur-

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651 Arlinton, 1851 W. Division	275-9651
651 Club, 651 S. Jennings	332-0745
The Source	924-1177
Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance	735-5544
Tarrant County Gay Parents	656-8056
Tawdry Lane's Playhouse BBS	531-1848
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