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June is Pride Month: Not Special Rights, Just Human Rights Join the Council's tabling efforts for Lexington's Pride Festival Sat. June 30th

Details for this roundup come from the websites for the Lexington Pride Festival (<http://www.lexpridefest.org>) and The Gay and Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO <http://www.glso.org>). For updates and complete details, please see those sites.

Months of hard work, collaborative efforts, and the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) community pulling together will culminate in Lexington's Pride Festival on Sat. June 30. The Festival is the largest and best known public event of Pride activities. It takes place downtown at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza (the corner of Lime-stone and Main streets) from 11am to 9pm. The event is free and all are welcome. Last year, an estimated 15,000 individuals from all over Kentucky and beyond came out to enjoy a day of entertainment, fun, and activities. This year's controversy over the refusal of a local company to honor a quote to print the Festival's t-shirts is a reminder of the continuing importance of allies standing with the GLBT community as they declare their pride.

You can join the Council's tabling efforts for Lexington's Pride Festival by contacting Richard Mitchell at richard.mitchell@insightbb.com or calling him at 859.327.6277.

The night before the Festival, Lexington Fairness presents the annual Fairness Awards fundraiser. Proceeds from the event support Lexington Fairness' bullying prevention program, Project Speak Out (<http://bit.ly/LexSpeakOut>), to fight bullying and discrimination of LGBT youth in Central Kentucky schools. As our youth face bullying every day, Project Speak Out brings a program of support and resources for school and community leadership to stand and make a difference. By purchasing a ticket for the Fairness Awards, you help fund bullying prevention for our youth. Additionally, the event recognizes those individuals or organizations who devote 100% to keeping



Lexington a safe and tolerant city for its GLBT members. To buy tickets to this 21-and-older event, you can go to: <http://bit.ly/ticketsFairnessAwards>.

Update on the GLSO complaint to the Lexington Human Rights Commission (LHRC):

This spring saw what the *Lexington Herald-Leader* called "raucous public debate" on radio talk shows and Facebook groups after a local company refused to honor its quote and print t-shirts for the Pride Festival. As *Peaceways* went to press, GLSO had filed its initial complaint, the company had filed a response, and GLSO had filed its rebuttal argument. The case is now under review by the LHRC.

In its response to GLSO's initial complaint, lawyers for the company claimed religion caused it to refuse the t-shirt order, as it objected to the "message" on the shirt. That message is the logo you see here: an artistically rendered "5" with the words "Lexington Pride Festival." In GLSO's rebuttal, Aaron Baker, president of the GLSO, says: "They're basically saying we're happy to do business with gay people as long as gay people are not happy to be gay." He says that the company's stand "would be no different than saying we refuse to print t-shirts for the Roots & Heritage Festival, because we don't have a problem with doing business with black people, but we don't think you should be proud to be black. ..Religion was used to justify keeping people at the back of the bus and telling people which lunch counters they could eat at. But the people of Lexington have decided they don't find that acceptable when it comes to race and they don't find it acceptable when it comes to sexual orientation, and that's why we have a fairness ordinance."

For the complete article by reporter Scott Sloan you can go to: http://bit.ly/LHL_t-shirts.



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You Can Be A Part of Something Wonderful: CKCPJ's Support of Summer Youth Activities

From CKCPJ Board member Billie Mallory:

Several youth programs will be offered this summer at the Lyric Cultural Arts Center (300 E. Third St, Lexington), entirely supported by donations and led by grassroots support and volunteers including CKCPJ board members. Planned activities include drumming, acting, and poetry classes on Saturdays during June and July from 10-2 p.m. each day. Because of volunteer commitments and donations, our most vulnerable youth will receive enriching activities in a safe place at no charge.

But we need your help! We expect the program to attract children and youth who will come without breakfast and will be present until lunch time. Our goal is to provide healthy snacks such as fresh fruit, and water and juice on the hot summer days, through CKCPJ's volunteers and donors. We are also calling for volunteers to deliver, monitor, and help with clean up of these snacks (for approx. 30 minutes) each week. Please contact co-chair Brother Bruce Mundy at 859.494.4883 or me at 859.285.5211 for further details (please do not contact the Lyric).

Supporting this programming is part of CKCPJ's continuing efforts to publicize—and assist in meeting—specific needs of Lexington's youth that have been neglected in the city's North and East End neighborhoods. If you haven't had the chance yet to view the important work done by board members Kerby Neill and Brother Bruce, you can download CKCPJ's Lexington Youth Initiative survey at http://bit.ly/CKCPJ_Youth, where you will find a report in which the youth themselves identified needs for programming exactly like this. Our efforts are part of the overwhelming community response to the recent youth violence and cuts in service that affect our most vulnerable youth in high-risk neighborhood. Please join us.



Thanks to Randolph Hollingsworth, Outgoing Co-chair; Welcome Incoming Co-chair Rebecca DiLoreto

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice is most grateful to Randolph Hollingsworth for her service to the board as co-chair. Through her leadership and tremendous organizational acumen, she has assisted us in innumerable ways this past two years. We are pleased that she will continue to serve as our immediate past co-chair and continue to provide us with many of her skills. Many thanks, Randolph!

And we are very pleased to welcome our new co-chair, Rebecca DiLoreto, litigation director of the Children's Law Center. More information on the work of our board will be upcoming shortly as we bid good-bye to some and welcome new members. If you are interested in serving the Council as a board member, please contact Kerby Neill at tkneill@earthlink.net or by calling 859.293.2265. He'll be able to answer any questions you have, discuss the board contract, and update you on the board member orientation we are planning.

News in the Council office: We are very pleased to report that our search for a database manager and administrative assistant has resulted in the appointment of Gayle Bourne, whose is already making valuable contributions to the Council. Her Council email is gayle.ckcpj@gmail.com.



Lexington's Sanitation Workers Petition for Recognition

This summary comes from a comprehensive *Lexington Herald-Leader* article by Jennifer Hewlett: <http://bit.ly/LHLSanitationWorkers>

In April of this year, Lexington's Sanitation workers celebrated their 13th annual Pride Day Celebration which recognizes city sanitation workers' public service and marks the anniversary of the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., who was killed several days after leading a march in support of Memphis sanitation workers protesting wages and working conditions.

This year's Lexington Pride Day event was held at the Lyric Theatre and included musical performances by current and retired city sanitation workers and a talk by Baxter Leach (pictured at right), a retired Memphis sanitation worker and AFSCME member who marched with King.

Joe Phelps, assistant director of AFSCME Council 62, has been quoted as saying that workers interested in the union feel it will help



Baxter Leach and Cynthia Hart, past and present AFSCME Local 1733, members. Photo courtesy Richard Becker, AFSCME organizer.

them have a voice in discussions over issues such as increased health care costs, work assignments, and pay discrepancies. He noted that, under a local government ordinance, the union could not strike. He also said that the union would work as an ally and not as an enemy of local government. As *Peaceways* went to press, the workers were waiting for the city's response.

Other local coverage of recent activities include local NPR radio broadcast at: <http://bit.ly/WUKYLexWorkers> and a *North of Center* article <http://bit.ly/BeckerNoC>, written by Richard Becker, an organizer with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME, Council 62) who has been helping these workers organize since late 2011. If you're interested in following developments closely, Becker invites people to contact him in any of these ways: call 502-689-9734; email Rbecker@afscmecn62.org; follow him on Twitter: @AFSCME62.



Thanks to Our Members and Contributors: CKCPJ Peace Education Scholarships

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice thanks all of its members and contributors for the generous response we've received during our Spring and Summer phonathon evenings. In addition to the heartwarming response of these appeals, the decision made by the family of our former co-chair Ray Wilkie, to request donations to the Council in memory of Ray's dedication to peace and

justice has helped us tremendously. The Council has recently been able to fund scholarships for several peace education trainings. Berea student Kenny Madden met peace educator Paul K. Chappell when the Council brought Paul to Central Kentucky for our 2010 Voices series. Now Kenny and Jessica Wells will attend Paul's Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) training, in part

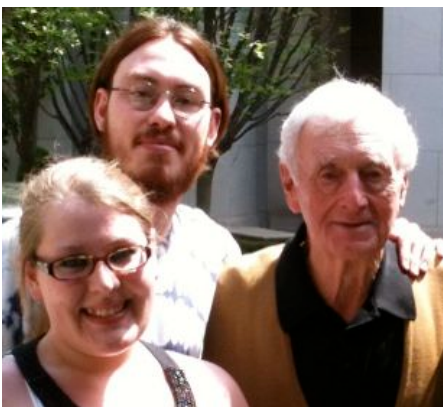
due to CKCPJ's support. We're looking forward to Kenny and Jessica sharing what will learn at that workshop.

Several CKCPJ representatives were recently trained at a Louisville Peace Education program, "Prejudice Reduction Training." Pictured here from left are *Peaceways* editor Gail

Koehler, board member Corey Dunn, CKCPJ-sponsored Amahlia Perry-Farr and Beth Rosdatter, and Peace Ed staffers Eileen Blanton and

Ramzi Sabree. Peace Ed is holding a three-day training in July (<http://bit.ly/PeaceEdJuly>): we need to complete registration by June 29. If you are interested, let us know at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or 859.488.1448.

Our next steps will be to offer the skills and knowledge acquired through these trainings to the Central Kentucky community. Watch *Peaceways* for our fall plans to do precisely that.



Berea students Jessica Wells and Kenny Madden are pictured here with John Seigenthaler who served as Bobby Kennedy's assistant during the Freedom Rides and many recognize from documentary footage of his witness to the violence that met the courageous Riders. CKCPJ contributed to their support to attend NAPF Peace Training.



From Occupy Lexington to the Protest of NATO: a Report from the Streets of Chicago

by John O'Shea

I've been a part of Occupy Lexington since it began last fall. Involved in the peace and anti-war movements since I was 12, I'm of the firm belief that war ultimately solves nothing and you can't liberate people with cruise missiles. So my interest in attending the anti-NATO protests in Chicago ran deep. I wanted to be a part of the physical presence of people criticising the arms industry, NATO, and the austerity measures carried out against social service providers within that city.

I arrived 2 days early at the Occupy Chicago convergence space, a church that was open to activists during the week prior to the summit. The space had sign-making materials, internet connection, food & housing information, and space to leave backpacks. That evening I reunited with fellow activists and occupiers that I'd met on my first journey to Chicago, and later I met up with Ben, my host. Back at his apartment, we talked for several hours, and I went to bed excited for the following day's events.

The next morning I texted my friend Ian and we agreed to meet at the convergence space to plan out the rest of the day. Choosing from many possible events we decided on several marches.

I travel to attend events like this because they are great places for networking and making connections with other activists with similar mindsets who want to change the world for the better. After all, the more of us there are working toward the goals of bettering the world, the easier it will be to achieve.

Ian and I were late for the first march at the intersection of Jackson and La Salle (site of the Chicago Stock Exchange) but from the other late-comers we were able to find out

that the march ended at Daley plaza. Uncertain of the direction, someone in the crowd mic checked, "Is any one on this march from Chicago?" Everyone looked around, no one answered, except a friendly (and amused) passerby who gave us directions for the rest of the route.



Police in their body armor and full riot gear were a formidable presence everywhere we looked. An army had turned out to surround the thousands of peaceful protesters. Photos on this page taken by my mobile phone.



The environment was hostile but we didn't give up hope. We had come to make our voices heard.



The people I saw were of all kinds, from many places. They showed up to use their voice and ensure that the world leaders at the summit hear the voice of the 99%.

Arriving at the plaza, we took to the street to finish the march. As we walked into the plaza we were greeted with cheers from the hundreds who had already amassed. After several minutes, chants of "MARCH" broke out, but no one moved. This happened several times, and an I.W.W (Industrial Workers of the World) member and I started talking about places a march could lead to. We decided to start a march to "the Horse," a statue in Grant park where the Occupy Chicago group had tried to maintain a base. We started the "MARCH" chant again and started walking. To my surprise, people followed. That a few people who knew where they were going, and had a good idea, could move that many people was an amazing experience.

After four hours that march was joined by another march, screaming a sea of people as far as I could see. A lot of people reporting on these events said it was almost impossible to estimate the numbers of marchers filling the streets, but seeing that many people who were showing they disagreed with the policies and decisions that don't benefit the 99%—that was empowering.

However, the police and surveillance presence was everywhere. It was astonishing that the authorities felt the need to meet peaceful protest with so much force. For example, on a food break from the first day's march, Ian and I went into a restaurant

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where we noticed men in suits with ear pieces. We ordered our sandwiches, talked quietly, and went our separate ways.

The next morning we met again and headed to a feeder march going to Grant park. When we got to the park there were people everywhere. The march started late but it moved at a good pace and soon we were at Michigan and Cermak, as close to McCormick Place as demonstrators were allowed.

A number of Iraq Vets Against the War (IVAW) gave speeches about their regrets for participating in unjust wars, saying they wanted to return their military medals. Because no officials would come out to receive those medals, the vets threw them away in protest, a powerful sight to see. At that point, while everyone was supposed to disperse, I stayed behind with many others.

The police were barking dispersal orders at the crowd and the atmosphere quickly became tense. I ended up near the front where protesters and police were staring each other down. Someone yelled "Should we push? give me jazz hands if we should push!" A lot of people threw up jazz hands, the mass pushed forward.

The police started beating us as we attempted to move forward, although after several minutes the environment calmed down and both protesters and police finally pulled back.

In other parts of the march, the violence of the police was much greater. However, I do not think that it will deter me from future participation in similar events.

In fact, I'm looking for people interested in attending the Occupy National Gathering on June 30 in Philadelphia, PA. If you're interested in going, please contact me at john@occupylexky.org.

John is a full-time activist and when financial aid allows, a social work major at BCTC. He also enjoys long walks on the beach.



Pictured at left: Protesters march in solidarity with activists still in jail from the NATO summit protests.

Photo by Aaron Cynic via Chicagoist.

For more stories from Chicago, you can go to <http://occupiedstories.com/tag/nonato>, or <http://bit.ly/DiatribMedia>.

Why Even "Failed" Activism Succeeds

by David Swanson, author of *War Is a Lie*

I enjoy reading histories of past activism including memoirs by long-time activists. Lawrence Wittner's new book *Working for Peace and Justice* is one of these. Almost every such account includes belated discoveries of the extent to which a government has been spying on and infiltrating activist groups. And almost every such account includes belated discoveries of the extent to which government officials were influenced by activist groups even while pretending to ignore popular pressure.

These revelations can be found in the memoirs of the government officials as well, such as in George W. Bush's recollection of how seriously the Republican Senate Majority Leader was taking public pressure against the war on Iraq in 2006.

Activism that appears ineffectual at the time can succeed in a great many ways, including by influencing others, even young children, who go on to become effective activists—or by influencing firm opponents who begin to change their minds and eventually switch sides.

The beautiful thing about nonviolent activism is that while risking no harm, it has the potential to do good in ways small and large that ripple out from it in directions we cannot track or measure.

In the late 1990s, Wittner was researching the anti-nuclear movement of decades past. He interviewed Robert "Bud" McFarlane, President Ronald Reagan's former national security advisor:

Other administration officials had claimed that they had barely noticed the nuclear freeze movement. But when I asked McFarlane about it, he lit up and began outlining a massive administration campaign to counter and discredit the freeze -- one that he had directed.

A month later, I interviewed Edwin Meese, a top White House staffer and U.S. attorney general during the Reagan administration. When I asked him about the administration's response to the freeze campaign, he followed the usual line by saying that there was little official notice taken of it. In response, I recounted what McFarlane had revealed. A sheepish grin now spread across this former government official's face, and I knew that I had caught him. If Bud says that, he remarked tactfully, 'it must be true.'

When someone tells you to stop imagining that you're having an impact, ask them to please redirect their energy into getting 10 friends to join you in doing what needs to be done.

If it has no impact, you'll have gone down trying.
If it has an impact, nobody will tell you for many years.

You can see the complete review at: <http://bit.ly/ActivismSucceeds>.





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GARDENS AND ACTIVISM:

- **Tuesdays 6-8pm in the park at Owsley and Menifee streets in Lexington: CROCK's Kenwick Exchange** is a project of the Community Radicals of Central Kentucky (CROCK), a grassroots group of citizens working to create opportunities for participatory politics and economics in our communities. See <http://bit.ly/CROCKLex>.
- **Mon, June 25 and July 30, Monthly Edible Garden series** continues: Potluck meal 6:30pm; 7 pm for presentation Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Rd in Lexington. Compost and Fall Gardening are the June and July topics. All meetings are free of charge, compliments of Faith Feeds. Full schedule see <http://bit.ly/Edible2012>, where you'll also find info on the gleaning network. All new or seasoned gardeners are welcome!

Fri, June 22 from 9am-4pm Sustainability Symposium at the Russel Acton Folk Center (212 W. Jefferson St.) in Berea. Presented by the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE). You're invited to explore Berea College's EcoVillage, farm, gardens, & greenhouse, take a walking tour of Sustainable Berea's edible yard project, learn about sustainability from experts in the field, feast on a local & delicious lunch, and discover sustainability education in action. Cost: \$25 Students; \$35 KAEE Members; \$45 Non-KAEE Members. Register at kaee.org/symposium.

No Stigma. Know More. Know NAMI.



July is Minority Mental Health Month. Lexington's NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) chapter highlights 3 events. Questions? Contact Yolonda Clay, at 859.309.2856 or 859.272.7891 or by email: namimac@namilex.org.

- **Fri. July 1, 6:30-8:30pm NAMI's Block Party** (at Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington). RSVP by June 29 to Yolonda Clay, above. Event is a reunion for all Family to Family program participants.
- **Sat. July 22, 6-8:30 pm "SAFE AND SANE" workshop** (at the Valley Park Shelter Cambridge Dr., Lexington) will teach appropriate behaviors when interacting with US police officers, and provide info to families on how to obtain and organize their immigration and financial documents, and how to handle the stress of legal and immigration issues to stay "sane." To RSVP and for more details: Esperanza Rivera at esperanza.rivera@uky.edu. or at 859.559.7631.

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July is Minority Mental Health Month: NAMI events

- **Mon, July 23, 2011 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm "Keeping the Covenant: Sharing Hope and Awareness Through Mental Health Wellness"** (at the Historic St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 251 N. Upper Street Lexington), 1st Annual Mini Conference. RSVP to Yolonda Clay by July 18: 859.309.2856 or 859.272.7891 or namimac@namilex.org.

July 26 is the anniversary of Independence Day for Americans with Disabilities. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed into law on that day in 1990.

Concerned with payday lending fees? The Kentucky Coalition for Responsible Lending (KCRL) is planning their summer meetings to strategize for next year's General Assembly. Details: contact Lisa Gabbard at lgabbard@kdva.org. Find resources and position papers at: <http://kyresponsiblenlending.wordpress.com>.

The Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (KCADP) will table at the Kentucky State Fair this year from Aug. 16 through Aug. 26. This effort helps them add names to their database as they plan strategy for the next Kentucky State Legislature to pressure legislators to end the death penalty for severely mentally ill persons. They are looking for volunteers to staff their presence at the Fair. If you are interested, you can register online at: <http://bit.ly/KCADPFair>. They will have parking passes for volunteers so you do not need to pay to enter the State Fair. Each volunteer who offers to help for 3 hours will receive a pass. If you have any questions or if you have suggestions to help this effort be successful KCADP would love to hear from you: send a note to staff@kcadp.org.

"Mountain Heroes" is the name organizers at Appalachia Rising are using for the 22 activists arrested in early June in Washington D.C. for refusing to leave the offices of members of Congress (Hal Rogers, R-Ky; Nick Rahall (D-WV), Morgan Griffith (R-Va) and Jimmy Duncan (R-Tn) who are not acting to protect the water and health of their constituents. To support those people as they return to D.C. to face charges, you can read more and make donations by going to <http://bit.ly/MountainHeroes>.

Lexington's free newspaper *North of Center* recently ran an excellent report on the data compiled by Dr. Michael Hendryx, a community health researcher at West Virginia University, who studies the health of Appalachian residents. Written by John Hennen, the article can be found at <http://bit.ly/Hendryx>.





Central KY Peace and Justice Calendar and News



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Recurring Community Meetings

KCCJ Invites Nominations for 2012 Humanitarian Award Deadline: July 31

The Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice (KCCJ) invites nominations for its Lauren K. Weinberg 2012 Humanitarian Award.

Since 1950, this award has honored individuals and organizations whose outstanding dedication and service to our community affirms the mission of KCCJ—to raise awareness and speak out for the just, fair and equal treatment of *all* people by promoting respect, understanding and acceptance through advocacy, education and empowerment.

Nominees should have a long-standing record of service and have contributed to the improvement of human relations among diverse groups in our community. Recent honorees include Ernesto Scorsone (2006), Dr. George Privett (2008), Anthony & Eunice Beatty (2009), Lexmark International (2009), Seedleaf (2010), Frank X Walker and Reel World String Band (2011).

Nominations must be submitted to KCCJ by July 31. The award will be presented at the annual Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Awards event to be held October 16. Nomination forms are available on the KCCJ/Plantory website at www.plantory.org or by calling the office at 859.255.6999. A complete list of former recipients is also available on the website.

Human Trafficking in Lexington: An Update and Further Resources

At the end of May in a first for the state (according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky), Marco Antonio Flores-Benitez, 38, plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion. For more on this case see: <http://bit.ly/LHLtrafficking> or <http://bit.ly/LaVoztrafficking>.

Last month Peaceways featured a report of a presentation on trafficking by two Ohio professors at the University of Kentucky. They have supplied us with the following resources for further research:

- The State Department's Trafficking in Persons Annual Report <http://1.usa.gov/TraffickingAR>
- The U.S. Department of Education has a fact sheet at: <http://1.usa.gov/Trafficking>
- UN Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, downloadable fact sheet pdf: <http://bit.ly/UNTrafficking>
- Polaris Project: <http://bit.ly/PolarisProject>
- STOP THE TRAFFICK: <http://bit.ly/STOPTraffik>

If you are a victim of human trafficking and need immediate help or if you suspect a trafficking situation, call the The National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1.888.373.7888. Or report a tip online at: <http://bit.ly/TipLine>.

Lexington's free newspaper *North of Center* ran an article reporting on a two day conference at Georgetown College March 23-4 "Modern-day abolition and its price" by Beth Connors-Manke <http://bit.ly/BethC-M..>

•NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 3rd Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 pm, **CKCPJ Board Meeting**, Location: to be confirmed. ALL ARE WELCOME! Questions? contact: peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or 859.488.1448.

•**Every Thursday 5:30-6:00 pm, Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace**, Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St) in downtown Lexington. Contact: Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277.

•**1st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm, Kentucky Migrant Network**, Cardinal Valley Center, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact: Isabel Gereda Taylor itaylor@lexingtonky.gov 859.258.3824.

•**2nd Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm, PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered.** Support Group Mtg. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Lexington www.pflaglex.org. Info: president@pflaglex.org or call 859.338.4393. Upcoming topics: June 12 speaker Jessica Bollinger, LCSW "Raising Children in a LGBT Family"; July 10 speaker: Kirsten Gonzalez "Positive Aspects of Parenting GLBT Children."

•**2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm, Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky** Central Lexington Public Library, 140 E.Main St, Lexington. Contact: Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565 or info@lexfair.org.

•**Wed Night GLSO discussion group** is back at 7pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, Lexington. The GLSO has been getting a lot of attention lately. Perhaps you hadn't heard of them until they filed an HRC complaint to stand up against discrimination in Lexington. They operate Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they've been quietly providing services to the GLBTQQIA community for decades: <http://www.glso.org>. SEE FRONT PAGE for details on Lexington's Pride Festival, Sat. June 30.

•**2nd Wednesday 7:00—8:30 pm, Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky** (A Chapter of the American Humanist Association), Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington. June meeting: Clay Maney leads the discussion: LGBT Humanist Council's "Gay Without God" program and discussion of Forum's participation in the 30 June Lexington Pride Festival.

Humanist Forum meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Childcare is provided. Contact: President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or 859.797.2662.

•**3rd Thursday 7:00 pm Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)**, Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. & MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact: Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563.

•**Every Sunday 2:30—4:00pm, NAMI Lexington** Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Contact: call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org. **July is Minority Mental Health Month. See page 6 (at left) for details of 3 summer events NAMI Lex is highlighting: on July 1, 21, and 23.**

Want your group's meeting listed here? Notice errors? Send your info, corrections, and comments to: peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or call 859.488.1448 by July 18



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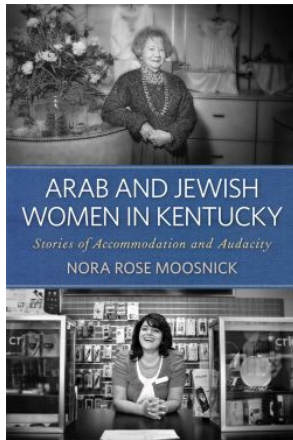
Bits and Pieces

CKCPJ Shifts Board Meetings and Peaceways Newsletter Publication Schedule

At its June Meeting, the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice board approved a proposal to change its decades-long practice of holding board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month by shifting to the third Wednesday.

This change will allow for more timely financial reporting of the previous month's activities, and serve as an earlier deadline for newsletter submissions.

The first "Third Wednesday" board meeting will take place Wed, July 18. All submissions for the August issue of Peaceways are due then as well.



Stories of Accommodation and Audacity Gallery Hop Fri. June 15 from 5-8 pm, Awesome Inc. 348 E. Main St. Lexington

An invitation from former board co-chair Rosie Moosnick, author of *Arab and Jewish Women: Stories of Accommodation and Audacity*:

Sarah Jane Sanders, the photographer for the book, and I are hosting a gallery hop book and photography party. I wrote this book because Arabs (both Christians and Muslims) and Jews have been discounted as residents of Kentucky even though as business owners they have provided goods and services for residents in large and small communities across the state for generations. Come join us for a photography exhibit and a look at a book in which Arab and Jewish women are brought together to reveal their stories and overlapping lives, exposing the shared humanity between Arabs and Jews away from the Middle East and urban locales in this country.

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