



## Lavender Seniors of the East Bay

a Program of the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center

*Celebrating 30 years of outstanding service and positive change*  
**November 2024, Volume 30 Issue 11**



Happy Pearl Anniversary to Lavender Seniors of the East Bay! Celebrating 30 years of outstanding service and positive change, by some amazing members of the community, we look forward to honoring all year long. To kick things off, our friends at the City of San Leandro are hosting a special ceremony and reception to commence Lavender Seniors 30th Anniversary. Celebrations will continue throughout the upcoming months and will conclude in the Spring with a formal Gala. Save the date coming soon...

I am happy to announce and welcome Maya Organ (she/her) as our new Elder Services Coordinator. She is a Berkeley native with a background in healthcare administration and passionate about working with the senior community. Meet Maya at our next event or stop by the center and say hello.

The Lakeshore LGBTQ Cultural District will host a Progressive Pride Flag Raising and Dedication Ceremony on Wednesday November 13th at Noon in front of The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center. Please do not miss this historic day!

Save the date and join us on Tuesday 11/19 as we honor Transgender Day of Remembrance at Fluid510. Doors open at 5pm, with a heartfelt program from 6pm to 8:30pm. Together, we will share food, celebrate performances, and hold a moment of silence for those we have lost.

Please join us at the San Leandro Library on 11/22 in your "purple best", for an incredibly special ceremony to honor Lavender Seniors. This special ceremony will be followed by a lunch and reception. Please note - This event is happening instead of our regularly scheduled Third Friday Lunch Bunch and will be one of our last gatherings of the year. We hope to see you there!

RSVP for San Leandro Library Ceremony & Reception [HERE](#)

*The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday 11/12.*

Due to the Holiday, November's Social Seniors is postponed. See you in December for our annual Holiday Gala at The North Oakland Senior Center!

In gratitude and love,  
Jessie R. Spivey (he/him)  
*Director of Elder Services*

Please click [here](#) to donate and support our seniors.



Boss Ross (Craig M.) made a cameo at October's Social Seniors Halloween Bash



Ally and friend of LSEB Veronica L. joined by our costume costume winner, "Crazy Dog Lady" Bobbe L at October's Social Seniors.



Thank you to our presenters from October's Third Friday Lunch Bunch, Joanie from BACS, Michael from Captel and Jenni from LASHICAP



Costume contest runner-up, JoAnne C joined by longtime LSEB participant and friend Harry O at October's Social Seniors.



# STORIES OF OUR LIVES



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*Stories of our lives will return in January 2025*

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**S P E C I A L  
E V E N T S**

*Lavender Seniors of the East Bay  
30th Anniversary, 1994 - 2024*

## Celebrate with us!

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The Lavender Seniors Advisory Council (please consider joining!) and the Oakland LGBTQ+ Community Center will start celebrating Lavender Senior's 30th "Pearl" anniversary, this month with a special ceremony and reception in San Leandro and culminating with a gala to be held in late spring 2025 prior to the flurry of Pride Month activities. Date, venue, menus, entertainment, and other logistical details will be announced in an upcoming issue of Lavender Notes.

Meanwhile, we are taking the liberty of including scanned copies of a few previous newsletter pages to show how the 10th anniversary was celebrated in November 2004. We are hoping that other community members may have clearer and more identifiable photos of that 2004 occasion to share in future newsletters.

We have been unable to verify (via old newsletters) whether there was a 5th anniversary celebration in November 1999 or a 15th in November 2009, though the tradition of MotherTongue Feminist Readers Theater performing seems to have begun before the turn of the 21st century! As many of you know, the choral group once called the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus – which had its first performance at a Lavender Seniors event in January 2000 – has regularly provided entertainment in conjunction with their holiday concerts in December and has performed at each Lavender Seniors anniversary celebration, as well.

In this newsletter and throughout our 30th (Pearl) celebration, we will also gather photos of how the 20th (Platinum) and 25th (Silver) anniversaries were celebrated in 2014 and 2019. Interesting to note, the 10th (Diamond) anniversary in 2004 also included a "swing band" called Deuce, as well as the Gay Men's Chorus. It was held at the Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club at 1650 Mountain Boulevard in Oakland - which has reportedly been converted into a Montessori school, so is no longer available. Suggestions for other appropriate venues appreciated from other Lavender Seniors participants (again, join the Lavender Seniors Advisory Council and help plan this event)!

Here are a few compiled old newsletter pages (also available in our web archive (<https://lavenderseniors.org/newsletter/>)) showing the diamond anniversary in 2004.



## LAVENDER NOTES

Newsletter of Lavender Seniors of the East Bay  
A Project of the Tides Center  
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**Calendar of Events**

*(Note: Monthly potlucks are held at 1395 Bancroft Avenue in San Leandro.)*

- ▲ January 10, Noon-2 p.m.: Lavender Seniors monthly potluck. Featured guests: Oakland City Council Member Danny Wan and representatives of the Mayor's Commission on Aging.
- ▲ January 12, 1-3 p.m.: Seniors event at International Museum of GLBT History, 657 Mission Street, in San Francisco. See page 3 for ride-sharing and other information.
- ▲ February 14, Noon-2 p.m.: Lavender Seniors monthly potluck. The new domestic partners law: what does it mean for LGBT seniors?
- ▲ April 17, 10:30 a.m.: Senior LGBT Community Forum, sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Aging Network of the American Society on Aging, Fire Hilton Hotel, San Francisco. More information to come.

### 2004 brings new programs and ideas

By Jeff Vessels, Director

**H**appy New Year!

The past eight months serving as Director of Lavender Seniors has been an amazing honor. I'm proud of all we have achieved together so far, and I am grateful for your support. I am even more excited about 2004.

Plans are already under way for another successful year in 2004. Our Friendly Visitors Program and Speakers Panel Program are thriving, and our new project focused on LGBT seniors of color is already experiencing phenomenal success. In addition, we are planning several special events and a new regular social activity — watch your mailbox.

Our ability to attract support from new sources — including new individual and corporate donors as well significant grants and contracts from governments and private foundations — is more proof of the value of our work.



*The programs of Lavender Seniors of the East Bay are made possible by individual and corporate donors as well as Alameda County Area Agency on Aging, Alameda County Leather Corps, The California Endowment, City of Oakland, Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, The Horizons Foundation, The True North Foundation, Royal Grand Ducal Council of Alameda County, and The San Francisco Foundation. We gratefully acknowledge the support of all "Friends of Lavender Seniors."*



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**CELEBRATING OUR TENTH YEAR!**

### Mark Your Calendars! Tenth Anniversary Gala Celebration Set

**W**ith timeless sounds popular with people of all generations, the swing band DEUCE, featuring Jean Fineberg and Ellen Seeling, and members of the Oakland-East Bay Gay Men's Chorus will wow us at Lavender Seniors' Tenth Anniversary Gala Celebration. The event is for people of all ages.

Whether you listen to DEUCE while catching up with friends and making new ones, or give in to an irresistible urge to dance, you won't want to miss this. And the Chorus is sure to captivate with its pride-filled special performance.

The Tenth Anniversary Gala Celebration is set for Sunday, November 14, 1-4 p.m., at Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club in Oakland. Mark your calendars now!

Lavender Juniors, our group of under-55 supporters, has committed that no senior

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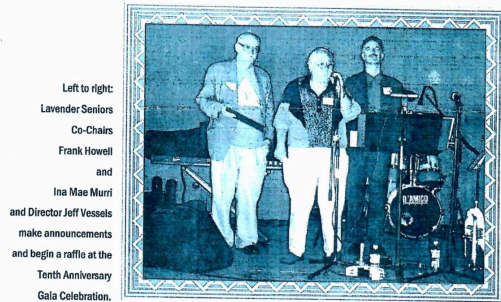
will have to work at the event. Lavender Juniors is seeking others who are interested in helping make this commitment a reality.

Admission is a suggested \$25-\$100 per person donation to Lavender Seniors, and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Individual and business sponsorships and advertising opportunities are also available. More information is available at [www.lavenderseniors.org](http://www.lavenderseniors.org).

Contact Jeff at the office for more information about Lavender Juniors, sponsorships, or with any other questions about this exciting event. ▲

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## LGBTQ+ seniors witness musical revival in Manhattan



## Lavender Seniors & Queer Cats

The long-awaited queer-themed “Cats” revival opened at the Ground Zero Memorial’s Perelman Performing Arts Center in Manhattan, deliberately scheduled during June, Pride Month. Using the “ballroom scene” in an LGBTQ+ night club – complete with runway/catwalk, competition categories and surrounded by cabaret tables, the play is already earning Tony award buzz in next year’s potential Best Revival category. Because it has been sold out every night since its opening, the run – originally scheduled through July – was extended through September!

The New York Times rave review of the production in the 20th June issue trumpeted:  
**“A 10th Life for Those Jellicle ‘Cats,’ Now on the Runway”**

Resetting the “Memory” musical in the world of ballroom competition makes for a joyful reincarnation!

[https://www.nytimes.com/2024/06/20/theater/cats-the-jellicle-ball-review.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.100.1J0f.IHwFprZKogpg&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2024/06/20/theater/cats-the-jellicle-ball-review.html?unlocked_article_code=1.100.1J0f.IHwFprZKogpg&smid=url-share)



Ballroom Scene from the Balcony

Inspired by Andrew Lloyd Webber’s long-running musical, “Cats” (it ran for 18+ years on Broadway) – which was based on American-British poet/essayist/playwright, T.S. Eliot’s “Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats,” – this “queer” production melds the phenomena of ever-so-gender-fluid Vogue, Ballroom, Music and Dance scenes in a delightful and energetic new way.

Bill Rauch, Artistic Director of the Perelman, provided one of his many fan bases – Lavender Seniors of the East Bay – with ten tickets – in the front row of the balcony for some of the best views of the ballroom, the runway/catwalk and the colorful cabaret tables surrounding the catwalk. These tables might be occupied by members of the various competing “houses” (e.g., House of Glamour, House of La Beija, House of Aviance and the House of Eminence) or just by eager observers of the ballroom scene.



A creative "Cats" Umbrella in the Gift Shop!

One of the most magnificent scenes was when a suspended ladder dropped down from the rafters, allowing the "least likely" of the competition winners to ascend dramatically – step-by-step – up into "cat heaven" to be reincarnated – while the audience held one of very many standing ovations during the two-act performance.

Some of the most emotional moments for many – at least the Lavender Seniors perched high above it all – would have to be the three renditions of the world-famous "Memory," which indeed brought memories to most of the LGBTQ+ seniors who had flown across the country the day before to be part of this historic moment in LGBTQ+ musical history.

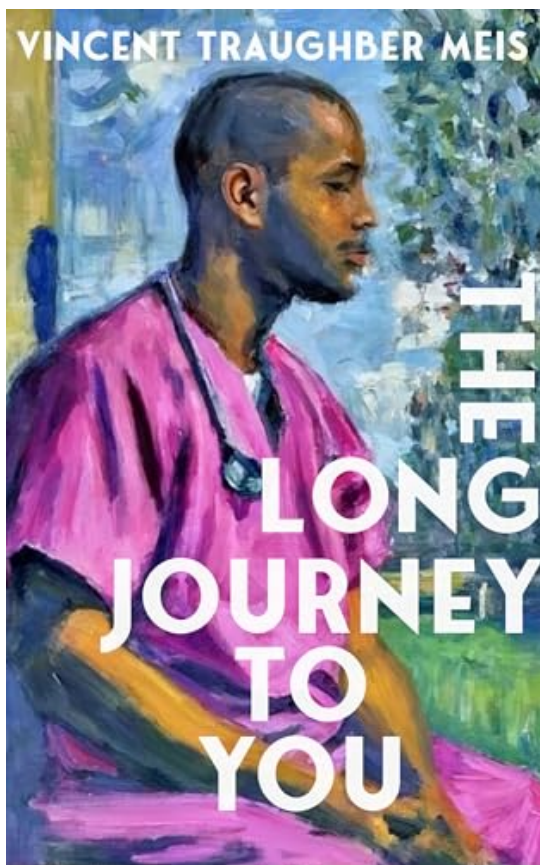
Though the far northeast was experiencing something of a heat wave, our intrepid troupe experienced only the low 80s, trekking across the iconic and often-photographed Brooklyn Bridge, through Central Park, hanging out at Rockefeller Center, spending a couple days out on Fire Island, virtually everybody meeting up at some point with family members and old friends, re-visiting places from their past (and new places, as well, of course).

Who knows whether it'll be the last trans-continental trip for any/all of us old folks, but, once again, Lavender Seniors came through with another once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Some of this troupe had also been among the 15 who journeyed up to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in October 2018 for the first-ever all-LGBTQ+ version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma," also produced and directed by openly gay/married/father of two, Bill Rauch.

Congratulations again, Bill, on another very innovative production, and thank you for your ongoing kindness to Lavender Seniors, helping keep us in the 21st century loop!

Some of the Lavender Seniors in that front row of seats admitted to having issues with acrophobia ("fear of heights") sitting somewhat suspended over that whole ballroom scene.

Besides the beautiful music and the calisthenic/athletic gymnastics and choreography involved in this production, the audience participation reminded some of the Lavender Seniors of the cult classic film, "Rocky Horror Picture Show," since a majority of the audience seemed to know the time to applaud, to laugh and to scream for joy!



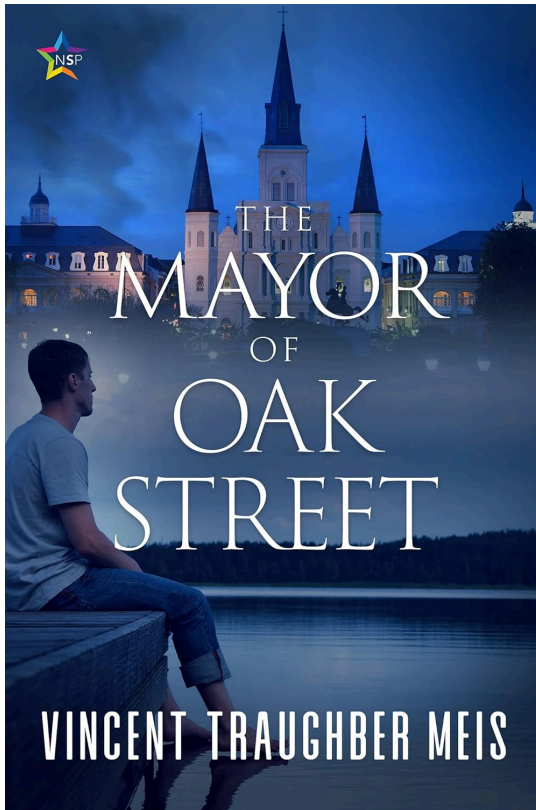
## The Long Journey to You

By Vincent Traugher Meis

This 2024 novel by local (San Leandro-based) author, Vincent Traugher Meis, is a 40-years-later follow-up (“...I’m not sure it counts as a sequel,” Meis wonders out loud in the book’s Acknowledgments) to the story of young Nathan Landis from Meis’s 2021 book, “The Mayor of Oak Street.” In the earlier book, the adolescent Nathan – who mows most of the lawns on Oak Street – has the unusual habit of doing reconnaissance on neighbors’ homes and finds ways to enter them when he knows people are not at home (no serious motives – just nosiness/curiosity). He becomes indirectly involved in a major small-town scandal, since the older man (Dr. B) he has fallen in love with is forced to leave town after his wife shoots another male boyfriend after she finds out about the gay relationship between these two tennis partners.

Fast forward four decades and we find Nathan having survived two major losses: Dr. B, with whom he’s been re-united in New Orleans when he attends Tulane, has died of HIV-related illnesses in Barcelona. Most recently, his husband, Anthony – a chef with whom he’s happily bought a home in suburban San Leandro – has been killed in one of those horrendous random shootings on the MacArthur Freeway. He’s had several other checkered relationships with men from various places around the world. Now he’s feeling like his life is cursed – that everyone he loves winds up dying or disappearing and there’s no point in seeking happiness any further. He seems at least passively suicidal.

Nathan seems to be hopelessly struggling to move forward with survival – perhaps dealing with his grief by selling his husband’s fancy BMW – and maybe even their home in suburbia in order to escape indulging his latest drug (travel). He accidentally encounters Mateo, a young male nurse, near Kaiser in San Leandro – and soon becomes semi-obsessed with the younger man, born in the U.S., but raised in Colombia. He and his mother had immigrated from cartel-infested Colombia when he was 12 years old. Does Nathan take a chance and become vulnerable to love again? Is it too late for this 50-something, who has an



incredibly low self-image? With the gay community's stereotypical emphasis on youth and good looks, would anybody ever fall in love with this middle-aged world-weary poet and teacher?

It's definitely worth reading this 347-page novel, particularly if you've read the "Oak Street" predecessor – though it's certainly not necessary to have read it beforehand. It very interestingly and intricately traces Nathan's involvement in many of the significant LGBTQ+ community highs and lows (e.g., the Up Stairs Lounge fire in New Orleans, the assassination of Harvey Milk, and the AIDS epidemic).

Some may remember reading about Vincent in a "Stories of Our Lives" column in the November 2021 Lavender Seniors newsletter:



Vincent Reading at Dog Eared Bookstore, 2019

<https://lavenderseniors.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Lavender-Notes-November-2021.pdf>  
. Though it was always intended to have Vincent present at the Third Friday Lunch Bunch once the Covid epidemic had subsided, that hasn't happened yet.

Reviewed by Dr. John David Dupree, Tinamastes, Costa Rica



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# November Activities

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*Join us*

**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> • 12-2pm**

**Lakeshore LGBTQ Cultural District**

**Historic Flag Raising  
& Dedication Ceremony**



**AS WE CELEBRATE THE NEXT MILESTONE  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OAKLAND LGBTQ CULTURAL DISTRICT**

**IN FRONT OF THE OAKLAND LGBTQ COMMUNITY CENTER  
3207 LAKESHORE AVE, OAKLAND, CA 94610**



[www.lakeshorelgbtq.org](http://www.lakeshorelgbtq.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Transgender Day Of  
Remembrance*

**NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024**

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM

**FLUID** 510

**1544 BROADWAY OAKLAND**



# Lavender Seniors

## 30th Anniversary Ceremony & Reception

Friday Nov 22 @ 12:30pm  
San Leandro Library MAIN  
300 Estudillo Avenue

**RSVP  
REQUIRED**



For more info please call **510-882-2286** or email: [info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org)

Nov 22

## Lavender Seniors 30th Anniversary Ceremony & Reception

Join us for special ceremony and unveiling in the San Leandro History Room at the San Leandro Library followed by a lunch and reception.

**Register**

Free



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## Lavender Seniors 30th Anniversary Ceremony & Reception

**Friday November 22nd 12:30pm - 2:30pm**

San Leandro Library Main, 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro 94577

*A special ceremony to honor Lavender Seniors 30th Anniversary with the City of San Leandro. The ceremony will be followed by a lunch/reception. RSVP Required. Please use RSVP links to submit your RSVP. For more info, please call 510-882-2286 or email: [info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org).*

## Lavender Seniors Third Friday Lunch Bunch

*No Third Friday Lunch Bunch in November due to San Leandro Library Ceremony and Reception*

In-person at The North Oakland Senior Center

*A monthly luncheon for LGBTQ+ seniors. A guest speaker or informative presentation is followed by a lunch provided for registered guests. FREE but RSVP is required to attend. For more info, please call 510-882-2286 or email: [info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org).*

## Social Seniors

*No Social Seniors in November due to Holiday*

In-person at The Watermark Emeryville

*A monthly social group for LGBTQ+ seniors. A themed luncheon that usually includes music and/or performances. Lunch is provided for registered guests. FREE but RSVP is required to attend. For more info, please call 510-882-2286 or email: [info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org).*

## The Heart to Art Program

*Cohort 2 in session*

Bi-weekly on Tuesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

In-person at The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center

*A new art program for LGBTQ+ seniors facilitated by a local Artist. No drop-ins, pre-registration is required. For more info or to be added to mailing list for next cohort, please call 510-882-2286 or email: [info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org).*

## LGBTQIA+ Elders Therapy Group

Wednesdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

In-person at The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center

*This group provides a therapeutic space in which LGBTQIA+ (includes questioning) older adults, age 55+, feel welcome to express their thoughts and feelings in an environment that is non-judgmental, inclusive and supportive. The group process works to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination related to LGBTQIA+ identities, mental health issues and all the issues that affect each group members life. This group meets weekly for multi-week sessions. No Drop-ins. Pre-Registration is required to participate. For more info, please call 510-882-2286 or email: [info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org).*

**Older & Out**

**Mondays in-person at The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center**

*SPONSORED BY: Pacific Center for Human Growth. For more info, please call 510-548-8283 or email: [olderandoutgroups@pacificcenter.org](mailto:olderandoutgroups@pacificcenter.org). No drop-ins. Intake is required for attendance.*

**Bay Area Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC)**

**Online and In-Person**

*For further information or to be included in the Bay Area OLOC email list, contact Pat Cull at [patcull70@gmail.com](mailto:patcull70@gmail.com) or 415-637-5002.*

**Black Women Connect**

**Every 3rd Sunday @ 11:00am**

**In-person at The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center**

*This groups designed for Black Lesbian and Queer Women to connect, network, build community, have engaging conversations and authentically express themselves in a safe, inter-generational space. For inquiries or to RSVP, please email Dawn Edwards at [ms.edwards73@gmail.com](mailto:ms.edwards73@gmail.com).*

**Trans Masc Affinity Support Group**

**Every second Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**In-person at The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center**

*A monthly Affinity group for community members who identify as Trans Masculine only. For more info, please call 510-882-2286.*

**POSTPONED - Senior Gay Men's Affinity Group**

**In-person at The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center**

*A monthly Affinity group for Gay Men ages 55+. Group start date and facilitator TBA. For more info or to be added to the mailing list, please call 510-882-2286 or email: [info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org).*

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**In-person at The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center**

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# Resource Hub





### Sign up for Direct Services

The Center's **Elder Services** promotes a positive and healthy quality of life for elder LGBTQ+ individuals 55+ by ensuring they continue to be supported, respected, and connected as they advance in age. We collaborate with existing agencies working with LGBTQ seniors to connect people to needed resources and work to identify gaps in services so that we can find ways to fill those gaps.

The Center's Elder Services Program participants also have access to other Center services to include:

- Benefits Enrollment
- Care Management & Service Coordination Assistance
- Emergency Rental Assistance\*
- Food Pantry
- HIV/STI testing and treatment
- Linkage to Primary Care
- Mental Health Subsidies\*
- PEP/PrEP enrollment
- Transportation Assistance\*

\*rental/transportation assistance and other subsidies are limited and provided to qualified enrolled program participants as they become available.

*To inquire about case management/direct services, please click the button above. For more info, please email: [maya@oaklandlgbtqcenter.org](mailto:maya@oaklandlgbtqcenter.org) or call 510-500-5823.*



**The Center's Food Pantry Is Open**  
**Monday thru Friday, 1pm-4pm**  
 Please call 510-882-2286 for more information.

Let's Get Excited About...

**SEXUAL HEALTH**

The **Glenn Burke Clinic** offers our community high-quality, full-service, STI & HIV prevention and treatment services, to help you to stay sexually healthy all year long.




Schedule an appointment by using the QR Code or call 510-781-2659

The Glenn Burke Wellness Clinic is a project of the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center



A recovery meeting for LGBTQIA+ Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

Mondays 7pm - 8:15pm  
 Starting May 15th at the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center

This is a discussion meeting with different topics read each week.

For information contact The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center Call 1(510) 882-2286 or visit their website at



**Narcotics Anonymous**

Every Tuesday @ 7pm



**City of Oakland Senior Centers**

Four senior centers are located throughout the City of Oakland and managed by the City's Human Services Department - Aging & Adult Services Division. Senior centers provide social, recreational, nutritional and educational activities to older adults in our community.

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/senior-centers>

**Downtown Oakland (DOSC)**

200 Grand Ave | Oakland, CA 94610  
 (510) 238-3284 | [DOSC@oaklandca.gov](mailto:DOSC@oaklandca.gov)

**East Oakland (EOSC)**

9255 Edes Street | Oakland, CA 94603  
 (510) 615-5731 | [EOSC@oaklandca.gov](mailto:EOSC@oaklandca.gov)

**North Oakland (NOSC)**

5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way | Oakland, CA 94609  
 (510) 597-5085 | [NOSC@oaklandca.gov](mailto:NOSC@oaklandca.gov)

### **West Oakland (WOSC)**

1724 Adeline St | Oakland, CA 94607  
(510) 238-7016 | [WOSC@oaklandca.gov](mailto:WOSC@oaklandca.gov)

### **Pacific Center for Human Growth**

Founded in 1973, Pacific Center for Human Growth is the oldest LGBTQIA+ center in the Bay Area, the third oldest in the nation, and operates the only sliding scale mental health clinic for LGBTQIA+ and QTBIPOC people and their families in Alameda County.

<https://www.pacificcenter.org/>

2130 Center St Suite 200 | Berkeley, CA 94704  
(510) 548-8283 | [info@pacificcenter.org](mailto:info@pacificcenter.org)

### **Rainbow Community Center**

The Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County started in 1995 and continues to envision a society that embraces acceptance, safety and equality for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

<https://www.rainbowcc.org/>

2380 Salvio Street, Suite 301 | Concord, CA 94520  
(925) 692-0090 | [rcc@rainbowcc.org](mailto:rcc@rainbowcc.org)

### **Community Phone Calls**

This award-winning program offers activities, education, support groups, and friendly conversation over the phone or online.

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](mailto:coviaconnections@covia.org).

### **Friendly Voices Phone Buddies for Seniors**

Our mission is to create a vital human connection for isolated seniors through weekly phone conversations with trained, compassionate volunteers.

Sign up [here](#) or call (650) 395-8017

<https://friendlyvoices.org/>

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*Please make all checks payable to "The Oakland LGBTQ Center" and include*  
*"Lavender Seniors" in the memo section*

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