

Pride Bag Ladies Plan Events

Indianapolis – The Pride Bag Ladies have announced plans for events through December 2008. The “Ladies” will kick off the events with *Shimmering Shamrocks* at Talbott Street, on St. Patrick’s Day - Monday, March 17. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. Cover charge is \$5.00. Funds raised will be donated to Indiana Youth Group (IYG).

Plans are underway for a Pride Bag Lady Country & Gospel Brunch which will probably occur sometime in April. This will be a fund raising event for a GLBT Community Center in Indianapolis. Watch for details!

Other events throughout the year include: the Miss Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race Queen Pageant (sometime in May); a team in the Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race on Sunday, May 18; the Pride Bag Lady float in the Circle City IN Pride Parade on June 14; the 27th Annual Pride Bag Lady Bus Tour on Saturday, October 25; the Pride Bag Lady Bus Tour Survivor’s Brunch on Sunday, October 26; and the Pride Bag Lady Holiday Show in December! Watch for details about these events!

Dixie Longate to headline Laugh OUT Loud on February 22



Indianapolis – Tupperware Queen Dixie Longate will headline this year’s Laugh OUT Loud which will be held at Talbott Street on Thursday, February 21. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. General admission tickets are \$15.00. Corporate tables of 10 are available for \$400.00 each.

Please join Dixie as she throws a good “ol’fashioned Tupperware Party filled with outrageous tales, free giveaways, and the most fabulous assortment of Tupperware ever sold on an Indianapolis stage.” Come see for yourself how Ms. Longate became the number one Tupperware seller in the world, as she educates her guests on the many alternative uses she has discovered for her plastic products!

According to her biography, Dixie began selling Tupperware to regain custody of her three imaginary children, Dwayne, Wynona, and lil’ Absorbine, Jr. She says, “I got out of prison and my parole officer said that I needed to get a job in order to get my kids back. She suggested that I start selling something out of my home, and since white

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GLBT HISTORY

Part of the mission and purpose of Indy Pride, Inc. is "to educate the GLBT Community about GLBT history, of the issues which affect it, both social and political and of the resources which are available to its members within the community."



Barbara Jordan

Barbara Jordan was born in Houston, Texas on February 21, 1936 to Rev. Benjamin M. Jordan and Arlyne (Patton) Jordan. Barbara attended Wheatley High School where one of the nation's few African-American female attorneys (Edith S. Sampson) spoke and inspired Jordan to become a lawyer. At the time, only one law school in the State of Texas admitted African-American students.

With the support of her father, Jordan graduated *magna cum laude* from Texas Southern University in 1956 and from Boston University Law School in 1959. She passed the bar exams in Massachusetts and Texas before returning to Houston to open a law practice. At the time, she was only the third African-American woman to be licensed in the State of Texas.

During the Kennedy-Johnson presidential campaign of 1960, Jordan was recruited to give speeches and after her success with that, she was recruited by the local Democratic Party to continue on the speaking circuit.

In 1962 and 1964, Jordan unsuccessfully ran for the Texas House of Representatives. In 1966, she ran for a seat in the Texas Senate and became the first African-American state senator since 1883 and the first African-American woman to serve in the Texas Senate. She was re-elected for a full-term in 1968 and served until 1972. She was the first African-American woman to serve as President *Pro Tem* of the state Senate and even served as Acting Governor of Texas for one day in 1972.

In 1972, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first African-American woman from a Southern state to serve in the House. Jordan received extensive support from then former

U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, who helped secure her a position on the House Judiciary Committee. In 1973, she sponsored the Community Reinvestment Act which required banks to lend and make services available to underserved poor and minority communities.

In 1973, Jordan began to suffer from multiple sclerosis. She had difficulty climbing stairs and started using a cane and eventually a wheelchair. Jordan kept the state of her health out of the press so well that in the KUT radio documentary, *Rediscovering Barbara Jordan*, President Bill Clinton stated that he wanted to nominate Jordan for the U.S. Supreme Court, but by the time he could do so, her health problems prevented him from nominating her.

In 1974, Jordan made an influential television speech before the House Judiciary Committee supporting the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon. She was the first African-American woman to deliver the keynote speech at a Democratic National Convention. Her speech given in 1976 is considered by many historians to have been the best keynote convention speech in modern history. The speech was ranked 5th in the *Top 100 American Speeches of the 20th Century*.

Jordan retired from politics in 1979 and became an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Austin in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. She again gave the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention in 1992. In 1995, Jordan chaired a Congressional Commission that advocated increased restriction of immigration and increased penalties on employers who violated U.S. immigration regulations.

In the late 1960s, Jordan met Nancy Earl, an educational psychologist who would become an occasional speech writer as well as Jordan's long-time companion. After Jordan's initial unsuccessful state-wide political races, her advisors warned her to become more discrete and not bring any female companions on the campaign trail. Jordan never publicly acknowledged her sexual orientation, but in her obituary, the *Houston Chronicle* mentioned her long time relationship with Nancy Earl.

In addition to being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994, she was awarded the prestigious United States Military Academy's Sylvanus Thayer Award, becoming only the second female awardee. Upon her death in January 1996, Jordan lay in state at the LBJ Library on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin.

Information obtained from various websites.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are upcoming Indy Pride Events. Mark your calendars to come out and join the fun!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: PRIDE OFFICE – OLD CENTRUM

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

LAUGH OUT LOUD COMEDY EVENT

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 P.M.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 P.M.

TICKETS: \$15.00 GENERAL ADMISSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: PRIDE OFFICE – OLD CENTRUM

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:00 -8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: PRIDE OFFICE – OLD CENTRUM

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, MARCH 14-16

INTERPRIDE REGIONS 3 & 4 CONFERENCE

PLACE: ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

DETAILS CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTP://WWW.PRIDESTL.ORG/INTERPRIDE.HTML](http://www.pridestl.org/interpride.html)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

SHIMMERING SHAMROCKS – PRIDE BAG LADY

FUNDRAISING EVENT – TALBOTT STREET

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

SHOWTIME: 8:00 P.M.

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 P.M.

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slavery isn't a really big market in this country right now, I thought, Tupperware. I did my first party and had a blast. Made about \$300 that afternoon and thought, "This is easy. I want to give this a try." Try she did! In just a few short years, Dixie has risen through the ranks of the Orlando-based Tupperware Company to become the #1 personal seller of the world famous bowls and plastic ware in the entire United States (and parts of Canada and Guam!). For three years, Dixie dominated the awards ceremonies at Jubilee, the National Tupperware Convention, held yearly during the late summer.

According to one review, Dixie is "a bit brazen, and her brand of humor definitely leans over into the adult realm, but through all that, the audience truly learns valuable information to extend the life of their fruits and vegetables and to reheat like a master in the microwave-safe product lines."

Dixie currently resides in Los Angeles in her beautiful double-wide. Through plastic, Dixie "teaches her offspring about teen pregnancy, staying away from drugs, and why a trailer is a truly comfortable and practical place to live!"

General admission tickets are \$15.00 each. General admission tickets can be purchased from Indy Pride Board Members, Bioscrip Pharmacy, Talbott Street or Out Word Bound Bookstore.

A limited number of Corporate Tables (10 seats) are available for \$400.00. Corporate Tables can be purchased by contacting Gary Brackett at 317-435-4923 or by e-mail at gkbracke@iupui.edu. Corporate Tables are reserved seating and will have special alcohol beverages.

Quote of the Month:

"Just last week, one of my guests pointed out that you can actually use Tupperware in the kitchen as well. So now I've decided to take certain pieces out of the bedroom and give that a try!" ~Dixie Longate, Tupperware sales person

Circle City IN Pride 2008 Committees

Parade – Shelly Snider & H.R. Jung (Co-Chairs) - Receives parade applications; sells parade floats to businesses and organizations; establishes order of parade entries; arranges for security for the parade; checks in parade applicants the morning of the event; during parade – works with organizations to line up parade, works with security to start parade on time

Vendors – Brad Plunkett (Chair) - Receives vendor applications; notifies vendors who are selling items of city regulations and permits required; works with Operations Chair to make sure that sufficient tables and chairs are ordered for the Festival; prepares list of all food vendors for Health Commission; prepares master vendor list with organization contact, address, phone number, etc.; checks in vendors at the Festival and notifies vendors of their assigned location

Logistics – Jason Grisell & Kevin Warren (Co-Chairs) - Orders tables and chairs for Festival; transports tents, banners, etc. from storage area to Festival; distributes tents, tables and chairs to vendors; assists vendors with tent construction; puts tents together for vendors who have paid fee; takes tents down at end of Festival; monitors trash cans – changing trash bags, as needed; cleans park at end of Festival

Educational Seminar(s) – Julie Anderton (Chair); Arranges for educational seminar(s) to be held in conjunction with IN Pride Celebration; arranges for location of seminar(s); arranges for speakers; works with Indy Rainbow Chamber of Commerce to arrange reception

Entertainment – Brad Plunkett & Vivian Farris (Co-Chairs) - Recommends entertainment for main stage with final approval by Indy Pride Board; establishes stage line-up; arranges hotel accommodations for headliner; arranges transportation for headliner(s) (air and limo); arranges for staging (lights/sound) for event

Alcohol/Beverage Tent – Marc Gary (Chair), Dan Maxwell (Ticket Sales Chair) - Arranges for the sale of alcohol at the Pride Festival; arranges for special bar (catering) license/permit; sets up alcohol sales areas in cooperation with Operations Committee; monitors alcohol sales; staffs alcohol sales areas(s)

Picnic – Tiffany Dow (Chair) & Black Pride- arranges for picnic facilities; orders food, ice, paper products for picnic (or arranges for donations); provides signage/map to picnic location; cleans picnic area after event

Publicity – Brad Ellis (Chair) - Writes and sends out press releases after approval by Indy Pride Board; arranges interviews and publicity for events

Pride Guide – Gary Brackett (Chair) - Arranges for the printing and publication of the Pride Guide; solicits advertisers for Pride Guide; designs Pride Guide

Security/Safety – Bob Smith & Steve Turner (Co-Chairs) - Arranges for security officers for Pride Parade & Festival; works with Indiana War Memorial Police & Indianapolis Police Department during parade & festival; arranges for emergency medical services on site at Festival

Volunteers – Kari Hackler (Chair) - Solicits individuals to volunteer to work at Pride Parade & Festival; arranges schedule for volunteers to work at entry points to collect donations; arranges schedule for volunteers to set up and clean up at the Festival

Retail Sales – Doug Mellinger (Chair) — Obtains merchandise to sell for event (*i.e.*, t-shirts, CDs, trinkets); coordinates staffing of sales booth during Pride

T-Dance Committee – Rich Hoffman and Jeremy York (Co-Chairs)- Arranges location for T-Dance to be held; arranges for D.J. for T-Dance; works with bar (location) to make sure appropriate staffing is arranged; arranges for decorations/theme with approval from Indy Pride Board; arranges for volunteers to work at the event; cleans up area when dance has ended

Donations – Steve Turner (Chair) – Sets up and coordinates donation drop boxes at all entrances to the park; recruits volunteers to work shifts at donation drop boxes

Finance – Chad Walker & Anne Marie Predovich (Co-Chairs)

Experience the Music

March 28-30, 2008

Pride of Indy is proud to be partnering with the Lesbian and Gay Band Association (LGBA) for the first ever *Experience the Music!* Experience the music will be a weekend of music-making and social interaction. No meetings or agendas; just great music with great people! This spring musicians will flock to Indianapolis for a fun-filled weekend! Highlights of the three-day experience will include a mixer on Friday, a social event after rehearsal Saturday and will conclude with an afternoon Concert Sunday. For more information visit: www.prideofindy.org/experience.