

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities



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Eight Coordinators Appointed to 2004 Pride Board, Unfilled Positions Remain Available

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - At it's Board meeting last night, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities appointed eight coordinators to it's board of directors for the 2004 season. In addition to the Officers and Directors, Pride offers a coordinator-level position to those interested in volunteering their time to help plan the third largest Pride Celebration in the United States. Coordinators serve for a one-year term, which begins and ends at the first board meeting following the Annual Meeting in August.

Pride is pleased to welcome the following Coordinators back to the board from last season:

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| Deja Love | Boat Cruise & Pageant Coordinator |
| Jon Roberts | Disability Services Coordinator |
| Michael O'Laughlin | Marketing Coordinator |
| Lee Merrick | Treasury Coordinator |
| Eric Zimmerman | Information Technology Coordinator |

In addition, we are very pleased to welcome the following Coordinators for the first time:

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| Scott Rosenberg | Block Party Coordinator |
| Mark Schreiner | Festival Safety & Security Coordinator |

Parade Director Daniel Dempsey was appointed as Sponsorship Coordinator. In addition to his duties in planning the Ashley Rukes GLBT Pride Parade, he will be coordinating our Sponsorship program at the direction of Vice President of Finance Ryan Durant.

Jean-Nickolaus Tretter will be continuing his two-year term as the Pride Historian, who serves as our official archivist and coordinates the popular History Pavilion at the Pride Festival.

Pride President Jim Kelley said, "A big 'welcome back' to Jean, Deja, Jon, Michael, Eric and Lee for agreeing to another year and a 'welcome aboard' to Mark and Scott for joining us.

“Having filled about half of the Coordinator positions this early in the season should give us a huge jump on the planning for the 2004 Celebration. I’m hoping that community members will step forward soon to fill the remaining eleven positions. We want their input into the planning process and we can definitely use their help!”

Although we are very pleased that these talented people have signed up to help for the 2004 season, there are eleven additional Coordinator positions that remain unfilled. We are very interested in filling these positions as soon as possible. These positions are designed to be entry-level positions for those looking to become involved in helping to plan the Pride Celebration. All of the Coordinator positions come with a one-year commitment and are volunteer positions. The following opportunities are available: Sales Coordinator, Individual Donor Coordinator, Picnic Coordinator, Grand Marshal Coordinator, Affiliated Events Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Festival Logistics Coordinator, Festival Exhibitor/Vendor Coordinator, Festival Entertainment Coordinator and Block Party Safety & Security Coordinator. Position descriptions will be posted to Pride’s website, tcpride.org, in the coming weeks. Anyone interested in these positions is encouraged to contact Pride’s Vice President of Administration, David Hill, at 952-852-6106 or send an email to info@tcpride.org.

Celebrating its 32nd year in 2004, 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 3rd largest in the United States, with an estimated combined attendance in excess of 400,000 people at seven events. 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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