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Lexington's Pride Festival 2010

"A Horse of Every Color"

by Mary Crone

Lexington's Gay and Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO) invites you to join the **3rd Annual Lexington Pride Festival at the Courthouse Plaza, located at North Limestone St. at Main, in downtown Lexington, on Saturday, June 26th from 11am to 9pm.** This year's theme, A Horse of Every Color, expresses pride in who we are and where we live—the Horse Capital of the World.

Although the day is a gay pride event, everyone is welcome to attend the Pride Festival, including your children and pets. "It has really been amazing to see the gay and straight communities come together to

celebrate diversity," said Dennis Wheatley, President of the GLSO. "The first year, we didn't expect a lot," Dennis continued, "but ended up having an amazing festival that continues to grow each year. It's absolutely fantastic."

Entertainment headliners include My Dear Disco and Nohjj. At all times during the festival, something fun and exciting will be taking place on stage, including special speakers and local talent. You can find more specifics at <http://lexpride.com>.

Commercial and non-profit vendors will be promoting services and goods at their booths, and a variety of food and alcoholic concessions will be available for you to enjoy. There will also be activities for children. Admission is free and all are welcome. ■

Suicide Awareness Training June 19th

Suicide is the second most frequent cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 through 24. You can do something to change these statistics. QPR gatekeeper training is offered free of charge and is designed to help people learn and practice strategies that are effective in talking to individuals who may be considering suicide. Too often people worry about a depressed friend, family member, or acquaintance but do not know how they can help. Research shows that non-professionals can make a difference.

The workshop will take place at the Commonwealth House, 226 E. Maxwell, on Saturday, June 19 between 2 and 4 pm. It is for adults over the age of 18. (A workshop that will include teens may be offered in the future.) Carrie Schurtz, the UK campus suicide prevention coordinator will be the primary contact for coordinating training. Register for this free event by e-mailing her at carrie.schurtz@uky.edu. Remember, you can make a difference. Please join us.

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~ Council Alerts, Reports, Updates ~

Puppets for Peace: A Bluegrass Literacy Project

At its June meeting, the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice board voted unanimously to make a financial contribution to support the Bluegrass Literacy's Puppets for Peace Project, a developing Literacy Blooms initiative. Below, Norma Spencer, Director of Bluegrass Literacy, summarizes the project's scope and objectives and opportunities to volunteer:

The project plan will work with refugee teens and women with young children to develop puppet performance pieces. The pilot will begin with a Teen Puppet Camp with refugee teens this summer. Teens will create puppets, write scripts, and develop a collection of puppet performance scenes, presenting a puppet performance as a culminating event both for the pilot project and again in October with the implementation of the full project.

A second pilot will work with refugee women with young children. The focus for this phase of the puppet programming will be Community Helpers. Refugee women and children in the project will visit various community partners and learn about the roles various community service members play in support of others in the community. The women and their children will create personal puppets and share their experiences and understanding of the community helpers and the roles of citizens within the community. Additional sessions of the project will work with other at risk groups using other themes (related to diversity and problem solving) over the next year.

The project timeline, from pilots through full implementation, will run over a 12 to 15 month period and into the summer of 2011.

Interested in helping with pilot project sessions this summer? There are Mon & Wed afternoon sessions beginning June 14th with teen refugees. In July, from the 12th through the 16th there will be a week of afternoons with mom/child puppet-community helpers activities. There will also be sessions in the Manchester community area later in June and in July. Call 859.299.5982 or e-mail spencer@qx.net or contact Virginia at 859.231.7099 to help with June/July Teen scheduled activities or the mom and child Puppet Project Sessions.

Editor's note: Bluegrass Literacy is a non-profit Adult Literacy Provider that offers Free ABE (Adult Basic) support, GED Study Skills Instruction, and English Classes for English as a Second Language Students in Lexington and several adjacent communities. The organization works with a number of affiliate programs in the area and has over 40 outreach sites where it offers classes and other program activities.

For more information about their many programs, you can find Bluegrass Literacy on the web at: www.bluegrassliteracy.org. There they also post a "wish list" of supplies they would appreciate being donated, such as craft items: dowels, colored and wrapping paper, decorative bits and pieces; paint, "child-safe": acrylic, watercolor—especially bright colors—and brushes; sewing supplies such as fabric, buttons, thread, ribbons, yarn; and school supplies: colored markers, glue sticks and bottles, construction paper, especially brightly colored. See the website for the full list, or you can call 859.299.5982 to arrange a drop-off site for the donations, or to have someone collect your items. ■

EKU Students Organize Medical Equipment Drive for Project C.U.R.E.

Contributed by EKU student Kimberly Clark with assistance from other C.U.R.E. volunteers

Five Eastern Kentucky University occupational therapy students recently organized a medical equipment drive for Project C.U.R.E., the registered trademark of the Benevolent Healthcare Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, humanitarian relief organization.

Project C.U.R.E. collects donated medical supplies and equipment for clinics and hospitals that care for impoverished people living in more than 100 countries around the world. (See www.projectcure.org for more information.) The EKU students advertised the drive with flyers and visits to businesses and churches. Through those efforts, they collected over four vehicle loads of equipment, which was transported to the non-profit's facility in Lexington, Kentucky. The equipment will then be transported to a storeroom in Nashville and then flown overseas to where there is a need; the last box went to Haiti.

A long term goal of this advocacy project was to spread the word about Project C.U.R.E. so that individuals and groups in Kentucky will continue to support its mission. The students want to thank you to all donors, including Patti A. Clay Hospital for their large donation of equipment.

Do you have crutches, wheel chairs, pressure casts, braces, or other medical supplies that are no longer needed? Would you like to see them used by someone who needs them? Or do you work at a medical office and have supplies that would normally be discarded? Donation of supplies are welcomed from hospitals, doctor and dentist offices, surgery centers, stores, and individuals. Call Suzi Kifer, of the Project C.U.R.E. Committee, at 859-277-0816, for more information on making your own donations.



Pictured here at the EKU drive are, from left to right: Barry Hughes, Tyler Henson, Suzi Kifer, and Vonda Carmack.

Are Corporations People?

In the aftermath of the controversial Supreme Court decision in the case of *Citizens United v Federal Election Commission*, a number of groups are advocating legislative responses designed to limit the influence of corporate, monied interest in elections. Many are advocating support for HR 1826 (introduced by Rep. John Larson [D-CT], with 153 current co-sponsors) "to create a citizen-funded election system for congressional races," says the website Free Speech for People.

In a related effort also supported by many of those groups, Rep. Donna Edwards [D-MD] has introduced Joint Resolution 74, seeking to amend the constitution. As this issue went to print, that effort had 24 co-sponsors.

Organizations advocating these campaigns include Voter Action, Public Citizen, the Center for Corporate Policy, and the American Independent Business Alliance.

While the Council's board has not yet voted on its support for these initiatives, several members have brought the matter to our attention, and we are expecting it to come to a possible vote soon. If you have something to add to the discussion, please send a note to Board Secretary Kerby Neill by e-mail at tkneill@earthlink.net or phone at 859.396.6811.

For more info, see these websites: <http://freespeechforpeople.org>, www.commoncause.org, www.citizen.org.

International Book Project Half-Price Sale Fri July 16 & Sat July 17

The International Book Project (IBP) of Lexington is holding its Annual Summer Half-Price sale on Fri, July 16 & Sat, July 17 from 9am—6pm in its warehouse at 1440 Delaware Avenue, Lexington. Additionally, they are holding a \$2 Per Bag Clearance Sale to make space in the warehouse.

IBP sends 150,000 books to schools, libraries, churches, and nonprofit organizations in over 40 developing countries each year, with the goal of promoting education and fostering global friendships. IBP also operates a used bookstore in Lexington Mon—Fri 9am – 5pm at 1440 Delaware Avenue to help finance its distribution mission. See www.internationalbookproject.org to learn more.

You can contact IBP directly: call director Rachel Lewis at 859.254.6771 or e-mail: director@intlbookproject.org.



“If we can envision a world at peace, we have a chance to build that world together.”

—Rebecca Glasscock, Faculty Sponser of the 5th Annual Peace and Global Citizenship Fair

Once again, this year’s Fair was held on the Cooper campus of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College on Saturday, May 15th. The gathered crowd of young and old enjoyed ideal

weather while sampling music and art activities, demonstrations, performance, and lively discussion. Some vendors offered fair trade, local, recycled, handmade crafts; others featured sustainable, live plants and health-related goods. Exhibitors put peace, social justice, understanding, empathy, and ecological awareness front and center.

The Fair was organized by Students for Peace and Earth Justice, a BCTC student organization that collectively works for peace, social equity, ecological sustainability, economic justice, and good governance. For more details of the group’s work and additional details about this year’s Fair go to: www.peace2day.org.

To see this photo spread in color, click on the Peaceways button at our website: www.peaceandjusticeky.org.



photos by Peaceways staff

Teen Coffee Shop Reading

On Friday, May 21, at Third St. Stuff & Coffee in Lexington (www.thirdstreetstuff.com), teens from the SCAPA program at Lafayette High School participated in a poetry and performance evening titled "Making Peace" and sponsored by the Council.

Among the many performance offerings was a collaboration by freshman students for four voices. Below, we offer an excerpt. You can see the "Faces of the Fallen" website the students refer to in their piece at: <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/fallen>:

Voice 1—Yesterday, we found a website called "Faces of the Fallen." It contains pictures of every soldier killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is what we wrote in response.

Voice 2—Definition of Peace #1: "the normal condition of a nation, group of nations, or the world."

Voice 3—It takes 28 clicks through 28 pages of dead soldiers to find my cousin, and [there are] still more pages after that.

Voice 4—5,425 in total, that's how many died overseas. I can't help but look at the numbers and wonder why it had to come to this.

Voice 1—One soldier dies almost every day. Shot. Bombed. Missing.

Voice 2—On my birthday, two people died. While I was opening presents and laughing with friends and family, Robert M. Rieckhoff died from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with rocket-propelled grenade fire. When I was eating ice cream and cake with little blue flowers on the side, Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown died in Afghanistan.

Voice 3—Definition of Peace #2: "A state of mutual harmony between people or groups, especially in personal relations."

Voice 4—I didn't know them, perhaps you did. Their homes were right here in Lexington, both of them. Sgt. Robert Ehny and Lance Cpl. Sean M. Langly. I wonder if they drove on the same roads I drive on every day, New Circle, Leestown, Hamburg? Did



Pictured from left are freshmen: Breanna White, Denise Henault, Kathryn Dressman, and Maura Riley-Ulmanek. Photo by Peaceways staff.

they see the same things I see? Horses eating grass, children playing in the park? I wonder if that's what they thought of on the battlefield.

Voice 1—How can you look me in the eyes and tell me war is the answer when you have not stepped onto the dusty streets of Iraq and the bloodied roads of Afghanistan?

...

Voice 1—So go, look into the gaping mouth of death and the serrated edges of fear. Have your arm torn from your shoulder, your heart ripped from your chest. Stare into the empty eyes of a child hardened by violence and brush aside the fearful stares of civilians. Come back then and tell me war is the answer.

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A call to poets who write of peace:

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, a national organization based in California, is holding its annual Peace Poetry Awards Contest, open to people worldwide. **The deadline for entries is July 1, 2010.** The foundation offers monetary awards in three categories: Adults, Youth 13-18, and Youth 12 and under. Go to: www.wagingpeace.org for submission details. Don't have web access? Call the *Peaceways* editor (859.335.5701) with your address and she'll be happy to mail you a copy of the announcement. ■

We've Passed \$1 Trillion Spent on the Wars: The American Friends Service Committee and National Priorities Project are sponsoring a youth video project "If I Had a Trillion Dollars..." to help young people enter the cost-of-war discussion. If you are age 13-23 (or work with young people), share your ideas about what you would do—for yourself, your family and your community—with \$1 trillion. **Videos should be short (1 to 3 minutes) and must be submitted by July 31, 2010.** For more information contact mzerkel@afsc.org or 312.427.2533. (Details available at: <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/if-i-had-trillion-dollars-youth-video-contest>.)

Fair Trade Lexington needs your help!

Fair Trade Towns, USA, is an innovative grassroots movement to raise awareness of Fair Trade and build demand for Fair Trade products, thereby providing increased benefits for farmers, workers and artisans in Latin America, Africa and Asia. If you would like to see the understanding and availability of Fair Trade grow in Lexington, you are invited to join Teresa Hendricks and Kim Browning, founding members of the Fair Trade Lexington Steering Committee. You can contact them at Teresa@luciasboutique.com or ksbrowning@windstream.net. They would particularly like to hear from you if:



- You are interested in joining them, with the aim to increase awareness and demand for Fair Trade products in Lexington through education, outreach and events. Their next meeting will be at Third Street Stuff, July, 6th at 7:00 p.m.
- You own a store or restaurant that sells fair trade products, so they can include you on their list of Where to buy Fair Trade Products in Lexington.
- You are with an organization, such as place of worship, school, hospital or office, that serves—or is interested in serving—fair trade products. Your organization can be included on a petition to be presented to the LUFCG City Council as part of efforts to declare Lexington a Fair Trade Town USA.
- You are interested in designing a logo. Competition details are on Facebook under “Fair Trade Lexington.”

Franciscan Peace Center Celebrates its 5th Anniversary

When: Saturday, July 31st from 9am through 2 pm.

Where: Seton School Library, 1740 Summerhill Drive, Lexington

Patricia Griffin, Community Liaison at the Franciscan Peace Center, writes: “It’s time ... to reflect ... to give thanks ... to celebrate... to look ahead. Thank you for supporting our vision of a nonviolent way of life that will bring about a peaceful global community. We invite you to celebrate our five years as a peace organization and to envision with us future possibilities.” For more information contact Pat by phone: 859.230.1986, e-mail: FranciscanVision@aol.com or at: 3389 Squire Oak Drive Lexington KY 40515-1398. Or: find the Center on the web at www.FranciscanVision.org.

Helping Guatemalan artisans in the wake of natural disasters

A message from Lexington's Fair Trade Store, Lucia's World Friendly Boutique:

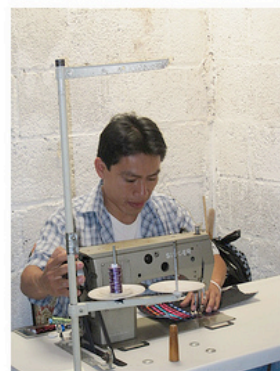
Guatemala has again made the headlines with a storm adding to the list of natural disasters such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes recently felt there. Palopo, the area where a lot of our beautiful items come from, is in one of the majorly hit regions.

We've heard good and bad news from our artisans in these areas. The good news is everybody is okay, no one lost their lives or any family members.

The bad news is that, sadly, our ceramics artisans lost all their materials. And the artisans who make our headbands and scarves

have experienced major damages in their work rooms, having lost their tables and weaving stations—where they hand weave the beautiful fabrics used in their crafts.

As our artisans work to rebuild their lives from these unfortunate circumstances, we are helping as we can and our customers are an important part of our efforts. For the month of June we are directly donating 10% of our Guatemalan sales to help these artisans purchase much-needed materials to aid in



their rebuilding efforts. Also, we are offering our customers, a 15% discount on all Guatemalan items during this same time period to help you support them as well.

Lucia's is located at 523 E. High St., phone: 859.389.9337; www.luciasimports.com.

Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our Justicelist listserve (see: www.peaceandjusticeky.org) reflect a broad spectrum of views, all intended to advance justice, peace, and a sustainable environment. The Council does not necessarily endorse the views of the originators of any event.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Saturday, June 19 10 am to 2 pm African Cemetery No. 2, East 7th St. Lexington	Celebrate Juneteenth in Lexington: Experience an encampment; enjoy food cooked outside and served military style in a mess tent; hear stories of women and men from the Civil War; view Civil War artifacts.	More info: Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum 859.361.2813; or www.hathawaymuseum.org
Tuesday, June 29 6:30 to 8:30 Hilton Downtown Hotel 369 W. Vine St. Lexington	Community Action Council's Poverty Forum 2010 This year's speaker is Tim Wise. Those who heard him last fall at the University of Kentucky say is he a powerful speaker. Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and activists in America. He is the author of: <i>Between Barack and a Hard Place: Race and Whiteness in the Age of Obama</i> , <i>White like me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son</i> , and <i>Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White</i> . Organizers say the event is "designed to begin a community conversation about poverty."	Tickets: \$30 or \$300 Table of 10 Stephanie Davis 859.244.2210 www.povertyforum.com
One Wednesday night each month: Holler #26, June 23 Holler #27, July 28 8:00 pm at Al's Bar 6th and Limestone, Lexington	Holler Poets Series—June 23: Holler #26 featuring Jim Webb, Frankie Finley. Music by Richard Hague, Michael Henson. July 28: Holler #27 featuring Maurice Manning. Come out for an evening that brings together appreciative fans of the written word. Hosted by Eric Sutherland, this monthly series includes open mic. All are welcome!	For more info: www.myspace.com/hollerpoets or e-mail: erockpoet@yahoo.com
1 st Wednesday 7:00 pm	CKCPJ Board Meeting , in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome.	Arne Bathke, co-chair 859.257.3610
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington—now in its eighth year...	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
1 st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	Kentucky Migrant Network , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Jennifer Hubbard-Sánchez jsanchez@lfucg.com
2 nd Tuesday 7:30 pm	Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St. info@lexfair.org	Paul Brown, Chair, heme1588@yahoo.com
1 st Wednesday 4:00-6:30	Franciscan Peace Center , 3389 Squire Oak. FranciscanVision.org	Pat Griffin 859.230.1986
2 nd Wednesday of each month 7:00—8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.: 14 July: "Euthanasia," Will Sutter. 11 Aug: Second Annual Traditional Potluck & Picnic.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
3 rd Thursday 7:00 pm	Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	NAMI Lexington Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington KY 40504.	call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org



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Longfellow said, "In this world a man must
either be an anvil or a hammer." We must be
hammers shaping a new society rather than
anvils molded by the old.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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Bits and Peaces

Join us Friday June 18 from 5 to 8pm for Gallery Hop at the Council offices: cele- brate Latitude's 10th anniversary!

Come join us for light re-
freshments as the Council hosts a
reception celebrating Latitude
Arts at our offices, located at 112
N. Upper St., Lexington. You'll
have an opportunity to meet the
co-directors of Latitude Arts, and
our offices will feature a retrospec-
tive of the organization's 10 years
of work in the community. From
Latitude's statement of purpose:
"Latitude serves all people, with
an emphasis on those thought to
have a disability, by creating a
framework which encourages peo-
ple to recognize their own life's

narrative, and to then choose ways
in which they may contribute to
the well-being of their commu-
nity."

For more info on Latitude,
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0195, or e-mail Latitudearts@
yahoo.com. For info on the recep-
tion, call Gail at 859.338.2418 or e-
mail gmkkentucky@gmail.com. ■

LFUCG's 2010 Senior Intern Program runs from June 21 to 25

The Lexington-Fayette Urban
County Government's Depart-
ment of Social Services is plan-
ning its 2010 Senior Intern Pro-
gram. This program offers senior
citizens (ages 50 and older) in

Fayette County an opportunity to
learn more about local government
by talking to key decision makers,
participating in class activities and
visiting several facilities, including
field trips to outlying government
operations that include the Family
Care Center, Parks & Recreation
Center, Fire & Emergency Services,
the Division of Police.

The 2010 Senior Intern Pro-
gram will be held from June 21st
through June 25th, concluding on
Friday with the Annual Alumni
Luncheon & Graduation. Space is
limited to the first 45 eligible peo-
ple who apply. Only those people
who have not attended previously
may attend. If you are interested
in participating in this program,
contact Shannon Settles (Council
Office) at 859.258.3210 or go to
www.lexingtonky.gov. There are a
limited numbers of openings
available. ■

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