



# SENIOR Wingspan's Elder Voice FORUM

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## SAAF Nominated for a Copper Cactus Award

By Ethan Cox Smith, Director of Development.

SAAF is very excited to announce that we are one of 18 non-profit organizations nominated this year for this year's Copper Cactus Award. SAAF was nominated in the Tucson Electric Power Charitable Non-Profit Business Category for their exceptional leadership, company culture, business growth, and innovation.

SAAF is joined by several other non-profits including Desert Museum, Ben's Bells, Interfaith Community, and the YMCA.

The Copper Award Winners will be announced at a Ceremony on October 30th, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Jeffery Scott Brown for nominating SAAF for this prestigious honor.

## PFLAG-2015 Couples Celebration.

PFLAG'S-2015 Couple's Celebration will be held on Wednesday, February 4th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Ward VI City Council offices, 3202 E. 1st Street. Check

their web-site for more details, directions and location map. PFLAG will provide all the refreshments and appetizers. We ask that

people RSVP so that we know how much food and drink to bring. People can do that by e-mailing:

[pflag@pflagtucson.org](mailto:pflag@pflagtucson.org) or call 520-360-3795.

The gathering both celebrates LGBT relationships and provides an opportunity for PFLAG parents and friends to see what committed relationships are like. This gives parents, allies, and LGBT people themselves



hope and encouragement for lasting LGBT relationships.

At last month's PFLAG meeting, Scott Blades, Director of TIHAN gave a very interesting and informative talk on how TIHAN came to be and the services they provide. He stressed that TIHAN is in no way in competition with SAAF



but the two of them work in tandem. What one organization does not offer the other one does. And they try not to schedule fund raisers at the same time. It was a most enjoyable event.

## Meditation Group Meetings

Starting Feb 4th and every Wednesday thereafter at 10:00 am, I will be having a Meditation Group meeting. It will be held at the United Fellowship Chapel located at 4718 E, Hawthorne, Tucson, AZ 85732. East Hawthorne is off N. Swan about 2 blocks before Speedway Blvd. Turn right onto Hawthorne off N. Swan and the first building on the right past the parking lot is the Chapel. It looks like a white house and actually there are pictures of it on their Facebook page. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please call me at 520-433-2780. Thank you, Rev. Dea Braggalla

## February's Big Event

The Annual Wingspan Dinner will be held February 14, 2015 at Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort, 7000 N. Resort Drive, Tucson, AZ 85750. Take N. Craycroft to N. Resort Drive and turn left. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. There will be a silent auction, Awards, and a Comedy performance.

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Tickets are \$125 if purchased before January 31st and \$145 after that.

The theme for the dinner is "Celebrating Legalized Love" in honor of the October 17th decision to legalize gay marriage in the state of Arizona. Come and enjoy a meal with friends, bid on 50 fabulous items in the silent auction and celebrate with this year's honorees. There will also be a performance by Tucson's Tempest du Jour following the dinner and the keynote address.

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## Desert Voices Takes You to Mardi Gras!

On February 28, the long-awaited annual cabaret and silent auction returns to the beautifully renovated ballroom at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 160 S. Scott Ave. in downtown Tucson!

Jambalaya, pulled pork, hors d'oeuvres, New Orleans' famous king cake, AND complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks – everything is included in one low price of \$40! All that and shopping, too –

Grand Canyon train tickets, a wall of top-rated wine, spa vacations, beautifully framed Fitz cartoons, martini and chocolate baskets, camping equipment, gift cards for all the top restaurants in town – and so many more items too numerous to mention for your bidding pleasure. Plus there's the cabaret show – "When the Saints Go Marching In", "Blue Skies", more chorus numbers, and solos, duets, and small groups galore hosted by the irrepressible Lucinda Holliday.

If you've ever been to one of DV's cabaret shows, you know how much fun you'll be having! If not, it's time for you to stop missing out on the most fun-filled evening of the year – at Desert Voices' annual Cabaret/Silent Auction on February 28th. Doors open at 6 pm.

Tickets (\$40) are available from chorus members or by calling 520-791-9662. And remember, this includes munchies, a sit-down



dinner, a show, more free parking (behind the building), and shopping! Call now before the tickets are all gone!

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## Interview with Chad Mosher

Although I have only known Chad since early last spring, I have great respect for his insight and knowledge. He is a very talented, loving, and caring individual who has such a gentle soul and sweet disposition and his desire to help and heal is very evident to all who have come in contact with him. So I take great pleasure in introducing Chad Mosher as February's Community Member Profile.

Dea Braggalla: Who is Chad Mosher? Tell me about yourself.

Chad Mosher: Well, my name is Chad Mosher and I am the program coordinator for Living Out Loud, an LGBTQI Health and Wellness Center. I have lived in Tucson for over 10 years, and definitely call the Sonoran Desert my new found home. I really enjoy the different cultures in Southern Arizona, like the music on Congress or 4th Ave, and also the art and theater here. My wish is to continue exploring all that Tucson has culturally and outside in nature. It is a beautiful and spiritual place. I sing with Desert Voices, and practice mindfulness meditation to keep myself grounded.

DB: What inspires you? Where does your passion lie?

CM: I enjoy reading about different civil rights leaders, change makers, and spiritual leaders... though I also like to read a graphic novel or two once in a while! I am happy working at an LGBTQI Health and Wellness Center, and also want to connect with other musicians -I am a cellist. Music and the performing arts have always inspired me. Film, theater, opera, chamber music.... they all made me want to perform and in doing so helped me reflect on myself and the world around me. I have also been very drawn to art as an expression of resistance. Sometimes the resistance is hidden yet powerful, sometimes overt and loud. I look to

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younger generations now to express and voice  
resistance to inequalities. We need arts  
programming to allow people to explore their  
feelings and experiences; to document their  
lives and resistance to cultural and social  
injustices.

DB: Who are your heroes?

CM: My heroes are definitely the people in  
this world willing to stand up, be seen and  
heard, and who can also advocate for others.  
I work with people everyday that have to stand  
up and face immense discrimination for being  
transgenderrrr or for questioning their  
sexuality, and I see within them Audre Lorde,  
Sylvia Rivera, Leslie Feinberg, Harvey Milk,  
Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, James  
Baldwin, and all their other brothers and  
sisters who fought for equality and civil rights.

DB: If you could wave a magic wand, what  
would Wingspan look like in 5 years?

CM: Of course we need Wingspan to thrive  
over the next few years, and I would love to  
see Wingspan become a center for LGBTQI  
culture and history. I would like to see the  
community become a community again, and  
come together to create a space for all ages,  
languages, identities, and backgrounds to  
learn about their past and create their future.  
I would love to see Wingspan gather people  
together to help progress LGBTQI creative  
and performing arts.

And Speaking of Chad Mosher...

Wingspan Senior Pride has a new Facebook  
page, courtesy of Chad Mosher. In addition,  
we have a new gmail account.  
wingspanseniorpride@gmail.com. Lastly,  
Wingspan Senior Pride has a phone number:  
520-704-5830, manned by volunteers. You  
may call between 10 AM and 4 PM for  
information and referrals. If your situation is  
an emergency, hang up and call 911.

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## Advertising in the Senior Forum

Our January meeting took up the issue of  
opening the Senior Forum to receive classified  
ads and other forms of advertising, e.g.,

business cards. Costs and screening criteria  
will be discussed at the next meeting. Senior  
Pride invites your responses to this idea - are  
there people who would benefit from  
advertising in our newsletter? Please make  
your voices heard if you believe this to be a  
beneficial idea. Contact us via email, phone  
or on our new Facebook page (see above).

### *More Ideas for the Senior Forum*

We know that there are many creative  
people in our generation who might like some  
form of outlet for their creativity and their life  
passions such as literature, poetry, music, etc.

More than one of our members have  
suggested a Poetry Corner for the newsletter.  
Another suggestion has been for book reviews  
that might be of interest to a larger audience.

So here for the first time is a poem  
submitted by Curt Stubbs followed by a book  
review submitted by Les Cole:

### **Nature vs. Nurture**

Don't blame the salad  
if the fork is bent.

Perhaps it was meant to be bent.

Perhaps it is the nature of some forks to be  
bent.

Not all salads are dysfunctional.

Likewise, don't blame the pie if the counter is  
dirty.

It takes a miscommunication between  
hand and eye to spill the pie.

You should never blame the kitchen  
if the food is not to your liking.

If the kitchen is clean and the appliances all  
work

then the only one left to blame is the cook.

***My Brother, My Sister: Story of a  
Transformation, Molly Haskell, 2013.  
Non-fiction, 211 pages.***

This is feminist film critic Molly Haskell's  
memoir of her brother John's gender  
reassignment. It is an intimate and heartfelt  
portrayal of a family's life-changing event. At  
the same time, it reminds us all of the  
continuing prejudice toward the transgender  
community.

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February 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Meditation Group 10:00 AM  PFLAG Couples Celebration (see newsletter for details for both)	5	6	7
8	9	10 Wingspan Senior Pride Meeting Himmel Library 2:00 PM	11 Meditation Group 10:00 AM	12	13	14 Wingspan Annual Dinner (see newsletter for details)  Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18 Meditation Group 10:00 AM	19	20	21 40s and Better Breakfast Group 9:30 – 11:00 am
22	23	24	25 Meditation Group 10:00 AM	26	27	28 Senior Pride potluck - 12 Noon Cornerstone Fellowship Hall  Desert Voices Cabaret fundraiser 6:00 PM

Due to space limitations in the calendar, see the newsletter itself for complete information for some activities (e.g., TMC presentations).

**My Brother, My Sister:** from pg 3

Molly's brother, at the age of 59, knows that it is finally time for him to become the person he always knew he was. It is a process that will take seven years, a lot of courage, and a ton of money.

The book has two main themes. First are the actual procedures involved in transgendering: from psychological evaluations, to multiple surgeries and drug regimens, to fashion and feminine



behavior lessons. It is amazing, the advances that have been made in this field.

The second theme is the reactions of the people most important to John. Besides his sister, an ex-wife and a current wife are still in the picture. Credit must be given to the author for her honesty in revealing her own reaction. Initially she did not take it well; some pretty ugly things come out. Molly struggles to let her brother go and welcome Ellen, her new sister.

**Classified Section  
Senior Pride Newsletter**

We talked about a classified section of the newsletter, categories could be:

**Community, For Sale,  
Housing, Personals, Services,**  
(including retail and restaurants)

*please let us know your thoughts.*

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**February  
Events**

**Meander in Tucson Meetup Group** List of events for lesbian women  
<http://www.meetup.com/MeanderinTucson>

**Monday Mah Jongg**

Every Monday (except holidays), 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM at Himmel Park Public Library branch, 1035 North Treat Ave.

Tuesday, February 10

**Senior Pride Planning Meeting**

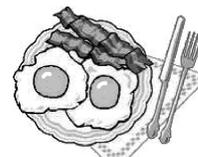
2 PM at Himmel Park Library  
1035 N. Treat Avenue (off Speedway) ph. 594.5305

Saturday, February 21

(every 3rd Saturday of the month)

**40s and Better Breakfast**

**Group** A welcoming network of lesbians, Royal Sun Best Western Restaurant SW corner of Speedway and Stone 9:30 - 11:00 AM contact: Carol 520.584.0339



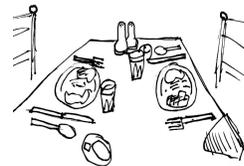
Saturday, February 28

**Senior Pride Monthly Potluck**

(every 4th Saturday of the month)

Cornerstone Fellowship -

Fellowship Hall 2902 North Geronimo (and Laguna.....near First Ave. and Glenn) 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM contact: Lee 520.398.6826





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*Immature love says: 'I love you because I need you.'  
Mature love says 'I need you because I love you.'*

~ Erich Fromm

*Let us always meet each other with smile,  
for the smile is the beginning of love.*

~ Mother Teresa

**Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence,  
sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times.  
It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.**

~ Ann Landers

*I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Keep love in your heart.  
A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.**

~ Oscar Wilde