



## Newsletter – January 2019

### Happy New Year!

TAG is getting back into the newsletter business as a way to keep the community aware of important events, activities, and information that we can use.

If you have anything that should be considered for the newsletter, please put NEWSLETTER in the subject line send it to [info@tylerareagays.com](mailto:info@tylerareagays.com). Please include any group information, local events, dates, websites—anything that relates to the LGBTQ community, at large and in the Tyler area, so that we can share with one another.

We're bouncing around ideas of themes to cover each month. We will be reaching out for your help. This will allow the newsletter to inform and to educate. Let us know what you want to see in YOUR newsletter.

Here's hoping that you are having a great holiday season however you choose to celebrate. For some, it is the most stressful season of all. May we all put the year that was behind us and embrace the next chapter in our lives. May your 2019 be filled with all that you want it to be, but most importantly, with LOVE! 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 February. . .

Next month we meet the TAG Board members. We'll focus on each person serving on the Board and get to know a little bit about each one.

Anything in particular you want to know? Send your questions to [info@tylerareagays.com](mailto:info@tylerareagays.com).

## Local Groups/Activities

- **PFLAG Tyler** – As part of the nation's largest family and ally organization serving the extended family of the LGBTQ community, PFLAG Tyler was established in 1996 with the commitment to moving equality forward. PFLAG Tyler meets at 6 pm on the Second Tuesday night of the month 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. We have food and drinks for the group. In November, we had 27 participants. On December 29, we will have soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Come join us!
- **Dinner Group** meets at 7 pm on the third Wednesday night of the month at a local restaurant. On January 16, the group will be eating at Spring Creek BBQ.
- **Ladies Dinner** – Meets at 6 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant. Information is sent out to the group members on dates and location. On January 8, the ladies will dine at the Olive Garden.
- **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 members 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** - located on Troup Hwy in Tyler, Just As I Am is made up of members of the LGBTQ community and our allies. They provide a safe and affirming environment to share God's love. They meet once a week to share a meal, open our minds, and open our

hearts. We celebrate who we are, being made, just the way God intended. TAG is holding its Social & Event Planning Meetings in their facility.

- **Hummingbird Project** - focused on putting an End to LGBTQ+ Homeless Youth in East Texas! Through Advocacy, Educational Outreach, Securing and Creating LGBTQ+ Safe Shelters and Sober Community Centers. Check out their Facebook page for more information.
- **Rainbow Members Club (RMC)** - located at 203 S High Street in Longview is the closest gay bar to Tyler. RMC was founded in 2010 and 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. TAG joined with RMC for their Toys for Tots drive and is looking forward to many more joint ventures.



In December, TAG partnered with RMC (Rainbow Members Club) in Longview to support the Toys for Tots program. Since 1947, Toys for Tots has distributed 548 million toys to 251 million children.

Through your generosity, we were able to deliver a lot of toys to the Toys for Tots program.



## January Activities

1/1 – Happy New Year!  
1/2 – TAG Social Committee Meeting  
1/7 – Just As I Am  
1/7 – TTSG  
1/8 – PFLAG Tyler  
1/8 – Women's Dinner - Olive Garden (6 pm)  
1/9 – PFLAG Longview  
1/14 – Just As I Am  
1/16 – TAG Dinner - Spring Creek BBQ (7 pm)  
1/17 – TTSG  
1/21 – Just As I Am  
1/26 – Game Night (menu tbd)  
1/28 – Just As I Am  
1/30 – TAG Board Meeting

### 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. In addition, you receive access to a variety of TAG functions including the TAG Picnic, the TAG Ball, group dinners, game night, and other activities.

Contact TAG for membership information.

## 2019 Membership Fees

\$10.00 for Individual  
\$20.00 for Family



## Sponsors Needed

TAG is looking for Table Sponsors for Casino Night at the TAG Ball. There will be 7 tables (Craps, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'em) for your entertainment, plus slots. We need 4 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](mailto:Info@TylerAreaGays.com)

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