## 50+ SEPT 2014



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### SENIOR SERVICES

Building a diverse community of 50+ LGBT people who are active, empowered and proud.



LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

The Village at Ed Gould Plaza 1125 N McCadden Pl Los Angeles, CA 90038

**RSVP/Message Line** 323-860-5830 **Toll Free** 877-688-4833

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Senior Services strives to create a safe, welcoming and respectful community where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in their 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and beyond can come together to learn, connect, build friendships, gain support and thrive!

#### **WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER**

The start of the fall season is upon us, may it rain! We have had an exciting summer including the addition of new staff, the merger with GLEH, the largest Prom in our history and new classes have made for a full and fun summer.

As we start the fall season I have begun to contemplate what I am grateful for in my life, a tradition with our family. I started my list last week before I gave the keynote address at the Circle of Life luncheon.

I am grateful for a wonderful wife, a new puppy, excellent and intelligent colleagues and most of all to be of service. As we rocket into another fall, for what are you grateful? I look forward to seeing you this month at The Village, Triangle Square and the Valley, have a wonderful fall.

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## NEWSLETTER RSVP INSTRUCTIONS

RSVP requests must be made on or after September 1. Events are free of cost, unless price is noted.

To receive a reminder call, please RSVP three business days in advance of a scheduled event.

In case of cancellation, only those participants who have made an RSVP for an event will be notified by phone. If we do not reach you, we will leave a message, when possible.

Please only come to The Village to pay for ticketed events if you have recieved a confirmation call or e-mail for the event.

RSVP requests left on staff voice mail will be deleted.

RSVP/Message Line: 323-860-5830 Or, Toll-Free: 877-688-4833 seniors@lalgbtcenter.org

#### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

If you have any special needs such as dietary restrictions, wheelchair or disabled seating requirements for theater events or other venues, we will always do our best to accommodate!

Please let us know by calling 323-860-5830.

#### **SENIORS HELPING SENIORS**

Established by seniors and intended for seniors, this special fund is available to you on a limited basis for select activities, classes & events. If you need financial assistance to attend a class, dinner or event, please call us at **323-860-5830**.

All requests are completely confidential. The fund's availability depends on the generosity of seniors like you. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation to the Seniors Helping Seniors Fund!

#### **BIRTHDAYS!**

Kiko Tim Alice Jane Butch Kathleen Noland Noreen Ed Ray Diane Jake Peter Toby Jay Brad James Fred Garv Bart Grace Jovce Mitchell Pat Sophia Tony Sayuri Charlie Dennis John Verna Terry Sue Pam Gerry Cynthia Richard Robin Jack **Felise** Sandv Jack Bill Paul Pamela Tonv Rafael (Ralph) Bob Barry Joanie l i7 Angela Charlie **Edward** Marinella **Brooks Jeffrey** Barbara **Amber** J. T. Sal Richard Bruce Linda Robert William Garv Ray Augie Bobby Jim Russ Martha Michael Clarence Tony l i7 Tom Montserrat Marv Carol Steven Jewel Dennis Richard Famon Jeannine Christopher Meghan Richard MaryAnn

Rosanne

David

Joel Robert Ray Penny Jerome George Bob Paul Averv AΙ Michael Jerry Georg Michael Steve Yvonne Kipp Maria Desiree James Thomas lleana Sharon Dale Mark David Jone Lauren Dee Norman Stephen Amy Omer Que Israel **Frnest** Janice Yvonne Mike Pat Gil Ruben Gennady

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Susan Beerworth Dan Terrell Arthur Widawski Jesus

Janet

Michael

#### **EVERYONE**

## Trans 50+ Support Group Mondays 11:30 a.m. Drop in!

Join us for this fabulous group for trans and questioning men and women. **Tell a friend!** 



Mah Jongg Mondays 1:30 p.m. Drop in!



Stretch & Balance Wednesdays 11 a.m. Drop in!

#### Larry's Computer Club Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Drop in!



## Intro to iOS Devices 2 Thursdays 3 p.m. Event 0901

Allison refreshes basics and continues with skills like downloading apps, social media and playing media. Prioritiy is given to those who currently own an iPad, iPhone or iPod. Please bring your device. Some older versions may not be supported. Class limited to ten (10).

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

#### **Art Lab**

#### Fridays 1 p.m.

Start a new project or bring your current work to share with the class. We provide the supplies.

#### Drop in!



Chair Yoga Wed, Sept 3 & 17 10:30 a.m. Drop in!



Reading Opens Minds Mon, Sept 8 & 22 11 a.m. Event 0902 RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

# Lunch for Everyone Tues, Sept 9 12:30 p.m. Hong Kong Express Event 0906 Tues, Sept 23 12:30 p.m. Fabiolus Event 0907

Join us for lunch at The Village. \$2 Suggested donation. **RSVP Required: 323-860-**

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



## Movies for Everyone Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me Tues, Sept 9 1:30 p.m 81 Minutes Event 0908

This documentary tribute showcases the late, brash, uncompromising Tony and Emmy winner both onstage and off. **RSVP Required: 323-860-5830** 

#### Talk Amongst Yourselves 65+

Thurs, Sept 11 2 p.m. & Thurs, Sept 25 2 p.m.

**Drop in!** Join LGBT women & men for treats, beverages and great chat. 65+ only. **Tell a friend!** 

#### Bingo!

Fri, Sept 12 2 p.m. Event 0905 RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

#### LGBT Rights in Honduras: A Talk with Dr. Suyapa Portillo

Mon, Sept 15 11 a.m. Event 0924 See Page 9.

Central American Lunch Social Mon, Sept 15 12:30 p.m. Event 0925 See Page 9.

#### Lunch for Those Living with HIV at The Village RoRo's Wed Sept 17 Noon

Wed, Sept 17 Noon Event 0916

We'll provide lunch (\$2 donation requested). Share your stories of living, surviving &

thriving. **RSVP Required:** 

323-860-5830



#### Pompeii: The Exhibition California Science Center 700 Exposition Park Dr Los Angeles, CA 90037 Thurs, Sept 18 2 p.m. Free Event 0923

Features over 150 precious artifacts on loan from the Naples National Archaeological Museum. Parking and transportation not included. If using Metro, exit the Metro Expo Line at the Expo Park/USC Station. Please lookout for Tanya with an LGBT Center sign at the entrance of the CA Science Center. Limited to fourteen (14).

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



## Fred Astaire Changes Partners

Royal Wedding
Fri, Sept 19 Noon
Event 0912

Stars Fred Astaire, Jane Powell, Peter Lawford. Somewhat based on the real life of Fred and sister, Adele.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

My Life is Poetry Screening Sat, Sept 20 2 p.m.

**Event 0920** 

Filmed this past April in the Renberg Theatre, My Life is Poetry, directed and edited by Dean Littner, is a documentary film of a Los Angeles senior LGBTQ poetry workshop's culmination event led by Steven Reigns. The workshop is made possible by a grant from the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and is supported by the Los Angeles LGBT Center. My Life is Poetry captures a profound history told through the poetry and images of our senior LGBTQ

community. **RSVP Required: 323-860-5830** 



#### Film Screening of Classic

Mexican Film Angelitos Negros

Tues, Sept 23 1:30 p.m.

90 Minutes

**Event 0921** 

Starring Mexican film legend, Pedro Infante, Angelitos Negros is a story of prejudice and sacrifice. The plot centers on a woman who does not realize her Black heritage while being brought up as the daughter of white wealthy parents.

Protagonizada por la leyenda del cine Mexicano, Pedro Infante, Angelitos Negros es una historia de prejuicios y sacrificio. La trama se centra en una mujer que no se da cuenta de su herencia Negra mientras se crio como hija de padres blancos y ricos.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Dinner for Everyone Papa Cristo's 2771 W Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90006 Wed, Sept 24 5:30 p.m. Event 0909

Enjoy dinner with the group. This is not a free event. Cash is highly recommended. SHS available.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



## Opera Screening The Flying Dutchman Fri, Sept 26 1 p.m. 139 Minutes Event 0926

Richard Wagner's sea captain is cursed to wander the ocean forever until he can be redeemed by the love and self-sacrifice of a good woman.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



## Rusty's Gay Swing & Sway Sat, Sept 27 1 p.m. Event 0927

Waltz, Fox Trot, Swing and Cha-Cha, PLUS Texas Two Step! Beginners welcome! No rubber soles please. Partner not necessary.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Line Dancing
Mon, Sept 29 2:30 p.m.
Drop in! Join Tanya for an instruction in line dancing followed by open dance.
Tell a friend!

## Women to Women Chat Group with Julia

Mondays 1:30 p.m.
Drop in! Drop in for tea,
coffee, snacks and lively
conversation. Controversial
topics! Guest speakers!
Tell a friend!

### Women's Dessert Social

Tues, Sept 16 1 p.m. & Tues, Sept 30 1 p.m. Event 0914 Commune with us for an afternoon of sweet treats, conversation and socializing! RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

#### L50+ Spirituality Salon with Lois Sat, Sept 20 11 a.m.

**Drop in!** After the discussion, Lois will screen "Finding the Burning Times." **Tell a friend!** 

## L50+ Chat Group with Zenie Michael

After her 3 year commitment to the L50+ Group, Zenie Michael has announced her resignation as the facilitator. Thank you, Zenie, for your dedication to the group, you will be missed! At this time, the L50+ Sunday chat and movie activity will be on hiatus until we find a facilitator. If interested in applying, please contact

**Arlene 323-860-7359** or send an e-mail to **arodriguez@ lalgbtcenter.org**.

#### L50+ Dinner

Norms Restaurant
470 North La Cienega Blvd
WeHo, CA 90048
Sun, Sept 21 6 p.m.
Event 0910 Plenty of parking!
Please join us for a wonderful
evening out with the gals!
Look for Alice. Cash highly
recommended.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



## L50+ Movie Finding Vivian Maier Tues, Sept 30 1:30 p.m. 90 Minutes Event 0928

Now considered one of the 20th century's greatest street photographers, Vivian Maier took over 100,000 photographs that went unseen during her lifetime. Who was she?

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

#### **MEN**

Men's Drop-In Support Group Wednesdays 10 a.m. Drop in!

Come meet new friends. Share your stories & experiences with men each week! **Tell a friend!** 

#### Men's Hike Griffith Park

Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
Drop in! Meet at the corner of Fern Dell & Black Oak Drive, 200 ft. north of Los Feliz Blvd. Parking is available along Fern Dell Dr or take public transit. Bring water, a snack & comfortable shoes. This group is co-ed every third Thursday.

Bring a friend!

Men's Dessert Social Tues, Sept 16 1 p.m. & Tues, Sept 30 1 p.m. Event 0917 Come join us for an afternoon of sweet treats, conversation and socializing! RSVP Required:

323-860-5830

Men's Movie Bridegroom Tues, Sept 30 1:30 p.m. 79 Minutes Event 0929

Shane Bitney Crone finds himself shut out and deprived of the legal protections of marriage after his same-sex partner dies in a tragic accident.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830

Men's Dinner

French Market
7985 Santa Monica Blvd
WeHo, CA 90046
Tue, Sept 30 6 p.m.
Event 0918 Dinner out with
the guys! Cash recommended!
RSVP Required:

323-860-5830

#### PROGRAMA de COMUNIDAD LATINA 50+

#### :No estas solo(a)! ¡Celebra que eres!

Ven y participar en este grupo bilingüe (Español/Inglés) para que usted conozca otras/os Latinas/os mayores lesbiana, gay, bisexual, transgénera y transgénero. ¡Aprenda acerca de las próximas actividades! ¡Comparte tus ideas para continuar ayudando a construir este nuevo programa!

#### Reuniones de Comunindad Latina 50+ en el Este de Los Angeles

Cuando: Cuarto jueves de cada mes,

3-4:30 p.m.

**Proximas Reuniones:** 25 de septiembre Donde: Altamed, 512 S. Indiana Street,

Los Angeles 90063

#### Reuniones de Comunindad Latina 50+ en Hollywood

Cuando: Segundo martes de cada mes,

5-7 p.m.

**Proximas Reuniones:** 9 de septiembre Donde: MCC Church, Rosa Parks Room, 4607 Prospect Avenue, Los Angeles

90027

Para inscribirse o si usted tiene preguantas póngase en contacto con Yuisa Gimeno al 323-860-7369 o comunidad@lalgbtcenter.org.

#### Comunidad Latina 50+ Program

You're not alone! Celebrate who you are! Come and participate in Comunidad Latina 50+, a unique bilingual (English/Spanish) group that's just for you to meet and connect with other 50+ Latina/o lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender folks. Learn about upcoming activities! Share your ideas to continue to help build this new program!

#### Comunidad Latina 50+ Meetings in East Los Angeles

When: Every 4th Thursday of the month.

3-4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 25

Location: Altamed, 512 S. Indiana Street,

Los Angeles 90063

#### Comunidad Latina 50+ Meetings in Hollywood

When: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month,

5-7 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 9

**Location:** MCC Church, Rosa Parks Room, 4607 Prospect Avenue, Los Ange-

les 90027

To sign up or if you have questions please contact Yuisa Gimeno at 323-860-7369 or comunidad@lalgbtcenter.org.

#### **COMUNIDAD LATINA 50+ PROUDLY PRESENTS** LATINA/O HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES!

#### **LA PROGRAMA de COMUNIDAD LATINA 50+** PRESENTA con ORGULLO ACTIVIDADES PARA el MES de HERENCIA LATINA!

LGBT Rights in Honduras: A Talk with Dr. Suyapa Portillo Mon, Sept 15 11 a.m. Event 0924

Derechos de La Comunidad LGBT en Honduras: una Platica con Dr. Suyapa Portillo 15 de Septiembre 11 a.m. Evento 0924 (continued on page 10)

#### **COMUNIDAD** (continued)

### Central American Lunch Social 12:30 p.m. Event 0925

#### Almuerzo Centroamericano 12:30 p.m. Evento 0925

Commemorate Honduras' Independence Day with Suyapa Portillo, historian and Assistant Professor at Pitzer College. Honduras is the most dangerous place to be LGBTI today due to tremendous violence; isolation and discrimination as they form movements to come out, to fight HIV/AIDS and to gain legal protection from hate crimes. She will discuss the history and current situation of LGBTI movement organizing in Honduras and connect it to LGBTI and women immigrants from Central America in the US. A question and answer session and a catered Honduran lunch will follow this special presentation.

Conmemorar el Día de La Independencia de Honduras con Suyapa Portillo, historiadora y profesora adjunta en Pitzer College. Hoy, Honduras es el lugar más peligroso para ser LGBTI por la tremenda violencia; aislamiento y la discriminación y al mismo tiempo estand formando el movimiento LGBTI para salir del closet, luchar contra VIH/SIDA y para obtener la protección legal de crímenes de odio. Ella discutirá la historia y la situación actual del movimiento LGBTI en Honduras y conéctarlo al LGBTI y mujeres inmigrantes de Centroamerica en los Estados Unidos. Una sesión de preguntas y respuestas y un almuerzo Centroamericano seguirá esta presentación especial.

Latina/o Heritage month continues in October! Join the fun & experience Puerto Rico in Los Angeles!

#### **HEALTH**

#### **DROP-IN CASE MANAGEMENT**

Drop-In Every Wed. & Thurs. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Senior Services has expanded drop-in case management hours. Come meet with a trained social worker and learn about valuable programs and services that may be available to you: housing, employment, medical, mental health, legal, social support and more! First come, first served basis, at The Village only!

#### CONTACT

Julia Wallace: 323-860-7395 Yuisa Gimeno: 323-860-7369

#### **HIV TESTING**

You can get tested on a walk-in basis, for free, at the Center's McDonald/Wright Building (1625 N Schrader Blvd) on weekdays from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. or at The Spot (745 N San Vicente Blvd.) Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

## PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. RSVP Required. GMSHF@yahoo.com 323-860-7340

## MEN'S SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION SUPPORT GROUP

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. Every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m.-Noon RSVP required. GMSHF@yahoo.com

323-860-7340

#### **VALLEY**

Bingo Thurs, Sept 4 12:30 p.m. Drop in! Let's play! We'll bring the supplies. We'll end with a game of coverall.

Tell a friend!



Eliane Stritch: Shoot Me Thurs, Sept 11 12:30 p.m Drop in! See page 4 for description. Tell a friend!

Potluck Lunch
Thurs, Sept 18 12:30 p.m.
Drop in! Bring a dish to share.
Tell a friend!

# Writing Workshop Thurs, Sept 25 12:30 p.m. Drop in! We'll prompt you with fun and throught provoking scenarioes. After each exercise, we'll share with the group. Tell a friend!

This group meets at the MCC Church located at 5730 Cahuenga, Blvd, North Hollywood, 91601 (unless otherwise noted in the newsletter). Questions? Call 323-860-5830.

#### HIV+

## HIV+ Men's Support Group Thursdays 1 p.m.

**Drop in!** Come meet new friends. Share your stories and experiences with men living with HIV. **Tell a friend!** 

## **Lunch for Those Living** with **HIV**

Wed, Sept 17 Noon Event 0916 See page 5 for description. RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



## Movie for Those Living with HIV

Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me Wed, Sept 17 12:30 p.m Drop in!

See page 4 for description.

Tell a friend!

## **ACTIVITIES IN WEHO**

#### **WeHo LGBT Senior Housing Summit coming soon!**



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WeHo, CA 90048
Sun, Sept 21 6 p.m.
Event 0910 Plenty of parking!
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PSVP Required.

RSVP Required: 323-860-5830



# Men's Dinner French Market 7985 Santa Monica Blvd WeHo, CA 90046 Tue, Sept 30 6 p.m. Event 0918 Dinner out with the guys! Cash recommended! RSVP Required:

323-860-5830

#### WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF



Tanya Witt joined the team as an Activities Coordinator at Triangle Square in May of 2014. She enjoys dancing, biking, roller derby, and performing with her bands. Tanya is excited to give line dance lessons at

both Triangle Square and The Village and hopes to see you in a class soon!



Gayle Gates
became the
Social Services
Manager at Triangle Square in
March of 2012.
She was awarded the Master
of Social Work
degree (MSW)
from California
State University,
Northridge that

same year. After 35 years working for two Fortune 500 companies, she decided to follow her heart and switched careers to Social Work with LGBT Seniors-best decision she ever made!



Allison Santos joined the team as an Activities Coordinator in April of 2014. She has a BA in Studio Art from the University of CA, Irvine. Her work primarily focuses on identity, storytelling and art as ac-

tivism. She works primarily in photo, video and mixed media. She spent the last five years teaching and training at Apple. She has done a lot of work with the LGBTQ community over the years and is excited to be on staff.



Tripp Mills has over 20 years of management experience in the non-profit sector working specifically with the LGBT community on a variety of programs including; HIV/AIDS prevention; LGBT Senior programs;

and most recently affordable housing for seniors and homeless populations. Tripp received his MFA from the Trinity Rep Conservatory (at Brown Univ.) and is currently seeking a Masters in Creative Writing at UCLA. His articles have been published in Art & Understanding and The Advocate. He is extremely excited to rejoin the staff of the Los Angeles LGBT Center's Senior Services Department with its mission to provide affordable housing to LGBT seniors.



Chanena Barrios joined the Senior Services team as an Activities Coordinator in April of 2014. She has a BA in Liberal Studies. She was a teacher for young children for over ten years. Having volunteered here

for the last three years, Chanena is no stranger to the Center and is ecstatic to be a staff member!

