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HEALTH PROMOTION EVENING

A Health Promotion & Information Evening will be held on Thursday 11th December 2008 in Whites of Wexford at 7pm (McCarthy Suite).

Guest Speakers will hold an informal talk on

- Sexual Health
- Mental Health
- Drug Awareness

The evening is open to everyone & Health Care Professionals will be in attendance to answer any questions. Refreshments will be also be served.

This event is funded by the HSE, the National Lottery & E.A.G.L.E and will be the first of its kind to be held in Wexford for the LGBT Community.

A large attendance by Wexford's LGBT Community would be greatly appreciated and would help us greatly in our efforts to secure future funding.



"Im sorry; you must have mistaken me for someone else. My name is Anastasia Beaverhausen."

KAREN WALKER

EAGLE GRANTS

E.A.G.L.E have secured two vital Grants in the last few weeks which have guaranteed their Community Development plans for 2009.

E.A.G.L.E were awarded a €500.00 grant by the National Lottery 2008 Respite Grant Scheme, administered by the HSE to hold an LGBT information event in Wexford.

An Information & Health Promotion Evening has been organised and will be held on Thursday 11th December 2008 in Whites of Wexford @ 7pm.

E.A.G.L.E have also been awarded a €500.00 grant by the Community Foundation for Ireland's Small Grant Scheme under the Sexual Minority Category.

This is going to be used to fund our 2009 Sports Programme offering LGBT

people of all ages the chance to come together and participate in sports, make friends and increase social inclusion for LGBT people. The funds will be used to pay for Pitch Hire & Hiring of the Bowling Alley, Sports equipment etc so participation will be free for all E.A.G.L.E's growing membership.

External Funding is vital for E.A.G.L.E to be able to provide LGBT Outreach services in Wexford. Combined with the great results of our Fundraising activities over the last few months, the financial situation of E.A.G.L.E is very healthy at the moment and 2009 is looking increasingly optimistic for everyone.

PINK NEWS FROM KILKENNY

Our Partners in Crime PinkKilkenny held a very successful Bowling Night in Kilkenny's brand new K-Bowl Bowling Alley in McDonagh Junction on Monday 1st December 08 last followed by drinks in O'Faolans. A great night was had by everyone and typically the winner on

the night was a straighty - Congrats to DJ Rue. There will be plenty of chances for revenge as everyone agreed to have another bowling night in the coming weeks.

A number of people have expressed an interest in forming a Committee to help Co-Ordinate Events in Kilkenny and one of the major objectives will to be organise & advertise a specific GAY Night in Kilkenny in a Pub / Club. To date Pink have just been meeting up casually in Pubs for drinks. Another idea is to set up a Pink Kilkenny Website for all those non bebo users. So there is lots to think about for 2009.

The next Social event will be in January 09 due to everyone's hectic Christmas Schedules.

As always keep an eye out on www.pinkkilkenny.bebo.com or email us @ pink.Kilkenny@gmail.com

THE VATICANS "GROTESQUE" STAND

As the United Nations prepares to receive a resolution urging more than 75 member nations to decriminalize homosexuality, the Vatican rears its well-coiffed head against the plan. The Vatican's permanent observer to the UN told Reuters that the Church will oppose the resolution, which France is set to propose this month on behalf of and by unanimous consent of the 27-member European Union.

The reasoning: The Vatican fears ending penalties for gayness will lead to same-sex marriage. Countries that don't let gays wed "will be pilloried and made an object of pressure," and we can't have that. Because while Europe and the Americas trend – however slowly and erratically they may seem – toward equality, the picture in the rest of the world is very different. African governments have actually stepped up their persecution, with the latest, Burundi, moving to impose criminal penalties on gayness just last week. During the same few years, hundreds of accused gays have been executed in Iran, Sudan and other countries that observe Islamic law.

Anti-equality Americans who swear fealty to anti-gay foreign religious leaders like Anglican Peter Akinola of Nigeria give a powerful endorsement to the home country's hate, however much they may deny it.

It will be interesting to see how the United States votes on this one. As recently as 2006, the U.S. aligned with countries like Iran on gay issues, initially denying UN consultative status to LGBT organizations.

"Good Lord. I can't believe I'm at a public pool. Why doesn't somebody just pee directly on me?"

Karen Walker

GAY TV - GOLDEN GIRLS.

Picture it, Miami 1985 and the world of camp is about to be ramped up a few hundred levels. This was the year The Golden Girls were unleashed on an unsuspecting world. Following the exploits of four unlikely, single, female housemates who were all of a certain age who dated relentlessly, bitched impressively and ate enough cheesecake to make Mary Harney ill.

The reason this show makes the list is that it was never afraid to go where most t.v. shows of the time wouldn't dare, Homoville. Yes from the aborted attempt to introduce a gay house boy in the first episode (test audiences responded better to making Estelle Getty a regular and thank Cher they did) to Dorothy's lesbian friend and to Laslo, a gay artist for whom the four lead roles became his inspiration.

The show dealt with homosexuality with its usual mix of hilarity with a serious undertone and for many people this was the first time they can remember seeing positive gay characters on a mainstream show.

The lesbian and gay characters in The Golden Girls were not 2 dimensional and stereotypical as they were in other shows, they were real portrayals and were memorable characters.

The shame is that not many other shows or networks followed their lead.

That being said The Golden Girls still has a cult following and the recent release of the DVD collection has seen a surge in interest in the show once more.

The jokes may be dated, the clothes may be cringe worthy and the sets may have been the worst in t.v history but we still love them and watch them again and again.

Rose, Blanche, Dorothy and Sofia we salute you.

A LOOK FORWARD

In 2009 E.A.G.I.E. will be going all out for your entertainment. Not only will we be running the usual monthly social nights but we will also be going all out on the sports front. We will be having sports evenings every second week and will alternate between indoor football, bowling and basketball, tight outfits and balls flying everywhere...fabulous.

We will also be increasing the number of dinner nights with at least one per month. These nights are great for those who may not be a pub or clubber and just want a relaxed evening with like minded people. We will be taking suggestions as to where to dine so pop ideas in an e-mail.

In addition to all this we will be having a party for each of the major holidays as well as back to school events, beach parties and should there be interest even a white or blue ball.

We will try to cater for everyone and all tastes and we value your input so if you think we should be running an event we are not currently planning please do not hesitate to send us your suggestions.

Hope you all had a great 2008 and wishing you all a fricken fantaseriffic 2009.

"Well, I feel a little bit uncomfortable. All of these gay eyes on me. Judging me. Undressing me. Then dressing me up again in a different outfit."

Karen Walker

JUST BECAUSE HE'S SO FINE...





ONE FOR THE BIS AND GIRLS....

SPECIAL THANKS

The EAGLE committee would like to say merry christmas to all our members, readers and supporters. This year has been fantastic for us, we have achieved so much and the group has grown dramatically over the last year. We will continue to achieve success in 2009, so once again, have a fantabulous Christmas, Don't let this recession stop you from buying and we will see you in the new year!

EAGLE Committee

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