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Lavender Seniors



Memorial Gathering for Jan Zobel

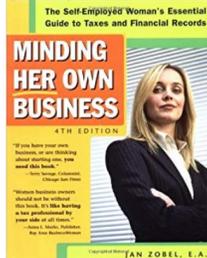
A memorial gathering for Jan Zobel – who passed away on September 18th – will be held from 4-6pm on Saturday November 10th, at Jan's Oakland home. This will be a casual open house, hosted by Jan's family who live out of town and are looking forward to meeting people who have been a part of Jan's life. Her family and friends are inviting people to stop by for a glass of wine or juice, a munchie, and to share a "Jan story". She will be missed by many.

Jan made a video last year about her life, her illness, and her thoughts about living through life's concerns. She had been struggling for quite a while with intestinal damage caused by side effects of long-ago radiation treatment for cancer. Susan Calico edited the video and will be showing it at the gathering.

Those who knew Jan are aware that she was a champion of women's and LGBT rights. She donated generously to organizations that fought for those and other progressive issues. As a successful tax preparer, she worked tirelessly with other tax professionals all over the US to ensure that same-sex domestic partners received fair tax treatment, at a time when the IRS could not explain their own complicated rules. Jan was especially interested in helping women to become self-employed, authoring the popular book Minding Her Own Business that received high reviews from nationally-respected individuals and publications.



Portrait by Sandy Morris



One of Jan's many contributions



Portrait by Sandy Morris

Those interested in attending should RSVP to Audrey's phone 503-931-3334, call or text. She will then provide the address. Please share the invitation with other people who knew Jan.

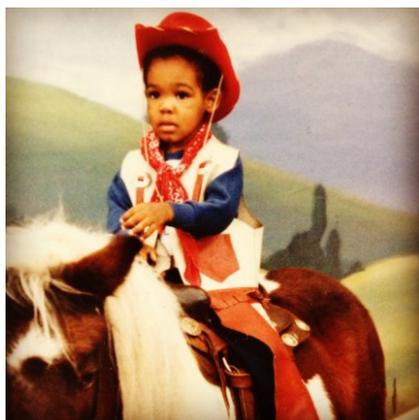
Note: Parking is a bit challenging on her street, so people should give themselves time on that count.



Kevin D. McAllister

Kevin McAllister, hired earlier this year as Executive Director of Contra Costa County's Rainbow Community Center in Concord, seems to be one of those people destined from birth to be a caregiver – and someone who cares deeply about his family, his friends and the causes he believes in.

Born in San Francisco's Presidio 37 years ago, while his father was in the military, Kevin was barely six years old when his parents' troubled marriage ended in divorce and his mother left.



Four-year-old Kevin rides his first horse



Seven-year-old Kevin poses for school photo

"My younger brother and I were basically raised by our father, who had been disabled in an accident way too early in his life," Kevin recalls. "I knew by the time I was eight or nine years old that I was responsible as a significant caretaker in my family. As the second of six children born to my Dad – and three different women – I have played that role for much of my life – both personally and professionally."

He has nothing but praise for the model his father gave him and his brother for taking care of his kids.

“My Dad ironed our clothes for us every morning, cooked dinner every night, sewed buttons on our shirts and all the rest,” Kevin says, “raising us to be everything we needed in life. Though he certainly encouraged us to have partners or soul-mates as adults, we needed to know that we could make it on our own – be self-sufficient – and see any partner as a complement to ourselves, rather than merely the ‘other half’ needed in order to be ‘whole’.

His first-born sibling – four years older – lived with her mother in Germany for the most part, though she came to the U.S. once when he was nine and once when he was a teenager.

“She and I mostly had telephone contact over the years,” Kevin recalls, “until she moved over here a few years back. We’re fairly close now. Meanwhile, my relationship with my mother – largely absent in my early childhood – has been rocky. We talk more now than we ever did, but I’ve always felt I needed to take care of HER, rather than her ever taking care of ME. In fact, many have observed that – unlike my brother – I never really NEEDED a Mom, because I had assumed so much responsibility and declared semi-independence so young.”

Though the family moved several times – from San Francisco to Oakland to Suisun, for example – Kevin and his younger brother basically grew up in Fairfield. He attended Solano Christian Academy, B. Gale Wilson Elementary School and Armijo High School there. They had three step-mothers over the years, two of which resulted in the three other siblings.

“Though four of my siblings are officially ‘half-siblings,’ Dad has always insisted we refer to each other simply as brothers and sisters,” Kevin recalls. “My step-mothers, however, mostly knew better than try to play the role as my Mother, since they, too, felt like I really didn’t need a Mom, particularly any one of them, in that role. Dad’s third wife, though, has been very supportive to me and my younger brother.”

When Kevin was 12 years old, another sister was born to his father and one of the step-mothers, changing his life considerably and, naturally, giving him another person to care about and care for. Two other siblings are 24 and 27 years younger, respectively.



Kevin – age 13 – holding his sister (cropped out)

“I spent a lot of time with my younger sister, helping her learn to read, orienting her to what she might be facing at school and trying to protect her from some of the strife that beleaguered our family in her early childhood,” Kevin remembers. “I guess you could say I was quite mature at an early age, determined to take care of others and fostering goals and ambitions that remain with me to this day.”

Kevin knew he was gay as a teenager, but never really dated (boys or girls) during those years that he spent primarily marshaling his younger brother and sister through the formative years of their lives.

“I experienced my first kiss during my senior year in high school,” Kevin remembers. “It was with a guy I’d met in an AOL chatroom. I’ve never kissed a girl – or had the desire to. Some might be embarrassed to admit it, but I was a virgin until I was 23! With that first guy, it was clear early on that – since he was older than me and still living at home with his parents – we definitely didn’t share the same goals and aspirations.”

Kevin has always presumed he would one day marry a man, live together and build a family.

“My first attempt at achieving that dream was with a 26-year-old guy I met at a club in Sacramento,” Kevin recalls. “We dated a few times and moved in together, but it only lasted about a year. Whenever we discussed dreams and goals – like ‘how do you see yourself in five years?’, it seemed to me he had no career plans or life goals. I definitely did and definitely do!”

When Kevin was a teenager, he was informally adopted by a couple who seemed to notice him walking by himself to school, spending a lot of time alone and, perhaps, needing an anchor.

“My adoptive parents were married with two kids of their own,” he recounts. “In spite of being fairly conservative politically, they were some of the first people I chose to come out to when I was 17. My adoptive father – who said

'you'll always be my son' – is one of the most beautiful and non-judgmental men I've ever known, though we've agreed never to talk about politics or religion. I've always been amazed that this white family took in a black child. Besides sharing with me their home, their time and energy over the years, they've always given me great Christmas, birthday and graduation gifts, just like the gifts they give their own kids. My adoptive mother has been my rock through a lot of personal issues, including losing 13 of my biological aunts, uncles and cousins in the last five years, many of them due to cancer."

In 2009, Kevin embarked on a relationship with his best friend, someone he had met at Pride.

"That second relationship also lasted only about a year," Kevin recalls. "Astounding as it seems to me now, he basically didn't want to be with a black man – he was getting pressure from his Sacramento friends who said things like 'why would you want to be dating a black man when you could be with ME?' Once again, I had planned my life around him, expected we'd raise children together, changed my career and even sold my house to be with him. So it was quite a shock – something that turns out to be one of the best things that ever happened to me!"

Coming out of that relationship – losing both his best friend and his lover – prompted him, for the first time in his life, to seek counseling for his feelings of abandonment and rejection. In 2013, he began a five-year relationship with a fellow AmeriCorps alumni that he met on-line.

"This Michigan-bred boy and I went to a Napa winery on our first date – it was very romantic," Kevin recalls. "We moved in together in Sacramento and both still live in Sacramento. Since I tend to work 80-90 hours a week, we began drifting apart. So we've just recently accepted that our life schedules are quite different and that we want different things out of a relationship. My career AND my relationship must have equal weight in my life – and, hopefully, my future husband will feel the same way about HIS life!"

Kevin did his undergraduate work in Liberal Studies at Sacramento State, after which he did graduate work in Organizational Leadership at National University in La Jolla. He has spent a lot of his career so far working with and on behalf of homeless youth. While at Solano College, he ran the AmeriCorps program. He worked with foster youth through Stanford Youth Solutions in Sacramento; then worked with Beyond Emancipation in Oakland. He has been very active in the California Coalition for Youth as an advocate, promoting systems change.



Two sides of Kevin at age 28: grabbing a bite to eat; and with others (center) also focused on work with homeless youth

"I saw working at Rainbow Community Center as a great opportunity to begin working directly with the LGBTQ community and our allies," Kevin says. "In

fact, we have just received a one-year \$360,000 grant from the California Office of Emergency Services – it just became effective October 1st – to begin working with homeless LGBTQ youth in Contra Costa County. We will be offering legal support, advocacy, counseling services, case management, transportation, funds for emergency food/clothing/shelter and other needs of homeless youth.”

One of the first things that RCC will need to do is hire a property manager liaison to work with landlords, homeowners and other agencies in trying to tackle the youth homelessness problem.

“We will continue to serve LGBTQ residents of all ages, of course,” Kevin quickly interjects, “but the time has come to include a focus on homeless LGBTQ youth. We need to support them, as well, to help carry on the work that our LGBTQ elders have done to pave the way for the future.”

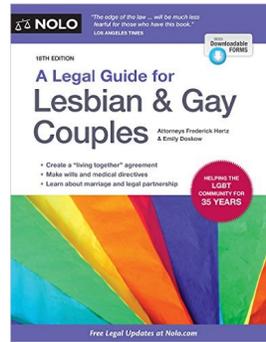
Besides his career focus, Kevin particularly enjoys kayaking and archery and jaunts up to the Russian River with family and friends.



Kevin is prepared to take on LGBTQ youth homelessness in his role as ED at RCC

“What I’m most proud of in my life so far, I guess, is that I helped raise my siblings, who are the most incredible human beings on the planet,” Kevin says. “My brother is super-successful in the Bay area and my sister has just begun work in Public Management at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. In fact, one of the most precious things anybody has ever said to or about me was in an e-mail I received from her recently. She said ‘being raised by a black gay man has made me the strongest form of woman I could ever wish to be.’ You can imagine I had tears in my eyes when I read that! She is an important inspiration for me in carrying on with the work I feel I need to do.”

Thank you, Kevin, for sharing a bit of your life with us. Best of luck in the amazing work you’ll continue doing at Rainbow Community Center and out in the world!



BOOK REVIEW

A Legal Guide For Lesbian & Gay Couples

By Emily Doskow and Frederick Hertz

In this 19th edition, only the United States is covered. The first edition was published 35 years ago.

The legal guide offers views of the family, marriage, domestic partners, money, insurance, immigration and foreign partners.

There is a useful section on estate planning, medical issues, and a sample will; a chapter on buying a home and how to deal with divorce. Legal forms are included and a listing of gay organizations.

This is a highly useful guide for the lesbian and gay community.

-Frank Howell



Lavender Seniors Group Returns from LGBTQ "Oklahoma"

Fourteen intrepid travelers from Lavender Seniors trekked up to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR, the first week in October to attend a production of the world's first all-LGBTQ version of Rodgers & Hammerstein's well-known musical "Oklahoma". Many of the group stayed on to see "Manhatta" and "Othello", as well. It took between five and six hours to drive the 300+ miles between the Bay Area and Ashland, depending on the driver(s).



As fate would have it, 28th September through 1st October had been designated as the Third Annual "OSF-Out Weekend", meaning that the Lavender Seniors were treated to an additional "gay-play-in-progress" at the Black Swan Theater their first day in town. Called "I Definitely Need Therapy", this production was written and directed by Jordan Barbour, one of the lead (out gay) actors in "Oklahoma", a fortuitous introduction to OSF.

After that night's lengthy standing ovation following this production of "Oklahoma", there was a "toast" to LGBTQ theater in the lobby of the Angus Bowmer Theater. Some of the Lavender Seniors troop were introduced that night to Bill Rauch (out gay artistic director whose brainchild it was to mount this production) and his husband of 35+ years, Christopher Liam Moore (they met when they were at Harvard as undergraduates and raised their two children in Ashland).

For those who remember the double-Academy-Award-winning 1955 film version of "Oklahoma" (Curly and Laurey characters were played by Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones), this 2018 production featured a mixed-race lesbian couple as Curly and Laurey. The second-lead couple of the film (and most other productions) included Will and Ado Annie (played in 1955 by Gene Nelson and Gloria Grahame), who were played by a mixed-race gay male couple as Will and Ado Andy (the only gender-change necessary in this production, along with a few pronouns). The actor so deftly playing Will turned out to be the same Jordan Barbour who wrote, produced, directed and acted in the play seen earlier in the day at the Black Swan Theater.

The next morning at 10am, the Lavender Seniors had a private meeting with two of the lead actors from the previous night's performance: Royer Bockus (who played Laurey) and Jordan Barbour (who played Will). It was hoped that Canadian actor, Bobbi Charlton (who is a trans-woman playing "Aunt Eller") would join us, as well, but she wasn't able to make it.



"Out" actors who played Will and Laurey: 2nd and 3rd from left in front row.

The following day, the remaining Lavender Seniors participants had another treat, having about 40 minutes with the artistic director, Bill Rauch, who talked about the 25-year path to getting this production mounted, among other things. He and his husband, Chris, will be leaving for New York next year, where Bill will assume his post as first artistic director of the Perelman Center for the Arts being developed at the World Trade Center.



Bill Rauch (2nd from left in front row) is departing Ashland next year after 14 years there.

OSF has just announced the 2019 season. Among possibilities being considered by Lavender Seniors for a repeat trip next year – perhaps an annual event during OSF-Out Weekend:

- "Hairspray", the Broadway musical (being directed by Bill Rauch's husband, Chris)
- "How to Catch Creation," a play "through the eyes of a black, queer feminist writer whose life is changed in the 1960s when her girlfriend gives her unexpected news".
- "Mother Road," a 21st century epic tale (being directed by Bill Rauch)
- Shakespeare classics "As You Like It," "Macbeth" or "All's Well that Ends Well"

Anybody interesting in joining the group next year (OSF-Out Weekend dates not decided yet) can check out the entire 2019 season at

<https://www.osfashland.org/en/on-stage/2019.aspx>

CONNECTIONS



Have you moved out of the area, do you want to get in contact with other Lavender Seniors near you or someone you have lost contact with? [Email us](#) and we will try to help out. No information will be shared without your specific permission.

LAVENDER SENIORS FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM HAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

Volunteers with the Lavender Seniors Friendly Visitor program are background checked, interviewed and trained, after which they are matched with a senior to visit regularly, usually for a couple hours each week. Visitors can share stories, chat about

mutual interests and current events, and if both are willing and able, volunteers can take their seniors out for a walk in the park, a bite to eat, a cup of coffee, shopping or maybe a movie or a trip to the museum.

We ask volunteers to make a commitment of at least six months.

If you are in need of a Friendly Visitor, we can help with that too!

Please contact karen@lavenderseniors.org and we will be in touch with you soon. Thank You!



Second Saturday Rainbow Lunch November 10, Noon-2:00 pm

All Saints Episcopal Church
911 Dowling Blvd, San Leandro

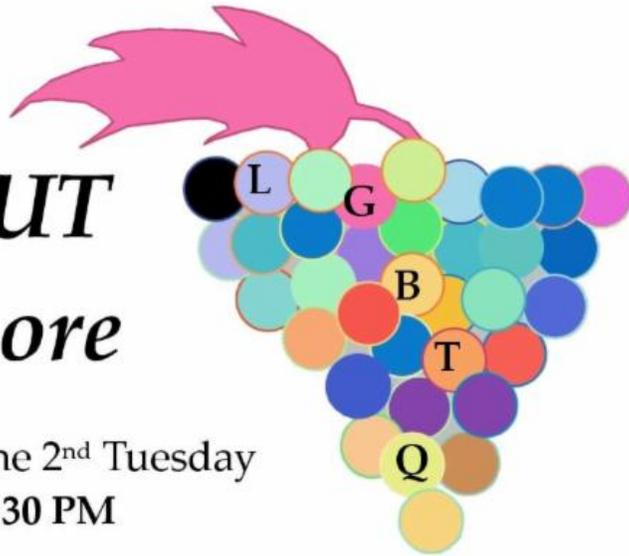
Program: Transgender Panel

A panel of transgendered individuals will discuss their stories, the various "new terminology" preferred by the community, as well as the current moves at the national level to make the community invisible again.

A catered buffet luncheon will begin at noon, followed by announcements and the program at approximately 1:00. Feel free to bring a potluck dish to share if you wish.

New LGBTQ Group in Livermore! November 13th

Living OUT in Livermore



Once a month on the 2nd Tuesday
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Robert Livermore Community Center
Senior Services
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

Living OUT in Livermore is a safe and confidential peer support group for LGBTQ seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information and to support one another.

It is a drop-in peer group, facilitated by trained peers.

For more info contact Anne at 510-548-8283 ext 126 or anne@pacificcenter.org



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November Date Change!

Freeheld

Based on a true story of lesbian love dealing with systemic injustice, this 2015 film followed up on an Academy-Award-winning 2007 short film of the same name. Julianne Moore – five-time Academy Award nominee and 2015 Oscar-winner as Best Actress in “Still Alice” – stars as a decorated New Jersey police detective, who wishes to leave her pension benefits to her domestic partner, played brilliantly by out lesbian actor, Ellen Page.



Diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2005, Ocean County, NJ, Detective Laurel Hester wished to leave her pension benefits to her domestic partner, Stacie Andree. Denied by local county officials, Laurel received help from hard-nosed colleague Dane Wells (Michael Shannon) and activist Steven Goldstein (Steve Carell), who united to rally fellow police officers and ordinary citizens to support the couple's fight for equality.

As the short film was being adapted for a full-length (103 minutes) feature film, Ellen Page had already agreed to star as Andree; she stated in 2014 that she had been involved in the project's development for almost six years. She first became involved after two of the film's producers sent her a copy of the earlier documentary and asked if she was interested in starring in an adaptation, an offer which she accepted "right away". Julianne Moore was cast as Hester in February 2014. Zach Galifianakis was originally cast as Goldstein, founder and then-Chair of Garden State Equality, though he was later replaced by Steve Carell.



Laurel Hester and Stacie Andree, as depicted on the beach



Julianne Moore, Ellen Page and Steve Carell at a film festival

It must be remembered that this film was shot the year before the landmark 26th June 2015 Supreme Court decision (Obergefell v. Hodges) legalizing same-sex marriage. The film was released less than two months later. It clearly documents one of the many steps it has taken over the last few generations to raise public consciousness around the country to a point that

same-sex marriage could actually be instituted in 2015. Many of us LGBTQ seniors suffered from personal, political and professional battles like Hester-Andree's over the years.

It is an important part of our history to keep cognizant of where we've been, where we are and where we are going, particularly in an era where there is a resurgence of anti-gay rhetoric, repressive legislation making it through state legislatures and Congress, in addition to increases in violence toward LGBTQ individuals and groups. As many may recall, for example, the Pacific Center in Berkeley and the Rainbow Community Center in Concord have been vandalized again in the last two years, after a relatively peaceful decade from 2007-2017.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, 22nd November, the Lavender Seniors film series – usually held the Third Wednesday of every month – is scheduled for the **SECOND WEDNESDAY, 14th November, 1-3pm**, instead. The film will be shown in the fully-accessible Carnegie Lecture Hall at the San Leandro Public Library, 300 Estudillo. Following the showing, there will be a brief evaluation and discussion of the film.

The library has been experiencing some problems with its aging projector in the Lecture Hall, so Lavender Seniors has arranged with them to show the film with a laptop and an alternative projector until the City of San Leandro authorizes a replacement of the room's built-in projector.

Attendees are reminded that the theater is frequently chilly – even in the summer – so that a sweater or light jacket is recommended. Library staff report that temperature is controlled automatically and cannot be altered for any one room in the facility.

The library can be reached via BART (five blocks above the San Leandro station), AC-Transit (two blocks above the E. 14th and Estudillo bus-stop), Bancroft Avenue, Highways 580 or 880. Ample two- and three-hour parking is available.

New LGBTQ Group in Dublin! November 15th

Tri-Valley Rainbows



Once a month
on the 3rd Thursday
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
at
City of Dublin
Senior Center
7600 Amador Valley
Blvd., Dublin CA 94568

Tri-Valley Rainbows is a safe & confidential peer support group for LGBTQ older adults age 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information & to support one another. It is a drop-in peer group, facilitated by trained peers.

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"Happy Hour"

[Mothertongue Feminist Readers Theater
Style!]

It has become a November tradition for a few members of the Mothertongue Feminist Readers Theater – a women’s collective 40+ years old – to present from their works of many moods and colors, covering the full range of issues relevant to the LGBTQ community. Last November, their presentation at the Third Friday Lunch Bunch was a tribute to their recently-lost comrade, Ruth Michaels, who had passed away earlier last year. Many of Ruth’s family came from around the country to experience that tribute to their loved one.

This year, the group will focus on “Happy Hour” (not the one that might’ve been held at Peg’s Place, the Black Cat, the White Horse or the Wild Side West), but meaning a focus on the joys of being LGBTQ in an era that has become quite dark politically across the nation.

“As the holidays approach – this Lunch Bunch will be just six days before Thanksgiving – the works we present will focus only on our pleasant memories, funny stories and happier endings,” said Ruth Hurvitz, a long-time Mothertongue member. “If time permits, we hope that some of the other people attending will share what makes them happy that day, as well – what kinds of things are WE thankful for, even in these less-than-auspicious times.”

For those who might be interested, many of the collective’s scripts, historical photos and other artifacts over the years are in a collection at the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Historical Society via the California Digital Library. (See <https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt9p3029dn/> for more information.)

November’s Third Friday Lunch Bunch – co-sponsored by the City of Oakland and Lavender Seniors – is held on Friday, the 16th of November, from 12 noon until 2pm. A nutritious buffet lunch (including vegetarian options) is served promptly at noon. Mothertongue’s presentation will begin after announcements at about 12:45 or 12:50, leaving plenty of time for Q&A and any audience “Happy Hour” contributions afterward.

The North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 MLK Jr Drive (at 58th Street) continues providing the meeting facilities. Ample parking and entrance are at the rear of the building off 58th Street.

Requiem Mass: A Divine Queer Rite

November 16-17, 2018

7:30 pm



This San Francisco premiere of a monumental original choral work by renowned singer/composer Holcombe Waller invokes remembrance and peace for the dead who suffered persecution for their sexual orientation or gender expression.

Presented in partnership with Yerba Buena Center for the Arts.

Location

Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St, San Francisco, CA
Performance is 70 minutes – no intermission

Tickets (20% off for YBCA members)

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Community Phone Calls

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LGBTQ Chat 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

This group is open to all LGBTQ seniors and is an opportunity to connect with others socially in a supportive environment where participants can share individual and collective experiences. We will create an inclusive place to share our stories with each other and build a sense of community. Facilitated by Sylvia Vargas, Openhouse Friendly Visitor Manager

Where Were You When? Saturdays, 12:00pm - 12:45pm

Where were you when you were 50 years old? Or 10? Do you remember where were you on Christmas Eve in 1960 or the summer just before you started high school?

Join us to discuss these memories of our lives back when. Facilitated by Janice Rooker

Conversation About Elder Bullying Wednesdays, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Building upon the work of last session's Deliberative Conversations group, this work group will continue gathering concerns about elder bullying, researching current literature and anti-bullying programs, and discussing possible solutions. At the end of this session, we hope to have written a guide that will describe the issue and possible solutions. This guide will be used in the Winter 2019 session to moderate conversations around elder bullying. facilitated by Lynn Parrish and Katie Wade, associate director of Well Connected and Social Call

View the Current catalog of community phone calls [here](#). Check the [website](#) for more information. To participate in these or other Well Connected telephone activities, or to learn more about their programs, call 877-797-7299 or email coviaconnections@covia.org.



LGBT Online Support Group for Caregivers

If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender and caring for someone with ongoing health problems...[you are not alone!](#)

Family Caregiver Alliance's online LGBT Caring Community Support Group connects you with others facing the day-to-day challenges of caregiving. If you're assisting someone with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's, traumatic brain injury, or other chronic health problems, you can get support from the convenience of your home.

Share experiences, resources, and ideas in a supportive, caring environment. Available 24 hours a day, all you need is e-mail, and it's free!

Visit [LGBT Caring Community Online Support Group](#).



**Oakland
Gay Men's
Chorus**



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Chorus

Dr. William Sauerland
Artistic Director

'Tis the Season for Singing



Saturday, Dec. 8 • 7:30pm
Lakeshore Ave. Baptist Church, Oakland

Sunday, Dec. 9 • 4:00pm
Arlington Community Church, Kensington

Saturday, Dec. 15 • 7:30pm
Lafayette Christian Church, Lafayette

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'Tis the Season for Singing

Help us celebrate the launch of our 20th anniversary season this December!

Whether you are a lover of wintertime or a Scrooge, this concert will warm your heart and fill you with the spirit of the season.

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Saturday, Dec. 8 - 7:30pm

Lakeshore Ave. Baptist Church, 3534 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

Sunday, Dec. 9 - 4:00pm

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington CA, 94707

Saturday, Dec. 15 - 7:30pm

Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Out Standing Seniors - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 6 & 20 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Hayward Senior Center, 22325 N. Third Street, Hayward

A safe and confidential space for LGBTQ seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support. FREE, though donations are welcome.

Queerly Aging Lesbians

Nov 1 & 15, 1:30 p.m. (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Avenue (at Derby), Berkeley

Find support and like-minded wonderful people!

Older & Out Therapy Group - Berkeley - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 2, 9, 16, 30 3:15 p.m. (Fridays) **No meeting Thanksgiving Week**

North Berkeley Senior Center, 901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley

Free drop-in therapy group for LGBTQ community members age 60+

Older & Out Therapy Group - Oakland - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 2, 9, 16, 30 2:15 p.m. (Fridays) **No meeting Thanksgiving Week**

Oakland LGBTQ Community Center, 3207 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland

Free drop-in therapy group for LGBTQ community members age 60+

Older & Out Therapy Group - Hayward - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 5, 19, 26 1:15 p.m. (Mondays) **No meeting the day after Veteran's Day**

Hayward Senior Center, 22325 N. Third Street, Hayward

Free drop-in therapy group for LGBTQ community members age 60+

Rainbow Seniors - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 13 & 27, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 E 14th St, San Leandro

A safe and confidential space for LGBTQ seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support. FREE, though donations are welcome.

Living OUT in Livermore - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 13, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. (2nd Tuesdays)

Robert Livermore Community Center Senior Services, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore 94550

A safe and confidential space for LGBTQ seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support. FREE, though donations are welcome.

Lavender Seniors Board Meeting

Nov 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (2nd Wednesday)

675 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland

A portion of this meeting is open to the public.

Senior Gay Men's Group

Nov 8 1:30 p.m. (2nd and 4th Thurs) **No meeting Thanksgiving Week**

The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley

Co-sponsor: The Pacific Center, 510-548-8283

Feel alone? Need to find space to be yourself and chat with others?

Join us!

Lavender Seniors Second Saturday Rainbow Lunch

Nov 10, noon - 2:00 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro

This month's program: "Transgender Panel" (see info above)

Lavender Seniors LGBTQ Film Series

Nov 14, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **(2nd Wednesday...this month only)**

San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo, San Leandro

This month's movie: "Freeheld" (see info above)

Island Pride Peer Support Group - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 14 & 28, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesday)

Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda

A Peer Support Group is a safe & confidential space for LGBT Seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information & to support one another.

Tri-Valley Rainbows - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Nov 15, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (3rd Thursday)

City of Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin 94568

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Oakland Third Friday Lunch Bunch

Sponsored by City of Oakland Aging/Adult Services & Lavender Seniors of the East Bay

Nov 16, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland

This month's program: "Mothertongue" (see info above)

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