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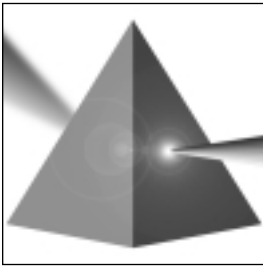
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## Center Hosts Coming Out Celebration

Come participate in the Pride Center's National Coming Out Celebration honoring New Jersey's "Right to Marry" couples on October 19th. See page 2 for more details.



### 10th Anniversary Brunch

Recognition Brunch at Gaebel's—  
Sunday, October 6, 2002. See page  
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# NEWS & info

from the pride center



*Fall's upon us!*

*Which means it's a great time to get off the couch and come on down to the Pride Center!*

*There are plenty of groups that are meeting, lots of volunteer work to be done, and a host of events that need coordinating.*

*Give some of your time to your community!*

## PCNJ 10th Anniversary Brunch

The event will be held on Sunday October 6, 2002. For this special anniversary edition of our semi-annual volunteer and donor recognition celebration, we are proud to announce that this year's brunch will be held at the trendy, new Gaebel's Steak and Fresh Fish Restaurant at 85 Church Street in New Brunswick. The festivities will run from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., and include a sumptuous brunch buffet. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the rate of \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members. Watch for your invitation in the mail shortly or contact the center via email at [info@pridecenter.org](mailto:info@pridecenter.org) to reserve your seats now, as seating to this special event will be limited. The Pride Center would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to Fleet for their generous sponsorship of this signature event, and also extend a special thanks to our Brunch Committee Co-Chairs, Pride Center Board of Trustee Members Sally Nadler and Anne Volz.

## National Coming Out Celebration

Come meet with some of the seven couples who have filed a lawsuit against the State of New Jersey to allow them to marry just like their heterosexual friends, family and neighbors at the Pride Center's National Coming Out Celebration. These couples are part of an historic case which aims to legalize marriage for same-sex couples in New Jersey and therefore advance the rights of these couples beyond domestic partnership benefits or Vermont's Civil Union law. The event starts at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday October 19th. Refreshments will be provided. A suggested donation of \$5 will be asked at the door.

## Seeking Board Members

The Pride Center of New Jersey is seeking new candidates for its Board of Trustees for terms beginning in January, 2003. The ideal candidates will at the minimum be able to bring a strong commitment to the organization, attend meetings of the board and participate on a board sub-committee. In its tenth year, the Pride Center has made great strides as our state's only community center serving the GLBT community. With the recent hiring of an Executive Director, we expect further advances towards financial stability and expansion in programming. The Board of Trustees works to support these and other goals. Interested parties should contact the secretary of the Pride Center in writing at PCNJ/Secretary, P.O. Box 5130, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 or by e-mail to [info@pridecenter.org](mailto:info@pridecenter.org) by October 30, 2002. Please include as much about your background relating to board participation, fundraising, marketing & promotion or other specific area of interest. Be part of the growing Pride Center team!

## The Pride Center of New Jersey, Inc.

**Serving Central New Jersey's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Community.**  
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### Mission Statement

The Pride Center of New Jersey provides a "safe space" for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders (GLBT) where programs, services and education are provided to the GLBT community in order to empower individuals to accept their gender and sexual identity, as well as increase public awareness and lessen prejudice through education and outreach.

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## Volunteers Needed

The Pride Center is currently seeking volunteers for the following opportunities: Volunteer coordinators, events publicity/graphic design Coordinator, outreach committee, youth program, senior program, lesbian health project, tobacco control programming, HIV/AIDS programming, people of color programming, outreach and health, fundraising and development, educational events and public relations, major events committee, activities committee, office volunteers, social workers and trained peer counselors, shift volunteers, marriage/domestic partnership project, family group. If you are ready to give back to your community and work with a great team of people, please contact Executive Director Ellen Gilio at 732-846-2232 or Execdir@pridecenter.org.

## Women's Coffee House

The Women's Coffee House returns on Saturday October 5th at 7 P.M. with a night of music with Jan Corliss who shows off her original music with her smooth sensuous vocals and rhythmic guitar style. Donation: \$5. Refreshments.

## Men's Coffee House

The Pride Center will host a Men's Coffee House on Friday October 4th at 8 P.M. Entertainment will be provided by Josh Zuckerman who has appeared at numerous pride concerts in the NJ/NYC area. Refreshments will be provided. A \$5 donation will be requested at the door.

## Art Show

The Pride Center will be hosting an Art Show on Saturday November 16th, 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. Are you an artist who would like to display your work? Please contact the Pride Center and leave a message for Laura or call 732-238-7535

## Entertainment Books

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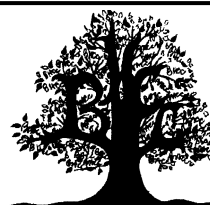
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## Open Mike Nights

The Pride Center will soon begin Open Mike Nights on the first Thursday of each month. Get your act together! You can obtain additional information by leaving a message for Steve at the Pride Center.

## Pride Center Wish List

The Pride Center is in need of the following items: office supplies, computer and printer, small file cabinets, paper plates and other kitchen supplies, coffee, tea bags, tent for tabling, table cloths, copy machine, folding tables and chairs, copy paper, soft drinks, storage tubs, coolers.

## Job Search & Networking Group

Are you unemployed? Need advice on that resume? Are you a recruiter? A hiring manager? The Pride Center is starting a new program on the second Thursday of each month to help those in the GLBT community network to find a new job. Professionals are welcome to come volunteer their services. Kickoff event: Thursday October 10th at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments. For further information, please contact Ray at the Pride Center.

## Matching Gifts

Does your employer have a matching gifts program for not-for-profit organizations like The Pride Center of NJ? We are grateful to those of you who direct financial gifts to us including United Way designations, corporate matching gifts, individual donations and planned giving. For more information, contact Ellen J. Gilio at 732-846-2232.

## Salga Art Exhibition

The South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA) will hold an Art Exhibition on October 19th at the Pride Center. This event is being planned to give the members of SALGA an opportunity to showcase their talent, spread the message of SALGA and make new friends. The event is open to the public and will be held at the Pride Center of NJ from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. on October 19, 2002. For additional information, write: salganj@hotmail.com.

## Author to speak at the Pride Center

All are welcome to join Lesbians and Gay Men of New Brunswick on the second and fourth Tuesdays at

8 P.M. for socials, conversation, films, refreshments and an occasional speaker. Marc Adams, author of the Lambda Literary Award finalist and Silver Pen Award recipient autobiography, *The Preacher's Son*, will speak at The Pride Center of New Jersey on Tuesday, October 22. *The Preacher's Son* chronicles Adams' life growing up gay as the son of a fundamentalist Baptist minister in rural Pennsylvania. He went on to attend—by choice—Jerry Falwell's Liberty University. During his time as a student there, he was also employed by the university in the student recruiting/university relations department. In his talk, Adams will share much of his life's story, share from his other books, as well as talk about HeartStrong. Adams co-founded HeartStrong with his partner and it is an outreach to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students (current and former) at religious educational institutions. It is the only outreach of its kind in the world.

### GAAMC 30th Anniversary

On Sunday, September 29th the Gay Activist Alliance in Morris County will hold a dinner dance at the Sheraton Tara, 199 Smith Road in Parsippany. The event will be a celebration of 30 years of service and accomplishment for the group. Tickets are \$60 per person and are limited. There will be a silent auction with all funds benefiting the Gay and Lesbian Youth (GALY), which is funded by GAAMC. For information, contact George Dearani at go2theatre@aol.com.

### AALU Workshop

African American Lesbians United will host the workshop "Better Sex With Toys" on Thursday, September 26 at 7 P.M. at The Pride Center of NJ. To lube or not to lube? What are toys? What is a harness? How do you protect yourself? Don't forget the latex! STD/HIV prevention information will also be included.

### NJLGC Hosts Honor 2002

The New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition is now in the process of planning Honor 2002, the annual achievement awards banquet and fundraiser. The purpose of this event is to acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their efforts to enhance the gay/les/bi/trans community in New Jersey. The event will take place on Saturday, November 2nd, from 6 P.M. to 11 P.M., at the Pines Manor in Edison. In addition to the honor awards ceremony, the program will include appetizers, live entertainment, dinner, cash bar, silent auction, and dancing. The deadline for early registration is October 18, 2002. Please contact the NJLGC at (732) 828-6772 for more information.

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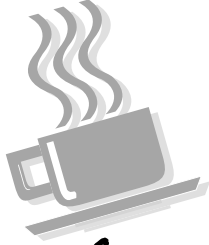
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## *Women's Coffee House*

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Friday, October 4 at 8 p.m.

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## Will N.J. be a Rerun of Vermont?

by Colleen Diskin, 7/21/02

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The day Jerry Kreitzer voted to put a government seal on gay relationships was the day he knew he would soon leave the Vermont statehouse behind—the voters' choice, not his.

Two years later, he has this to say to New Jersey lawmakers who could also find themselves wedged between the societal rock that is marriage and the hard place of gay rights: "You just have to vote for what you think is the right thing and accept that there are going to be consequences," said Kreitzer, a Democrat who had served in a swing district with a large Catholic population.

Some observers say the lawsuit filed in Hudson County last month by a gay rights organization could turn into a political rerun of what transpired in Vermont two years ago. That's when a ruling from that state's high court forced Kreitzer and other lawmakers there to grant gay and lesbian partners some of the legal protections that married couples receive. The result was a compromise law allowing them to enter into "civil unions."

It's too early to predict the course of the lawsuit filed June 26 by Lambda Legal Defense, a national organization representing seven gay and lesbian couples from across New Jersey. But New Jersey's Supreme Court has ruled in favor of gay organizations in other discrimination claims, prompting many to think that the justices here will follow the lead of their colleagues in Vermont.

And even if the court doesn't order a rewrite of the marriage law, two North Jersey lawmakers are poised to bring the issue to a head when the Legislature reconvenes this fall.

Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg, D-Teaneck, said she plans this fall to introduce a domestic partnership bill that would allow gay couples, non-married heterosexual partners, and others who share special household relationships to receive joint benefits.

Weinberg thinks the bill could sidestep the opposition of religious and conservative groups and gain wide

support because it doesn't just benefit the gay community but also people in caregiving relationships, such as a brother and sister who live together so that one can stay home to care for an ailing parent.

But at the same time, organizations and churches that promote traditional values will be backing another legislative measure, sponsored by Sen. Gerald Cardinale, R-Demarest, to prohibit same-sex unions from receiving any legal recognition in New Jersey.

Cardinale has supported the same measure in years past, with little help. But he thinks a court ruling challenging the marriage tradition could persuade lawmakers in conservative or swing districts to hide from the storm under the umbrella of his legislation. "I would say supporting gay marriage would definitely increase the difficulty of getting reelected," Cardinale said.

Ingrid Reed, director of a New Jersey political research project at Rutgers University, said 41 percent of New Jersey's residents belong to the Catholic Church, which opposes same-sex unions. That statistic and the impact the issue is credited with having in Vermont politics probably will weigh on the minds of New Jersey lawmakers if they are forced to take a stand on the gay rights issue.

A few months after the civil unions law was signed in 2000, Vermont's previously popular governor, Howard Dean, narrowly won reelection in a three-way race, and Democrats lost their long-held control of the state House of Representatives after opponents of civil unions targeted lawmakers who supported it. Kreitzer was one of those voted out of office.

"One has to recognize that this is a difficult political issue, even for a politician who has traditionally been a supporter of gay rights," Reed said. "I think there will be a lot of politicians just hoping to steer clear of the issue if this lawsuit doesn't force them to do otherwise.

"It will certainly be interesting to watch what happens."

# meetings & groups

at the pride center



*There is a suggested \$2.00 donation for most meetings. More if you can, less if you can't.*

## **African American Lesbians United**

Discussions, Dinner.  
Fourth Thursdays, 7:30 P.M.

## **BiZone**

Open to all bisexual, bi-curious, and bi-friendly people and their partners.  
Planning meeting, first Thursday, 7:30 P.M.

## **Coffee Houses**

Women's Coffee House will resume in October

## **Film Night**

First and Third Sundays, 7:30 P.M.  
First Sunday features a current or recent gay themed movie. The third Sunday is devoted to a featured film classic with a "gay sensibility."

## **GALY**

First, Second & third Saturdays, 2 P.M.  
Social support network of adult volunteers and young people ages 16-21.

## **Game Night,**

Third Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M.  
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## **Garden State Bears**

Meets to provide support for, promote self-affirmation of, and work for the general welfare of the bear community and its admirers.  
Third Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

## **Helping Hands**

Women's group to help people in need.  
Thursdays, 7:30 P.M.

## **HIV Testing**

Call 732-235-7114 for appointment. Conducted at the *Pride Center* by UMDNJ staff.  
First & third Thursdays, 5 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

## **Lesbians & Gay Men of New Brunswick**

Social, educational, rap, potlucks, for everyone.  
Second & fourth Tuesdays, 8 P.M.  
E-mail [njrj@aol.com](mailto:njrj@aol.com) for more info.

## **Lez "B" Friends**

A social group for gay/bi women to meet other women in NJ. [LEZBFRIENDSNJ@aol.com](mailto:LEZBFRIENDSNJ@aol.com)  
Fourth Saturdays at 7:30 P.M.

## **Lez Talk (formerly Womyns' Beyond Coming Out Group)**

Gives womyn the opportunity to further explore life beyond the issues faced when initially coming out.  
First & third Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M.

## **Long Yang Club — New Jersey**

For gay Asians and Pacific Islanders and their friends.  
E-mail [newjersey@longyangclub.org](mailto:newjersey@longyangclub.org) for more info.  
Second Saturdays, 7:30 P.M.

## **Marriage Equality NJ**

Seeks to secure the freedom and the right of same-sex couples to enter in a legally recognized civil marriage.  
Contact: [marriageequalitynj2002@yahoo.com](mailto:marriageequalitynj2002@yahoo.com) Also see: <http://www.marriageequalityny.org/>  
3rd Thursdays, 7:30 P.M.

## **Metropolitan Community Church**

Metropolitan Community Church—services Sunday mornings, 10:30 A.M., choir practice Mondays, 8 P.M.

## **Men's Coming Out Group**

A moderated discussion group for issues related to coming out as gay or bisexual men. E-mail [njwarrior@aol.com](mailto:njwarrior@aol.com) for more info.  
Every Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

## **NJOutings**

Varied activities of general interest.  
First Saturdays, 7:30 P.M.

## **NJBiWomen**

A moderated social/discussion group for issues related to bisexuality and other interests.  
First Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M.-9 P.M.

## **NJ Education Assoc — LGB Caucus**

A group for New Jersey's gay educators.  
Meets one Friday per month during classes.  
Check Pride Center Calendar.

## **Pride Center General Members Meeting**

Open to all.  
First Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M.

## **South Asian Lesbian & Gay Association (SALGA)**

A group for South Asians to freely discuss their experiences as glbt and questioning individuals.  
Third Saturdays, 4:30 P.M.

## **Under The Rainbow**

Discussion/social group for the 18 to 25 year old gay and lesbian population.  
Second & Fourth Fridays, 7:30 P.M.

## **Unity Fellowship Church of New Brunswick**

Bible study, Sundays, 11:30 A.M.

## **Women's AA Meeting**

Big Book meeting, 7:30 P.M.  
Beginner's Meeting, 7:45 P.M.  
Both groups meet each Friday.

## **Women's Coming Out Group**

Supportive forum for womyns' coming out issues  
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# Guest Editorial

## Parallel Lives?

by Gary Pfeffer

Growing up in Brooklyn in the 60s, a lot of our social life was derived from the local Jewish Center. At the Center I went to Hebrew school, joined the cub scouts and participated in a variety of other social activities. My father belonged to the Center's Men's Club and helped run the cub pack. The Men's Club existed to assure the continuation of The Center. It hosted fundraisers to support the Center, provided a social outlet for the men and hosted family events to keep people coming back. The Men's Club also hosted Sunday morning breakfasts for the early risers, performed local community service activities and sponsored programs of particular interest to men. In planning these events their members were able to work together to achieve ends that would make them proud, improve their self-esteem, develop bonds and learn and hone their leadership skills. It is essentially a "brotherhood." I remember stuffing envelopes for a center mailing.

The Men's Club sponsored an annual weeklong carnival in the parking lot at a local shopping center and the Annual New Year's Eve Party. The Men's Club was also there when their members took ill, had a death in their family or got promoted. They supported each other through their lives. It was an official club. They had a newsletter, a logo and a banner along with a mission statement, meeting minutes and an awards dinner to honor their own, present community awards and financial donations to the Center. They were proud of their club and proud to be a part of it. Most of these men were married and had families but enjoyed the camaraderie that the club offered. These men had one thing in common; they were all committed to the continuation and betterment of their Center. In essence they were a brotherhood with a purpose.

We moved to New Jersey just before I started high school. Conveniently, the Jewish Center was around the corner. Of course, we're everywhere, aren't we? Again my father got involved with the Men's Club. Again there were Sunday morning breakfasts and fund raisers and meetings. At this Center there were no scouts but there was an extensive youth program and nursery school. All this put my father on a fast track to developing a new circle of friends in New Jersey. This was a chance for him to once again experience camaraderie and brotherhood while

demonstrating and expressing his own leadership and creative abilities. He could create new traditions, with new buddies and enhance each other's lives along the way.

Earlier this year, as a member, I attended the Pocono Warriors 24th Anniversary Dinner at a fine Italian restaurant in Philadelphia. Similar to my father's club, the Warriors also have a newsletter, a logo and a banner along with a mission statement, meetings and minutes. At the annual anniversary dinner we honor our members, present community awards and distribute financial donations to our causes. We meet quarterly and make decision based on assuring the continuance of the Club and in the best interest of the Club. We host bar nights, a men's camping weekend and our Anniversary Dinner. In planning these events we're able to work together to achieve ends that make us proud, improve our self-esteem and hone our leadership skills. It is essentially a "brotherhood." At this year's event our president presented the first Brother of the Year Award.

Where did you turn to for a sense of community on 9/11? Did you go to MUF(GAAMC) or the Pride Center to find community? Did you just know that there would be people there? Did that even occur to you? Both these organizations are doing fine jobs but they'd do tons better if they had you. Would your life be better if you filled it with brotherhood and camaraderie? On 9/11 the Northeast Leather Community took it upon itself to create an email chain for everyone to share their experiences, fears, losses and say they survived while finding solace in a community they knew they could count on. They even took it upon themselves to plan memorials and gather to support one another. Where did you go?

Did you have a Men's Club to count on? Do you now? Where do you celebrate traditions, nurture friendships, establish brotherhood and give back to your community? Do you have a place to create new friendships and feel a sense of community? The Center would clearly benefit from a Club that exists to keep the Center prosperous. Wouldn't you benefit from a club that offers its members camaraderie, leadership and brotherhood? Do you possess the leadership and the commitment to get it going? Any thoughts men? Write to me at [NJWarrior@aol.com](mailto:NJWarrior@aol.com)

# Community Phone Numbers

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Dignity/Metro .....	973-857-4040	NJ Buddies .....	201-489-2900
Dignity/New Brunswick .....	732-254-7942	NJCRI .....	973-483-3444
GAAMC (Morris County)/GALY .....	973-285-1595	NJEA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Caucus .....	609-448-5215
Gay People of Princeton .....	609-924-7322	NJLGC /PLF .....	732-828-6772
Havurah .....	732-650-1010	NAMES Project-Central NJ.....	732-249-3933
Hyacinth AIDS Foundation.....	800-433-0254	NJWAN .....	732-846-4462
Jersey Pride, Inc .....	732-NJ1-PRIDE	Our Quarterly.....	201-893-0455
Lambda Families of NJ .....	973-763-8511	Outbike .....	973-748-9368
Lavender Express .....	201-235-0585	P-FLAG North Jersey.....	973-267-8414
Lesbians & Gay Men of New Brunswick .....	732-247-0515	Princeton LGB Alliance .....	609-258-4522
LEAGUE-AT&T.....	973-644-7904	Rutgers G/L/B Hotline.....	908-932-7886
Lesbian Domestic Abuse Helpline.....	800-224-0211	The OASIS .....	973-430-9909
Long Yang Club .....	732-247-0515		

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The *Pride Center* also accepts cash donations via the US Postal Service or in person at the Center, and donations can be made via the web site by clicking the "Donations/Join" button. Whatever you can afford to donate, your support and generosity is greatly appreciated! Making an annual contribution in one of the following amounts, will qualify you as a Member of *The Pride Center*:

- General** .....\$35: Entitles member to four newsletter mailings annually and discounts at selected special events.
- Family** .....\$50: General membership benefits for one household.
- Silver** .....\$100: General membership benefits and one "Silver" admission discount to PCNJ membership brunch.
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