



Rainbow Newsletter

from the Rainbow Service Organization RSO
www.rainbowservice.org

Pride 2008 edition



Peterborough Pride 2008 September 9th to 14th

Come out and show your Brilliance!

Up-to-date details at
www.peterboroughpride.ca

Volunteers are still needed!! To get involved email
peterboroughpride@yahoo.ca or call 749-9110

Pride Events in Brief

Tuesday 7pm – Free screening of “She’s the Boy I Knew”
Sadleir House Lecture Hall, 751 George St North

Wednesday

7pm: Free Screening of “Stand Together” at Sadleir House
Lecture Hall

9pm: **Drag Bingo**, 19+, Sapphire Room, 137 Hunter St. W.

Thursday 7:30pm: **Trent DisOrientation Variety Show**
Sadleir House – Kay Pettigrew, Sheesha, DJs \$5

Friday

Trent DisO Events at OC 208 Otonabee College, Trent U

1-2pm: PARN: Anti-Homophobia Workshop

2-3pm: Transmission: gender talk

3-4pm: Anatomy of Pleasure:

Sex Ed the way it should be taught!

4-6pm: Want: DisAbility & Sexuality: Film and workshop

9pm: **FABB*U*LUSH** - Dance Event at the Trashateria

Saturday

11am: **PFLAG Brunch** 1841 Parkwood Circle, Ptbo

2pm: **Parade** from City Hall (500 George St.North)

3pm: **Community Fair** at Millennium Park (E. King St.)

7:30pm - 2am: **Pride Follies and Dance** (doors open 7pm)

Market Hall, 336 George St. N

Great Performances from 7:30 to 9:45

Dance with DJ Dru from 10-2

10pm: **LIPP**GLOSS** special club event

@ the Sapphire Room 137 Hunter St. West

Sunday – 2pm – Hike/Walk starting at Millennium Park

Upcoming Events: (event listing on www.rainbowservice.org. to add events email rso@rainbowservice.org)

Queer Town Hall - Thursday September 18th 7pm at the Peterborough Public Library - meeting hosted by the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Liaison Program for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Communities at the Peterborough Public Library. More info contact kevin_forrest@nexicom.net

Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life – Sunday September 21st from Millennium Park - Starts @2pm

Register to walk at www.aidswalkforlife.ca/peterborough.htm or at Millennium Park starting at 1pm. Register yourself or your team or add yourself to the Rainbow Service Organization team. On-line pledging at the website is available. This is a secure site, which will automatically send a thank you and a tax receipt (donation \$10.00 or more) to all the people who pledge on your behalf. For more info call PARN at 749-9110

RSO Halloween Bash at Market Hall – Friday October 31st - Details to come!

News in Brief

RSO Wishes you a Happy Pride and so much more!

Rick Lambert, RSO Chair

I hope everyone had a nice summer (at least it warmed up finally!) Also welcome to all the students, new and returning to Peterborough. With Peterborough Pride starting this week there are lots of opportunities to connect with new and old friends and I hope you all have fun. We hope to see you drop by the RSO booth in the park after the parade and look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas for next year's celebration.

As always, we are seeking volunteers for our working committees and our Board of Directors. As a volunteer you will have the opportunity to get involved in public relations, advocacy, fundraising, and organizing events. You will help shape the role of the organization, and improve the quality of life in your community. Oh ya – and it is fun too! For more info on volunteering opportunities email me at rso@rainbowservice.org.

Whether or not you can spare time to volunteer, supporting RSO through membership is an important investment in the organization and its future. To learn more about RSO or apply for membership, drop by our booth at Pride, go to our website, or click this link to download our pamphlet: [RSO Pamphlet](#)

Police Liaison Program to Host another Town Hall Meeting and Seeks Support

The Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Liaison Program for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Communities will once again have a presence in this year's Peterborough Pride festivities and is hosting our next Queer Town Hall meeting on Thursday September 18th at 7 pm at the Peterborough Public Library. The committee is looking for your support in the following ways:

1. people to form working groups
2. people to fill several upcoming vacant seats on the Liaison Committee. These are non-paid positions and the committee meets monthly from 4-5:30 in the city of Peterborough.

If you have an interest in the issue of safety and community relations and wish to volunteer to assist the committee or have ideas regarding their focus email Kevin at kevin_forrest@nexicom.net

Egale Canada is Busy and the Work is Not Finished

When we invited Helen Kennedy, Executive Director of Egale Canada to speak at our AGM back in July we asked her the rhetorical question "Gay Rights – Where are we going and are we there yet?" Helen made it clear that there is much to be done and that getting the right to marry was not the silver bullet many think.

As we previously reported, as part of the "[Safe Schools Campaign](#)", the first phase of Egale's National Survey on homophobia and transphobia in Canadian Schools revealed that over two-thirds of those students who identified as lesbian, gay, bi, trans, Two-Spirit, queer and questioning (LGBTQQ) feel unsafe at school. Work to expand the survey is ongoing and RSO and other organizations plan to support this effort.

Helen identified transsexual rights as a key area where much work is needed. She also spoke about their efforts to stop "hate music" and some of the successes on that front. She spoke passionately about the global effort to gain queer rights including the need for changes to Canada's Immigration Board practices.

Egale Canada advances equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified people and their families across the country. The organization has in some ways been a victim of its own success. Contrary to popular belief, the organization's capacity was drained by the marriage fight and now needs help to fund its vital work. For more info about Egale's work or to help go to: www.egale.ca or call 1-888-204-7777.

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Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough Seeks Volunteers

Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough, a 24 hour non-judgmental listening service, is looking for new volunteers. Telecare's next 50 hour training session begins Monday September 15 at 6:30pm at Cephass Christian Reformed Church (220 Goodfellow Rd.). Sessions will run on Monday and Tuesday evenings for 10 weeks. Cost is \$50 and subsidies are available. More information is available by calling the crisis line at 745-2273 or <http://www.telecarepeterborough.org>

RSO Welcomes a New Board Member

In July **Cindy Ray** joined RSO as our newest Board Member. I asked Cindy to describe herself so I could share it with community and here is what she wrote:



- I would describe myself as a happy, hard working, tree hugging crazy country girl.
- I grew up on a dairy farm outside of Warsaw, Ontario.
- My job is doing curb side recycling collection for the city of Peterborough. which means I get to drive a big truck around all day. I am the only female tough enough to do this difficult job.
- I am very environmentally conscious. I try to keep negative effect on the planet as small as possible.
- My favourite mode of transportation is my well used bicycle, although I do own a car out of necessity.
- I am always trying to educate people to be more environmentally aware.
- Other stuff I like to do is play floor hockey, pilates, swim, read, dance and sing.

We know that Cindy is going to bring her energy and enthusiasm to her work with RSO and we are thrilled to have her "on board". Cindy will be at the RSO booth at Pride so drop by and say hi!

Time to Plant Bulbs for a Spring "Coming Out"

During our spring plant sale we heard feedback that folks would be more interested in buying bulbs in the fall so that's what we are doing! RSO has partnered with Veseys, a reputable Canadian plant product company, to help make your spring garden great. If you purchase bulbs, much needed funds will go to RSO fund programs and events for the LGBT community.

Why not give bulbs to a friend who is struggling with coming out to show your support for them? To see the assortment of bulbs available pick up a brochure from our booth at Pride or click [HERE](#). For more information or a paper copy of the brochure contact Rick at 876-6357.



In order to get bulbs delivered by mid-October **orders must be submitted to RSO at P.O. Box 1742, Peterborough ON, K9J 7X6 by September 30th**.

RSO Newsletter is produced quarterly - send articles, ideas, and questions to:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1742, Peterborough ON, K9J 7X6 - Email Address: rso@rainbowservice.org

Webpage: www.rainbowservice.org - Facebook group page: "Rainbow Service Organization"

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