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NASHVILLE PRIDE



Music City Couples provides booth at this year's Pride Celebration



It was another big Saturday in June for Music City.

Nashville Pride held the 21st. annual festival at Nashville's Riverfront Park.

Organizers were out early to set up for the big event that changed venues this year from Centennial Park. That fact likely contributed to the large turn-out. The festival brought an estimated 20,000 people to downtown.



Lady Bunny was the Headliner for Nashville Pride this year. Along with Lady Bunny was Deborah Cox



Music City Couples was overwhelmed by the number of couples, who stopped by to inquire about our group. Total in all that signed up to join were 29 couples. Larry and Bobby and sent out emails to all of the new couples, thanking them for visiting the booth and welcoming them to our group. We trust that we have a good turnout for our next Social Event, so that our new couples have an opportunity to meet and make new friends.



Jim and Gary stopped by with a friend and said hello. Several other couples stopped to say hello, of which are pictured on the next page of this news letter.

Channel 5 stopped by and filmed us for the 6:00p news.

Birthdays

- Jun 03 - Stefen (of Steve)
- Jun 04 - Colleen (of Sheralynn)
- Jun 05 - Steven (of Joseph)
- Jun 15 - June (of Holly)
- Jun 16 - Alison (of Cindy)
- Jun 17 - Stephen (of Danny)
- Jun 18 - Tammy (of Stephanie)
- Jun 19 - Randall (of Steven)
- Jun 25 - Michelle (of Callie)
- Jun 25 - Tom (of James)
- Jun 29 - Russ (of Don)

Anniversaries

- Jun 08 - Tom & James (3-Years)
- Jun 13 - Chris & Tanya (12-Years)
- Jun 16 - Cindy & Alison (4-Years)
- Jun 17 - Donald & Kirk (4-Years)
- Jun 22 Bryan & Chris (13-Years)
- Jun 28 - Deb & Cheryl (8-Years)

Don't See Your Special Day Listed this month?

Send an email to info@musiccitycouples.org and ask to be added. We don't want to miss anyone's birthday, anniversary, or special dates





Our thanks to Chris and Tanya for stopping by and assisting with greeting our guests. Tanya was able to stay by while Channel 5 asked some questions and did a sweep of our products and booth



Our thanks to Steve and Todd for helping out and taking time while Channel 5 interviewed Bobby, Tanya, and Larry



Cox is a Toronto-based singer/actress who has returned to the world of R&B with her new album "The Promise." Her first album, Deborah Cox, was released in 1995, and achieved platinum status, yielding R&B/pop hits like "Who Do U Love?," "Sentimental" and "Where Do We Go From Here."



In 1997, she scored her first big dance hit with "Things Just Ain't the Same" from the "Money Talks" soundtrack. Her second Arista release, One Wish (1998) also achieved platinum sales, garnering the two smash hits, "We Can't Be Friends" and "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," which holds the record for being the longest running #1 R&B single for 14 consecutive weeks.



Debra Cox on stage



Larry Greeting the public and talking with the couples that stopped by for additional information on Music City Couples.

Portland Mayor Cleared Of Teen Sex Allegations



There's no credible evidence that Portland Mayor Sam Adams broke the law in his 2005 relationship with a teenager, Oregon's attorney general said Monday.

Adams, who is openly gay, has admitted that while campaigning for mayor, he lied about his relationship with Beau Breedlove, but he denies they were involved in a sexual relationship before Breedlove was 18.

Breedlove said he was 17 when he and Adams first kissed, but Attorney General John Kroger said in a report that Breedlove's account of the relationship lacked credibility because of past inconsistent statements and a prior felony conviction, as well as evidence he sought financial gain from the scandal.

"At times, a responsible prosecutor may seek to charge an individual with a crime based solely on the uncorroborated testimony of a single witness," Kroger wrote. "However, a responsible prosecutor will do so only when there are no serious questions about the credibility of the witness's account."

Kroger also looked into whether Adams hired a reporter from the Portland Mercury for a position on his staff in an effort to cover up the relationship with Breedlove, but found no evidence to merit a criminal charge.

The report also considered whether Adams asked for campaign contributions under false pretenses but again found no evidence of a crime.



Favorite Recipe

Spanish Rice Chicken II

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken, cut into pieces
 1 onion, thinly sliced
 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced
 1 cup uncooked white rice
 1 (14.5 ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes, with liquid
 1 3/4 cups chicken broth
 1 bay leaf
 2 teaspoons paprika
 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium high heat until hot, not smoking. Add chicken pieces and sauté until browned, about 5 minutes each side. Remove chicken from skillet and set aside. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in skillet, then add onion and bell pepper and sauté, stirring frequently, until onion is translucent (about 5 minutes). Add rice and sauté about 2 minutes, stirring, to coat the rice with the oil. Then add the reserved chicken, tomatoes with liquid, chicken broth, bay leaf, paprika and ground black pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove bay leaf and serve.

Email Your Favorite Recipe
info@musiccitycouples.org

Events Calendar

Grand Ole Opry

Package: Main floor seats, Hotel,
 Tours at an affordable price.
 800-251-1864
www.musiccitytours.com

Stirrup Nashville

1529 4th Ave. South
 Nashville, TN, 37210
 615-782-0043

Your New Favorite Neighborhood Bar

Info@StirrupNashville.com

Tribe

1517A Church St, Nashville, TN, 37203
 Sophisticated, straight-friendly gay nightclub fills a niche in Nashville

<http://www.tribenashville.com/>

COUPLES

The Music City Couples Network, an organization of hundreds of loving and committed gay and lesbian couples believes that the Federal Marriage Amendment is an unconscionable assault on the rights of millions of American citizens, and is joining other organizations seeking its defeat.

According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the amendment "would not only deny marriage to same-sex couples but could also deny any state legislature or electorate from ever voting to pass their own state's domestic partnership, civil union or marriage laws. Under the Federal Marriage Amendment, courts could be barred from enforcing the legal protections

that a legislature provides through civil union or domestic partnership laws."

Civil marriage, other forms of relationship recognition, and basic civil rights protections are essential components that make all families, including families headed by same-sex couples, safer and more secure. Civil marriage and religious marriage are two separate things.

Religious institutions will never be forced to bless relationships with which they disagree, just as today religious institutions can refuse to marry couples of different faiths or individuals who have been divorced.

2009 Monthly Events

Jan: Event Planning Meeting
 Feb: Dinner Night Out
 Mar: Brunch At Red Restaurant
 Apr: TBD
 May: Hosts - Don & Russ
 Jun: Gay Pride - Centennial Park
 Jul: Annual 4th of July Celebration
 Aug: Canning 101
 Sep: Art Crawl
 Oct: Annual Halloween Bonfire
 Nov: Thanksgiving
 Dec: Christmas

Newsletter Submissions

Send us your Current News, Favorite Recipe, and Announcements that you would like to have added to our Monthly Newsletter. Send all submissions to, Webmaster@musiccitycouples.org no later than the First Friday of Every Month. Anything received after that Friday will be included in the next month's issue

Hosts Needed

Music City Couples is in search of couples willing to Host a Party in their home, back yard, or even a Park. If you have the desire to be a Host, please contact:

Larry and Bobby.

info@musiccitycouples.org
 615-824-9966 – Home

Movie Night Out

Several of our couples have been asking if we plan to re-instate the monthly movie night out. We need your help. If you would like to take charge of our Monthly Movie Night Out, please drop us an email:

info@musiccitycouples.org

Dinner Night Out

Everyone loves to eat. Certainly you have a favorite Restaurant. If you would like to see us have a Monthly Dinner Night Out, please forward your Restaurant Choices and help us plan the monthly event. Simply send us an email:

info@musiccitycouples.org

Camping

Contact Barb & Jane
 Kingston, Springs, TN
info@musiccitycouples.org



Music City Couples is an organization of committed gay and lesbian couples in the Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee area. The organization serves to provide a forum for gay/lesbian committed couples to strengthen their own relationships while also providing a social and supportive structure for their fellow committed couples. Music City Couples holds no religious affiliations and makes every attempt to respect the privacy of its couples.