



Trenton Gay and Lesbian Civic Association

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JUNE-JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER

SHOW YOUR PRIDE ON JUNE 11TH

In honor of GLBTI PRIDE Month, the Trenton Gay and Lesbian Civic Association will host a Happy Hour on Wednesday, June 11th at the Mill Hill Saloon (Broad and Market Streets) from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to mix and mingle with other members of the TGLCA as well as meet new people and maybe see some friends. And, while you are there, please thank Dennis for all of his support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

LET'S ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME!

June is PRIDE month and there are several annual PRIDE festivals that will be held in our area.

The fun begins with Jersey PRIDE in Asbury Park on Sunday, June 1 from noon – 7 p.m. (stop by and say “hey” at the TGLCA booth)

Then it is on to Philadelphia the next week (Sunday, June 8) for its fabulous PRIDE festival.

Come back to New Jersey for Newark-Essex PRIDE from June 13 -15.

Ending the month as always in grand style is New York's Heritage of PRIDE beginning on June 22nd and culminating with the grand parade on Sunday, June 29.

Plenty of opportunities to be gay and show that WE'RE OUT AND WE'RE PROUD!

AND THE FUN CONTINUES...

Of course, GLBTI PRIDE is not just a one month thing. There are other festivals throughout the summer including two more in New Jersey.

In August, JCLGO presents Jersey City PRIDE on August 23rd.

And then, to end the season is the very fabulous, always glorious, and downright spectacular Capital Rainbowfest here in the lovely Trenton on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Mill Hill Park (Broad and Front Streets).

WHEN ON THE WEB...

Check out the newly redesigned website for TGLCA at www.tglca.com. Thanks to President Bob Carnevali for his work on the site which is still evolving. The site will eventually include meeting announcements, minutes from past meetings, newsletter, pictures, and valuable links. It is a regular portal of information for all things gay in New Jersey.

And, while you are on the web, go to www.outinjersey.net which is the new website for *Out In Jersey* which has loads of news, fashion, and events. The site also includes blogs from two of our members – Toby Grace and Anthony Bullett. It is not to be missed.

IT'S DINNERTIME – YUM!

The next GLOBAL potluck dinner will be held Saturday, **June 7**, at Bill and Juan's home at 5 Brook Drive East, Kingston, NJ 08540 (just north of Princeton). The dinner starts about 7 p.m.

Please RSVP by calling Bill and Juan at 609-356-0398 (house phone) or 609-240-1407 (Bill's cell) or by sending an email to jerseyglobal@yahoo.com. (If you can't attend, no RSVP is needed.)

All kinds of food are welcome. If you're not sure what you want to bring, call Bill and Juan at the numbers above, or call Jack at 609-298-8765.

THOSE MEN BE SANGING, Y'ALL

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus will present "Stages - A Theatrical Look at Change" on Friday, **June 6**, in Ewing. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, at the Mildred & Ernest E. Mayo Concert Hall. Special guest is recording artist Ginette Bernard. Bring your checkbooks for the "fabulous silent auction!" Advance tickets are \$20 (or \$15 for seniors and students) and all tickets at the door will be \$25. For more info or to purchase tickets online, go to www.njgmc.org.

AND QUOTH THE RAVEN – NEVERMORE, NEVERMORE

(exerpted from Out in Jersey)

The Raven, a long time gay bar and resort in New Hope Pennsylvania, closed as of May 12th. "Due to some unfortunate life circumstances," said Terrance Meck and his partner Rand, " We have made the very difficult decision to step away from The Raven in order to focus our time and energies on various projects and ourselves." One of the projects mentioned was their new property the nearby Nevermore Motel. Many longtime Raven customers have been in shock about the closing since April 15th when the first email closing announcemnet was made.

They thanked all of the many thousands of patrons over the last four years of their ownership. "From pool shows, wine dinners, holiday festivities and countless charitable initiatives," they said, "We have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for important causes, the memories and friendships we have built will stay with us forever." The Raven is a mainstay of the local LGBTI community for many, many decades. Its future is now very questionable. It was one of the few remaining gay bars in New Hope.

New ownership of The Raven is being sought. "Our hope is that a potential successor will come forward over the next two months and enable the long tradition of The Raven to continue for many years to come. It could work via a lease of the business or a full sale of the property, "said the email notice."

NEXT TGLCA MEETING

There next meeting of the TGLCA Board of Trustees and members will be on **Wednesday, June 18th (7:00 p.m.) at the Mill Hill Saloon on the corner of South Broad and Market Streets**. We invite you to come out have a bite to eat, a drink or two of your choice, and meet and mingle with other members and friends. We especially need you to come out so that the leaders of the group for this year can be elected and begin to deal with the business of the organization.