



## Newsletter—March 2019

### 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.

Genecov Room  
Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce  
315 N. Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75702

### March Activities

3/04 – Just as I Am (7:00)

3/05 – No Women's Dinner in March

3/04 – TTSG (7:00)

3/06 – TAG Social Committee Meeting

3/11 – Just As I Am (7:00)

3/12 – PFLAG Tyler (6:30)

3/13 – PFLAG Longview

3/18 – Just As I Am (7:00)

3/20 – TAG Dinner – Restaurant TBD- (7 pm)

3/21 – TTSG (7:00)

3/25 – Just As I Am (7:00)

3/27 – TAG Board Meeting (6:00)

3/30 – TAG Ball – Wild Wild West

3/31 – International Transgender Day of Visibility



Celebration on the Lake Church Red Tie Fundraiser

Steve, Summer, Jay, and John attended the fundraiser in Gun Barrell City. We have new friends from Gun Barrell City attending our func-

tions and wanted to return the favor. What an excellent way to expand our bubble and make connections throughout the LGBT community.



## Membership Drive

We are continuing 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.

### 2019 Membership Fees

*\$10.00 for Individual*

*\$20.00 for Family*

While membership is **not required** to attend any TAG function, your support allows for TAG to continue providing services. At a minimum, we need just under \$800 annually to operate. This includes post office box rental (\$70), cell phone (\$330), and web site fees (\$356). The goal is to keep membership affordable and still be able to meet TAG's annual expenses. Please consider supporting TAG with your membership.

## 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.

Ticket deadline is March 15. (We need firm numbers for catering.)



### Last Chance

We have one table remaining in need of a sponsor for Casino Night at the TAG Ball. There will be 7 tables (Craps, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'em), plus slots. We need 1 addition \$250 sponsor.

We are also looking for sponsors for the:

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

All Donations are Tax Deductible

### 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 a room at the discounted rate of \$89 (breakfast included), **contact the hotel directly**. Ask for the TAG Ball Rate.

## TAG Board Members

Jay has been on the board for about 3 years, serving as a board member, Co-Chair, and now Treasurer. He also heads up the Social Committee.

Just out of a 20-year marriage, Jay had a friend tell him about TAG. The first activity that he found was Sunday Brunch. "I made myself go to this brunch and walked in to find a group of very friendly people who made me feel welcome. It was as if I had found my new family and I've been part of TAG ever since."

Jay chose to become a board member because he wants to keep TAG going. "Tyler does not offer much for the LGTBQ and I wanted to help provide at least a social group to give the LGBT community something to do, help provide a safe place to meet and socialize. TAG helped me when I was at my lowest and maybe someone else will need to find anew family and friends. I want to make sure that TAG is there for them, like it was for me."

Jay's dream vacation includes a trip to Hawaii with his partner of almost 4 years. Did someone say Chardonnay?

Jay just wrapped up a country dance class at TJC so that he will be ready for the TAG Ball. "I have tickets!!!"



### Volunteer Opportunities

TAG is getting out in the community to make a positive difference! if you would like to join our volunteer team, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Caroline Sanchez

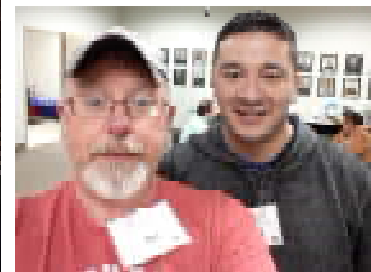
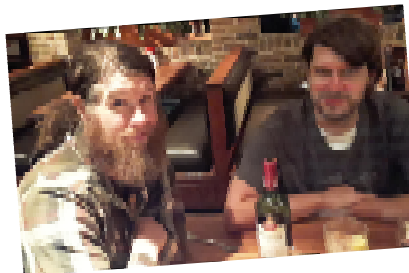
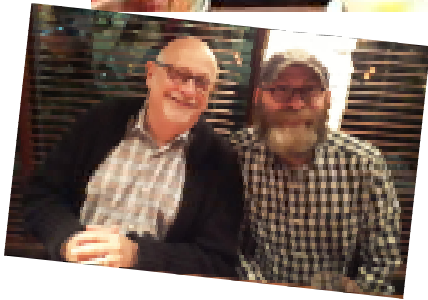
at [carolinesanchez7@aol.com](mailto:carolinesanchez7@aol.com) or call her at 941-896-2140.



Ladies' Dinner at Mercado's.



February Game Night



February TAG Dinner at Cheddars