

TCGA News



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TCGPC now is TCGA

The members of the Tarrant County Gay Political Caucus voted at the May meeting to change the organization's name to Tarrant County Gay Alliance. This change was made because of the possibility of our tax-free status being questioned. The IRS does not allow tax-free status to organizations which exist primarily for political purposes. The Dallas Gay Political Caucus made a similar name change for the same reason.

There was some support to include the word 'lesbian' in our new name. The majority of the members present felt that the word 'gay' covers us all. In addition, the separate word to comprise homosexual females would tend to perpetrate the use of the words 'gay' and 'homosexual' solely to refer to men. The TCGA is a group of gay women and men united in our struggle for equality.

SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 16

A special meeting of the TCGA has been set for Tuesday, June 16 at 8 p.m. at the home of our President, Bill Todd. The address is 5536 Pershing, near the intersection of Horne St. and Camp Bowie Blvd. We will be discussing TCGA participation in the Dallas Gay Pride Week Parade. While we feel that Ft. Worth is not ready for our own parade, it is very important that we be represented at the Dallas activities, which will receive the usual heavy coverage by the local media.

21.06 TRIAL BEGINS JUNE 15

The Baker vs. Wade trial to overturn the Texas sodomy law will begin June 15 in Dallas. The public will be admitted.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING JULY 7, 8 PM
AT THE DOWNTOWNER, 3208 W. 7th St.

Bill Todd Elected President

Bill Todd, Vice-President of the TCGA since its inception, was elected President of the organization at the June 2 regular meeting. Our congratulations go to him, and our sincere thanks to our outgoing President, Daune Littlefield, whose leadership during our critical first year helped establish TCGA as a viable organization.

NEW MEETING LOCATIONS ARE ANNOUNCED

TCGA needs many more members, so we will soon be coming to you. The generous support of many local bar owners will allow us to have TCGA meetings at local bars on a rotating basis. We will soon release a meeting schedule. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 7 at the DOWNTOWNER, 3208 West Seventh, Ft Worth at 8 p.m. Of course, we look forward to the day that the TCGA can justify the rental of a small office. We need your help in getting new members to make that day possible.

PRO-RATED DUES PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED

Normally, TCGA dues are payable in June. Considering the fact that our organization was formed in September of 1980, we will develop a fair plan to make sure that members receive their full money's worth for the 1980-81 year.

BE A PERSON OF IMMENSE IMPORTANCE

Nominations for Board of Directors will be accepted during the June 16 meeting. Any person who has been a member during the preceeding six months is eligible for board membership. At your request, your name will not appear on any of our printed matter.

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Dear Texas organization,

The Southern Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Organizations (SALGO) was formed at the Sixth Southeastern Gay Conference in Baton Rouge on April 11, 1981. The purpose of this coalition is to maintain an up-to-date list of gay and lesbian organizations in the South. Please complete the questionnaire below and return it to the Texas coordinator, c/o I/H Incorporated, P.O.Box 16041, Houston, Texas 77022. A completed list of organizations in the South should be available by the end of the summer. For more information, call (713) 694-1732.

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MEN ONLY LESBIAN ONLY OTHER
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 TRANSGENDERIST GAY MEN ONLY

PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORY WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR GROUP:

GENERAL MOVEMENT SOCIAL SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA
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 RELIGIOUS SOCIAL OTHER
 SWITCHBOARD COMMUNITY CENTER

PLEASE TELL BRIEFLY ANYTHING IMPORTANT ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES NOT COVERED ABOVE: Formerly Tarrant Co Gay Political Caucus.

IN CASE OF ANY QUERY, CONTACT PERSON IS Bill Todd
PLEASE ENCLOSE ANY DESCRIPTIVE MATERIALS THAT MAY FURTHER DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION. ALSO, PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY CHANGES.

IF YOU KNOW OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN YOUR AREA THAT ARE NOT LISTED IN THE TWT DIRECTORY, PLEASE INCLUDE THEIR NAMES AND MAILING ADDRESSES BELOW.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITHIN 10 DAYS. THANK YOU!