

The Harmonizer

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Mission Statement:

Music City Couples is an organization in which the members are committed gay and lesbian couples in the Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee area.

The organization serves to provide a forum for those member-couples to strengthen their own relationships while also providing a social and supportive structure for their fellow member-couples. Music City Couples holds no religious or political affiliations and makes every attempt to respect the privacy of its members.

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Tis the Season!

During our last Operating Board Meeting, there were a few things where Tara and I could use your feedback.

Is anyone interested in hosting a **Thanksgiving** get together? We thought it would be a good idea to get together for those of us who don't have family close or are not close to our families, or simply need a relaxing evening once we leave our families.

Christmas Party...Russ and Don host a celebration every year and this again year we have been invited. However this is not a Music City Couples event. Meaning Russ and Don's parent's will be there, some of their single friends and some of their friends from church. These guys are great, they have a beautiful home, enough room to hold a party and have invited us so...Tell us what you think. If anyone else would prefer to host a Music City Couples Party tell us that as well. We could also possibly rent the clubhouse that we had our "Get To Know You Party" at this summer. We will do a White Elephant gift exchange again this year wherever we all end up.

Possible December events would be a walk through Opryland for the Xmas lights and then over to the Ice Sculptures for an experience like none other before. We hear that the ice sculptures are beautiful. We also know that we will be layered up in clothes in order to stay warm. The walk thru Opryland is at no cost but the ice sculpture event is \$12. It looks like a good idea for the 7th of December.

We are also looking into an evening of pottery painting and glazing. This place is located in the Hillsboro Village and we could set it up so that those who work close by could meet for dinner and then off to paint our favorite ashtray. I'll give the rates and be more specific as soon as I contact the company and get prices. Tentative dates are the 8th or 22nd of Nov. I'll let you all know.

Dinner Night Out

Mama Mia's was a wonderful dining experience. Thanks to those of you who suggested the restaurant. A table of twelve, several bottles of wine, a ten year anniversary and a load of good company made it an even finer evening. Thanks to those of you who attended and for those of you who couldn't, we look forward to seeing you in the future. November dinner place TBA.

Last month a survey was mailed to each member asking what type of activities you would like to participate in as an organization. Out of twenty-four surveys, only four were mailed in and one was hand delivered. In order for our Events Couple to coordinate an activity, we need to have input from our Members.

If you see that our calendar is bare, volunteer to host an event. Any member couple can sponsor an activity. Hosting an event/activity doesn't mean you have to have 20-30 people over to your house. You can simply create a posting on the message board inviting other couples to see a movie, catch a play, or go out for dinner. The Events Couple can only create so many events. We need your input... So please, please, please, send in your surveys or volunteer to sponsor an event. Remember, you only get out of it what you put into it.

Financial Report

Revenues Year To Date

Membership Dues:	\$988.00
Couples National Donation	\$100.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$ 50.00

Total Revenue **\$1,138.00**

Membership Dues Collected

Marcus & Jack \$20

Total Membership Dues Collected \$988

Total Couples : 28

Expenses Year to Date:

Bank Service Charges	\$ 66.00
Check Charges	\$ 13.00
Misc. Pride Expenses	\$323.41
Pride Booth Rent	\$120.00
Newsletter Printing/Expenses	\$ 33.63
"Get to Know You" Potluck	\$136.25
Website Hosting & Domain	\$ 98.40
Misc. Copy Expenses	\$ 27.73
Couple National Dues	\$ 56.00

Total Expenses \$ 874.42

Net Funds Available \$ 263.58

Membership Dues Collected \$ 968.00

Expenses Committed but Unpaid

PO Box Annual Rent \$50

Net Funds after Committed but

Unpaid Expenses \$213.58

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We Want You...

Listed is the nomination form for the Couples Operating Board positions for the 2003 calendar year. The continued strength of the organization depends on those willing to step forward and give a small amount of their time. Any member couple interested in one of these positions should feel free to nominate themselves. If there is another prospective couple that you have in mind, please nominate them for any of the positions. The election of our 2003 officers will take place on Saturday, January 17, 2003. The time and location is yet to be determined. Please submit your nomination as soon as possible. Remember this is your club, and by giving a little bit of yourself can we continue to offer our members the kind of organization we deserve. Please complete the form and submit it by mailing to Music City Couples, P.O. Box 330717, Nashville, TN 37208 or you may hand deliver it to any of the Operating Board members.

We hereby nominate the following couples for positions on the Operating Board for 2003 (please print clearly).

Chair Couple Nomination: _____

"Serve as Chief Executive Officers of the organization, preside at all meetings of the Operating Board and general membership, whose responsibilities are to generally supervise, direct and facilitate the business of Music City Couples." Position currently held by Steve and Scott-They respectfully decline nomination to the Operating Board for 2003.

Vice-Chair Couple Nomination: _____

"Serve as secretaries of the organization maintaining all the minutes and a yearly record of all proceedings and actions, maintain membership roster, and preside at meetings and carry out the duties of the Chair Couple in their absence or in case of vacancy of said office." This is a new position for the Operating Board for 2003.

Finance Couple Nomination: _____

"Serve as the financial officers of the organization, receive, deposit, and disburse all funds while maintaining appropriate financial and fiscal records, comply with the requirements of Couples National Network, present a written and verbal financial statement and a proposed annual budget." Position currently held by Don and Russ-They respectfully decline nomination to the Operating Board for 2003.

Media Couple Nomination: _____

"Prepare, publish, and distribute a monthly newsletter, maintain media communication with the community and the media regarding Music City Couples purposes, activities, and services." Position currently held by Bill and Jerry-They respectfully decline nomination to the Operating Board for 2003.

Events Couple Nomination: _____

"Plan the program for social events and activities of the organization, coordinate community events, promote and encourage member couples to host events." Position currently held by Julia and Tara-They respectfully decline nomination to the Operating Board for 2003.

Member Services Couple: _____

"Serve as liaison with new members and prospective members, responsible for mailing new member packets, contact inactive member couples to encourage participation." This is a new position for the Operating Board for 2003.

Internet Services Couple: Position is currently held by Bobby and Larry who will remain in this position for the 2003 calendar year.



Greg (Duane) 11/01



- Lori & Lori 11/04
- Angela & Risa 11/07
- Barb & Holly 11/10
- Tara & Julia 11/29



Marcus & Jack

Please keep Larry's (Bobby) daughter in your thoughts. His daughter has been moved to a half-way house for alcoholism.

Mark your calendars now for next Saturday, November 9th for what is sure to be an entertaining evening. Head on over to Tara & Julia's with your pooch (2 pooch limit), a lawnchair, and of course, warm clothes. Julia has made a firepit, and from my understanding you can see all the way to China. It should be a great time with the fire, warm beverages, and great company. Stay tuned to the message board for more details in regard to directions and needs for the event. An RSVP would be nice to so they know how many to plan for.

**2002
Music City Couples
Operating Committee**

Chair Couple
Steve & Scott

Finance Couple
Russ & Don

Media & Member Services Couple
Bill & Jerry

Hospitality Couple
Tara & Julia

Web Services Couple
Larry & Bobby

CLASSIFIEDS

If you have anything you would like to sell and let the group or other affiliates know about, let us hear from you!

REAL ESTATE

For sale: 1210 Brentwood Pointe III, 2BR/2BA condo in Brentwood, TN. Carport and neat landscaping. Call David Parrish or Ken Sadler (615) 371-9257 (home) or (615)310-4360 (cell)

For sale: 3803 Syfert Ln, 3BR/2BA 1275 square foot home in Nashville, TN. Contact Donald or Jeffary for more info. (615) 781-3188 or Grace Denny of Remax Realty at (615) 777-5550.

The Harmonizer is a monthly publication of Music City Couples. Production of the newsletter is the responsibility of the Media Couple. We encourage all members to submit articles to appear in the newsletter. The Media Couple reserves the right to select and edit all articles for publication.

AS OF PRINT DATE, THESE ARE THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS. PLEASE CHECK THE MESSAGE BOARD FREQUENTLY FOR UPDATES.

November 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Pottery Night	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Dog Day Out 4pm
17	18	19 Dinner Nite Out	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Dinner	29	30

December 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Fantasy in Ice
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Dinner Nite Out	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Happy Holidays	26	27	28
29	30	31				