Donors Rise to Support Senior Pride

Senior Pride, now at a major crossroad, has been generously supported by Tucson funders.

Most recently, the organization was honored by a grant of $10,000 for the next fiscal year from the LGBTQ Alliance Fund. The funds will be for operating expenses as Senior Pride builds towards a sustainable on-going service agency, transitioning from its all-volunteer grassroots movement.

“This award will be a major boost to our campaign to build a sustainable organization, one that will be available on an on-going basis to serve older LGBTQ adults,” said Gary Gardner, chair of the Senior Pride Steering Committee.

The Alliance Fund grant is one of several awards by local funders, including an outpouring of donations by individuals in our community.

These include:

The Jack Challem Fund, held at the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona which awarded a grant of $5,250 to open a new office at 1632 N. Country Club Rd.

The Long Cares Foundation awarded Senior Pride $500 for the Community Cares Program-Tucson, designated to the Volunteer Program.

HOTT (Helping Others Thrive Together), a lesbian run fund that has been an on-going supporter of Senior Pride has donated $350 to cover expenses of mailing and producing the newsletter.

What our supporters say—

Robert Bell • This is the first time the Alliance Fund has ever granted an organization more than $5,000. It is truly an honor and poignantly demonstrates the commitment and belief our community has in Southern Arizona Senior Pride.

Tom Buchanan • The fact that Southern Arizona Senior Pride has been chosen for such a significant grant demonstrates beyond a doubt that it’s a highly reputable organization, and one we should all support wholeheartedly.

Sally Dodds • As the sole Advisor of the Jack Challem Legacy Fund*, I was delighted to provide a gift to Southern Arizona Senior Pride to help establish a much-needed office space. When I was Chair of the LGBTQ Alliance Fund, we were happy to provide a grant to Senior Pride to support a strategic planning process and today we see that plan being implemented! Senior Pride is on the cusp of becoming a major organization in the field of aging and older adult services in Southern Arizona, able to reach a group of LGBTQ people that few other nonprofits can.

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THANKS TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS AND SUPPORTERS.
CCP Update by Lee Crosby

The Community Cares Program – Tucson is thriving. We have 16 Volunteers and 16 Recipients. Many of our Recipients have more than one Volunteer so they benefit from several visits per month. We also make phone calls to Recipients outside our catchment area.

The past 18 months since the program was launched, we have developed not only a Volunteer “family” but also a Recipient “family”. Over the summer, many of our Volunteers travel for a couple of months. “No Problem”. All of our Recipients have the option for visits from other Volunteers. Plus, they all receive our “hot line” phone number in case something comes up and they need assistance. All volunteers meet monthly to discuss the success of our program and make plans and goals.

We have completed the transition to Co-coordinators for the CCP program. Co-coordinators are: Lee Crosby, Administrative, Gretchen Field.

Senior Pride Speakers Cover Range Of Topics

Not attending our Speakers Series?
Look how much you’re missing!
No August meeting

Recently at Senior Pride’s monthly speakers series, topics addressed have included emergency preparation, improv theater, and senior scams & cons.

Thanks to Marianna Schloss, Casa de la Luz Hospice, our May speaker who reviewed documents and plans everyone needs to have in place.

Karyn Garvin of the Diversity Toastmasters Group—our June speaker – described how LGBTQ Toastmasters help build communications and leadership skills and foster personal growth.

Open to anyone wanting to learn and practice public speaking.

https://www.meetup.com/Diversity-Toastmasters/

Recipient Coordinator, Rob Devoe, Volunteer Coordinator and Kay Smith, Consultant. Job descriptions have been defined. Lavina Tomer will share the Administrative Position with Lee Crosby. We meet monthly, outside the regular CPP Volunteer meeting, to review issues as well as set goals and discuss funding opportunities.

October will be a busy month for the Program. We will be enrolling new Volunteers and Recipients. It is critical that we receive information from all Senior Pride and Pima Council On Aging Neighborhood Alliance members relative to possible Recipients.

All you have to do is call 520-351-2724 and leave a message. I, as Admin. Coordinator, carry the phone and will get back to you ASAP so that we can set up an intake interview. Please do not hesitate.

We know that there are many isolated LGBTQI+ persons in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in their own homes who would benefit from a regular visit and/or phone call from someone in our Community. All Volunteers are trained and have had a background check. There is absolutely no charge to participate in this program!

There will be a Volunteer Training in October - see page 7.

Senior Pride Speakers Series

Our series is open to everyone and always features interesting speakers.

The monthly program offers opportunities for networking, discussion and Senior Pride updates.

Senior Pride meets from 2-3 pm at the Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Ave on the second Tuesday of the month.

July 9th Elise Bajohr – Jewish Family and Children Services
Support for Solo Seniors: Getting the Medical Care You Want

August 13th – NO MEETING

September 10th – Denisse Brito, Asst Curator of Community Engagement, Tucson Art Museum

Email info@soazseniorpride.org • 520-312-8923 or visit https://soazseniorpride.org
Community Profile: Curt Beall

A role model and advocate for people living with HIV, Curt speaks publicly about his experiences and furthers education about HIV.

In addition, Curt volunteers in multiple ways for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). He also volunteers with the LGBTQ Alliance Fund of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, El Rio Health Center’s Special Immunology Associates Consumer Advisory Board, G3 Tucson, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, and Tucson Frontrunners. Curt promotes Odyssey Story Telling and Meet Me at Maynards, an event that advocates building community through fitness.

Curt has worked to bring panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Tucson. “Some families see a quilt section for the first time.”

From Buffalo, New York, Curt has been a familiar face and a tireless Champion in Tucson’s LGBTQ+ community for over 23 years. Testing positive for HIV in 1994, his prognosis was bleak.

“You appreciate life so much more when you think life is coming to an end. I was given a second chance and choose to give back to my community.”

“My first AIDSWALK was in Buffalo, NY. I wanted to raise funds for the local AIDS organization that helped me through those terrible first months of finding out, then dealing, with my diagnosis.”

Growing up Irish Catholic, with ten brothers and sisters, Curt was encouraged to be creative. “Nobody at home ever said, ‘Little boys don’t do that!’” My sister taught me to sew and crochet; then I was off to football practice.”

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—Curt Beall

Mom taught me, “Take advantage of time and take nothing for granted.” Every morning, he texts his family to say hello and catch up on family news.

Curt is a lyricist and composer and plays guitar. He entertains at many Tucson events, including Pride Celebrations and the Tucson Folk Festival. Given a guitar in high school, his sister helped him pay for lessons. He then joined a Rock and Roll band.

In June, Curt brought his guitar and song books to the Southern Arizona Senior Pride Potluck for a Sing-a-Long!

My disability left me lonely, anxious, and disconnected. I am happy to have someone who visits weekly. I am energized by our conversations and have more inspiration and creativity.

[from a recipient of our Community Cares Program]
Senior Pride’s New Leadership Team

Newly elected Senior Pride Steering Committee officers will provide leadership to build capacity and services.

Gary Gardner, Chair—I am a Tucson native and a graduate of Tucson High and the University of Arizona. After a 34 year career in Information Technology, I retired in 2014. I am very happy to have found Southern Arizona Senior Pride and am excited to help the team achieve their very important goals.

Lee Crosby, Vice Chair—About two years ago, a friend said to me that there was a new Senior Pride program, known as the Community Cares Program (CCP). He thought I would be “perfect for the project since I had been caring for my partner who has Alzheimer’s disease over the past 15 years”. I followed up with his suggestion and now find that I am Administrative Co-coordinator for CCP. Also, I’m the vice-chair of the Steering Committee and a member of the Development Committee for Senior Pride. What happened? Actually I am thrilled to be an active volunteer. After 45 years of nursing experience, including seven years in the Navy Nurse Corps, one year in Vietnam on the hospital ship, USS Repose, followed by teaching at The University of Virginia and the University of Arizona. My final 12 years of practice were at the Tucson VA Medical Center as a Nurse Practitioner. A tremendous career of caring for others and now, through the Community Cares Program, Southern Arizona Senior Pride, I can continue to be involved in helping isolated, homebound LGBTQI persons through home visits and phone calls. Thanks Senior Pride for giving me the opportunity to be involved in care and compassion for all our “family members.”

Cynthia Beving, Treasurer—I outsource Comptroller services to businesses; specializing in real estate, law and chambers of commerce. I spent a lot of time in Tucson growing up and always said I would return one day (I moved back in 2017). In addition to owning my business I sit on a couple of boards (including the GLBT Chamber of Commerce). In my spare time I like to dabble in real estate, read, paint, travel and play with my four dogs.

James Richardson—Secretary—James spent much of his career as a communications engineer (for many years in San Francisco) and made a mid-life change to nursing; he retired from an Indianapolis hospital and moved to Tucson. This is his second term as Senior Pride secretary. James volunteers whenever and wherever needed—he is a valuable contributor to the Senior Forum as well as tabling and facilitating at Senior Pride potlucks and events. He says he volunteers for Senior Pride because “It gives me a sense of purpose, of being part of the community. I want to be active, not a passive observer. ‘I feel like I’m part of something bigger than I am.”

Senior Pride Steering Committee

Senior Pride officers are Gary Gardner, Chair; Lee Crosby, Vice-Chair; Cynthia Beving, Treasurer, and James Richardson, Secretary. They serve on the Steering Committee with Robert Bell, Joyce Bolinger, Jade Davis, Claire Ellington, Gretchen Field, Roger Osgood, Sue Pennington, Kay Smith, Lavina Tomer and Curt Stubbs.

This group meets on the 1st Thursday of each month from 10:30am-12:15pm (except July and August) to conduct Senior Pride business, set policies and plan programs and events. Anyone interested is welcome—see calendar of ongoing events for meeting notice. Contact: info@soazseniorpride.org or Telephone 520-312-8923.
THANK YOU TO LAVINA AND ROGER

Lavina Tomer—Since 2014, as Senior Pride chair, Lavina has mobilized and managed the expansion of programs, volunteers and visibility for the organization. She has been instrumental in founding the Community Cares Program, facilitating the LGBTQ Women’s grief support group, coordinating with collaborating organizations, fundraising and representing Senior Pride in public. She continues as a valued member of the Steering Committee and will serve as the Volunteer Executive Director to manage internal operations for the organization.

A career massage therapist, Lavina founded the LGBTQ Domestic Violence Project, now SAAF’s Anti-Violence Project. “She has received many honors, including recognition at the Women’s Plaza of Honor at the University of Arizona and the Steve Hall award as outstanding community volunteer from Wingspan in 2003.

Roger Osgood—Roger is completing his third year as Senior Pride Treasurer, tracking every dime the organization receives and spends. Working with Lavina, he has developed budgets and interfaced with our fiscal agent, SAAF. A talented pianist and gardener and a US Army veteran, Roger’s many hats have included banking, airline flight attendant, political activist, teacher and pharmacy technician. He served as president of Reveille Men’s Chorus board. His willingness to volunteer for Senior Pride in a myriad of ways is invaluable. He continues on the Steering Committee.

Senior Forum is printed in house by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Southern Arizona Senior Pride appreciates this invaluable donation from SAAF, our fiscal sponsor.
Cultural Beat

Fellow Travelers: Operatic Lavender Scare

This fall, Arizona Opera presents the Arizona premiere of Fellow Travelers (Composer Gregory Spears; Librettist Greg Pierce), described by the Chicago Tribune as “One of the most accomplished new American operas.”

During the McCarthy-era Lavender Scare, communists weren’t the only government targets. Hostility directed toward abolishing “homosexual tendencies” in the government created a world of fear and shame.

Fellow Travelers tells the story of a chance encounter between an ambitious college graduate and handsome US State Department official. Drawn into a maelstrom of passion and deceit, these characters struggle to reconcile political convictions and “forbidden love.” The powerfully compelling production is an ode to the importance of being one’s self and the bravery it takes to stand up to oppression.


TUCSON PRIDE CELEBRATION: SAVE THE DATE!! by James Richardson

Tucson Pride in The Desert Parade & Festival Returns
September 28th 2019 at Reid Park.

The Parade is set for Saturday, September 28, 11 am. The celebration will continue at the Georges DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, at Reid Park.

This year’s Pride theme, “Rise Up” emphasizes the 50th anniversary of Stonewall Riots and 50 years of civil-rights progress that extended same-sex marriage rights to the Supreme Court.

The Tucson Pride history began with a different tragedy; the brutal murder of Richard Heakin, a young gay man leaving the Stonewall Tavern here in Tucson one evening in 1976. When his attackers were given a slap on the wrist, our community rose to rally for change, officially forming the organization now known as Tucson Pride, now the oldest LGBTQ organization in Arizona.

Because of the efforts of the Tucson community, on Feb 7, 1977, City ordinance #4616 was passed which prohibits discrimination based on sexual or affectional preference. (Thanks to the Arizona Queer Archives for this information.)
Senior Pride Book Club
— a group of dedicated readers who meet for a lively discussion on the 3rd Wednesday monthly at Ward 3 Office (Council Member Paul Durham), 1510 E Grant Rd. (between Campbell Ave & Mountain Ave on Vine Ave).

**Book Selections and Meeting Times:**

**Wed., July 17 and August 21**

**JULY 17** • *Howard’s End* by EM Forster

**AUGUST 21** • *There There* by Tommy Orange

Book Club Coordinator, Les Tannenbaum.
Contact Les at (520) 312-8923 or email him at info@soazseniorpride.org or visit https://soazseniorpride.org

Rainbow Reads
A book club sponsored by The Pima County Public Library LGBT Services Committee. On odd months, the group meets to chat about books and exchange ideas; on even months, there’s a discussion of a selected book.

Every 3rd Sunday from 1-3 pm at Exo Roast Co, 403 N 6th Ave (6th Ave and 7th St)

**Sunday • July 21 • 1-3 pm**
July will be a book chat, so people can come and share about a recent favorite LGBTQ+ book.

**Sunday • August 18 1-3 pm**
Selection for discussion: *Sissy* by Jacob Tobia

Information: https://www.library.pima.gov/lgbt-services-committee/

**SAVE THESE DATES**

**GREAT EVENTS AND CLASSES STARTING OCTOBER 2019**

**Words of Wisdom Poetry Reading**

Saturday Oct. 5, 2019
1–3 pm
at the Thornhill Lopez Center on 4th
526 N 4th Ave
(parking lot nearby on 7th St)

Featuring: Rebecca Seiferle plus eight elder LGBTQ poets

Rebecca Seiferle is the author of four poetry collections and the recipient of a Lannan Literary Fellowship, among many poetry honors. She teaches at Southwest University of Visual Arts. In 2012, Seiferle was named Tucson Poet Laureate.

**Community Cares Program — Tucson**

**Volunteer Training**

Saturday
October 12, 2019
1–3:30 pm

**A Matter of Balance:**
Classes to prevent falling

Mon. Oct. 21
& Wed. Oct. 23, 2019
Mon. Oct. 28
& Wed. Oct. 30
Mon. Nov. 4
& Wed. Nov. 6, 2019
Mon. Nov. 11
& Wed. Nov. 13
& Mon. Nov. 18.
1–3 pm
Equality—The struggle for LGBTQ rights continues. The fight for Equality turns to the US Senate as the campaign to introduce the Equality Act moves there.

In May, the US House of Representatives voted 236-173 to pass the historic legislation to ensure protections against discrimination for LGBTQ+ people. Both the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) hailed the passage of the Equality Act, the first time a chamber of Congress has approved a comprehensive LGBTQ civil rights bill.

Steve Kilar, Communications Director, ACLU Arizona says "It's thrilling that the U.S. House of Representatives passed The Equality Act by such a huge margin, marking the first time that a chamber of Congress has advanced legislation providing for nationwide, explicit, and comprehensive nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ people. This huge step forward is especially important for people living in states, like Arizona, that still do not have laws protecting LGBTQ people from discrimination in housing, employment, or public accommodations, like restaurants. We all need to push Senators Sinema and McSally to become champions of this bill. If they don't, we all need to remember that the next time they're on the ballot. LGBTQ Arizonans encounter discrimination every day and we need this legislation to make sure their rights are fully protected."

The crucially important, bipartisan legislation will finally provide clear, comprehensive non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people across the country in employment, housing, public spaces, education, jury services, credit and federal funding.

The Equality Act would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act. In addition to transgender inclusion, the bill seeks to update federal law to include sex in the list of protected classes in public accommodation and expands the definition of public accommodations to include retail stores, banks, transportation services and health care services. Further, the Equality Act would establish that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act — a 1994 law aimed at protecting religious liberty — can’t be used to enable anti-LGBT discrimination.

Health Equity — However, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced a final version of a regulation that would allow medical providers to cite their personal beliefs in refusing to provide a broad spectrum of services — including lifesaving care for LGBTQ patients. The Trump-Pence administration’s latest attack threatens LGBTQ people by permitting medical providers to deny critical care based on personal beliefs.

The Trump-Pence administration’s latest attack threatens LGBTQ people by permitting medical providers to deny critical care based on personal beliefs. The administration’s decision puts LGBTQ people at greater risk of being denied necessary and appropriate health care solely based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. Everyone deserves access to medically necessary care and should never be turned away because of who they are or who they love. – HRC Government Affairs Director David Stacy

This regulation will deter health care organizations and providers from taking necessary action to guarantee that all patients have access to the care they not only deserve but also are entitled to legally. The rule is especially dangerous for those already facing barriers to care, particularly LGBTQ patients, patients of color and those who are struggling to make ends meet.

For more information, see LGBT Older Adults and Health Disparities, a report by Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE), Movement Advancement Project, Center for American Progress

LGBTQ Support Group at the UA Cancer Center
Weekly group for patients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer. Group is not limited to Cancer Center patients. It is available to the community.

Family and friends are welcome.

Every Monday (except holidays), 3-4:30pm
University of Arizona Cancer Center
Room 1127 * 3838 N. Campbell Ave.
(North of Prince)

More info and to RSVP:
email: brenda.casey@bannerhealth.com or phone: Brenda Casey at 520-694-0347

COMMUNITY CARES
Outreach to Tucson’s LGBTQI Elders
Are you LGBTQI, 55 or older, homebound or living in a Care Community (independent or assisted living, nursing home, boarding home)? Are you a person with a disability (of any age)? Are you isolated from your LGBTQI Community? Lonely?

Southern Arizona Senior Pride COMMUNITY CARES PROGRAM-TUCSON would like to offer you

**** Friendly visits and/or phone calls ****
with trained volunteers who have had a background check.

There is no charge to participate.

Please contact Program Coordinator:
520-351-2724
or Community@soazseniorpride.org for an application and home visit.

REFERRALS ENCOURAGED!

LGBTQ Women’s Grief Group
Drop-In • No Charge
Thursdays
(except holidays)
1:30–3pm
Weekly support group (free) for Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Women 18 and older.
YWCA, 525 N. Bonita Ave.
(wheel chair accessible)

LGBT WELCOMING CAREGIVERS GROUP
Offered by Pima Council On Aging
Tuesdays, July 16 and August 20
(3rd Tues. of the month) 1–2:30pm
PCOA family caregiver support groups are open to anyone providing care for a person 60 and older, or for someone who has Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia of any age.
No charge. Preregistration is required;
Call 520.305.3405
Location: Pima Council on Aging, Board Room
8467 E Broadway, 85710

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**Tucson Frontrunners**
Tucson Frontrunners is a walking/running group comprised of LGBT folks, their family, friends, and straight allies. For a monthly calendar: http://www.tucsonfrontrunners.org

**Tucson Prime Timers**
Serving older gay and bi men, Tucson Prime Timers offers a number of events each month. Phone 520-743-9514 or http://www.tucsonprimetimers.org

**Poz Café** *(3rd Thurs. monthly)* sponsored by Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Poz Café is at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church,(at the corner of Swan and River roads). Lunch is accompanied by time to socialize, play bingo, have a chance to draw for raffle prizes, and receive a Care Package full of toiletry items and cleaning supplies. Open to adults living with HIV. Advance registration required. For more info: TIHAN (520) 299-6647 or email LinkVolunteer@tihan.org

**Words of Wisdom** Featuring: Rebecca Seiferle plus eight elder LGBTQ poets. Information on page seven.

**The LGBTQI+ Elder Circle**
Elder circle will not take place in July or August. It will resume Saturday, September 21, 2019.


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Write SENIOR PRIDE in the Memo Line

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Click on “Donate Today” and follow instructions

**By Telephone:** (520) 547-6119
Specify: Senior Pride
**Announcements**

**Congratulations to Jamie Lee**

Jamie Lee, PhD, has been honored with the 2019 “Fabulous Faculty” award by the University of Arizona LGBTQ Affairs. Assistant Professor of Digital Culture, Information, and Society in the School of Information, Jamie directs the Arizona Queer Archives in the Institute of LGBTQ Studies.

**Pima Council on Aging (PCOA)**

In-house Specialists in LGBTQ Elder Care:

- **End of Life Specialist:** Adreanna Molina
- **LGBTQ Community Liaison:** Sarah Bahnson
  
  SBahnson@pcoa.org
- **VP of Programs & Services:** Lisa Reams
- **VP of Philanthropy & Communications:** Lana Baldwin
- **Caregiver Specialist:** Zury Reyes
- **Community Services System Director:** Elizabeth Reeves
- **Neighbors Care Alliance Outreach Coordinator:** Bridget Roads
- **Public Policy and Advocacy Coordinator:** Maddy Bynes
- **Client Services Specialist:** Jennifer Caragan
- **Intake Specialist:** John Chihak

Help Line: 520.790.7262

Business Line: 520.790.0504

(M—F 8:30 - 5 pm)

**Moving On Up: Senior Pride’s New Office**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jack Challem Fund (at The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona), Senior Pride has new digs—an office at 1632 N. Country Club Rd.

Look for an open house in the Fall.

We have two work stations for volunteers, a meeting room, a kitchen, use of a printer, copier, scanner, and great office neighbors. Office hours will be by appointment and messages on the Senior Pride phone will be answered 5 days a week. This is a major step in our drive to build capacity and sustainability. This grant is a strong vote of confidence from The Jack Challem Fund. Appreciation abounds!

**Tucson Named #3 of 20 cities that are the best retirement communities for LGBTQ+ people in the US!!**

Top 20 Cities for LGBTQ Retirement in 2019:


**Tucson Lesbians 50+ On Facebook**

Jade Davis has announced a new online group is named Tucson Lesbians 50+ - Making the Rest of our Lives the Best of our Lives. Search in Facebook for Tucson Lesbians.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/161111938989963/

This group is for older (50+) lesbians in the Tucson area to socialize, inspire and encourage one another.
Mayor Jonathan Rothschild issued a proclamation declaring June LGBTQ Pride Month in Tucson. He was accompanied by Council Member Paul Durham and Thom Goodrich, a member of the City of Tucson’s GLBT Commission. Thom reminded the group that it is the anniversary of the murder of Richard Heakin, who was fatally beaten outside of a gay bar in (on) June (6th) of 1976. Richard was visiting Tucson from his native Nebraska when the incident occurred.

Thom’s statement included “LGBTQ people, especially folks in the transgender community, continue to face the threat of violence for expressing who they are. The Human Rights campaign keeps track of violent acts against transgender men and women, and the list for 2019 is already unconscionably long: https://www.hrc.org/resources/violence-against-the-transgender-community-in-2019. We’ve come a long way since Stonewall and the murder of Richard Heakin, but not far enough.”

The LGBT+ Pride Concert Tribute to Stonewall Uprising • by James Richardson

The LGBT+ Pride concert took place at the Temple of Music and Art on Scott St., on June 9. Fifty years ago, in the early hours of June 28, 1969, a riot began, outside the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York City, and an International gay rights movement was born.

Desert Voices Chorus (30 years), Phoenix Metropolitan Men’s Chorus (29 years), Phoenix Women’s Chorus (25 years), Reveille Men’s Chorus (24 years), Voices of the Desert (11 years), and THEM Youth Chorus (1 year) all performed at Celebrating the Spectrum.

The songful celebration was a tribute to the Stonewall Uprising and the consequences of that event. Soon, the first LGBT pride parade would march, and over a few short years, advocacy groups would form in almost every major city in the US.

The show gave us stories, poignant and understood by most everyone in the audience that was either “out”, “closeted”, “curious”, “oppressed” or “persecuted for whom we loved”, in the summer of 1969. There were no histrionics or boring skits.

What the singers and musicians gave us was the music. And the music gave us pride and hope that even though our world can still be a hateful place, much has changed for the better since 1969. To show love, standing proud with our friends, our lovers, and our LGBT Community, we will never have to be ashamed, nor deny what we feel in our hearts. We need never suffer persecution alone if we stay proud, visible, strong, unbeatable, and ready to fight together.

Thank you to all the singers who came from the Phoenix area, and all our local chorus members who worked so hard to give us such a memorable show that we will remember for many seasons to come.

The Lavender Scare broadcast nationally on PBS

This past January Senior Pride was proud to present The Lavender Scare, accompanied by its producer Josh Howard, in Tucson. The film was seen by enthusiastic audience of almost 300 community members. In June, a national audience of over two million saw the remarkable, little-known story of this decades-long discrimination against LGBTQ people by the federal government. It was broadcast nationally in June as part of Pride month. https://www.thelavenderscare.com/pbs
## July 2019 Ongoing Events

### Important Note:
Meetings may be canceled or may deviate from previously announced schedules. Check with organizations in advance of attending to be certain that the meeting will take place as scheduled. Please avoid wearing scented products.

* WCA = Wheel Chair Accessible

### Tucson PFLAG support meeting  *(WCA)*

**1st Wednesday monthly**

- at the Ward 6 office, (Steve Kozachik) 3202 E. First St. Check: https://pflagtucson.org or phone: (520) 360-3795

### No Meeting in July

#### Senior Pride Steering Committee Meeting *(1st Thurs. monthly)*

Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N Geronimo (and Laguna, near First and Glenn). This Committee conducts Senior Pride business, sets plans and programs and events. For information or to make proposals, email info@soazseniorpride.org or phone: (520) 312-8923

### No meeting in July

#### LGBTQ Women’s Grief Group

Weekly support group (free) for Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Women 18 and older.

- YWCA, 525 N. Bonita Ave. *(WCA)*

#### LGBTQI Elder Circle

- No Elder Circle in July and August.

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### Saturday, July 6 — 6:30 pm (doors open)

**Dinner at 7 pm**

#### Men’s Social Network [MSN] monthly Potluck Dinner/

Social *(usually 1st Sat. monthly)*

- Casas Adobes Congregational Church • 6801 N. Oracle Rd. Must be MSN member or male guest. Lee Roden (520)398-6826 or Thom Goodrich (520) 305-6976. www.menssocialnetwork.org

### Monday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 — 3–4:30 pm

**LGBTQ Cancer Support Group**

at the UA Cancer Center North, 3838 N Campbell Ave. *(Usually Mondays)*. email: brenda.casey@bannerhealth.com or phone Brenda Casey at (520) 694-0347

### Monday, July 1 — 7–9 pm

#### Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) general meeting *(1st Mon. monthly)*


### Tuesday, July 9 — 2–3 pm

**Senior Pride Speakers Series (2nd Tues. monthly)**

Himmel Park Library, 1035 N Treat Ave. See pg. 2

### Tuesday, July 9 — 6–8 pm

**Two Spirit of Tucson  *(WCA)*** *(2nd Tues. monthly)*

Tucson Indian Center– 160 N Stone Ave. Contact: Marlene F. Jose (520) 884-7131, ext 2238, or email mjose@ticenter.org

### Sunday, July 14 — 2 pm

**Tucson Pride Board of Directors Meeting (2nd Sunday each month)**

La Quinta Inn & Suites, 102 N Alvernon Way. RSVP [https://www.tucsonpride.org/events/board-of-directors-monthly-meeting/form](https://www.tucsonpride.org/events/board-of-directors-monthly-meeting/form)

### Wednesday, July 17 — 2–3:30 pm

**Senior Pride Book Club *(3rd Wed. monthly)*

at Ward 3 Office (Council member Paul Durham), 1510 E Grant Rd (between Campbell Ave and Mountain Ave on Vine Ave). Book selections: see pg 7

### Thursday, July 18 — 11:30 am–2 pm

**Poz Café  *(3rd Thurs. monthly)* sponsored by Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).** Poz Café is at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church,(at the corner of Swan and River roads). Open to adults living with HIV. Advance registration required. For more info: TIHAN (520) 299-6647 or email LinkVolunteer@tihan.org *(WCA)*. See pg. 10 for further details.

### Saturday, July 20 — 9:30–11 am

**40s and Better Breakfast Group *(3rd Sat. monthly)*

Contact: Irene Read (520) 360-4744

### Saturday, July 20 — 1–8:00 pm

**Gay Pride Flickathon**

at Ward 6, East Meeting Room, 3201 E First St (City Council member Steve Kozachik). For movies and info contact Thom Goodrich. (520) 305-6976. goodoldthom@gmail.com

### Sunday, July 21 — 1–3 pm


### Thursday, July 25 — 5:30 pm

**Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. Date TBA Check** https://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards?board=40 Meetings will take place the last Thursday of every other month in the north-end conference room at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S. Euclid Ave

### Saturday, July 27 — Noon–2 pm

**Senior Pride Intergenerational Monthly Potluck (4th Saturday monthly except Dec.) at: Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall. 2902 North Geronimo and Laguna (near First Ave. & Glenn). Contact: info@soazseniorpride.org. *(WCA)*

### Mah Jong Mondays — Noon to 3 PM

**Every Monday (except holidays) at Himmel Park Library, 1035 North Treat Ave. *(WCA)*

### Meander in Tucson Meetup Group

**Lesbian Events.** [www.meetup.com/MeanderinTucson](http://www.meetup.com/MeanderinTucson)

### Tucson Frontrunners — See pg. 10

info@tucsonfrontrunners.org

### Tucson Prime Timers — See pg. 10

### No Elder Circle in July and August.

#### LGBTQI Elder Circle *(3rd Sat. monthly)*

- at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo (and Laguna, near First Ave. & Glenn). Contact Christina Medvescek at 323-1708x122 or email: cmedvescek@ourfamilyservices.org.

Drop-In. No charge. [Resumes Saturday, September 21.](http://www.tucsonprimetimers.org)
**August 2019**

**Ongoing Events**

**Monday, August 5, 12, 19, 26 ——- 3–4:30 pm**

LGBTQ Cancer Support Group at the UA Cancer Center North, 3838 N Campbell Ave, number 1127 (Usually Mondays) email: brenda.casey@bannerhealth.com or phone Brenda Casey at (520) 694-0347

**Monday, August 5 ——- 7–9 pm**

Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) general meeting (1st Mon. monthly) Studio One, 197 E. Toole Ave (Corner of 6th Ave) Tucson. [http://sagatucson.org/wp/](http://sagatucson.org/wp/)

**Wednesday, August 7 ——- 7–8:30 pm**

Tucson PFLAG support meeting *WCA*

(1st Wednesday monthly) at the Ward 6 office, (Steve Kozachik) 3202 E. First St. Check: [https://pflagtucson.org or phone: (520) 360-3795](https://pflagtucson.org)

**Thursdays, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—-1:30–3 pm**

LGBTQ Women’s Grief Group *WCA*

Weekly support group (free) for Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Women 18 and older.

**No meeting in August**

Senior Pride Steering Committee Meeting (1st Thurs. monthly) Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N Geronimo (and Laguna, near First and Glenn). This Committee conducts Senior Pride business, sets policies and plans programs and events. For information or to make proposals, email info@soazseniorpride.org or phone: (520) 312-8923

**Saturday, August 3 ——- 6:30 pm**

Men’s Social Network (MSN) monthly Potluck Dinner/Social (usually 1st Sat. monthly) Casas Adobes Congregation Church • 6801 N. Oracle Rd. Must be MSN member or male guest. Lee Roden (520)398-6826 or Thom Goodrich (520) 305-6976. [www.menssocialnetwork.org](http://www.menssocialnetwork.org)

**No Speaker in August**

Senior Pride Speakers Series (2nd Tues. monthly)

Himmel Park Library, 1035 N Treat Ave. See pg. 2

**Tuesday, August 13 ——- 6–8 pm**

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**Sunday August 11 ——- 2 pm**


**Thursday, August 15 ——- 11:30 am—1:30 pm**

Poz Café sponsored by Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Poz Café is at St Francis in the Foothills

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Please avoid wearing scented products.

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Rainbow Reads — Pima County Public Library LGBT Services Committee: Book Chat at Exo Roast Co, 403 N 6th Ave (6th Ave & 7th St).Information: see pg. 7

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Book selections: see p.7

**Saturday, August 24 ——- Noon–2 pm**

Senior Pride Intergenerational Monthly Potluck

(4th Saturday monthly except Dec.) *WCA

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