



Newsletter – February 2019

Happy February!

“If you only have one smile, give it to the people you love!”

-Maya Angelou

“Each time you love, love as if it were forever.”

-Audrey Lorde

“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

-Saint Basil



You are loved!

Tyler Area Gays (TAG)

promotes wellness and celebrates our diversity through support, education, outreach, and advocacy.

- *We believe in the inherent dignity of and have respect for all people*
- *We believe we must work together with mutual trust to build a community*
- *We believe community should provide comfort, through courtesy and hospitality*
- *We believe honest, unbiased communication is the basis for understanding*
- *We respect the diversity of the cultures forming the Tyler Area Gays community.*
- *We believe in educating ourselves, our families, and our community*
- *We believe each individual's opinions are valuable.*

The TAG Board meets at 6 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Genecov Room at the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Public is always welcome.

Coming in March. . .

The TAG Ball – Wild Wild West! Get your tickets now!

We will meet another of the TAG Board members.

Anything in particular you want to know? Send your questions to info@tylerareagays.com.

Local Groups/Activities

TAG membership is not required to attend these functions.

- **PFLAG Tyler** – PFLAG Tyler meets at 6:30 pm on the Second Tuesday night in the Genecov Room.
- **TTSG – Tyler Transgender Support Group** meets at 7 pm on the first Monday and the third Thursday night in the Genecov Room.
- **Game Night** – is from 6-9 pm the last Saturday of the month in the Genecov Room. In December, we had 33 participants. In January, we had 26.
- **Dinner Group** meets at 7 pm on the third Wednesday. On February 20, the group will be eating at Cheddars.
- **Ladies Dinner** – Meets at 6 pm on the first Monday. On February 4, the ladies will dine at Mercados.
- **TAG Picnic** – TAG's Pride event is held annually at Southside Park in Tyler. TAG provides hamburgers and hot dogs and asks everyone to bring a side. The picnic is open to all LGBTQ and allies in the surrounding area
- **TAG Ball** – This year's Ball “Wild Wild West” will be Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the Holiday Inn South Broadway in Tyler. The ball is an opportunity for friends to gather for dinner, dancing, socializing, entertainment, and a silent auction. This year's event has a cash bar, dance floor and a Casino. The Ball serves as TAG's biggest fundraiser of the year.
- **Just As I Am** – meets every Monday at 7 pm.
- **Rainbow Members Club (RMC)** - Founded in 2010, RMC is a big supporter and sponsor of the annual Longview Pride Festival. In addition to regular drag performances, RMC also hosts Social Sunday twice a month.

February Activities

- 2/04 – Just as I Am (7:00)
- 2/04 – Women's Dinner - Mercados (6 pm)
- 2/04 – TTSG (7:00)
- 2/06 – TAG Social Committee Meeting
- 2/11 – Just As I Am (7:00)
- 2/12 – PFLAG Tyler (6:30)
- 2/13 – PFLAG Longview
- 2/18 – Just As I Am (7:00)
- 2/20 – TAG Dinner - Cheddars (7 pm)
- 2/21 – TTSG (7:00)
- 2/23 – Game Night (6-9 pm)
- 2/25 – Just As I Am (7:00)
- 2/27 – TAG Board Meeting (6:00)

Save the Date

March 30, 2019 - TAG Ball
May 18, 2019 - TAG Picnic
June 1-2, 2019 - Dallas Pride at Fair Park
June 15, 2019 - Longview Pride

Advertise with TAG

Have a LGBTQ-friendly business? Advertise with TAG! Target the LGBTQ community and get more value for your advertising dollar. Advertise in this newsletter, at the TAG Ball, and in other TAG events.

Membership Drive

It's time for the annual membership drive. Please consider supporting TAG by becoming a paid member. As a paid member, you are helping to provide vital resources to the local LGBTQ community. Membership is **not required** to participate in any function or activity.

Contact TAG for membership information.

2019 Membership Fees

\$10.00 for Individual
\$20.00 for Family



Sponsors Needed

We need Table Sponsors for Casino Night at the TAG Ball. There will be 7 tables (Craps, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'em), plus slots. We need 3 addition sponsors for casino tables at \$250 per table.

We are also looking for sponsors for the:

- Dance floor - \$225
- DJ - \$300
- Bartender - \$200
- Ball Room - \$2000

All Donations are Tax Deductible

Please contact TAG for additional sponsorship information at Info@TylerAreaGays.com

Discounted Hotel Room

For the TAG Ball, the Holiday Inn South Broadway has a block of rooms that will be discounted for persons attending the Ball. If you want to get a room at the discounted rate of \$89 (breakfast included), contact the hotel directly. Ask for the TAG Ball Rate.

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TAG Board Members

Summer is currently serving as the Chair of the TAG Board. She was elected to this position in December 2018 after joining the board the previous March.

Summer first heard of TAG while attending a UU Church function, but didn't get involved until several years later. She didn't get involved because no one invited her to a function. (There is a great lesson there. Invite a friend.)

Summer joined the TAG Board because she wanted to help provide services and resources to the LGBTQ community. She said TAG does an excellent job providing social activities and the Board is planning additional service activities.

"I keep doing this because I want to help. I want to make sure that the kids in the community have a safe place to go, have safe people to talk to, and just a place to belong."

Summer's claim to fame is her enchiladas. She loves food so much so that her dream vacation involves travel to Europe. She wants to go where the food is good—or even bad. "I want to take in the culture. Eat the food. See the beauty. See the ruins."

Make the time to meet Summer at many of the TAG functions. You won't be disappointed.

Help Wanted

Send us your pictures from TAG Events. Please make sure that everyone in the picture is okay with their picture being included in the newsletter. Group photos are great, but sometimes the group is too large to get any detail. Candid shots look better than one of people lined up against a wall.

Check the TAG Calendar. Send any activities that need to be added.



Game Night – December 2018

Game Night – January 2019