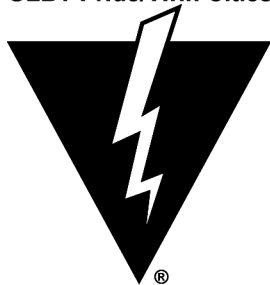


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Grand Marshal, Award Nominations Open Until Dec 2 Meeting

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - GLBT Pride/Twin Cities would like to remind the community that nominations for the 2003 Grand Marshal, Every Day Hero Award, Community Pride Award and the Corporate Achievement Award will remain open until it's December 2 board meeting. Nominations have been open, and nomination forms have been available since the 2002 Pride Festival in June.

Nominations may be made by downloading a form from Pride's website (www.tcpride.org), click on Awards). Completed forms may be mailed to Pride, provided they arrive by December 2, or may be delivered in person at the December 2 meeting. For those who cannot access the internet, submissions may be made in writing by describing in several paragraphs why the nominee would be the best choice. Nominations may be mailed to pride at GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, Award Nominations, PO Box 2104, Loop Station, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

The December 2 meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Elmer L. Anderson Library on the East Bank of the University of Minnesota Campus, Rooms 220A and 220B. The Library is located at 222 South 21st Avenue in Minneapolis. A map is available at <http://onestop.umn.edu/Maps/EALib/index.html>.

Grand Marshal nominations must be an individual which has had a significant positive impact on the local GLBT community. The Everyday Hero Award is for an individual for their volunteer efforts in the community. The Community Pride Award is for a local community group or organization, and the Corporate Achievement Award is for a locally-headquartered business or corporation. Complete guidelines for nominating a candidate are provided on the nomination form.

The meeting on Monday, Dec 2 meeting is open to the public. Among other topics, the nominees for all awards will be discussed, with input from the nominator and community. The Board of Directors will vote to select the winning candidates at the meeting.

Celebrating it's 31st year in 2003, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, the organizer of the Twin Cities Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Pride Celebration, began in 1972 with a small group of activists meeting for a picnic in Minneapolis' Loring Park and a short march down Nicollet Mall. Over the intervening years, the Twin Cities Pride Celebration has grown to be the largest GLBT Pride in the region and 4th largest in the United States, with an estimated 2002 attendance in excess of 280,000 people. GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization.

It is the mission of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities to commemorate and celebrate our diverse heritage, to inspire the achievement of equality and challenge discrimination.

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