

LGBT News

The LGBT Resource Center for the 7 Rivers Region, Inc.

April 2010

Rosanne's Ramblings

The White Privilege Conference was held here last week and it was definitely an amazing opportunity for La Crosse and the surrounding area. Fortunately the Center is located just two blocks up from the La Crosse Center; our flag which waves proudly above our front window served yet again as a beacon to others who desire equality. We had visitors from all around the nation stop in, check us out, and wish us well. If you missed the chance to attend, no worries, next year's White Privilege Conference will be in the Twin Cities. It is worth the time and money needed to attend. I was able to be in what I affectionately refer to as heaven for a social justice advocate.

If you have not taken the time to stop in, please do so; we have things happening all the time, new people joining us at our groups and events, and much more. We have worked diligently to create a welcoming space for everyone who stops in. If you are looking to meet other people, need a space to simply just be your fantabulous self, or need a good book to read as you enjoy the sunshine- we can help with all of these needs and more.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, STI Awareness Month, and to incorporate these themes we have guests speakers attending GALAXY, Drop In Group, our hosting a Candlelight Vigil, and talking about local resources and how to support a friend in crisis.

Coming soon: Brat Barn season at Festival. Join us Saturday, May 8th, at the La Crosse Festival and help support the Center!

Peace,
Rosanne



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who dined at Perkins and helped raise funds for the Center.



Upcoming Events

Check the Center's [calendar](#) for more information about upcoming and monthly events.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month we will have a Candlelight Vigil on Monday, April 26, 5-6 p.m.

We will have an opportunity for participants to share if they choose. Everyone is welcome.

Lesbian Potluck

Saturday April 24, at 6:30 p.m.
Hosted by Deanna

Enjoy Spring!

For directions email r.st.sauver@7riverslgbt.org or call 608-784-0452.

GNO

GNO (Guys Night Out) will be in combination with the April Out & About.

Breast Health Initiative

We will have Claudia from the Milwaukee Center here in La Crosse on Saturday, April 17th from 1-4 p.m. at the Center. She will be training our health promoters, staff, and interested Center supporters at that time. Come learn with us.

GALAXY Ball 2010

GALAXY Ball 2010: A Fantagical Fierce Fairy Festival

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight

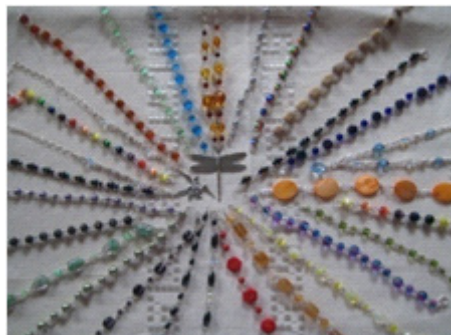
Where: The Elite, Main Street in La Crosse

Dancing 8:30-midnight, Wing Span Raffle 7:30-9:00 p.m. Tickets in advance: Students \$5 and Adults \$7. Tickets at door: Students \$7 and Adults \$10.

Please consider [sponsoring](#) the event; your support helps make the evening

a magical night of fun for LGBT youth and their allies. All proceeds benefit the GALAXY program and ensures that LGBT youth have a safe, welcoming place to go for affirmation and support. What a wonderful thing to let people be their fabulous selves.

GALAXY Fundraiser



Madam Lady Josephine's Twisted Beaded Baubles will be available at the GALAXY Ball 2010, Fantagical Fierce Fairy Festival, Saturday April 17 at The Elite, 412 Main Street, La Crosse from 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Madam Lady has been busy "twisting" new creations, including some special "fairy designs" and her new Renaissance series. She also has spring and summer "FAT LADY" T-shirts and totes, most of which are recycled.

If you can't make it to the BALL, drop by:
Open House at Sara Sullivan's House
608 16th Street South
10% of sales to GALAXY
3-7 p.m.
Friday, April 16th

Looking forward to seeing you!

April Out and About

UW-L Drag in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada
Friday, April 23rd, 7 p.m.

Students \$5

Adults \$10

Buy your tickets at the Info Desk at the Cartwright Center on UW-L's campus.



Ongoing Center Activities

Weekly Activities

GALAXY, a group for youth ages 13-20

When: Every Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. AND every Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street, La Crosse
GALAXY will be volunteering in the community at various non-profits over the next six months. The youth voted and picked the six locations, for our first service place we will be volunteering at WAFER, on Tuesday, September 8th.

LGBTQ Parents Group

When: Not currently meeting. Call the Center to restart this group.

Where: 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street, La Crosse

Drop-in Group

When: Every Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street, La Crosse

Bi-weekly Activities

GLENDAA/AA Group

When: First and third Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Where: 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street, La Crosse

Just as Glenda was Dorothy's support in OZ this group is the equivalent for LGBT people struggling with drug & alcohol addictions and issues. If you are looking for support and a safe place to be yourself as you deal with your drug & alcohol issues- please join us. For more information please contact Aaron at 608-788-1508.

Monthly Activities

PGLAG

When: Not currently meeting, but active.

Where: For more information call the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center at 608.784.0452, or Lori at 608.790.5052

Gender Queer/Transgender Gathering

When: First Wednesday 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street, La Crosse

Do you identify as gender queer? How about Transgender? Do you ever feel like you don't fit in because of your gender identity or expression? Then come to a monthly discussion group at the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00.

Genderqueer - A gender variant person whose gender identity is neither male nor female, is between or beyond genders, or is some combination of genders. This person may want to challenge gender stereotypes and the gender binary system.

Transgender - A person who lives as a member of a gender other than that expected based on anatomical sex.

GNO (Guy's Night Out)

GNO will meet the fourth Friday of every month at the Center from 6-8 p.m. All male identified persons are welcome.



In Closing

Thanks for reading! If you have any comments or anything you'd like to add to an upcoming newsletter, please e-mail us at:

7riverslgbtnewsletter@gmail.com.