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# SENIOR LGBT Elder Voice FORUM

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SASP celebrates, supports and unites Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Seniors in Southern Arizona

**GENERAL MEETING: 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY (APRIL 12), 2 PM AT HIMMEL PARK LIBRARY**

## 30 Years of Eyeglasses Tell a Story: Arizona Queer Archives Challenges Orthodoxy • by Jamie A. Lee, PhD

Archivist / Project Director, Arizona Queer Archives • Assistant Professor, School of Information, UA

*Editor's Note: An award-winning filmmaker and media producer, Jamie founded the Arizona LGBTQ Storytelling Project in 2008— Arizona's first LGBTQ archives — and one that focused on oral histories and the powerful potential of storytelling. This led Jamie to graduate study and, ultimately, to a PhD. In 2011, with Prof. Susan Stryker, Director of the Institute of LGBT Studies at the University of Arizona, Jamie founded the Arizona Queer Archives.*

ongoing community participation are key.

I am in conversation with a number of individuals about creating an Advisory Board with community and academic members to help guide the ongoing development and sustainability of the Arizona Queer Archives.

As the founder, archivist, and project director of the Arizona Queer Archives, the collections hold significant personal and emotional value to me. I have come to know the local LGBTQ communities intimately through the sharing of stories. For

me, the Arizona Queer Archives is important to preserve Arizona's LGBTQ and Two Spirit histories.

As I have come to know queer theory, I use it to challenge the standardized processes that have structured archives for centuries. I consider queer in its verb form -- 'to queer' -- to work through the structuring of the archival body so that the Arizona Queer Archives can hold the multiple histories that make up the fabrics of the community. There is not one history. Or even two histories. There are more and more, as stories are told and new perspectives are invited into the archives.

I consider my role as community archivist as well as teacher and

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The Arizona Queer Archives is a community-focused archives with distinct ties to the Institute for LGBT Studies through which I am able to raise funds for continued collection and preservation. The Institute for LGBT Studies offers physical archival space on campus as well as online at [www.azqueerarchives.org](http://www.azqueerarchives.org) where I continue to build the digital repository.

Future plans for the Arizona Queer Archives would constitute a move into an ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant accessible space with the square footage to expand our collections. Creating a space that is accessible and expansive is a top priority. Sustainability, relevancy, and

Jamie shown here at an Oral History session.



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## Arizona Queer Archives, continued

learner while I process and catalog collections alongside community members, archival studies students, and certified archivists.

The Arizona Queer Archives, then, is the archival space where communities can come together to tell, collect, and preserve histories through re-imagined and emerging archival processes. The Arizona Queer Archives is the home space for our histories and also where communities can challenge and question dominant narratives that are told about us and even some that we tell about ourselves.

Currently the Arizona Queer Archives collections include the following:

- Arizona LGBTQ Storytelling Project oral history interviews;
- Wingspan LGBT Community Center organizational records and library (now in storage);
- Southwest Feminist Reunite Group oral history interviews, digital photos, and physical collections including displays, books, music, and photo albums;
- Fly Away Zine Mobile zine collection acquired by Professor Adela C. Licona, who is working with students to process the collection and develop study guides for classroom use;
- Jay Kyle Petersen's individual collection;
- Patricia Mail's PBS "In The Life" DVD collection and books;
- Curt Stubbs' collection of his column for Tucson's The Observer;
- Sandra Szelag and Carol Kells' library collection;
- Brian Bateman's collection from the 1990s Arizona Human Rights Fund;
- Al Obermaier's collection of the Gay Community Services 1970s work on gay men's health;
- 'Made for Flight' kites collection from TC Tolbert, Casa Libre, and the UA LGBTQ Student Affairs;
- Mapping Q Youth Projects from the UA Museum of Art;

### Senior Forum

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• Polly Carl's eyeglass collection spanning 30 years of transitioning.

The Arizona Queer Archives needs monetary donations to help with purchasing supplies and promotion materials. If you are interested in donating money or making an estate arrangement down the road, please contact Joseph Howell at the Institute for LGBT Studies (<https://www.lgbt.arizona.edu/staff>). Financial donations will help to support a move to an accessible location with room to grow!

We are always interested in personal individual collections. If you'd like to donate your collection, please email me. Or would you like to learn how to collect oral histories within your community? Or would you like to have your own oral history collected? I can talk with you over the phone about how to get started.

We also need volunteers who would be interested in helping to make the archives accessible to visitors. If you have a digital camera and could take photos of the eyeglass and kite collections for upload into the digital repository, this would also be helpful. If you're able to assist, email me at [jalee2@email.arizona.edu](mailto:jalee2@email.arizona.edu)

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

Each month our roving reporter, Dea Brasgalla, selects a community member to interview.

To nominate a person to be profiled, email Dea at [soazseniorpride@gmail.com](mailto:soazseniorpride@gmail.com) call her at (520) 704-5830



## A Chat with Curt Stubbs

**Dea Brasgalla:** Who is Curt Stubbs? Tell me about yourself.

**Curt Stubbs:** I am a poet, docent at the U of A Poetry Center (a world class institution right here in the Baked Apple) and small 'a' activist. In the past I have worn many hats: I have been a miner, short order cook, restaurant manager, bus boy, draft resister, 8-track-tape-bootlegger, truck driver, warehouse foreman, concessions supervisor, bartender, and finally a law librarian. Many hats in my training to be a poet.

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

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**CS:** My passion, as you might think, is in words. Their meaning, their sound, their etiology, and the hidden ways in which they touch the human soul. I amuse myself with a dictionary, seeking out words, letting words creep into my line of sight, and just generally playing with both dictionary and thesaurus.

**DB: Who are your heroes?**

**CS:** My heroes are all those who toil endlessly, often without recognition, to make the world a better place to live. I tear up at places like the Viet Nam memorial, the laying out of the Quilt, and at lives lived of noble sacrifice. Human rights activists, eco raiders, peace corps volunteers, those who work with the physically and mentally ill. These are my heroes now.

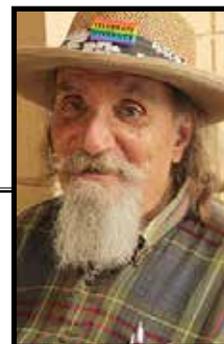
*Editor's Note: Curt Stubbs organized "Words of Wisdom," a poetry reading by LGBT elder poets in 2015. The 2016 "Words of Wisdom," takes place at 2 pm, Oct. 8, at the University of Arizona Poetry Center, 1508 E. Helen Street. Poets can apply to be included by emailing Curt Stubbs at [soazseniorpride@gmail.com](mailto:soazseniorpride@gmail.com).*

**MIXED METAPHORS ON AMBITION**

by Curt Stubbs

Ambition wants to get naked.  
It does not like skulking  
in the background.  
It prefers being naked,  
crowing at the fearful,  
the nervous, those without ambition.  
It bears a fearful sting.  
It bears no honey for the needy.  
It bears no nectar to be made into honey.  
At very least it's a beast  
that fights desperately for what it eats.

For more poems by Curt Stubbs:  
<https://thebrainpan.wordpress.com/>  
<http://curt-stubbs-gay-poet>



**Out and About . . .  
with our Roving Reporter,  
Dea**

**Tucson Pride.** Matter of choice?

"When did you choose to be straight?" A meaningful video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJt-jqLUHYoY> has been posted at <http://tucsonpride.org>



Want to join the board of Tucson Pride? Contact Tucson Pride at PO Box 57478, Tucson, AZ 85732 or call President April Moss at (520) 622-3200. **Help plan :**

**TUCSON PRIDE PARADE AND PRIDE IN THE  
DESERT · FRIDAY, SEPT 30**

To subscribe to Tucson Pride's mailing list, go to <http://tucsonpride.org> **and enter your email address at "join."**

**Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation**

**THE 4TH ANNUAL "ARIZONA GIVES DAY"  
TAKES PLACE APRIL 5.**

<https://www.azgives.org/c/GivesDay>

Consider donating to Southern Arizona AIDS

Foundation (SAAF) on that day. *SAAF has arranged to match gifts up to \$2,500.* If SAAF is one of the top fundraising non-profits, it will qualify for cash prizes.

**THE "JELL-O WRESTLING BENEFIT AUCTION  
AND EXTRAVAGANZA" WILL BE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 23 at 4th Ave and 7th St.**

Gates open at 6 pm and wrestling will be from 6:30 to 10:30 pm.

Teams of wrestlers raise funds to wrestle in a pit of Jell-O, often with extraordinary costumes and characters. Between wrestling matches Drag Diva Hostesses run a live auction featuring a variety of unique items.

The **2016 Jell-O raffle prize** is two tickets for Jennifer Lopez in concert at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas on June 8 and a \$200 Visa gift card. Tickets are \$1 each and no more than 3,000 tickets will be sold.

**Tickets may be purchased at** <http://saaf.org>

# Same Sex Marriage Brings Benefits

An audience of 63 heard speakers elucidate the new benefits now available to LGBT married couples as a result of the June 26, 2015, Supreme Court ruling legalizing same sex marriages.

The program took place March 10, 2016, at the Water of Life MCC Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave and was sponsored by the church and Southern Arizona Senior Pride (SASP).

Jack Burns, Public Affairs Specialist from the Social Security Administration offices in Phoenix, listed many aspects to claiming Social Security benefits through partners and a number of other intricacies of the programs. For more information, he suggested visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

Jennifer Walker, Elder Rights and Benefits Advocate for the Pima Council on Aging (PCOA), described the Arizona Long Term Care Service (ALTCS) and offered assistance and advocacy. The Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) is a part of AHCCCS (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System) – Arizona’s version of Medicaid. ALTCS provides long-term care in assisted living facilities and nursing homes, and provides in-home care for individuals who would otherwise be institutionalized. It is a complex income- and asset-limited program.

PCOA offers a class on ALTCS the second Thursday of each month at 2 pm at 8467 E. Broadway Blvd. There is no cost for older adults, family members, or family caregivers. There is a \$35 fee for professionals. For more information or to register, call PCOA’s Helpline at (520) 790-7262 or visit [www.pcoa.org](http://www.pcoa.org)

Medicare expert, Stephanie Hartell, PCOA program director, presented an overview of Medicare A & B, D (prescription drug plan) and medigap. PCOA offers a free health insurance benefits counseling



Audience at Same Sex Marriage Benefits program.



Sandy Davenport and Jennifer Walker



Sandy Davenport and Stephanie Hartell

service for Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers and their families (or those applying for the first time). Call (520) 546-2011 for information. PCOA’s Medicare counselors can discuss options, assist in comparing plans, and explain how Medicare works with other plans. To speak with a counselor, call PCOA’s Medicare helpline at (520) 546-2011 or email [ship@pcoa.org](mailto:ship@pcoa.org).

## Pima Council on Aging (PCOA)

In order to make all our services more accessible to the LGBTQ community, PCOA has the following designated ***in-house Specialists in LGBTQ Elder Care:***

- Intake Specialist **John Barnes**
- Neighbors Care Alliance Outreach Coordinator **Bridget Roads**
- Elder Rights and Benefits Specialist **Jennifer Walker**
- Caregiver Specialist **Sandy Davenport**
- Medicare Specialist **Stephanie Hartell**

**Help Line: 520.790.7262**

**Business Line: 520.790.0504**

**(M – F 8:30 am - 5 pm)**

## Donate to Southern Arizona Senior Pride.

Make your tax deductible donations  
to our Fiscal Agent: SAAF

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*By Check: please write "Senior Pride" in Memo Line*

*On Line: [WWW.SAAF.ORG](http://WWW.SAAF.ORG) Click "ABOUT SAAF",  
Click on Wingspan Programs at SAAF,  
"Southern Arizona Senior Pride"*

*By Telephone: Call Lauren. (520) 547-6099  
SPECIFY SOUTHERN ARIZONA SENIOR PRIDE*

**Thanks for helping us to thrive!**

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*Please Like US !!*

## ACLU-Arizona Wants Your Story

As part of its campaign to educate Arizonans about discrimination against LGBTQ people, the ACLU of Arizona is collecting stories from LGBTQ and allied Arizonans who have experienced discrimination. Denied housing because of sexual orientation or gender identity? Refused service in a restaurant or other public business because of being LGBT? Stories of discrimination will help the effort to pass non-discrimination legislation in Arizona. <http://www.acluaz.org>

## Old Lesbians Herstory Project

Do you identify as a lesbian? Are you at least 70 years old? If so, the Old Lesbians Oral Herstory Project (OLOHP) would LOVE to hear your life story! OLOHP has been collecting the stories of "old lesbians" since 1997, documenting the unique experiences of women born in the first half of the twentieth century.

Three Green Valley Rainbow women recently completed training to conduct interviews for the project: Dana Rosenberg, Beck Forth, and Judi Feingold.

Your personal life story will be added to the collection of over 400 other women's stories being archived for research purposes at Smith College. You will receive a bound copy of your story, which includes a transcript of your one-on-one interview and any photos or other documents that you want to include to illustrate or supplement your narrative. All interviews are confidential, but you can choose conditions under which the project can use material from your interview.

If you want to know more about OLOHP, check out their web site at [www.olohp.org](http://www.olohp.org). If you'd like to know more about the process or are interested in sharing your story, we'd be happy to talk with you. Email us: Dana at [forthenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:forthenberg@hotmail.com), Beck at [bforth@hotmail.com](mailto:bforth@hotmail.com), Judi at [judithfeingold51@gmail.com](mailto:judithfeingold51@gmail.com).

## Preventing Medication Misuse

Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) is starting a new project aimed at helping older adults prevent prescription and over the counter medication misuse and abuse and to inform the public about the safe disposal of drugs.

Prescription medication misuse is a growing public health problem among older adults and cause problems with serious consequences that often are unrecognized. The improper disposal of medications is severely stressing our ground water and drinking water systems.

PCOA is cultivating relationships to establish a working coalition to develop a local plan for action and community outreach. Contact Sally Krommes at PCOA, (520) 304-3425 or [skrommes@pcoa.org](mailto:skrommes@pcoa.org) for information.

Additional information on these and other topics is at <http://www.drugwatch.com>

## Jell-O Wrestling Benefit Auction and Extravaganza—APRIL 23

see "Out and About with Dea" for details.

## Living and Dying in the Old Pueblo WEEKLY THROUGH MAY 3

Casa de la Luz Hospice and the Tucson Botanical Gardens have begun a series of free experiential workshops helping the

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## Announcements

### Monthly General Meeting: Senior Pride

Held the **2nd Tuesdays**, SASP has a special speaker each month. On **April 12** Jamie Lee, highlighted in the AZ Queer Archives article, will speak. On **Tuesday, May 9**, Senior Pride meeting will be Davin-Franklin-Hicks, Community Relations Administrator at La Frontera and an activist within the LGBT community. He will speak on the upcoming June conference "Let's Get Better Together."

### Alliance Fund Supports Queer Elders

The LGBT&S Alliance Fund announced its 2016 grants round in March—the deadline for applying is April 27. For information, <http://www.alliancefund.org/wp/apply/> or contact Kelly Huber, program manager, at 2250 E Broadway Blvd, telephone: (520) 209-2858, or email: [admin@alliancefund.org](mailto:admin@alliancefund.org)

In 2012, the Alliance Fund established a Queer Elders program with a seed fund by an anonymous donor as an opportunity for donors who specifically want to aid LGBT older adults.

To add to the funds for LGBT senior programs, donations to the CFSA/Alliance Fund may be earmarked "Alliance Fund Queer Elders" in the memo line on a check.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance Fund is a fund of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. Since 1999, the Alliance Fund, supported by private and corporate donations, has awarded grants to organizations and programs that contribute to the strength and wellbeing of the southern Arizona LGBTQ community. In 2015, the Alliance Fund awarded a grant to the Southern Arizona Senior Pride's Community Forum.

## Announcements - continues

living to engage with the end of life. A Natural Journey: Living and Dying in the Old Pueblo began at the end of March but continues weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm through May 3. The series takes place at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way. Reservations can be made through Sally Saunders, Bereavement Program Assistant, Casa de la Luz Hospice, (520) 544-9890 or SallyS@casahospice.com To view the schedule, go to [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

### PCOA Gala APRIL 15

The Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) is celebrating "generations of commitment" with the 2016 Gala on Friday, April 15, at 6 pm at the Westin La Paloma Resort, 3800 E. Sunrise Dr. Sponsorships and tickets are available. Contact Kimberly Hoidal at (520) 780-0504 or visit [www.PCOA.org](http://www.PCOA.org)

### Take Back the Night (Recuperemes LaNoche) APRIL 28

Thursday, April 28 from 5:30 to 9 pm at House of Neighborly Service, 1243 W. 33rd St, South Tucson. Take Back the Night (TBTN) is an annual event to raise public awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault and to support survivors in peaceful vigilance. This year's event will include live local music, march, rally, resource fair, dance, poetry, and art displays. <https://www.facebook.com/TBTN.Tucson/>

### Reveille's Big Gay Road trip MAY 7 & 8

The acclaimed Reveille Men's Chorus presents a concert as part of their 21st season. "The Big Gay Road trip" takes place at 8 pm, May 7 and 3 pm May 8, Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

For tickets, visit <https://store.reveillemenschorus.org/store/>

### Let's Get Better Together—JUNE 3

An annual statewide conference hosted by the LGBTQ Coalition of Southern Arizona. to increase education, resources and understanding of health providers serving the LGBTQ community. The 2016 conference takes place at Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort, 7000 Resort Dr. <https://www.facebook.com/letsgetbettertogetheraz/?fref=nf>

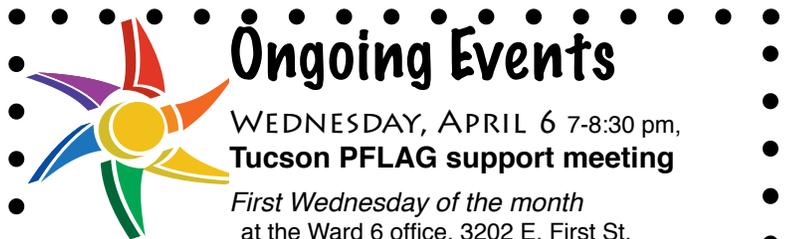
### Desert Voices JUNE 12

The LGBT and allies chorus, Desert Voices, presents "Celebrating the Spectrum" at 3 pm on June 12 at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. For ticket information, visit <http://www.desertvoices.org>

### Out Loud and Proud on KXCI

"Mini" Program on 91.3 KXCI Community Radio, Out Loud and Proud, invites the LGBT Community to share coming out and related personal stories. Rick Small is host and producer of this program, funded by the LGBT/S Alliance Fund. Each contributor tells their story for a five minute piece broadcast on KXCI. Contact Rick Small: [rms619ster@gmail.com](mailto:rms619ster@gmail.com) or (520) 834-7342.

**Please avoid wearing scented products to meetings, events and gatherings**



## Ongoing Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 7-8:30 pm,  
**Tucson PFLAG support meeting**

*First Wednesday of the month*  
at the Ward 6 office, 3202 E. First St.

PFLAG=Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.  
<http://www.pflagtucson.org>

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 • 7 PM

**Men's Social Network (MSN) monthly potluck/social**

*First Saturday of the month*

Casas Adobes Congregational Church • 6801 N. Oracle Rd.

Must be MSN member or male guest. Lee Roden (520) 398-6826 or Thom Goodrich (520) 305-6976  
website: [www.menssocialnetwork.org](http://www.menssocialnetwork.org)

MONDAY, APRIL 3 • 7-9 PM **Southern Arizona**

**Gender Alliance (SAGA) general meeting**

*First Monday of the month*

NEW Fluxx Studios, 690 E. 19th Street, #130, Tucson

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, (2nd Tuesday monthly)

**Senior Pride general meeting - \*WCA**

2-3 PM at Himmel Park Library • 1035 N. Treat Avenue (off Speedway) Contact: (520) 704-5830 or <http://soazseniorpride.org>.

*See announcements for speaker information.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 • 6-8 PM

**Two Spirit Support Group (2nd Tuesday monthly)**

Tucson Indian Center—2 Spirit of Tucson

97 E. Congress St, Suite 101. Contact: Marlene F. Jose (520) 884-7131, ext 234, or email [mjose@ticenter.org](mailto:mjose@ticenter.org) or visit website at <http://www.ticenter.org>

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 9:30 - 11:00 AM

**40s and Better Breakfast Group (every 3rd Saturday)**

A welcoming network of lesbians • Royal Sun Best Western Restaurant (SW corner of Speedway and Stone) Contact: Irene Read (520) 360-4744

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - NOON - 2:00 PM

**Senior Pride Monthly Potluck - \*WCA**

*Every 4th Saturday of the month.*

Cornerstone Fellowship - Fellowship Hall. 2902 North Geronimo (and Laguna.....near First Ave. and Glenn).

Phone contact: Lee Roden (520) 398-6826, or info at [soazseniorpride.org](http://soazseniorpride.org)

MAH JONG MONDAYS - \*WCA

*Every Monday (except holidays)*

Noon to 3 PM at Himmel Park Library, • 1035 North Treat Ave.

MEANDER IN TUCSON MEETUP GROUP

**List of events for lesbians**

[www.meetup.com/MeanderinTucson](http://www.meetup.com/MeanderinTucson)

**\* WCA = Wheel Chair Accessible**