



Newsletter - September 2019

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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.

New location for Board meetings.

The TAG Board meets at 6 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at The Well, 3320 Troup Hwy, Ste. 230, Tyler, TX. The public is always welcome.

Tyler Area Gays

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Local Groups/Activities

TAG membership is not required to attend these functions.

A Listening Ear - Meets from 5-7 on the third Thursday of each month at the Tyler Public Library's Taylor Auditorium.

Game Night – is from 6-9 pm the last Saturday of the month in the Genecov Room.

Dinner Group meets at 7 pm on the third Wednesday.

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” was Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the Holiday Inn

South Broadway in Tyler. The ball allowed friends to gather for dinner, dancing, socializing, entertainment, and a silent auction. With a cash bar, dance floor and a Casino, the Ball serves as TAG's biggest fundraiser of the year. Join us for a Luau themed ball on March 28, 2020! Watch for details.

Chemo Companion - Rides to and from doctors appointments. Companionship during chemotherapy.

Additional Local Resources/Activities

Just As I Am – meets every Monday at 7 pm.

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.

Ladies Dinner – Meets at 6 pm on the first Tuesday.

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.

Sorry for the delay....

This month's newsletter is a few days late because I wanted to share the updated TAG Website. Updates to WWW.TYLERAREAGAYS.COM went live this weekend. Be sure to check it out. Let us know what you think.

In addition to the new website, we are also working on a new email program. Many of you have not been getting the newsletters and other messages that were sent via Vertical Response. This is the last newsletter that I plan to send using that program. In the next week, you should get a new welcome letter. I'm using this as a test to see if everything is working with the new program. If you do not get that welcome letter, please let us know so we can troubleshoot the issue. We want you to stay informed.

Thank you for your patience!

Save the Date

September 21, 2019 - TAG Picnic - PRIDE in the Park

December 7, 2019 - TAG Holiday Party

March 28, 2020 - TAG Ball

September Events

9/02 – Just as I Am (7 pm)

9/02 – TTSG (7 pm)

9/03 – Women's Dinner - (6 pm) - Mario's

9/09 – Just As I Am (7 pm)

9/10 – PFLAG Tyler (6:30)

9/11 – PFLAG Longview

9/16 – Just As I Am (7 pm)

9/18 – TAG Dinner - (7 pm) - Bruno's

9/19 – TTSG (7 pm)

9/21 - PRIDE in the Park (11 am - 3 pm)

9/23 – Just As I Am (7 pm)

9/23 – Celebrate Bisexuality Day

9/25 – TAG Board Meeting (6 pm)

9/28 – Game Night (6-9)

9/30 – Just As I Am (7 pm)

October is LGBT History Month



The TAG Pride in the Park Picnic is Saturday, September 21, from 11AM to 2PM at Southside Park, 455 Shiloh Rd, Tyler.

TAG is cooking hamburgers and hot dogs from 11 - 12:30. We are providing the burgers, dogs, and sides. Please bring sides, desserts, and your own non-alcoholic beverages. The event is also BYOC - Bring Your Own Chair!

This year we have numerous vendors--everything from HIV testing to yogurt to puppies looking for a forever home.

We will be having a Silent Auction, Games and Prizes.

If you would like to help sponsor this event, please contact Jay Hilburn at info@tylerareagays.com

Silent Auction donations greatly appreciated.

TAG Street Cleanup. Join us at 9:30 a.m. on September 14!

Event Starts at 9:30 AM We meet in the parking lot of the Tyler Public Library. Wear closed toe shoes, sunscreen, hat and bring gloves. TAG will provide trash bags, some grabbers and water.

Meet in front of the Library, but park in the parking garage. Parking is free.

See you then!



Quarterly Charity Drive

Tyler Area Gays has started a new community service - a Quarterly Charity Drive for nonprofits in our area.

Each quarter, the TAG board will decide on which charity will be the recipient. A member of the board will meet with the charitable organization to determine their needs. It's one way we can give back to those who serve our community.

With all of our participation, we CAN make a difference!

If you would like to nominate a charitable organization, please contact Caroline at 941-896-2140.

*This quarter's TAG Charity Drive recipient is the East Texas Crisis Center, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to providing **safety, shelter, and education for victims of family violence, sexual assault, and other violent crime.***

TAG is collecting new stuffed animals for the East Texas Crisis Center during the months of August and September. Stuffed animals may be donated at any of the TAG functions or dropped off at the Baymont Inn located at 3913 Frankston Hwy (Hwy 155, near Loop 323) in Tyler. For more information, please contact Caroline at 941-896-2140.



Go shopping! We benefit!

Now it's even easier to donate to TAG. TAG has partnered with Amazon Smile, so you can donate through every Amazon order you place through their website. We are so excited to announce this to everyone, and feel free to share the information with all your friends and family,. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com. Sign into Amazon as you normally would, search "Tyler Area Gays", and shop till you drop. Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of your total to TAG every time you shop using Amazon Smile. This does not work through the Amazon App (I read somewhere that it can work on the App, but I don't know how yet. I will try to get details for

next month.). It must be done through a web browser (Chrome, Safari, Explorer, etc.), but it can be done on a PC or mobile browser. Happy shopping!

August Dinner Group



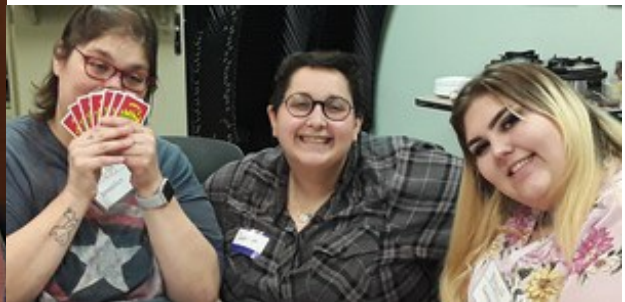


August Ladies' Dinner



August Game Night





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Would you/your organization like to sponsor the Tyler Area Gays newsletter for the month of August? With your \$50 tax deductible donation, you would be helping TAG accomplish their mission of promoting community wellness and celebrating our diversity through support, education, outreach, and advocacy. TAG believes that, through community collaboration, we can

accomplish great things and make Tyler a better place to live and work!

These are just some of the ways your donation would help improve the community:

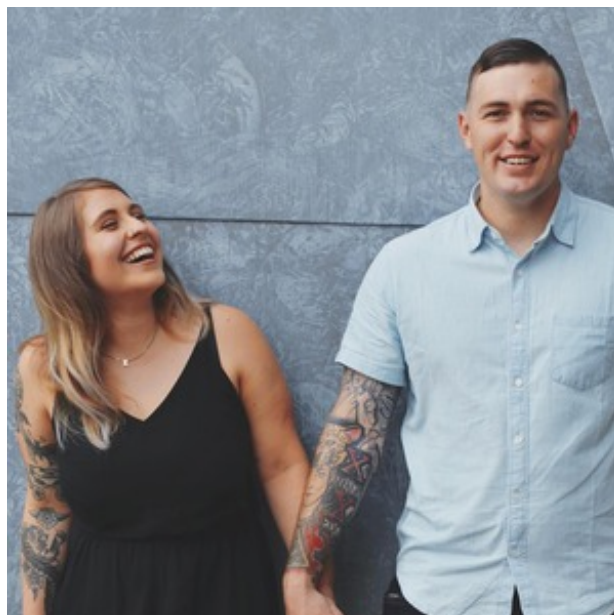
- The Thomas Preston Scholarship Foundation – a scholarship for those seeking higher education.
- Chemo Companion – offering free services for those diagnosed with cancer.
- A Listening Ear – an LGBTQ support group aimed at our youth, but is open to all ages.
- Quarterly Charity Drives – a charity drive for local nonprofits based on their needs.
- TAG Volunteers – getting out into the community and volunteering.

And what will you get in return for your donation?

- Your logo on the above referenced month's newsletter. This newsletter reaches approximately 500 members and the list is growing daily!
- The newsletter will be uploaded to our website for other viewers.
- Your logo posted on our social media pages.

If you would like to sponsor our newsletter, please contact us via email at carolinesanchez7@aol.com. We would also need a jpeg, png, or pdf copy of your logo along with your donation.

Newsletter Sponsor



Luke Cave and his fiance Tia Huff are the September newsletter sponsors. He is a staff sergeant in the army and lives in Columbus, GA. She is a graphic designer for Little Debbie and lives in Chattanooga, TN. They were engaged on July 20, 2019.

Congratulations Luke and Tia. Thank you for sponsoring this month's newsletter! If you would like to sponsor a monthly newsletter, please contact TAG at info@tylerareagays.com.

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