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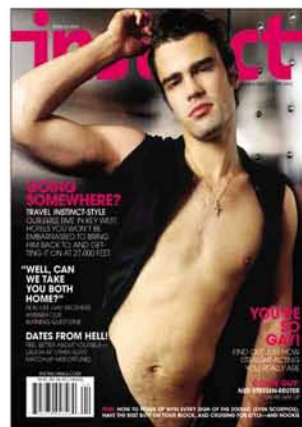
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Dear GayDayS Visitors and Guests,

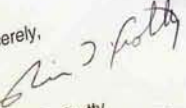
Welcome to **Orange County**, one of the most exciting places on earth!


On behalf of our citizens and the Board of County Commissioners, I encourage you to enjoy Orange County's abundant natural beauty and the rich cultural diversity of our people.

We are proud of the many attractions and accommodations our area is able to provide to ensure your stay is enjoyable and memorable. Our hospitality industry is the best in the world!

Orange County is also vitally linked to America's Spaceport and is the home port to the University of Central Florida, one of the nation's top research institutions for computer science, lasers and optics. Yes, we are **high tech and high fun!**

We hope your schedule will allow you time to sample the variety and vitality of our region. We know there's enough magic in this kingdom to bring you back again and again.

Sincerely,

 Richard T. Crotty
 Orange County Chairman


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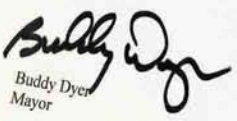
Dear GayDayS Visitors and Guests:


On behalf of the City of Orlando and its residents, welcome to our community.

We hope that during your visit you will have a chance to enjoy the amenities and observe the exciting opportunities which abound within our community, ranging from our world famous attractions and resorts to our cherished neighborhoods and dynamic economy.

New growth coupled with a traditional sense of community continues to place Orlando in the forefront of the minds of families, individuals and corporations in their selection of communities in which to live, work and play. From downtown to the outer edges of greater Orlando, we take pride in our cherished quality of life and the multitude of offerings that are presented to our citizens and businesses.

I hope your visit to Orlando will be a safe, enjoyable and pleasant one.

Sincerely,

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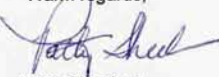
Greetings!

Welcome to The City Beautiful! I am delighted that you are here to participate in GayDays 2003 and the many activities that surround this event.

Orlando is a vibrant community with warm and friendly residents. From our City parks to our theme parks, there is something for everyone. We have a diverse LesBiGay community involved in all aspects of what makes this City a great place to live and work.

This year Orlando passed a non-discrimination ordinance in housing, public accommodations, and employment. According to the Orlando Sentinel, this ordinance "proved that Orlando is a world-class city where people of all backgrounds will be treated fairly."

Enjoy your stay in the City of Orlando!

Warm regards,

 Patty Sheehan
 District 4



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Let the Hotel Royal Plaza be your "one gay nerve center" this year! By that we promise that the Gay Days team will do their utmost to ensure you a stress-free and seamless way to enjoy the many planned festivities.

Here you'll find refreshments, snacks, cool drinks, and a casual and relaxed place to meet and greet folks who will be flying in from all over the world. Cool down over a soft drink... indulge in a chilled Manhattan... and discover what they do during the cocktail hour in Rome, Paris, or Stockholm: your new friends will be happy to share!

Get your FREE GayDays magazine here... all the information about local restaurants... and answers to all the questions you

might have.

At the Hotel Royal Plaza you can also purchase tickets to the Disney theme parks right there in the hotel's Disney Store, and here you can also claim "will call" tickets... purchase tickets to all the listed events and parties... and, best of all, you can attend the ever-popular Gay Days Expo! This is the place to shop for your gay red apparel so that you'll stand out and be instantly visible to your LesBiGay brothers and sisters. Lots of vendors and exhibitors will be here displaying their goods and services, making your visit to the hotel a gay shopper's dream. And keep in mind that the Hotel Royal Plaza is just a short skip from the Disney Marketplace, affording you even more opportunities to purchase mouse ears for everyone back home!

Ticket Center Hours

- Thursday, June 5th NOON to 9 PM
- Friday, June 6th. 10 AM to 10 PM
- Gay Day in the Magic Kingdom!
- Saturday, June 7th. ... 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM*
- Ticket Center is closed today from 10:30 AM to 2 PM
- Ticket Center re-opens today from 2 PM to 8 PM
- Sunday, June 8th. NOON to 6 PM

*The Gay Days Expo is open during all regular Ticket Center operating hours except on Saturday, when the Expo does not open until 2 PM. All other Ticket Center services (ticket sales, will-call, tee shirt sales, etc.) will be available on Saturday morning.

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DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

**M
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- A. Gay Days, Inc. Office
- B. Cactus Club
- C. GLBCC – The Center
- D. Gay Shopping District
- E. Full Moon Saloon
- F. Parliament House
- G. Club at Firestone
- H. Heaven Nightclub
- I. Lake Eola Park
- J. Urban THINK! Bookstore
- K. Thornton Park
- L. Westin Grand Bohemian
- M. Southern Nights
- N. Club Orlando

MAP NOT TO SCALE



local gay and lesbian bars

Cactus Club

1300 N. Mills Av., Orlando, 407-894-3041
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Pool table, darts, social patio.

Club Quest

745 Bennett Rd., Orlando, 407-228-8226
Fridays & Saturdays. R&B, Hip-Hop, house, and reggae.

Faces

4910 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, 407-291-7571
Women's bar. Pool table, darts, pinball.

Club Firestone

578 N. Orange Av., Orlando, 407-426-0005
Gay night on Saturday. Very popular local dance club.

Full Moon Saloon

500 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, 407-648-8725
Bears, Levi's, Leather. Sunday afternoon tea dance.

Hank's

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Parliament House

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Peacock Room

1321 N. Mills Av., Orlando, Gay friendly, and very cool, low-key ambience. Fabulous Manhattans.

Southern Nights

375 S. Bumby Av., Orlando, 407-898-0424
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Thornton Park

This revitalized and dynamic "family friendly" part of town is downtown Orlando's newest open secret. Nestled cozily along Washington Street, Summerlin Avenue and Central Boulevard, it features funky shops, chic services, and plenty of excellent places to eat and drink. Scores of beautifully-restored homes and bungalows from the 1920s through the 1940s line the shady brick streets thanks to a revolution in renovation primarily attributed to forward-thinking LesBiGay urban pioneers. The brand-new Thornton Park Central mixed-use project features cutting edge shops and restaurants, like Urban Think! Bookstore, which has rapidly become a cool place to hang out, you can read a book while enjoying a glass of wine or beer - and they've got a really good LesBiGay section among the stacks! Did we mention that Thornton Park is absolutely full of family? Add yourself to the mix... close to Southern Nights, The Parliament House, and this year's downtown co-host hotel, The Westin Grand Bohemian, it's Orlando's most chic neighborhood!

The Vi-Mi District

The home of GLBC... and so much more!

At the intersection of Virginia Drive and Mills Avenue you'll find Orlando's original gay-friendly neighborhood. Here you'll find the Gay, Lesbian, and BiSexual Community Center (GLBCC) as well as a wide assortment of fine gay-owned and -operated shops offering things we like to use and wear. LesBiGay books, cards, videos & rainbow-anything, you'll find it all here along with great ethnic eateries, art galleries, and clothes. (For our cross-dressing or trans-gendered friends, larger size ladies outfits to ensure that your drag will be the best ever!) A few blocks north brings you to the welcoming premises of the Cactus Club, a favorite family watering hole... and a great place to meet the locals! You'll find the long-established House of Flowers here, too, and plenty of little boutiques offering all kinds of merchandise. Head west on Virginia Drive toward Lake Ivanhoe and you'll pass the year-round home of GayDays, Inc., on your right. Turn left or right where Orange Avenue runs into Lake Ivanhoe and you'll discover Orlando's antiques district, home to many eclectic shops and eateries. It's a side of Orlando that our LesBiGay visitors will love!

Winter Park's Park Avenue

Long before Orlando began experiencing its rapid revitalization, Winter Park's main street was the place to see and be seen. Neighborhood services and mom-and-pop shops lined Park Avenue, anchored on the south end by Rollins College and on the north by a golf course! Well, everything's still in place, though now the shops are practically all big-name retailers from around the world. This is Central Florida's "Fifth Avenue," a decidedly upscale place to shop, dine, and stroll. Bordered along one side by Central Park, this thriving small-town district hums with quiet elegance-and discreet wealth. Looking for a particularly stylish pair of shoes, or maybe a cashmere sweater cut along classic lines? Then this is the place for you! As Lisa Douglas sang to husband Oliver, "Dahling, I love you but give me Park Avenue!"





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Gay Days 2003 Party Map

Where the Parties Are... Downtown Orlando

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 - B. Orlando Museum of Art
 - C. Cactus Club
 - D. Southern Nights
 - E. Full Moon Saloon
 - F. Parliament House
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Universal Orlando

- G. Hard Rock Live
 - H. Islands of Adventure International Drive
 - I. Sleuth's Mystery Theatre
 - J. Club XS
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Walt Disney World Resort

- K. Hotel Royal Plaza
 - L. Sheraton Safari
 - M. Embassy Suites
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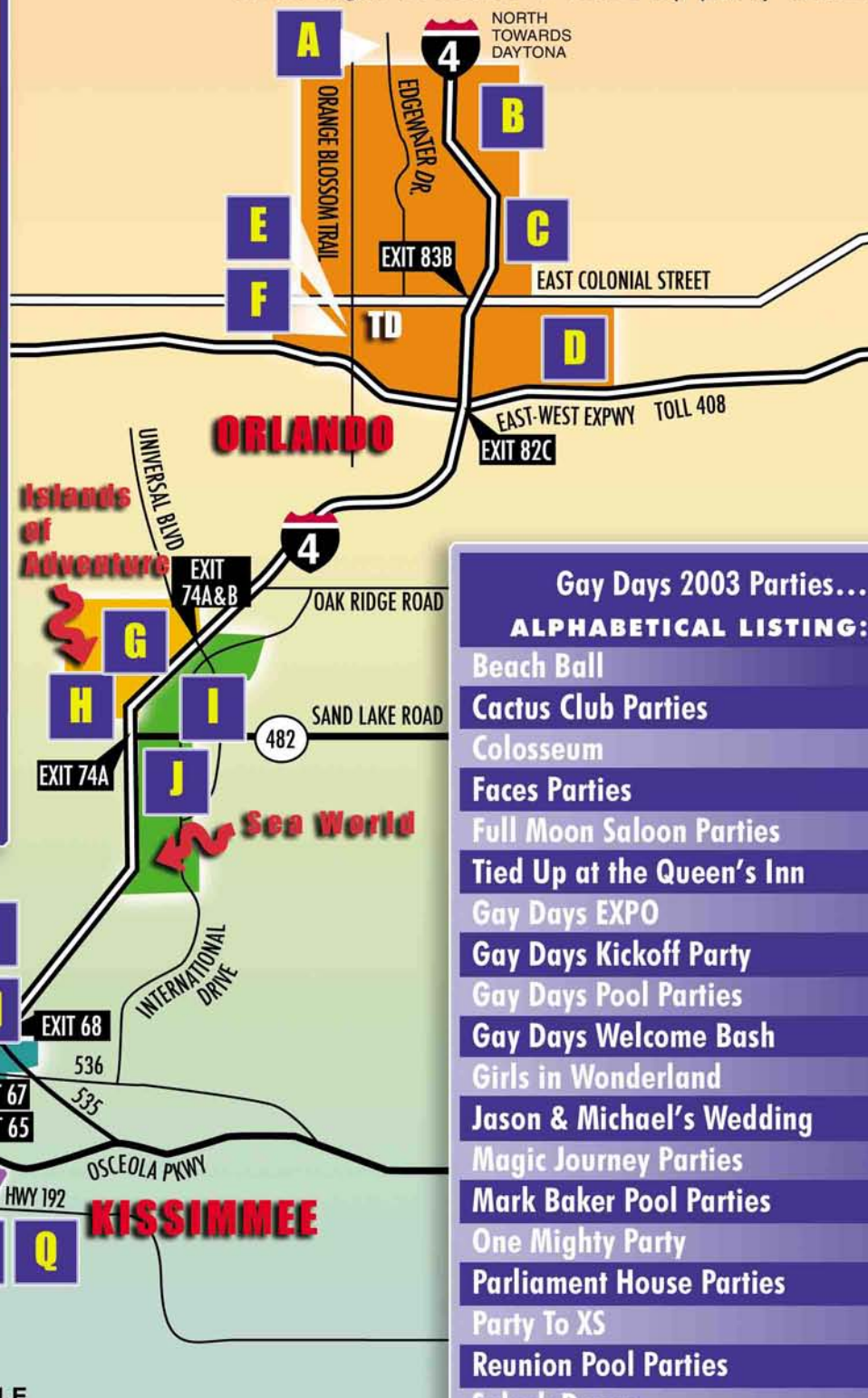
N. Downtown Disney

- House of Blues
 - Typhoon Lagoon
 - Pleasure Island
 - O. MGM Studios
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- P. Arabian Nights
- Q. Hyatt Orlando

Use this area map to help plan your Orlando Gay Days 2003 experience! Party venues are listed on the left and indicated by letters on the map. Use the legend in the lower right to locate a venue by party name.



Gay Days 2003 Parties... ALPHABETICAL LISTING:	
Beach Ball	N
Cactus Club Parties	C
Colosseum	G
Faces Parties	A
Full Moon Saloon Parties	E
Tied Up at the Queen's Inn	I
Gay Days EXPO	K
Gay Days Kickoff Party	B
Gay Days Pool Parties	K
Gay Days Welcome Bash	K
Girls in Wonderland	N
Jason & Michael's Wedding	K
Magic Journey Parties	P
Mark Baker Pool Parties	L
One Mighty Party	O
Parliament House Parties	F
Party To XS	J
Reunion Pool Parties	Q
Splash Dance	N
Stars Party	H
Southern Nights Parties	D
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Women's Pool Parties	M

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This is the BIG DAY! Gay Day at Disney started here and The Magic Kingdom remains by far the biggest draw of gay & lesbian crowds. Arrive early to be sure you don't miss it!

9 AM Park Opens*

11 AM Noon Gay & Lesbian Youth Meet at Cinderella's Castle

Here's a simple way for kids & young adults to meet each other and find new friends. It's a casual thing. Talk to the people around you... that's why they're there too!

12:45 PM Lesbian Meet & Greet at Town Square

It's a girl thing! Meet at Town Square and mingle with all the women getting ready for the Lesbian Express train ride.

1 PM Annual Bears Gathering at Country Bear Jamboree

If you're a bear, an honorary bear or just call bears your friends, you probably don't want to miss this gathering!

1 PM Lesbian Express

All aboard the Lesbian Train! Share a grand circle tour of the Magic Kingdom, aboard the Walt Disney World Railroad. Disembark at Main Street Station for the Women's Stroll.

1:40 PM Women's Stroll

Time for the girls to take to the street, proudly walking arm in arm down Main Street USA to join the Pre-Parade Meet & Greet at Cinderella Castle.

1:45 PM Pre-Parade Meet & Greet

Cinderella Castle Forecourt. Join with the thousands of red-clad family from around the world for this traditional, impromptu street party.

3 PM Disney's Share A Dream Come True Parade*

The 3pm gathering to watch the parade started by accident. Now it's tradition. Wherever the parade travels, it's surrounded by a sea of red-shirt-clad Gay Day crowds!

2 PM - 8 PM GayDays Expo

Need a break from the heat? Enjoy browsing through the wares and exhibits of an eclectic collection of vendors.

Hotel Royal Plaza (See page 39 for directions)

Please note: if you intend to return to the Magic Kingdom later today, be sure to get a hand stamp prior to exiting the park. Both a hand stamp and a ticket are required for re-entry.

9 PM Fantasy In the Sky Fireworks*

*Disney Park Hours, Events and Entertainment times are subject to change without notice.

wear red!

Hello, and welcome!

Yes... the lines are long, and yes... it's kind of warm outside, but you know what? It's kind of nice being surrounded by tens of thousands of red-wearing gay people while you enjoy your favorite theme park, right? Of course! And while you're availing yourselves of all the kinds of magic the kingdom has to offer, it might be helpful to keep these thoughts in mind... if you follow all of these suggestions to the letter, your enjoyment will be magnified a thousandfold!

Okay... we're here, we're queer, but let's all remember that we would turn up our noses at the sight of Mr. and Mrs. White Picketfence making out with reckless abandon in front of Cinderella's Castle. There's a time and a place, boys and girls, and we would expect everyone in the kingdom to abide by the tried-and-true rules governing overt displays of physical affection: keep the mouse in the house, in other words, and everyone will be happy. Feel free to hold hands, though, and casually draping an arm around your beloved's shoulders shouldn't cause the earth to tilt on its axis; neither should classy displays of affection: think Tyrone Power and Norma Shearer in Marie Antoinette!

The Magic Kingdom is full of people in costume who get paid to be there for the guests' entertainment. It's advisable to keep that in mind when selecting your own outfit du jour... matching rainbow cowboy hats or red Gay Days t-shirts are great, but save the more outrageous costumes for the wilder venues. Remember: if you're going to buy Minnie Mouse ears for yourself — the ones with the polka-dotted bow — then you'll have to buy them for everyone else in your party. This affords the more-enlightened tourists a grand photo opportunity, and you'll soon be gracing photo albums from California to the New York island!

If you DO encounter those whose aim in life seems to be making your life miserable, simply cast a benign smile their way and go on about your business. Take the high road, and never resort to tacky behavior—it just isn't done!

Most of all... have a great time! As Gay Days icon Michael Wanzie so succinctly put it last year "We're just here to have fun. It's our Kingdom, too!"

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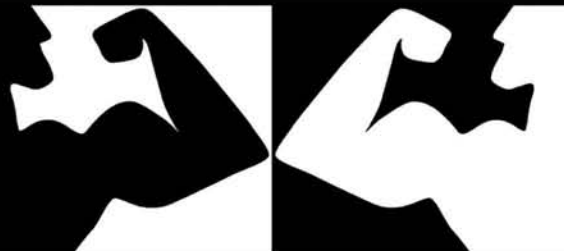


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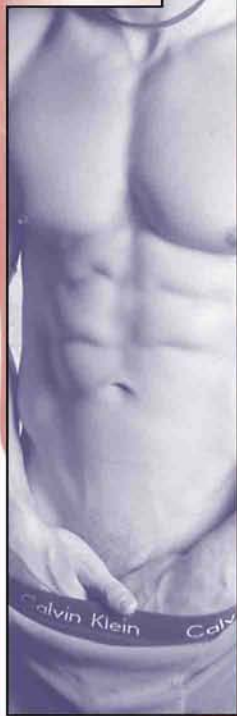
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GAYDAR: gay people plus water equals a wide, wet world of fun! This is where you'll hopefully spot the guy or gal you saw sporting themselves gloriously in a Jantzen or maybe even a Speedo swimsuit. Relaxing and watching the revelers shoot out of the slides with their swimsuits enticingly disarranged is a de rigeur Beach Ball and Splash Dance activity! You'll need a separate ticket to get into these events, and they'll be available at the Ticket Center at the Hotel Royal Plaza.

ARABIAN NIGHTS

The largest indoor equestrian arena in the world is the site of a very popular dinner show, The Palace of Horses. Centered around a magnificent wedding between a Prince and Princess, the show highlights stunning equestrian acrobatics combined with an amazing sound and light show...including a magical unicorn! Partake of a delicious feast as you suspend belief and enter the realm of the fantastic.

GAYDAR: This arena will be transformed each night into a fabulous nightclub complete with huge dance floor and state-of-the-art lights and sound and for Mark Baker's Magic Journey VI Late Nights parties. That mean endless dancing... riotous revelry... and boys, boys, boys!

THE MAGIC KINGDOM

She's the grand-mama of theme parks! Is there any wonder why we've adopted this special place as our very own all year round? Just how many Disney collectors do you know? You'll be bound to meet them all here! For three decades, Disney World has thrilled Central Florida with its own particular brand of charm, and during Gay Days the magic gains an extra dimension as the famous "sea of red" stretches from one end of the Kingdom to the other. It's a fabulous place to meet up with thousands of your sisters and brothers! Remember spinning madly on the teacups when you were five years old? Now you can relive the experience, but with your boyfriend or girlfriend in tow! Don't forget to pause at the convenient photo-op settings. And check out this program guide for further details on the times and places when we meet, gather, process, and basically parade our hearts out with Pride.

GAYDAR: Look around! It's all about us!

DISNEY-MGM STUDIOS

If you're any kind of movie buff-and, if you're gay, you must be-then you know that MGM takes home the Oscar for Best Movie Studio Theme Park. Step back in time as you stroll the realistic streets of this gigantic, living movie studio and thrill to a legacy that delivered "more stars than there are in heaven." Imagine yourself walking along with the cast of The Women as director George Cukor tries to keep Norma Shearer and Joan Crawford from pulling one another's hair out off screen... picture Judy crooning Over the Rainbow to a gray Kansas sky... or fast forward to Honey, I Shrank the Kids for a fun romp through some giant set pieces. The Disney-MGM Studio offers plenty of movie-themed rides and shows, and don't dare forget the Tower of Terror!

GAYDAR: What's not gay about a movie studio theme park? And it's bound to be at its gayest for Jeffrey Sanker's One Mighty Party VII.

HOUSE OF BLUES

Lots of Orlando-area folks head to the House of Blues (located in Downtown Disney's West Side) to catch their favorite classic rock acts, blues artists, and up-and-coming bands. It's a great place to relax and toss back a few beers while dining on succulent Mississippi-style cuisine. It's also the place to find the very popular Gospel Brunch, held twice every Sunday at 10:30 A.M. and 1 P.M.

GAYDAR: The site of Pandora and Alison Burgos' Girls in Wonderland 3rd Annual Gay Days Women's Dance, featuring circuit sensation DJ Pride, go-go dancers, special live performances and a spectacular light-and-sound show. Gather your home girls and enjoy this amazing "something for the girls" night out!

UNIVERSAL'S ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE

A totally favorite place for many Orlando boys and girls, this remarkable theme park offers scary thrill rides, amazing special effects galore, and a decidedly adult "edge" that you won't find in most other area park. While fun for kids, it definitely gives a nod to the grown-ups in the group! Seven themed "islands" provide enough thrill rides and eye candy to spend a couple of days here. Highlights include the the all-too-real Adventures of Spiderman and Jurassic Park, where you'll expect to be set upon by vicious raptors at any moment!

GAYDAR: Gay Days brightest, the Stars Party, returns to Marvel Super Hero Island and the Universal Sound Stages for its second year. This year Mark Baker will transform two huge dance spaces into a party of Jurassic proportions including giant dinosaurs, erupting volcanos and the savage beat of DJ Manny Lehman.

HARD ROCK LIVE AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO CITY WALK

This popular mega-club features live music from established acts as well as emerging artists. On any given night you might find such success stories as Meat Loaf, Kenny Loggins, the Indigo Girls, and dozens of others, all in a kitschy-yet-laid-back atmosphere. It also has a fabulous and ever-changing display of rock-and-roll memorabilia, sure to fascinate for hours. Enjoy walking about City Walk while you're here, and then stop for a bite in the famous Hard Rock Café! There's also a shop featuring great deals on musical merchandise.

GAYDAR: Mark Baker's award-winning Colosseum V party takes place here once again with superstar DJ Abel and beyond-belief lights and shows. It's the party to be seen at while doing the circuit! A guaranteed sellout, so make sure you get your tickets early!

CLUB XS AT POINTE ORLANDO

A really cool dance club featuring state-of-the-art special effects to enhance your dancing pleasure. A giant game room, karaoke, and music from every style and decade you've ever heard about enliven this over-the-top club.

GAYDAR: The site of Party to XS for women (and their gay men friends!) - guaranteed to be a free-for-all for all you grrrls Dine.Drink.Play is their catch phrase... so don't disappoint yourself by missing out!



Note: all Gay Days parties at these venues require their own special event tickets, with the exception of Gay Day in the Magic Kingdom. Tickets are available at the GayDays ticket booth in the Hotel Royal Plaza.



It's obvious that Michael Booth and Jason Puett are wild about one another and well-prepared to begin spending their lives together.

Their chance encounter at Mannequin's on May 13/14, 1999 (they're not sure if it was before or after midnight) was the start of their march down the aisle. "I am not one who has ever believed in love at first sight, in fact I thought it was the craziest thing. But, I fell in love with Jason the minute I laid eyes on him. I did a triple take!" Michael enthuses. "I remember what he wore, how he was standing... I looked for him all that night, and finally laid eyes on him again on the dance floor. Then the scare lights were going to come up, and I had no courage to go up and speak to him, so I turned around to leave and there he was, standing right in front of me! His first words to me were, 'I just wanted to come over and say 'hi.' My name is Jason.' I melted!"



Michael gave him his number-"I never do that! Ever!-" and Jason called that very night. Such a refreshing change from the old days when you made a guy wait three days before calling him!

The two have been engaged since October 9, 1999. Jason says, "as for the marriage proposal, it was a crazy night at Firestone. We were both feeling the fun of the atmosphere during the foam party and I asked Michael to marry me at the foot of the stairs by the DJ booth with the rings I bought for us there that we still wear." The Firestone is therefore a very special place for the two of them. "I couldn't have been happier when he asked," Michael tells us. "We have both worked very hard to make this happen," Jason adds. "The first place we planned on getting married was at Disney, and then we find out that Disney does not host

wedding grooms

gay weddings. We put it on hold until we could come up with a better plan to make it all happen, and then along came Gay Days... and the rest is History!"

Jason is a native of Charleston, South Carolina, while Michael was born right here in Seminole County. Their love of Disney and dancing conspiring with Cupid's arrows led them to one another at Mannequins. They now reside in a custom-built home in Davenport, down in peaceful Polk County. Both of their families are very supportive, something which might not have happened years ago. Thanks to the more-tolerant climate forged by people before them, today's young gay people are able to embark on healthy lives together in ways unimaginable in years past: as a result, Jason and Michael are accepted in both families as a couple. "I don't think that my mother is going to rest until the whole family knows about the wedding," Jason says. And isn't that a universal feeling?

This is a special time of year for the couple. "My first Gay Days was in 1996, but I was working for Disney, so I didn't have the time off to do much, but I have never missed a year since," says Michael. Jason's first Gay Days celebration was that same year... an omen? Who can tell in matters of the heart? Love takes care of its own, and Jason and Michael are ready to do it justice: "We learn from each other," Jason tells us. "Michael is Mr. responsible and I am Mr. Fun. We keep each other in check and always make sure that the other isn't forgetting about the other half of themselves that can get so lost in the stronger part of their personalities." Bravo!

They've not missed a Gay Days bash since, and both invite you to share their love and commitment to one another on Thursday, June 5th., at 7 PM during the Expo at the Hotel Royal Plaza.

Incidentally, they are registered at Target and Crate & Barrel... not only are they in love... they have good taste!


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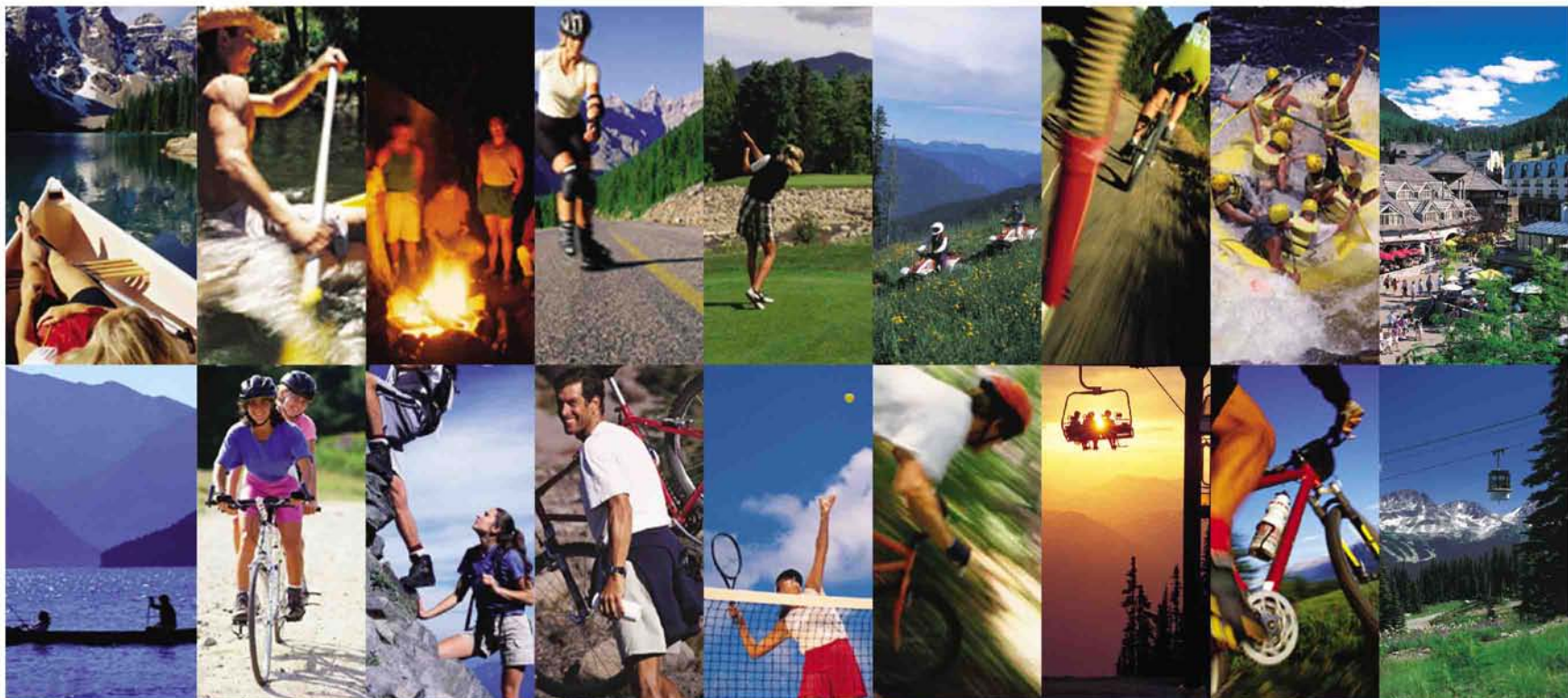
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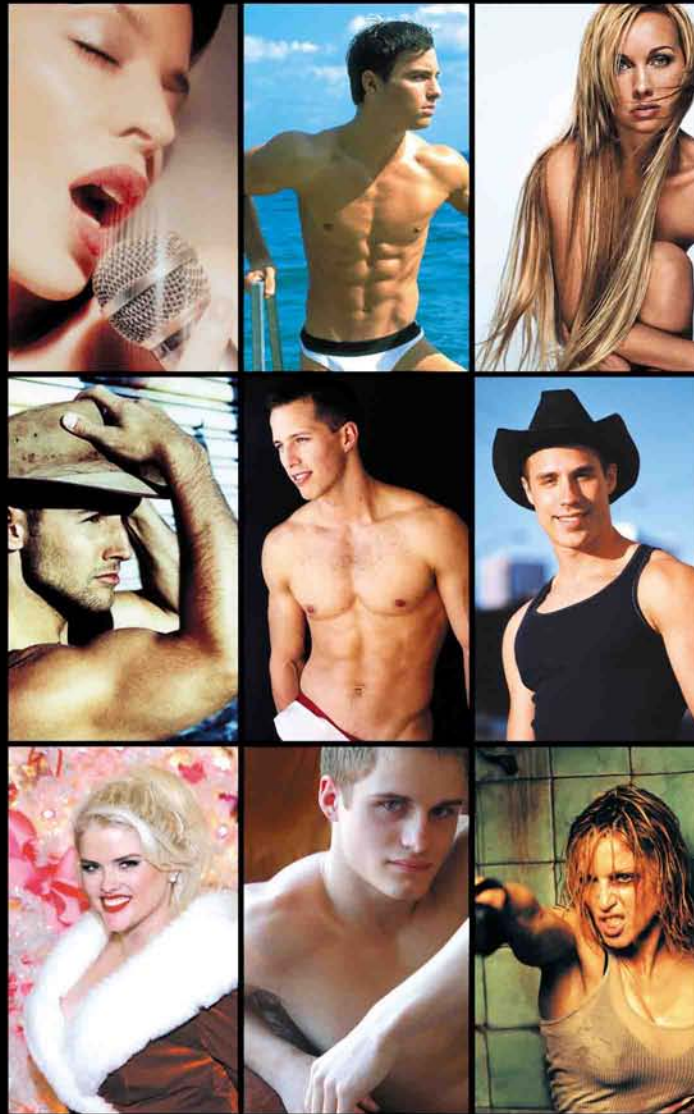
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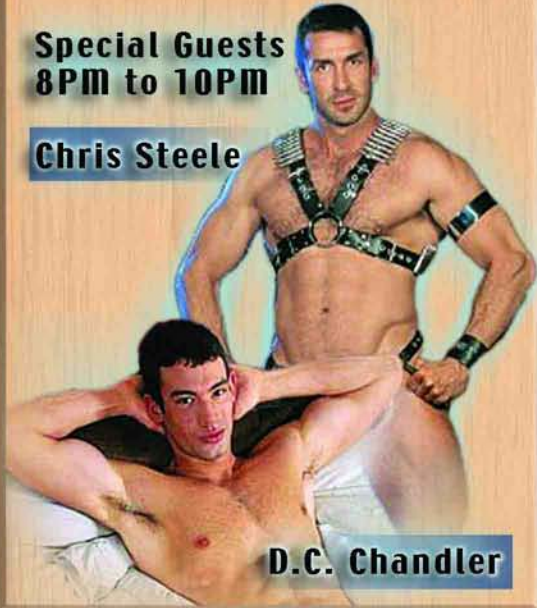
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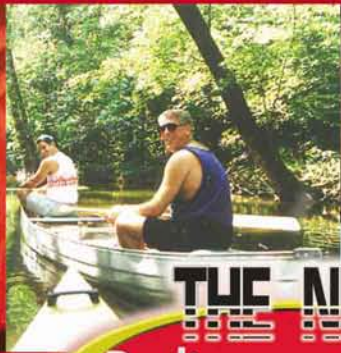
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June 7, 2003

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Gay Days Expo

Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
2 PM—8 PM, Free - Open to Public

GayDayS.com Ticket Center

Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
8 AM—8 PM

Gay Day in the Magic Kingdom

WDW Magic Kingdom, 9 AM to 10 PM

Absolut High Tide Party

Hotel Royal Plaza Poolside -
Lake Buena Vista
6 PM—9 PM, Free - Open to public

Mark Baker Presents:

Beach Ball 7

Disney's Typhoon Lagoon
Starring DJ Tracy Young
8 PM—2 AM
\$75 advance
GayDayS.com Presents

**Friday, June 6
Continued**

Where the Boyz Are!

Southern Nights - Downtown Orlando
DJ Marco, DJ Robby Clark, DJ Baby Blue

Mark Baker Presents:

Magic Journeys VI Late Nights

Arabian Nights Arena - Kissimmee
DJ Hex Hector
12 Midnight—10 AM
\$40 advance

Women's Happy Hour Reception

Embassy Suites Hotel - Lake Buena Vista
5:30 PM—7:30 PM, Free - Open to public

Tied Up at the Queen's Inn

Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Theater -
International Drive
6 PM 1st show, 9:30 PM 2nd show
\$45

Cyndi Lauper in Concert

Parliament House - Downtown Orlando
\$40 cover charge

Pandora and Alison Burgos Present:

Girls in Wonderland 3rd Annual

Gay Days Women's Dance
House of Blues - Downtown Disney
DJ Pride
9 PM—3 AM
\$20 advance \$25 door

Where the Girlz Are!

Southern Nights - Downtown Orlando
DJ Alex Lauterstein - Lesbo A Go Go

Mark Baker Presents:

Magic Journeys VI Late Nights

Arabian Nights Arena - Kissimmee
DJ Brett Henrichsen
12 Midnight—10 AM
\$40 advance

Sunday
June 8, 2003

Orlando Front Runners and Walkers

Lake Conway "Triathlon" Run, Walk, Bike,
Swim, Frolic, Warren Park - Lake Conway
11 AM

GayDayS.com Ticket Center

Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
12 PM—5 PM

T Dance

Parliament House - Downtown Orlando
Darcel & The BadPuppy.com Porn Stars
3 PM—3 AM, No cover

She Rock

Embassy Suites - Lake Buena Vista
Live music including Halcyon and Diane Ward
5 PM—10 PM

Absolut Last Gay Days Party

Full Moon Saloon - Downtown Orlando
Super Stars Chris Steele & DC Chandler
8 PM

Mark Baker Presents:

Stars Party II - Dino Stars

Universal Studios Islands of Adventure
DJ Manny Lehman
8 PM—2:30 AM
\$95 Advance

Mark Baker Presents:

Magic Journeys VI Late Nights

Arabian Nights Arena - Kissimmee
DJ Lydia Prim & DJ Roland Belmares
12 Midnight—10 AM
\$40 Advance



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Tuesday June 3, 2003

GayDayS.com Presents
Gay Days 2003 Kickoff Party
Orlando Museum of Art - Downtown Orlando
6 PM - 10 PM
\$10 advance - \$15 at door

Kickoff Cocktail Party
Cactus Club - Downtown Orlando
Guest DJ

Friday June 6, 2003

Gay Days Expo
Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
10 AM - 10 PM, Free - Open to Public

GayDayS.com Ticket Center
Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
10 AM - 10 PM

1st Annual Gay Days
Golf Tournament
Lake Buena Vista Golf Course
1 PM, \$60

GayDays.com Presents
Gay Days Welcome Bash
Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Free - Open to Public

GayDayS.com,
Pandora and Alison Burgos Present:
**Splash Dance - Gay Days
Biggest Women's Party**
Disney's Typhoon Lagoon
DJ Kim Dazy
8 PM - 2 AM, \$35 advance, \$40 door

Mark Baker Presents
**Colosseum Party V -
Circus Eroticus**
Hard Rock Live - Universal City Walk
Starring DJ Abel
8 PM - 3 AM, \$85 advance

AMBER in Concert
Parliament House - Downtown Orlando
\$30 cover charge

Wednesday June 4, 2003

Spin Wednesday
Cactus Club - Downtown Orlando
Guest DJ Baby Blue

Hedwig & The Angry Inch
Parliament House Footlight Theater
7 PM - \$20

Thursday June 5, 2003

Gay Days Expo
Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
12 PM - 9 PM, Free - Open to Public

GayDayS.com Ticket Center
Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
12 PM - 9 PM

**The Wedding of
Jason and Michael**
Hotel Royal Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
7 PM, Free - Open to Public

**Book Signing -
Queens in the Kingdom**
Virgin MegaStore - Downtown Disney
7 PM, Free - Open to Public

**Party to XS -
A New Party for Women**
(and their gay men friends!)
Club XS - Pointe Orlando
8 PM - 2 AM
\$12 advance, \$15 door

Campus Welcome Party
Southern Nights - DJ Deron Martin,
DJ Baby Blue, Locker Room



Gay Days Welcome Bash @

The Hotel Royal Plaza
GayDayS.com presents Fri., June 6, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM, Free - Open to Public, All Ages Welcome

Girls in Wonderland @

House of Blues / Downtown Disney
Pandora and Alison Burgos present
Get your groove on at the 3rd Annual Gay Days Women's Dance with circuit sensation DJ Pride, go-go dancers, spectacular lights and sound and special live performances. Sat., June 7, 9 PM-3 AM, \$20 advance \$25 door, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Kickoff Cocktail Party @

Cactus Club
2 for 1 All Night, Guest DJs. Play pool or just hang out on the patio and meet the locals.
Tues., June 3, No cover. 21 and up

Magic Journeys VI @

Arabian Nights Arena
Mark Baker Presents
The world's largest late night parties! Get ready for a new party every night! Expanded dance floor, pumped up sound system, more lights & FX. And of course, every night you'll find thousands of the hottest men you'll ever meet anywhere, partying hard! Fri: DJ Hex Hector, Sat: DJ Brett Henrichsen, Sun: DJ Lydia Prim & DJ Roland Belmares 12 Midnight-10 AM, \$40 advance, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

One Mighty Party @

Disney/MGM Studios
Jeffrey Sanker - DJ Kimberly S and Joe Gauthreaux
Now in its 7th year. Dancing, fireworks, Rockin' Roller Coaster and Tower of Terror.
Sat., Jun. 7, 10:30 PM - 2 AM, \$85 advance, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Pool Parties @ Hotel Royal Plaza, Sheraton Safari, Hyatt Orlando and Embassy Suites

Guests of these host hotels will enjoy Orlando's best fun-in-the-sun while dancing to some of America's hottest DJs. Most are reserved for hotel guests, but check with GayDayS.com or GayDayEvents.com for last-minute availability of tickets/armbands. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Free to hotel guests. All ages welcome, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Party to XS @

Club XS, Pointe Orlando
Colorful Ladies presents: A new party for women! Two rooms of dancing, drag shows, go go dances 100+ state-of-the-art games. Start your Gay Days off with the Girls! Gentlemen always welcome. Thurs., June 5, 8 PM-2 AM, \$12 advance, \$15 door, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

She Rock @

Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista
Don't let the party stop! Live music and dancing with some of Central Florida's hottest women musicians including Nemesis, Jenn Lazar and "tangled up in red," Halcyon and Diane Ward.
Sun., June 8, 5 PM-10 PM, \$10 advance, all ages welcome, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Spin Wednesday @

Cactus Club
Guest DJ Baby Blue; drink specials, pool and patio. Wed., June 4, No cover, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Splash Dance @

Typhoon Lagoon, Downtown Disney
GayDayS.com, Pandora and Alison Burgos present Gay Day's BIGGEST women's party with DJ Kim Dazy. Dance the night away and enjoy spectacular lights and sound at Disney's most spectacular water park. All water rides open, beach games, prizes, and entertainment. Fri., June 6, 8 PM-2 AM, \$35 advance, \$40 door, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Stars Party II @

Universal Orlando's Islands of Adventure
Mark Baker Presents: DJ Manny Lehman
The spectacular finale of Gay Days 2003 blasts off in Orlando's newest thrill park! Ride the hottest rides in the universe, then travel back in time as the Universal Studios back lot transforms into a primordial world where dinosaurs live again. Come face to face with 30', 40' and 50' dinosaurs. This year's Stars Party 2003 features 2 mammoth dance floors. One inside Universal's biggest sound stage-SoundStage 21 and a new outdoor dance floor. Sun., June 8, 8 PM-2:30 AM, \$95 advance, 21 and up only., proper ID required.

Tied Up at the Queen's Inn @

Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows
GayDayS.com Exclusive! Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows in Orlando is proud to present its fourth annual GayDays' mystery. A special show filled with over-the-top improvisational comedy and audience participation. Dinner and all-you-can-drink beer and wine included. Sat. June 7, 6 PM 1st show, 9:30 PM 2nd show. \$45, all ages welcome, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Triathlon Gay Days 2003 @

Warren Park, Lake Conway
Orlando Front Runners and Walkers present an afternoon of fun outdoor activities: Run, Walk, Bike; swimming, volleyball, badminton, and picnic on the shores of Lake Conway, Sun., June 8 "Race" begins sharply at 11 a.m.

The Wedding of Jason and Michael @

The Hotel Royal Plaza
A Gay Days favorite! Come join Jason and Michael on their big day as they pledge their everlasting love and devotion. Dancing and cash bar to follow. Thurs., June 5, 7 PM, No cover - All are welcome to attend.

Where the Boyz Are! @

Southern Nights
DJ Marco, DJ Robby Clark, DJ Baby Blue
Hi Octane Go-Go Godz, Fri., June 6, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Where the Girlz Are! @

Southern Nights
Lesbo a go-go presents Baby Blue's Vaudeville Vaginas. DJ Alex Lauterstein, Florida's Hottest Lesbian Go-Go Show, Sat., June 7, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Women's Happy Hour Reception @

Embassy Suites Hotel
GayDayS.com presents Sat. June 7, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM, All ages welcome, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.



2003 event guide

Events

are listed alphabetically, followed by complete details.

Many events have age restrictions, which are stringently enforced. Valid photo ID is required for most admissions. For quick reference, simply turn the page to access our Calendar of Events. (Late additions to the schedule may not appear in this guide.) Most tickets are available at the GayDayS.com Ticket Center (GDTC) located in the Hotel Royal Plaza (June 5-8). Don't stand in line at every venue. Get all your tickets with one-stop ease at GDTC, and in many cases you'll save money too! See page 38 FMI.

Advance tickets will be on sale at GDTC up until 4 hours prior to the start time of each event (pending availability) during posted GDTC operating hours. Remaining tickets (if not sold out) will go on sale at the venues.

Bar and club addresses and phone numbers are in the guide on page 36.

Absolut High Tide Party @

Hotel Royal Plaza Poolside
Come get ready for Beach Ball with the fabulous DJ Lady Bunny, surprise guests and Absolut cocktails. Charming hosts will treat guests to complimentary cocktails. Sat., June 7, 6 PM-9 PM, No cover. All ages. Must be 21 and up for alcohol, proper ID required

Absolut Last Gay Days Party @

Full Moon Saloon
Starring Super Stars Chris Steele & DC Chandler Orlando's best western-levi-leather-uniform bar hosts this no cover event. Absolut cocktail specials. Sun., June 8, 8 PM, No cover, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Allboy & Badpuppy.com Boy Search @

Parliament House
Party with Darcel & The BadPuppy.com. models. Come judge for yourself who deserves to be the next bad puppy! Sun., June 8, 3 PM-3 AM, No cover, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Amber in Concert @

Parliament House
Get your groove on as Orlando's only all-gay resort presents recording

star Amber at the pool stage. Foam party Lakeside, drink specials all night long. Fri., June 6, \$30 cover charge, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Beach Ball 7 @

Typhoon Lagoon, Downtown Disney
Mark Baker Presents: DJ Tracy Young
The coolest water theme park in the world welcomes the hottest guys on the planet! The lush paradise that envelops this unique park becomes an energetic, dynamic, and pulsating playground for six thousand swimsuit-clad revelers. Dance, slide, dive in the pool! Fri., June 6, 8 PM-2 AM, Advance tickets \$75, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Book Signing - Queens in the Kingdom @

Virgin MegaStore, Downtown Disney
Come pick up this essential guide to Disney World for gay and lesbian travelers and meet the guys who wrote the book! Thurs., June 5, 7 PM, Free of charge. All ages welcome

Campus Presents Official Welcome Party @

Southern Nights
DJ Deron Martin, DJ Baby Blue, Locker Room Go-Go Boys, Free Drinks 'til 11:30 PM. Play with Orlando's fiercest Club Kidz! Thurs., June 5, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Colosseum Party V @ Hard Rock Live Universal Orlando / CityWalk

Mark Baker Presents: DJ Abel and Circus Eroticus
Beyond belief is where this party begins! Come along as party producer extraordinaire Mark Baker takes you on an amazing voyage of stellar lights & lasers, thundering sound and out-of-this-universe live performances. Sat., June 7, 8 PM-3 AM, Advance tickets \$85, 21 and up only, proper ID required.

Cyndi Lauper in Concert @

Parliament House
Get ready to put your hands in the air! Recording artist Cyndi Lauper will be appearing in the specially built Dance Arena as Parliament House kicks its Gay Days party into high gear. Also enjoy ChiChi LaRue and friends, foam party, and fabulous DJs all night long. Sat., June 7, \$40 cover charge, 18 and up, must be 21 for alcohol, proper ID required.

Gay Day in the Magic Kingdom @ Walt Disney World

Put on that official GayDays-red tee shirt and join the more than 60,00 gays and lesbians and their supportive friends and family who annually descend upon Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom Park the first Saturday of each June. Help us make this, our 13th the year, the biggest, REDDEST ever! Sat., June 7, Normal park hours, \$53.25 (gate price, all taxes included)

Gay Days Golf Tournament

Triangle Tees, Orlando's gay & lesbian golf club, presents this first year fun golf event at the Lake Buena Vista Golf Course. Fri., June 6, 1 PM shotgun start, \$40 - advance registration required.

Gay Days/ Orlando Pride Month 2003 Kickoff Party @

Orlando Museum of Art
GayDayS.com presents: Special entertainment, dancing, museum tours, silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, community group and Pride Month info. Meet the locals! Tues., June 3, 6 PM-10 PM, \$10 advance. \$15 door (Benefits Museum and local organizations), All ages welcome

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Associate Publisher Sami Tarrab describes Instinct as "a clever mix of Maxim and Cosmo for gay men." He notes that the cornerstone of the magazine's editorial is humor. In addition to the funny, sexy, and smart features, Instinct also offers features on fashion, travel, health & fitness, auto, home, and many forms of media reviews. According to Tarrab, "Our readers enjoy Instinct and laugh from cover to cover. In a nutshell, Instinct is an overdue vacation from an otherwise politically-correct world."

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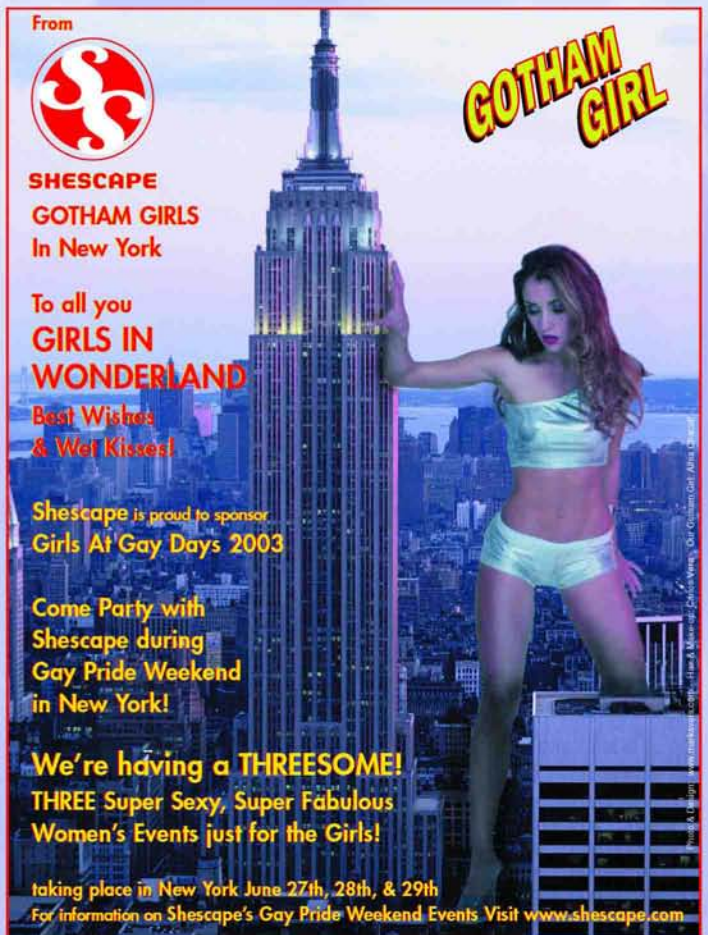
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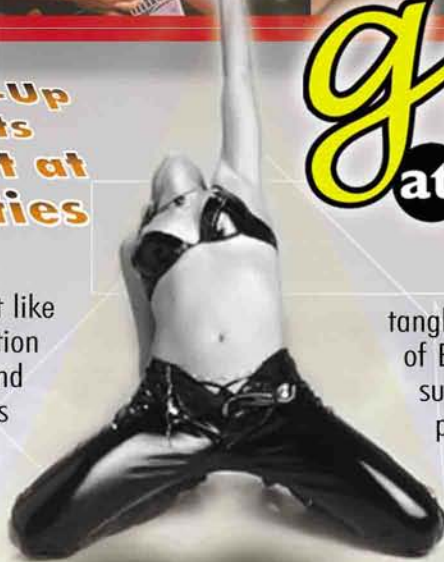
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This year's women's Host Hotel is the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista, a beautiful all-suites property that will host pool parties Saturday and Sunday and a Women's Happy Hour Saturday in its beautiful tropical atrium.

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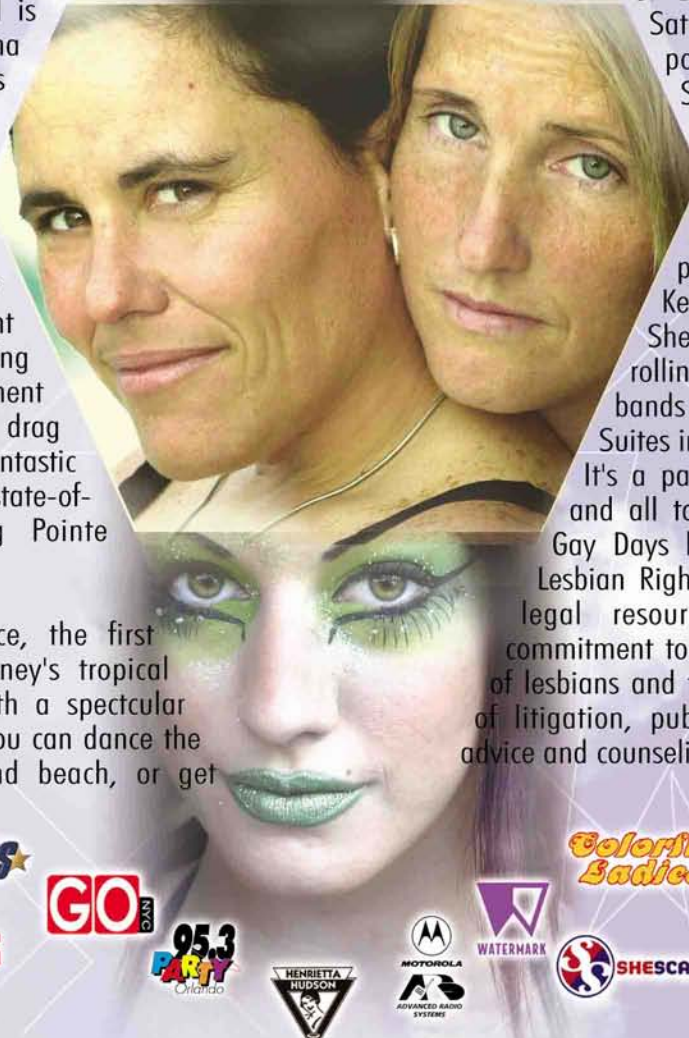


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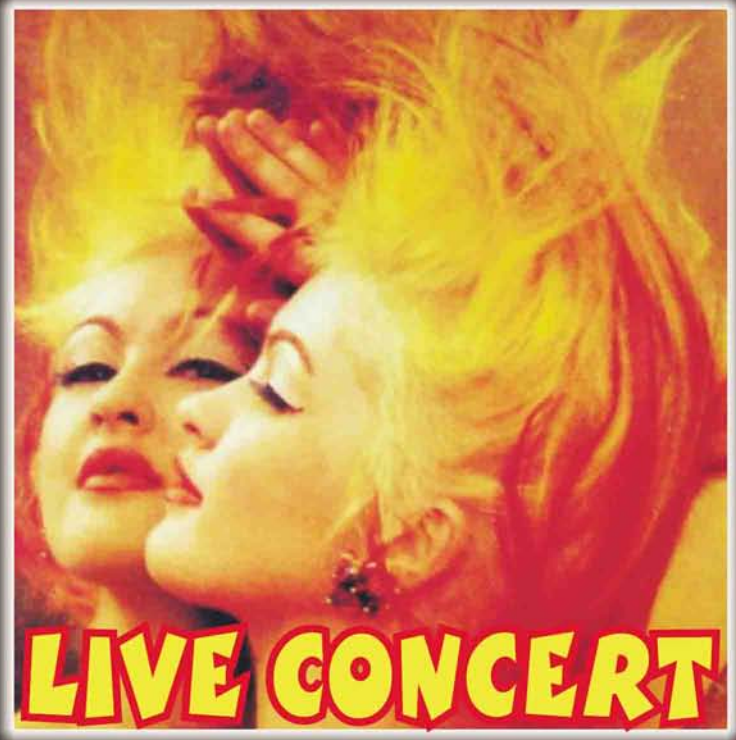
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according to Baker. Last year the highly popular after hours event moved into the main arena at the Arabian Nights facility to accommodate the swelling crowds. "Remember, Arabian Nights remains open to the general public as an equestrian attraction all during the Gay Days Weekend," says Baker. That means each night, after the last show guests leave the Arabian Nights arena, Mark Baker Productions (with some big strong men and some very busy forklift drivers) install 7,500 sq. ft. dance floor in just 2 hours. "We also disassemble it each morning and prepare to do it all again the next night," Baker recalls with a sigh.

In addition to expanding the dance floor to accommodate the growing numbers that Gay Days attracts, the nightly Magic Journeys turbo-charged dance parties are pumping up the sound system and adding more lights and special effects this year. "More of everything in 2003" is this year's prophetic slogan!

True to his reputation as a creative event producer who strives to keep the party fresh year after year, the conceptualization and creative process begins each year as soon as the last water bottles are swept out of the building. "We're creating a different party each night with some incredible music for the hottest men you'll ever meet anywhere," Baker says. For many a wee-hour warrior it is all about the music. Mark promises his roster of world class DJ's will keep you dancing until the sun comes up (and then some!)

Colosseum Party

What happens when you combine the spectacle of the "Greatest Show on Earth" with one of the with one of the most successful dance events in the Universe? Well, it's been called the best dance party EVER according to many of the 4500 plus that exit the thundering arena each year drenched in fun and the signature Mark Baker confetti. Mark just calls it "Colosseum V: Circus Eroticus."

Rarely do the perfect components come together for one night to produce the perfect party, but the lights, the sound, the production and the people consistently lift this night to a "can't-miss, beyond-belief" extravaganza. This year's 5th anniversary edition of the Colosseum Party will transform both Hard Rock Live and the adjoining Hard Rock Cafe (the world's largest) into a 3-ring circus party spectacular set to the thundering beat of the circuit's hottest music spun by DJ Abel. Also on tap is the new Hard Rock Cafe dance floor featuring an additional superstar DJ. "This is the 5th anniversary of the

Colosseum Party, and for many their fifth year experiencing the event," Baker says. "We really felt that we needed to re-invent the party this year to keep it fresh. Mark always strives to find and present bigger and better performances and he has definitely found them for this year's party. "Getting them to physically fit into the building has been the challenge!," Mark laughs. But when you expecting 6,000 people to come party at your place, you do what gotta do!

BeachBall

What has 5 million gallons of water, a world-class dance floor and 12,000 legs? It's Beachball, of course, at Walt Disney World's tropical paradise, Typhoon Lagoon. As party boys pack the beach and dance to the music of the circuit scene's hottest talent, DJ Tracy Young, others will rocket down Typhoon Lagoon's many waterslides and splash in the gigantic wave pool. "For someone from Michigan or Manhattan, this dramatic open space splashed with exuberant sprays of light and sound is like nothing they've ever experienced," notes Baker.

Once again, the planning and production required to put this party on takes all the skill and creativity the Mark Baker team can muster. "Remember, a lush tropical paradise normally doesn't come with breath-taking visual effect, night-club quality sound and a dance floor," says Baker with a smile. You can expect this year's edition of the perennial favorite to feature a few new twists as well as the usual funtastic fare of shows, slides, waves and, oh yeah — 6000 hot guys in bathing suits! Do we really need to say anything else?

Don't Miss a Minute!

If the advance sales and area hotel requests are correct, this year's Gay Day Weekend will see a substantial increase in party patrons. "People leave with a wealth of memories and smiles. You can't buy advertising like that," Baker remarked. According to the circuit party website www.thecircuitdog.com, attendance continues to rise dramatically. Says Tony Hayden, the circuitdog himself, "You've got repeat attendees each year, and all those first timers who want to experience these award winning parties for themselves."

Both BeachBall and the Colosseum party have sold out in past years, so buying advance tickets is recommended. Tickets are available at GayDayS.com and at the ticket center in the Hotel Royal Plaza.





Mark Baker

Circuit Maker

With events from Walt Disney World to Universal Studios Orlando, Orlando Gay Days is a party weekend unlike any other in the world. With its incredible range of events from theater to pool parties to world-class circuit events, Orlando Gay Days is rapidly becoming the biggest gay party weekend in the USA. As a record number of people make plans to experience Orlando's "magic" this summer, the behind-the-scenes party planning is already in full gear for the weekend's biggest entertainment party spectaculars. And none will be more spectacular than those produced by the party master himself, Mark Baker, whose stunning productions bring glamour and excitement back to the circuit.

With a background in television art direction and live show production, Baker stepped forward during the early years of Orlando's Gay Days and made his mark (pun intended!) on the scene by hosting late night parties at a small sports bar on International Drive. "The first party [at a TGIFriday's] had 600 people. I was thrilled!" Mark recalls. In fact, people were lined up all the way around the building waiting to get in both nights the party was held. That was six years ago and the venues have gotten bigger and better and a "few" more people have shown up for the now-famous Magic Journeys Late Night parties. Over 5,000 attended last year's Saturday night edition!

From Late Nights to Every Night

Encouraged by the success of his late night ventures, Mark turned to producing events in the "main party" time slot and held the first Colosseum Party at Universal's Hard Rock Live venue in 1999. Originally conceived as a closing party and held on Sunday night, Colosseum made a successful move to Friday night in 2000. Replete with high-powered DJ Abel, unforgettable laser light shows by Ross Berger, and beautifully staged production numbers, Colosseum quickly became the benchmark against which all other parties of its kind were measured. With the addition of the Sunday night Stars party in 2002 and his recent acquisition of the phenomenally popular Beach Ball party (and its move to Saturday night), Mark now has a Friday-Saturday-Sunday main event trifecta like no other in the party world.

Stars Party 2003

Moving the Colosseum party to Friday allowed Mark to bring the "best and brightest" onto the Gay Days party scene. In 2002, over 7000 party goers made their way to Universal's Island's of Adventure to ride the incredible thrill rides and dance in a real film studio sound stage. It was the most talked-about event of the weekend and a true "star was born."

The 2002 Stars party was the first time Universal Studios had ever let anyone create a private ticketed event on its property. "They were a little nervous and we had to make some decisions about the party to make them comfortable," noted Baker. "Everyone involved was totally surprised by how many people came to a first-year event," he went on. "But I'm not complaining! We are definitely ready for this year."

With Universal now urging Mark to do "whatever it takes" to make Stars the hottest ticket in town, Mark will be putting a Jurassic bite into this year's grand closing ceremony. After proving to the Universal suits that his parties are the hottest ticket in town, Mark set to work planning this year's spectacular "Dino-stars" theme. With gigantic, fully-dimensional dinosaurs in their California warehouse getting ready for shipping, a 30' smoldering volcano under construction and 100,000 square feet of "Star Drape" set to turn Sound Stage 21 into a sparkling celestial body - the 2003 edition of STARS PARTY is ready to erupt. Add a 2-story video screen, a Jurassic-size performance stage, special FX equipment capable of creating 30' high mushroom clouds of fire, two mammoth dance floors, DJ Manny Lehman and a cast of 50 performers and you'll understand the reason people look to Mark Baker for the best the party world has to offer.

"DINO-STARS will be the party spectacular that I always wanted STARS to be," says Mark about the 2003 event. With a set-up like this, it's bound to outshine anything that's ever been done here before.

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community center, Joy MCC and other groups, promoted the new event. An estimated 3000 showed up that first Saturday in June at Disney World, being affectionate, enjoying the rides, and basically being themselves. To say that it's grown into an internationally-recognized and -supported event would be an understatement: nothing we do ever stays simple, and this year we're expecting over a hundred thousand of you! The 2003 season is crammed with activities, parties, swim soirees, and more! It got so huge that, by 1999, GayDayS.com / Gay Days, Inc. had become a viable and important member of the Orlando-Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and phrases like "host hotel" and "we're glad you're here" are sprinkled throughout the literature. National and local advertisers and businesses have realized the positive economic effect of participating in the phenomenal success of Orlando's Gay Days.

Gays in Orlando Get Political

Just because we were having fun in the theme parks doesn't mean we were neglecting business closer to home. In 1998 GayOrlando.com went live to provide 24/7 news and information to locals and visitors year round. We also achieved national notoriety and the ire of various fundamentalist preachers when Watermark sponsored the flying of hundreds of rainbow flags atop downtown Orlando's lamp posts. Pat Robertson himself said we were inviting the wrath of God to fall upon our heads, but the weather stayed very nice, thank you, for all the residents of Orlando.

And we achieved a lot more: A growing chapter of Joy Metropolitan Community Church functions in Orlando. The First Unitarian Universalist Church has a large GLBT membership, and is actively supportive of issues concerning our community. We elected Patty Sheehan, our first openly-gay city councilperson, in 2000, and this year the Orlando City Council passed a law that protects gays and lesbians from discrimination in employment, housing and other public accommodations. The GLBT community was also instrumental in electing present Mayor Buddy Dyer in a special election in March of 2003, held when then-Mayor Glenda Hood left the post to take Florida's Secretary of State position. We've sponsored a number of Pride Parades and Pride Festivals over the years, sometimes succeeding against great odds.

So Orlando's gay people have always been in the news in one way or another, doggedly fighting the good fight with grace and determination - a pretty difficult thing to do when you're considered a "transient" population. But you know what? For over twenty years now, many of the same familiar faces have been seen working hard, achieving a quality style of life for the GLBT population of Central Florida and, by extension, all of its citizens.

We're Glad You're Here!

Have fun, don't get too insane-- and remember to always keep your arms and legs inside the moving vehicle at all times. Enjoy!

1997

Disney reports record breaking attendance and profits – the ongoing boycott has been ineffective.

1998

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2000

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2001

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We're glad you're here! Who would have dreamed such an event could be staged, even as recently as twenty years ago? Then again, who would have thought that online chat programs, complete with nothing-left-to-the-imagination profiles would have been possible twenty years ago? But that's neither here nor there; what's here is you, for the 13th annual celebration of the phenomenon known as Orlando Gay Days, dressed to the nines in red-shirted, smiling enthusiasm, and ready to spend some time with the friendly natives. So while you're sitting there getting oriented, indulge in a little local background...

Life Before Gay Days

Contrary to what you might have heard from your seatmate on the way here, Central Florida wasn't exactly a total backwater for GLBT people in the early 1980s, just a few short years beyond Stonewall... there weren't that many gun-toting redneck sheriffs lurking behind every speed trap sign and hibiscus bush! In fact, as early as 1981 saw the dawning of our Gay Rap Group, sponsored by our fledgling Gay Community Services. This discussion group met in various places over time, and provided gay people with a support forum. There was no gay community center yet, and literally no places in town besides the handful of bars where people could interact. I'm told that very few people actually used

their last names in rap group; some even changed them. Imagine? In those days rap was about "self-" coming out personally to families, employers, friends. A few short years later, AIDS burst upon the scene and suddenly we weren't about "self" anymore, and rap groups became a different kind of community.

Luckily, for so many people in need of support and information, we've always had men and women determined to donate their time and energy toward getting the word out. There was a newsletter for us called the Or-Lambda Sentinel, and a newspaper called New Direction, eventually called The Paper. The LCN, a grassroots lesbian group, provided the community with a forum for news and events for over 10 years. Watermark (our current GLBT newspaper) and our own talk radio show GayOrlandoTALK! on 91.5 FM were established in 1994.

By Fall of 1987, we had the first community center in Florida, complete with its own in-house newspaper, The Triangle. The GLBCC continues to provide information and support for thousands of locals and visitors each month.

Got Gay Days?

The 1990s held even more promise for us. Gay Days began unofficially in 1991 when Doug Swallow and a handful of Compu-Who bulletin board buddies with the help of the growing

1991

Saturday, June 8, Historic Beginning 3,000 red shirted gays at Disney

1992

A Day of Magic, A Night of Pleasure / Circuit Party premieres: Beach Ball, One Mighty Party

1993

Disney posts signs warning of gay presence outside gates of the Magic Kingdom / Magic Journey late nights begin at TGIFriday's / 8,000 attendees for Gay Day at Disney

1994

Gay Days attendance swells to 12,000

1995

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1995

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1996

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