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STORIES OF OUR LIVES

Lucy Jane Bledsoe: Liberating Truth



Lucy Jane Bledsoe - 2023

How do we find the courage to share our honest lived experience with others? This drive is at the heart of Lucy Bledsoe's career as an award-winning, riveting author, infusing her novels and non-fiction with power.

Lucy was born in 1957, the fourth of five children raised in Portland, Oregon. She enjoyed being part of a big family yet recalls that "I always told my mom I was never going to get married or have kids. There were just too many other interesting things I could do instead." She loved being mothered by her older sister and having big brothers who coached her in playing great basketball. Theirs was a family of avid readers who loved being active.

"I had a pretty free and independent childhood, could do just about whatever I wanted," Lucy recalls. "We didn't watch TV in our house, but we'd read together at night. I loved that; I wasn't into pop culture like the older ones. We were a very athletic family. Summers we'd go camping or be at the ball field watching my brothers play, winters we'd be watching

their basketball games. I really loved camping; it was so wonderful to be out in nature. I was the one always wandering off and getting lost."

The family attended church, but they weren't religious.

"My dad had been born into a religious family in Arkansas," she says, "but after he married Mom that was pretty much over."



Lucy, 11, picking strawberries



Lucy going to L.A. to visit her sister, sporting a new bohemian look

Lucy describes herself while growing up as "this little baby lesbian without a clue." Her keynote address for the 2003 Lambda Literary Festival, **"Keep Writing No Matter What,"*** describes with wit and verve her youthful misadventures – 5-year-old explorations with the girl next door, and nights spent literally hiding in her freshman girlfriend's dorm room closet when boys would stop by.

She got an amazing feminist wakeup call at age 16.

"In about 1974, I was chosen as a youth representative when Gloria Steinem came to Portland to hold an open discussion. It made me very angry about the injustice of it all, how the press covered it. This is an actual quote from a newspaper about the event – 'The audience had the usual lunatics, bra burners and lesbians'."

"I was there; I knew that wasn't true. There were three thousand people in the auditorium. And their (the press) remarks about Gloria were so vicious. She wasn't like that – she was rational, and funny, and always kind. This was the biggest lesson of my life so far – how hard we have to fight for the simplest change."

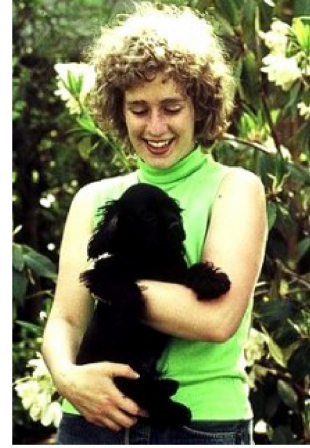
This was galvanizing for Lucy, the impetus for new activism. "It was such an eye-opening experience for me. Here I learned that it was against the law (Title IX, passed in 1972) for my high school not to have a girls' basketball team when they had a boys' team. I was all ready to help my high school comply – I was naïve, figured they must not know about the law, so I'd tell them.

"Some women came up to me after the meeting and said they really appreciated what I had said, and they wanted to help. They shepherded me through that process; they were the brains. I went to the school board and spoke about it. Sure, the school board knew. They didn't *want* to comply. One of the boys' team coaches threw me up against the lockers after that and threatened that if I didn't stop talking about it, I'd be sorry. That's very scary to a teenager."

After her appearance at the school board, "One coach

told the boys I was a lesbian and that they should 'spread the word.' I had a friend on the team who told me about it. At that point, I didn't know myself that I wasn't straight."

In her exciting autobiographical novel (2022) *No Stopping Us Now*, Lucy recounts the story of those two intense years as her activism propelled the school finally to comply. She then joined her high school's first girls' basketball team, which won the Oregon State Championship in 1975. It's a thrilling, empowering read for teens and adults.



Lucy, 14, with her dog William

Lucy attended Williams College in Massachusetts for two years, then returned west, finishing her B.A. at U.C. Berkeley in 1979.

Her first year at college, she finally understood more about how her life would unfold.



Lucy, 18, with her first girlfriend, Robin, in NYC

"I was at college, 18, and I fell in love. I was kind of panicking, confused, and I called my older sister and said, 'I don't know what's happening!' She just said, matter of fact, 'Lucy, you're a lesbian.' She has always been so supportive of me, though we are completely different. I came out to my parents not long after. Mom was upset, but Dad was amazingly cool. I said I didn't know what might happen when I got old, and he just said, 'Don't worry about it, you'll find community.'"

She recalls with great admiration how her current partner, Pat Mullan, had marvelous parental support.

"Pat's parents – they were so fabulous," she recalls. "When she came out to them, she was 33. They felt like they had to choose between their daughter and the Catholic Church. And they chose her!"

Lucy met Pat Mullan, music librarian at Berkeley Main Library (see November 2023 profile), 40 years ago February. "We had friends in common, and we were going to a lot of the same activities – anti-nuke protests, book groups."



1987, Pat and Lucy enjoying the Arkansas woods

They started dating and have been together ever since. They are doing quite a bit of celebratory travelling, which included a 100-mile hike on Ireland's Dingle Peninsula in nine days. They're also going to Oregon, Botswana and Italy. Between Pat's many music gigs playing with Melba's Kitchen and Lucy's book tour and reading appearances, they both get alone time, and that enlivens the time they have together.

Professionally, Lucy had no doubts about what she wanted:

"From the time I was 5 or 6, I knew I wanted to be a writer," she says. "From my parents, there was no support around my choice of a profession. They didn't want me to be a writer. I don't really know why. I do get the sense that they were uncomfortable with the lesbian content in my novels. They liked the children's books I wrote. My dad especially liked the children's book I wrote about how to survive in Antarctica.

"It was hard on my mom not to have a career; I think she would've liked to be a writer. After the kids were raised, she did some writing for Oregon magazines. I'm very glad for her."

Lucy started out writing textbooks in many subjects, as well as high interest/low reading level curricula enabling special education students to learn the same subject content as their age peers in regular classes. She moved on to freelance in science education writing: "It paid the bills and was a good job. I really enjoyed researching the different subjects."



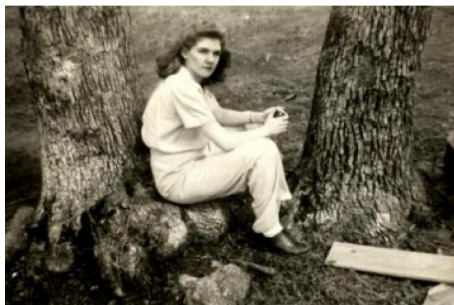
***Lucy speaking at
a recent book fair***

One of her favorite jobs was working with adult new readers. "I really loved teaching creative writing for new adult readers at literacy programs based in libraries. I found the students were so interested in writing, very engaged." In her 1997 novel, *Working Parts*, Lucy gives this experience vibrance and immediacy.

From 1997 to 2003, she also taught creative writing in the Masters of Creative Writing Graduate Program at the University of San Francisco.

Lucy's books are fascinating, and she was asked how she works.

"I'm very organized in most of my life, but I'm not an organized writer," she says. "Usually, I need to have an idea or a deep feeling that I want to explore. If it's upsetting, such as rage at the extreme religious right wing, I find a way to flip it, like I did in [Tell the Rest](#) (2023), about the heinous practices trying to coerce queer kids into being straight. Once I have the idea, and let the characters speak for themselves, it takes off on its own. I can't plan it out in advance. I write best when I'm in movement – walking, riding my bike – so I carry a note pad to write things down."



Lucybelle Bledsoe

One of Lucy's most incredible books is *A Thin Bright Line*, her 2016 novel imaginatively exploring the life of her unmarried aunt, Lucybelle Bledsoe, a science writer and editor during the 1950s for classified government projects. To read more about Lucy's process, see her article [Reclaiming Queer Lives from History](#).

Lucy had frequently wondered about her aunt, who died when Lucy was a child. She was talking with a friend about it

one day, and her friend said, "Why not Google her?" Without the Internet and much thoughtful persistence, this is one book Lucy could never have written.

"What always breaks my heart when I think about that book," Lucy says, "is that if I had just started the research a decade earlier, I could have met my aunt's partner – she was living in Monterey, and I was in Berkeley."

"I wanted to describe Lucybelle and know that she had a full life, that she was loved. My aunt's long-time co-workers gave me a good picture of who she was, but when I first called from California, they wouldn't open up. It was when I went to visit them on the East Coast that they finally trusted me enough to share more.

"I was trying to capture the emotional truth of what happened, and most of the dialogue was mine. Although I only invented about 10% of the book, I felt obligated to call it fiction. It's very surprising to me that other writers who invent a much greater percentage of a work will call it memoir or non-fiction.

"Editors would tell me I should have my aunt travel to Camp Century (the classified Arctic field station), but I couldn't depart from the facts I actually had – that would never have happened back then, for a woman to go on that kind of a scientific journey."



**Lucy on Petermann Island,
Antarctica**

In the early 2000s, Lucy received several grants to research and write in [Antarctica](#)*, living and working at McMurdo Station, Palmer Station, and Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station as well as in Transantarctic mountain field camps. She studied penguins, seals, global warming, and the Big Bang while there.

"I'm an explorer, I love camping, especially Alpine country. Traveling opens the mind, I learn so much. For example, in Ireland, people lead with kindness. That doesn't happen so much here. It was wonderful to experience that difference."

What other interests does Lucy pursue?

"I love going places with friends. I hike in the East Bay hills a lot. I have three cats who make me laugh every day. I'm always reading. I really love spending time with my nieces and nephews."

She's very concerned about free speech and preserving democracy, so she's working with [Vote Forward](#).

"I volunteer 3 days/week on the Vote Forward help desk team," she says. "It's wonderful to have something where I feel deeply that what I'm doing can make a difference in our world. We're trying to get under-represented voters to the polls in the United States. I really believe in this organization's mission, so I'm glad to do it."

Like most writers, she's mulling over future projects.

"I have a couple I'm working on, but it's hard to talk about, because they

aren't clear in my mind yet. I find myself, now that I'm in the last third of my life, being much more interested in intergenerational conversations, so I know there will be something around that."

The East Bay and the greater queer community are indeed fortunate to have Lucy's compelling voice illuminating the experiences we've struggled through, our times, and the loves that have made us who we are. Take a look at her newest novel *[Tell the Rest](#)* for a fast-moving, gripping story that inspires with each person's resilience and toughness. For her other titles, full list [here](#), the public library can help you get them. May her clarity give each of us the courage to share our lives honestly with others. Enjoy!

*Note: These articles are available through your public library. This writer accessed them through Oakland's and Berkeley's library online databases. When you click on the links below, it will ask for your OPL library card number.

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Profile written by **Jamie McGrath**

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.

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

Please contact us at jessie@oaklandlgbtqcenter.org and we will be in touch with you soon. Thank You!

Archiving/Celebrating Lavender Seniors History

As Lavender Seniors continues its 29th year of service to the LGBTQ senior community of the East Bay, plans are underway for the "Pearl" celebration of the organizations's 30th anniversary year in November 2024. Anyone interested in helping put such a celebration together is encouraged to contact JohnDavid@LavenderSeniors.org.

Meanwhile, in keeping with addition of the "Twenty Years Ago" feature that takes a small look at Lavender Seniors' 30-year history, we have included below a link to the December 2003 newsletter, so people can see the politics, the humor and the pioneering events happening already two decades ago. Each month from now on, we will attach the "20 Years Ago" issue of *Lavender Notes*.

Meanwhile, some stalwart Lavender Seniors volunteers have begun the process of scanning, naming, filing and archiving available newsletters from the past. Those completed to date appear already on the website: <https://lavenderseniors.org/newsletter/>. On that site, you can click on any year, then each month, to access those available to date. (All volunteers interested in helping with this somewhat tedious task should contact JohnDavid@LavenderSeniors.org!)

Unfortunately, there are a number of missing *Lavender Notes* issues; for example, five months' issues in 2001 (i.e., March, April, May, August & October) seem to be missing, though we have complete copies of all of 2002 and 2003. Repeating the overline, "Calling all Hoarders!", we're hoping that some of the folks involved from the beginning – or early on – may have copies of those missing issues from 1994-2014 that could be scanned for permanent archiving. Anybody finding past issues of these irreplaceable historical documents is urged to notify either JohnDavid@LavenderSeniors.org, Jessie@OaklandLGBTQCenter.org or by phoning (510) 882-2286. We will be happy to pick up any copies a hoarder might have, scan and archive them, then return them to the person (hoarder or otherwise) who provided them.

Here's the link to the "20 Years Ago" issue from December 2003 for a stroll down memory lane:

<https://lavenderseniors.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Vol.-9-12-December-2003.pdf>.

It may be a pleasant surprise – particularly to old-timers who knew them – to read the issue's opening headline, a story and photo honoring two of Lavender Seniors' beloved pioneers, Board of Director Co-Chairs, Frank Howell and Ina Mae Murri:



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Special "Lavender Pioneers" Edition



Celebrating in Style!
Board Co-Chairs Frank Howell and Ina Mae Muir (far left) hosted the festivities at "Lavender Pioneers—A Celebration of Pride." Co-emcees were TV personality Linton Johnson of NBC11-TV (immediate left) and comedienne Regina Stoops (not pictured). The event raised \$5,000 for our programs.

There's lots of news about legends in the organization – nice to remember our history!



Lavender Seniors Third Friday Lunch Bunch Holiday Extravaganza

****Please register each guest individually****

Friday December 15th, 2023 @ 12:30pm

**The North Oakland Senior Center
5714 Martin Luther King Jr Way
Oakland, CA 94609**

featuring a special holiday performance by
The Oakland Gay Men's Chorus

RSVP Required - lunch provided for registered guests

[Register Here](#)

For more info please call 510-781-2926 or email:

jessie@oaklandlgbtqcenter.org

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SOCIAL SENIORS - NO SOCIAL SENIORS THIS MONTH

EAST BAY WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

INTERGENERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Honoring the harvest from seeds that
have been cultivated

November 30

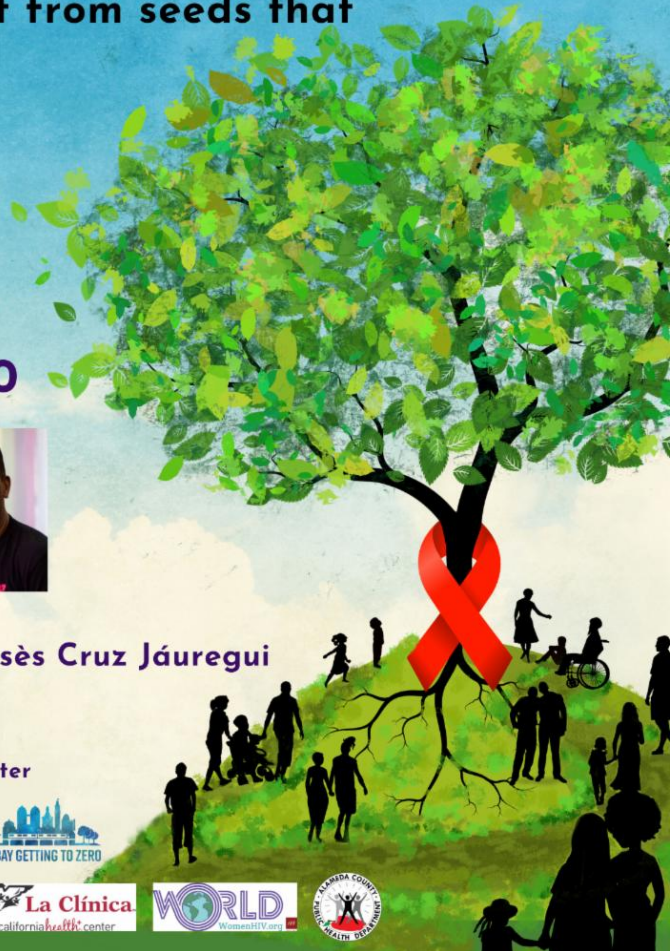
10:00 - 1:00pm

**Lake Merritt
Sailboat House
665 Bellevue Ave,
Oakland, CA 94610**



Hosted by
Janelle Luster Vinson & Moisés Cruz Jáuregui

Keynote speaker:
Joe Hawkins
from Oakland LGBTQ Community Center



Save the date for EBGZ's World AIDS Day commemoration event: Thursday, November 30th 2023 from 10am – 1pm.

We will be hosting our commemoration event in person at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House (665 Bellevue Ave, Oakland). To attend in person, please register [here](#).

We are giving folks the option to tune in to the Facebook live stream if they are unable attend in person. Register [here](#) for the Facebook live stream

World AIDS Day and AIDS Memorial Quilt at the

Billy DeFrank Center

December 1st

Noon - 8pm

LET COMMUNITIES LEAD

A portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be at the

Billy DeFrank Center.

Public viewing will be Friday
December 1st, Noon - 8pm

**The Candle Light Vigil will be held in the parking lot
6pm - 8pm**

Enter from the back of the parking lot
and bring yourself, friends, family, and proof of vax if this
is your first time at the Center since COVID.

The Billy DeFrank
LGBTQ+ Community Center
938 The Alameda, San Jose,
CA 95126



Make the Yuletide Gay!

Celebrate the holiday season with the Oakland Gay Men's Chorus this December!

Enjoy classic holiday tunes such as "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "Deck the Halls," alongside new soon-to-be classics like "Eight Days of Lights" and "Merry Everything." Our concert finale, "What a Wonderful World," is a fan-favorite you won't want to miss during this time of year.

*Sunday December 3rd
Rhythmics Alameda | 4:00 pm
Friday December 8th*

Montclair Presbyterian Church | 7:30 pm
Saturday December 9th
Del Valle Theater, Walnut Creek | 7:30 pm
Sunday December 10th
First Presbyterian Church Oakland | 4:00 pm

GET YOUR TICKETS



End of December Planning Deadline

Update on LGBTQ+ "Cats" at Ground Zero

A quick review of October's announcement about a group of Bay Area LGBTQ+ seniors possibly attending a ground-breaking performance of queer "Cats" opening next June is in order. Here's an update.

To review, the one-time Artistic Director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Bill Rauch, was recruited as Artistic Director of the Perelman Performing Arts Center, which just had its grand opening in September at Ground Zero in Manhattan. He was well-known to many Lavender Seniors as the man who pulled off the first all-gay production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma," which a group of Lavender Seniors saw at OSF-Out weekend, October 2018.



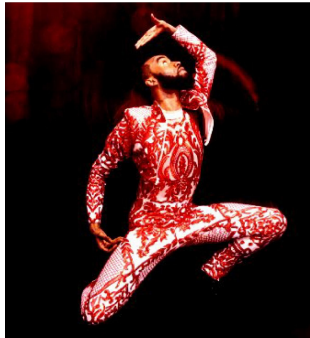
Perelman Performing Arts Center at Night

That same Bill Rauch (an openly gay man with husband and two children) has negotiated to produce an all-LGBTQ "Cats" for six weeks next June and July. It is an exciting accomplishment to not only have the vision, but the persuasive skills to be able to pull off another first in LGBTQ+ musical theater. Lavender Seniors received some additional information as the newsletter was going to press. Bill has now confirmed that – in addition to providing us with comp tickets for the 19th June preview (it formally opens the next night), he informed us of a missing piece for planning: whether this is a matinee or evening show. It is indeed an 8pm preview performance. So, it is possible for folks to take any of several different airlines' morning (e.g., 7am) non-stop SFO-JFK flights the same day and arrive before 3pm. This would allow enough time to get settled in to whatever accommodations are arranged and still get to the performance in plenty of time. Some have decided they'd like to arrive on the 18th, just to be on the safe side, during an age of unpredictable cancellations and flight delays.

Re accommodations, some people have said they'd like to be walking distance from the theater and others are willing to take cabs/uber/lyft – and some don't mind walking a half-hour or more to get there. We are consulting with SAGE (sageusa.org) and the National Queer Theater Company (<https://www.nationalqueertheater.org/>) in NYC for further suggestions on LGBTQ+ owned (or known to be gay-friendly) hotels/BNBs that might offer us

a package deal for 4-6 rooms. One of the “gay-friendly” hotels mentioned was the Indigo, which is also in the same corporate family as Holiday Inn, where some have decided they’d prefer to stay.

Either way, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for some LGBTQ+ seniors to see first-hand this second permutation of a successful Broadway musical into an LGBTQ-focused musical in a now-hallowed place in America, Ground Zero.



Cats - Perelman Promo Photo

One reason for choosing the 19th June date for attending this final preview of queer “Cats” is that the National Queer Theater Company is also holding a festival in one of the smaller theaters in the complex that weekend (21st-23rd June). That would mean that those interested in attending the “Criminal Queerness Festival” focusing on what LGBTQ+ artists and performers have to deal with in countries where homosexuality is illegal. For more information about this festival: www.nationalqueertheater.org/criminal-queerness-festival.

Either way, this would allow for a “free day” on Thursday for seeing other plays, sight-seeing, etc., resulting in need for three nights of accommodation, although clearly nobody would need to stay the whole three nights. Some are organizing a tour of The Cloisters; others are going to see a taping of “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert”. Some of us country bumpkins hear there are actually two or three other attractions in New York City.

Anyone seriously interested in joining this Lavender Seniors excursion should contact JohnDavid@LavenderSeniors.org, since we have informed Bill Rauch that we would give him a final head-count by the end of December. Participants would need to be booking airfare and accommodations soonest, in order to minimize cost.

Editor's Note: New York City has currently banned any private accommodations - like AirBNB or VRBO - unless they are for more than 30 days, an apparent concession to the hotel/motel lobbying efforts there. The AirBNB route might have to be switched to Jersey City, some East Coast natives have advised.

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(The times are no longer listed in the generic catalog, once you have signed up you will get a link to a catalog with times in your time zone)

LGBTQ Chat Wednesdays, 12/13,12/27

This group is intended for participants who identify as LGBTQ, 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 Kay George

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) 12/22

ACP is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps families and households to connect to the internet. This benefit provides eligible households discounts toward broadband service, and a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, computer, or tablet from participating providers. Learn how you might qualify. Visit www.fcc.gov/acp or call 877-384-2575 for more information. Presented by Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Federal Communications Commission

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.



**Save
the
Date**

Out Standing Seniors - Hayward - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Dec 5 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (1st Tuesdays)

Hayward Senior Center

also, on Zoom

email outstandingseniors@pacificcenter.org for info.

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

Rainbow Seniors

Dec 12 & 26 12:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

San Leandro Senior Community Center

email rainbowseniors@pacificcenter.org for info.

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Older & Out Therapy Group - Online - Sponsored by Pacific Center **Older & Out**

groups are currently on pause. If you are interested in attending, please contact us and we'll add you to the waitlist for when groups resume.

email: olderandoutgroups@pacificcenter.org

phone: Program Coordinator at 510-768-8612

Free therapy group for LGBTQIA+ community members age 55+

Life after 40 - Gay & Bisexual Men's Group - Sponsored by The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center

Meets virtually every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact the groups facilitator, Rick Bowles via email:

bowles94131@gmail.com

A support group for men over 40

Older & Out Therapy Group - Oakland - Sponsored by Pacific Center In-person at Oakland LGBTQ Community Center

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Free therapy group for LGBTQIA+ community members age 55+

Living OUT in Livermore - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Dec 6 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (1st Wednesday)

Meets via Zoom email livingoutlivermore@pacificcenter.org for info.

A welcoming space for LGBTQI seniors 50+ to safely share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support. FREE, though donations are welcome.

Tri-Valley Rainbows - Sponsored by Pacific Center

Dec 21 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (3rd Thursday)

Meets via Zoom email trivalleyrainbows@pacificcenter.org for info.

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

Oakland Third Friday Lunch Bunch

Sponsored by City of Oakland Aging/Adult Services, Lavender Seniors of the East Bay & Oakland LGBTQ Community Center

Dec 15 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. (Third Friday)

North Oakland Senior Center

This month's program: ('Holiday Extravaganza' - see info above)

Social Seniors

Sponsored by Oakland LGBTQ Community Center and Lavender Seniors of the East Bay

No regular gathering this month, watch for a flyer about a special celebration.

Older & Out Therapy Group - Berkeley - Sponsored by Pacific Center In-person at N. Berkeley Senior Center

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