

Dear Friends of SAGE:

As SAGE approaches our 2nd Anniversary, we want to recognize the support of our founding SAGE *Ambassadors* and invite you to become a 2010 SAGE *Ambassador*. *We would not be where we are today without the support of SAGE Ambassadors!*

The SAGE *Ambassador* program serves as our official community IMPACT and fundraising program in support of our mission, "Enhancing the quality of life of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) older adults through service, advocacy and community outreach. During our first year of operation over 100 people joined as SAGE *Ambassadors* and made the following IMPACT in 2009:

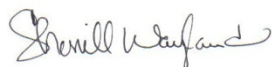
- Over 30 community presentations & organization trainings
- A growing Referral Network with over 60 organizations
- Continued support for the SAGE group support programs and SAGE *Café* lunches
- Individual consultation and home and hospital visits with LGBT older adults
- Funding for SAGE staff and opening of the SAGE Community Office

This year SAGE has been awarded two grants totaling \$25,000. The grants assist in establishing the SAGE *Advocacy* and SAGE *Works* programs. The SAGE *Advocacy* program has trained three older adults to serve as Advocacy Team Leaders, and will assist with community trainings geared towards increasing the advocacy skills of LGBT older adults and forming SAGE *Speaks*, a speaker's bureau providing presentations to the community. SAGE *Works* will be launched over the coming months to increase computer literacy skills of LGBT older adults who are seeking employment or volunteer opportunities in the community. These are a few examples of the work currently underway, but we need your help as SAGE *Ambassadors* to assist with fully funding SAGE for 2010.

We ask that you become a SAGE *Ambassador* by making sustaining monthly or one-time donations at: www.sagemetrostl.org and clicking on the donation tab or complete and return the donation form found on page 6 of the newsletter.

SAGE is grateful for the support of the community and the SAGE *Ambassadors*. Thank you for making a donation to SAGE Metro St. Louis.

Sincerely,



Sherrill Wayland, MSW
PhD Executive Director



Barbara Gilchrist, JD,
Board President

LGBT Family Picnic

SAGE, OLOC & Prime Timers Present



Celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of SAGE and join us honoring the 2010 SAGE Visionary Recipients! Entertainment provided by Gateway Men's Chorus Small Group Ensemble.

BBQ and drinks provided please bring a side dish and a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover costs of Pavilion rental and BBQ.

Park regulations do not allow glass containers or alcoholic beverages.

Kirkwood Park is at West Adams & Geyer Rd. - Use Amphitheater Dr. entrance just west of Geyer - make immediate right into parking lot- Scout Shelter is near SW corner.)

Park Map

www.kirkwoodmo.org/parks/parks.htm

Please RSVP by June 1 at 314-72-5887 or swayland@sagemetrostl.org

2010 SAGE Visionary Recipients

Congratulations 2010 SAGE Visionary Award winners for your vision and commitment to LGBT older adult service, advocacy and community awareness. Complete bios on the SAGE website.



Rudy Nickens – Many have found memories of Rudy owning the Sunshine Inn in the Central West End. Rudy is a longtime community activist with extensive community involvement spanning all areas of social justice and equality, including support for HIV/AIDS and LGBT organizations. Rudy is a past board member of SAGE Metro St. Louis and currently leads the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Department for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Sue Pratt is a retired English teacher and came out in later life, launching into advocacy by protesting in front of churches that do not support the LGBT community and joining the St. Louis Chapter of Old Lesbians Organizing for Change. Sue most recently was featured in an Associated Press article 'Gay Seniors Come Out Late and Start Second Life.'



Michelle Smith, Boeing employee and President of the Boeing Association of Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender Employees and Friends (BEAGLES) Affinity Group.

Michelle actively supports the LGBT community who supported her and her family after transitioning. Activities include supporting the work of the St. Louis Gender Foundation, Out and Equal and St. Louis Pride.

Events at SAGE Office

Location: 2710 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63118

Tia Chi—Exercise Class

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (FREE)

Bridge at Tower Grove Manor:

Date: Every Friday **Time:** 1 p.m.

Cost .50 cents

SAGE LGBT Monthly Grief Discussion

Date: 3rd Tuesday, 6/15

Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

SAGE Caregiver Coffee – Alzheimer’s Presentation

Dates: 3rd Wednesday, 6/16, 6 p.m.

Join us for a special presentation by the Alzheimer’s Association, St. Louis Chapter and learn about the many services provided for individuals with Alzheimer’s and their Caregivers. Please RSVP for this event.

All discussion groups meet at:

Tower Grove Manor, Suite 109 2710 South Grand Blvd, St. Louis MO, 63118

Parking: You can park in the grocery store parking lot next to Tower Grove Manor. Accessible parking is available in the parking lot behind Tower Grove Manor. When

Please RSVP for these groups by contacting SAGE at:

314-772-5887

swayland@sagemetrostl.org

Events at the LGBT Community Center

Location: 625 N. Euclid, Suite 420, St. Louis, MO 63108 Phone: 314-367-1166

The Simply Seasoned Social “Aged to Perfection”

Hosted by Sylvia, Mary Ann and C-Note
Every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Come and enjoy friends, laughter, lively discussion, and more!

Sponsored by the Center and SAGE

St. Louis Metro PRIDE Events

Make plans to join SAGE at these celebrations of community!

June 19th - Metro East Pride, Belleville, IL

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

June 26-27th - St. Louis PrideFest, Tower Grove Park

<http://www.pridestl.org/>

August 13-15th - St. Louis Black Pride

www.stlouisblackpride.org

Announcements

SAGE Announces New Board Members.

SAGE is pleased to welcome Marcia Daab, Jeana Klenc, and Dale Wrigley to the board of directors. Each brings a vast amount of talent; enthusiasm and knowledge that will help SAGE grow.

Marcia Daab is a retired educator and administrator and early supporter of SAGE. Her reason for wanting to serve on the board: "I am a gay elder who wishes to help continue efforts to open doors and equalize opportunities for other older LGBT members of the community."

Jeana Klenc currently works at Oak Tree Retirement Community as the Community Sales Manager. Her reason for serving on the board: "As part of the LGBT community and a professional who works with seniors on a daily basis, I'd like to get more involved in education and advocacy for older adults who are also LGBT."

Dale Wrigley currently serves as the Section Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Disease, City of St. Louis. His reasons for wanting to serve on the board: "To increase community awareness. To establish standards of care and build financial support for the LGBT community as we age. To give back to the community and support both physically and financially the overall service mission of SAGE."

Welcome to the board Marcia, Jeana, and Dale!

Discount Tickets Available to SAGE Participants

The State of Marriage, Sunday, June 20th - Join members of SAGE, OLOC, and the Prime Timers for an afternoon of theatre at the Senior Day performance of *The State of Marriage*. An original piece conceived and directed by Joan Lipkin in collaboration with J.T. Ricroft, *The State of Marriage* tells the true story of the same-sex couples from Missouri who traveled by bus to wed in Iowa. It also considers the meaning of marriage in the 21st century, exploring the institution's complicated social, religious, and emotional dimensions. Both poignant and fun, *The State of Marriage* includes dance numbers, pop songs, a game of Twister, wedding cake, and a Greek chorus of gender-bending bridesmaids. The special Senior Day matinee performance begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 20 at the Regional Arts Commission (6128 Delmar Blvd.). Members of SAGE, OLOC, and Prime Timers will enjoy a special low rate of \$18 per ticket and will avoid the TicketMaster fee. To purchase tickets, call St. Louis Actors' Studio at 314-458-2978 or e-mail at info@stlas.org; be sure to mention that you would like to attend the Senior Day performance.

Gateway Men's Chorus - Summer Concert That special relationship between gay men and the mamas who bore them is the focus of the June concerts. "Mama Knows" takes a light-hearted look at mothers and sons. We'll tackle such topics as toasters in showers, cowboys, sneaking out for dates, and the legacy we gain from our mamas. Local jazz artist Nancy Kranzberg joins the chorus for a couple of classics. Expect to laugh and cry with the men of the Gateway Men's Chorus as we admit "Mama Knows." **June 18 & 19, 2010, 8 p.m. Edison Theatre Washington University in St. Louis. \$15 tickets available for groups and older adults who support SAGE for tickets call: (314) 289-4169 or email Chris at: president@gatewaymenschours.org**

LGBT Social Groups – Get Involved Today

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|  <p>Old Lesbians Organizing for Change</p> | <p>www.oloc.org 314-962-2188 or by email:charlotte@oloc.org</p> |
|  <p>Mature Gay and Bisexual Men's Social Group</p> | <p>www.primetimersstl.org/default.aspx Or call: Missouri: 314-894-6718 Illinois: 618-558-5141</p> |
|  <p>LGBT & Allied Concert Band</p> | <p>www.bandtogetherstl.com</p> |
|  <p>Gateway Men's Chorus</p> | <p>www.gatewaymenschorus.org</p> |
|  <p>St. Louis Women's Chorus</p> | <p>www.charischorus.org/index.html</p> |
|  | <p>www.findmycenter.com/index.html</p> |

Know Your Rights!

On May 24th, SAGE hosted 20 community members for the screening and panel of “An Age for Justice.” This documentary shared the stories of older adult experiences with Elder Abuse and Neglect. At a national level, the National Elder Justice Act was recently passed which will provide protections against Elder Abuse. At a state level, both Missouri and Illinois have Elder Abuse and Neglect Laws designed to provide protections for ALL older adults.

In both states, Elder Abuse includes the infliction of physical, sexual, emotional injury or harm and financial exploitation and neglect. In Missouri the Elder abuse laws also extends to people with disabilities aged 18 to 59.

Research has shown that LGBT older adults have faced abusive and neglectful situations from caregivers. It is important as a community that we become aware of the Elder Abuse and Neglect laws in place to help ensure our safety, dignity and well-being as we age.

If you suspect Elder Abuse and Neglect directed at yourself, a family member or friend know that you can place a confidential call to the Abuse and Neglect Hotline numbers listed below:

Missouri: 1-800-392-0210
Illinois: 1-866-800-1409 or 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

View additional information online at:

State of MO Department of Health & Senior Services:
www.dhss.mo.gov/ElderAbuse/index.html

Illinois Dept. of Aging
www.state.il.us/aging/1abuselegal/abuse.htm

Support SAGE become a SAGE Ambassador!

Online donations may be made at www.SageMetroSTL.org by clicking on the “Donation” tab. You can also fill out and return the form below with your check made payable to SAGE Metro St. Louis:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Anonymous donation: Yes ___ No ___

Mail Form and Donation to:

SAGE Metro St. Louis
Tower Grove Manor, Suite 109
2710 South Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63118

Thank you for your support!

SAGE Metro St. Louis is recognized as a tax exempt, public charity under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code. All donations made to SAGE Metro St. Louis are tax deductible under section 170 of the Code.

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