

LGBT News

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

July 2011

Rosanne's Ramblings

For many, July is a time to reflect on freedom, citizenship, and family as we celebrate Independence Day. It is difficult to celebrate our independence when we know how we acquired the land we call home, when we consider that many citizens who identify within marginalized groups do not receive all their rights for simply being a citizens, and many more reasons. If we don't just readily accept the holiday, some will say we are unpatriotic, or others will choose to not converse with us about our challenging ideas to the norm. Even though some of us choose to look more critically or "real" at the nuances of our independence it does not alter the truth that we are blessed to live in a country where we can rally to create awareness, speak out for our rights, and participate in the political process in an effort to help it become more inclusive for all its citizens. I hope all of you celebrated in ways that honor your fabulousness and indeed did enjoy a great day with those you love.

Keep being a sparkler and help create a world where we can all shine as we are!

Belief,
Rosanne



Kickapoo Country Fair

Saturday, July 30
La Farge, WI.

The Center is once again looking for fabulous folks to work volunteer shifts on Saturday, July 30, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 31, 8:00 a.m.-noon. It is possible to camp across the way at a park for those interested in working both days. For each volunteer we sign up that selects the Center we receive \$7.00 per hour; last year fabulous folk just like you helped raise over \$2,000 in funds for the Center! This year the fair will be a one day

event due to remodeling of the Organic Valley grounds and will be just as spectacular as every other year we have gone. Come learn about sustainability, organic farming, recycling, meet great vendors who use natural products to create beautiful things, and more.

Attached are the forms for volunteers to complete and mail in to sign up to volunteer!



GALAXY News

The GALAXY Reunion was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who came out, flew in, drove to be here, and helped to create a fantabulously fun event!

Next year, GALAXY will be 16, so the reunion will be a combination Sweet 16 & a La Quinceañera! So start planning your birthday dresses, tuxes, and suits now! GALAXY has a long track record of helping amazing youth come in to their full potential by creating a safe space and helping them live their BIG lives! In the spirit of GALAXY's stellar record of being a place where positive energy, safety, and time help encourage growth we will be celebrating our Sweet 16 in BIG style!!!

Be sure to share this Save the Date with others who have supported the program, participated in the program, or simply believe in youth and their power to be change makers! All will be welcome!

GALAXY's Sweet 16 will be on Saturday, June 16, 2012.



Are you a 2011 Member of the Center?

If you haven't sent in your 2011 membership for the Center, please do so today. Simply visit our website www.7riverslgbt.org and click the "Support Us" tab and print off a membership form.

All members receive the eNewsletter, discounts at some of our events as an added perk, and discounts from local businesses to thank them for their support.

For \$15, \$30, or \$50 you can become a member today! Your membership helps us do the work we do, provide a safe space and opportunities for community building for LGBTQ and allied folks of all ages please send in yours today!

If you add an additional \$10 to your membership rate you will receive an eco-friendly reusable tote with the Center logo on it! They come in red or blue, be sure to get one. They are fantastic and help promote the Center!

Has it been awhile since your last donation?

If it has been awhile since you have made a donation to the Center, send one in today! We use donations, memberships, and honorariums to keep the Center open and available for the community and it is all made possible by folks just like you.

Creative ways to donate to the Center

1. **Attend our events.**
Pride Along the Mississippi, Saturday, **August 27**
Silent Rally for Equality, Saturday, **October 16**, Noon, meet at Cameron Park.
Coming Out for Equality Gala Event, **October 16**, 5:30 p.m. at Seven Bridges Restaurant, Onalaska, WI.
2. **IGive.com**
Sign Up for an IGive account and use that to search and make purchases on the internet, we receive a percentage of your purchase to fund the Center. Be sure to select the Center as your organization.
3. **I ❤️ My Center Campaign**
Find the form on our Center webpage and make your pledge today! There are many more ways you can help perpetuate the work of the Center, if you have an idea, call and let's talk about it!



Upcoming Events

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

Save the Date

Pride Along the Mississippi f.k.a. La Crosse Pride will be Saturday, August 27th at the Southside Oktoberfest Grounds!!!!
Featuring local talent by: T.U.G.G., Mouse Pocket, Paul Martin, Poet Adam Binash, Grand River Singers, Illusions, talented youth in the 3rd Annual GAL-AXY Talent Show, and much more!!!!
You won't want to miss out!
For more information, visit www.7riverslgbt.org and click the Pride tab.

July Out & About

Join us at the Kickapoo Fair for a fun time. Sign up to volunteer for a shift and then enjoy the rest of the day lazing about the fair grounds enjoying nature at its best! Not interested in volunteering? Just come to La Farge for a beautiful day of music, vendors, and sustainability!
Saturday, July 30 in La Farge, WI.
Visit www.organicvalley.coop/kickapoo for more information on all the fair has to offer! Be sure to bring your camera for all the beautiful surroundings.



Ongoing Center Activities

Weekly Activities

Coffee & Conversation

When: Every Wednesday, 1-2 p.m.

Where: 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street, La Crosse
Ages 18+. Folks looking to find community, connection, and support. No conversation is too big or too small; join us for an afternoon get together. You will be glad you did!

GALAXY, a group for youth ages 13-20

When: Every Tuesday 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday 2-4 p.m.

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

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 6-8 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 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

For more information call the Seven Rivers LGBT Resource Center at 608-784-0452, or Lori at 608-790-5052.

L.I.F.E.

When: First Monday, 6 p.m.

Where: 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street, La Crosse
Ages 18+. Work with others to become stewards of change.

Gender Queer/Transgender Gathering

When: First Wednesday 7-8 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.

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.

GREEN TEAM VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION FORM



Volunteer Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

CROPP employee:

Yes

No

Organization to receive donation: _____

Organization Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please select T-shirt size:

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

XX-Large

Shift Availability: Please indicate with an X the shift(s) you would like to work:

Friday

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| 4-7 pm |
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Saturday

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| 8-11am | 11-2 pm | 2-5 pm | 5-8 pm | 8-11 pm |
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Sunday

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| 9-12 am |
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- ✓ I agree to work all the above mentioned shifts. If I am unable to fulfill my shifts, I will contact Organic Valley at least 48 hours in advance.
- ✓ I agree to sign-in (designated volunteer area) and arrive at least 5 minutes prior to my shift.
- ✓ I agree to follow the Kickapoo Country Fair and/or Organic Valley's procedures and standards (including health and safety).
- ✓ I agree to show respect and politeness to all fair attendees, other volunteers and staff members.
- ✓ I agree to complete all assigned job duties to the best of my ability.
- ✓ I agree to sign-out after my completed shift.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please sign and return by 7/10/11: Kickapoo Country Fair, c/o Organic Valley, One Organic Way, Lafarge, WI 54639
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