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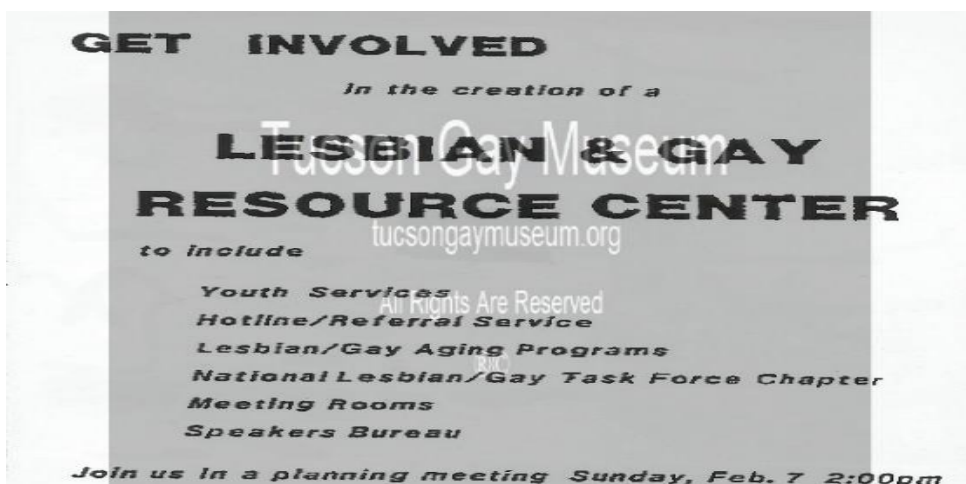
The: [Tucson Lesbian & Gay Community Center](#)'

Tucson's Third Resource Center Considered

Early 1988 The Question Was: Is There A Need For Tucson's 3rd Gay Community Center?

1988 January – Advisers of a local Lesbian and Gay youth group mail a letter to a local news publication calling for and announcing a community meeting. The letter is written into an article titled, “Community Meeting To Discuss Gay Resource Center for Tucson.” [1] [1a]

1988 February – A nearly 1/4 page size advertisement appears in a local news publication announcing: ‘GET INVOLVED in the creation of a LESBIAN & GAY RESOURCE CENTER...’ The advertisement also appears as a poster seen at various local Gay and Lesbian venues. [2]



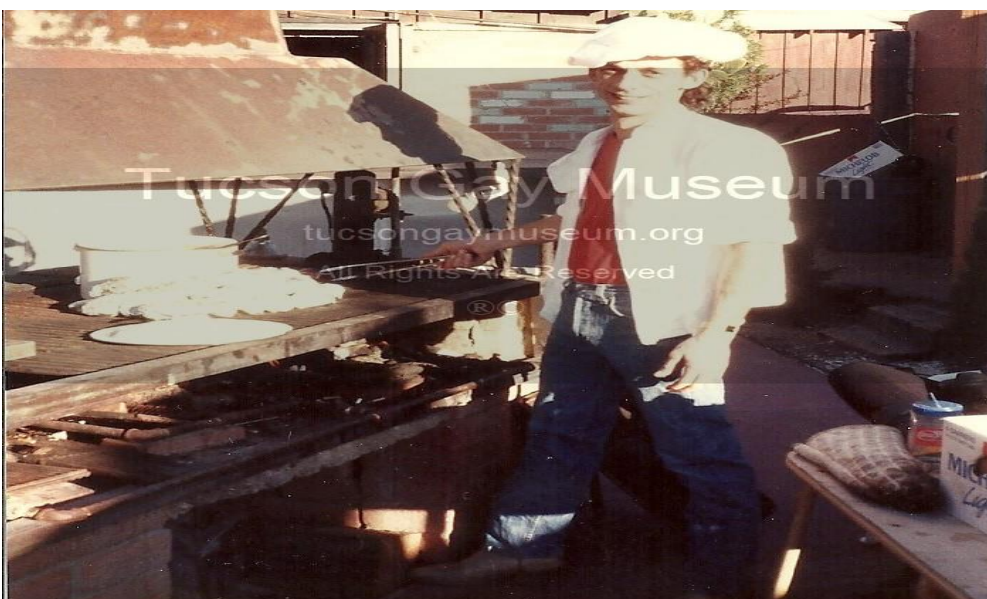
1988 Announcement
Advertisement And Poster [*]

1988 early-February 'First Meeting' – Representatives from some of Tucson's Gay & Lesbian businesses and organizations along with a few members of the 'Community' attend the first of two February discussion meetings held considering creation of another [3] [4] "Lesbian & Gay Resource Center."



1988 First Community Meeting
Does Tucson Need To Try A Gay Community Center Again? [*]

First meeting held at a local church on 22nd Street led by four Lesbians and one Gay man [note photo above] focuses on attendees "initiating dialogues" discussing if a need exists for and if so the possibility of establishing Tucson's second [2nd] Lesbian and Gay Community Center [3rd local Center]. A Tucson Gay Museum archives photographer captures the event in 24ea color photos along with an audio recording. Attendees are unable to reach a consensus. Atmosphere at the meeting is termed 'high energy' by a local news publication. [5] Tucson's first [1st] 'community center' named 'Gay Community Services' (aka G.C.S.) community center of Tucson had closed four years earlier from a lack of funds available to pay monthly overhead expenses. [6] [7] [8] At the end of the meeting attendees are treated to what many describe as "*a mouthwatering barbeque and very ice cold beer.*"



1988 First Community Meeting BBQ [*]

1988 late-February ‘Second Meeting’ – Second meeting is held at the facility of two heroin & other drug addiction recovery program’s just off 4th Avenue with lower attendance continuing dialogue from initial meeting. Attendees are again unable to reach a consensus. [9] [9a]

1988 early-March– A small article in a local news publication announces third and fourth meetings. Third meeting to be held as “Consensus Training sessions for people interested in the formation of a Lesbian and Gay Community Resource Center.” Admittance to meetings changes from open to registration only. [10] Fourth meeting is announced to be a “Philosophy and Purpose of the Organization” dialogue. Meeting organizers “hope that a consensus will be reached as to name, scope, and aim for the new Center.” [11]

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‘Tucson Lesbian & Gay Community Center’ Name Is Chosen

1988 April-May – The new entity is mentioned for the first time in a local newspaper article using its newly chosen name “**Tucson Lesbian & Gay Community Center**” in announcing its first event, co-sponsoring a “Womyn Loving Womyn Retreat.” A donation of \$25.00 per person is asked for. [15]

‘Tucson Lesbian & Gay Community Center’ Renamed ‘Wingspan’

1988 early-June – For the first time the coordinators of the group in a letter mailed into local news publication *The Weekly Observer* [16] announce, “*we’re WINGSPAN, A LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY CENTER.*” “*We don’t have the place yet [that takes money], but we have terrific energy to make good things happen for Lesbians and Gay men in Tucson.*” The Wingspan letter asks for financial help with a \$25.00 annual member fee, chooses to begin as its first event and fundraiser as the new entity and name Wingspan ‘The Moth Ball’ a dance held during Gay Pride Week but not part of the Tucson Pride Alliance Committee ‘1988 Pride Week’ events. [16] [17] The new efforts fundraiser event poster is seen at various local Lesbian & Gay Bars and businesses. No advertisements or listings in the ‘Calendar of Upcoming Events’ or ‘Notices’ sections of the local gay news publication are placed. [Note 1988 Wingspan effort fundraiser event poster below] [18]

casual attire

the MOTH

Ball

airing out the closets

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH
9 P.M. TIL 1 A.M.

DEL RIO BALLROOM
718 W. SPEEDWAY

TICKETS: \$2.00 IN ADVANCE
\$4.00 AT THE DOOR

MUSIC BY
PINK RHINO

“Fundraising Event”^[19] and “Membership Drive Celebration”^[20] [*]

REMARKABLY PROUD

Pride Week Tucson, 88

June 19 - 26

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
NOON - DUSK - PICNIC IN HIMMEL PARK. 20 KEGS OF FREE ICE COLD BEER AND SOFT DRINKS. DANCING, VOLLEYBALL, GAMES, POLITICAL CANDIDATES, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES. FOOD INFORMATION AND CRAFT BOOTHS. ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF YOUR FRIENDS. BE THERE!
8:30 P.M. - AFTER PICNIC PARTY AND SHOW AT JOSHUA TREE OUTDOOR STAGE. CAST INCLUDES LIVE PERFORMANCES BY FIESTA DE HAYO QUEEN JANET, MR. MONTEJON, MR. ERVIN WAGNER, MR. DANIEL REID PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE. NO CHARGE.

MONDAY, JUNE 20
INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT! AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. ALL DENOMINATIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED. NOT A RELIGIOUS SERVICE BUT ONE OF INSPIRATION AND REFLECTION. WATCH FOR TIME AND MORE INFO.
AFTER BLAST PARTY AT OUTRAGEOUS. 9:00 P.M. DRINK SPECIALS AND GAMES. ALSO A RAFFLE FOR SEVERAL ELECTRIC BEER SIGNS! NO CHARGE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21
6:00 P.M. BIG PRIDE WEEK SHOW AT IBT'S STARRING ERIKA, TIFANY, CRISTINA AND MR. DANIEL REID. PLUS THERE WILL BE A ROSE MOFFORD LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST WITH A WINNING PRIZE OF \$50.00! NO CHARGE.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
VIDEO NITE AT RUMOR HAZZIT AT 7:30 P.M. SLIDES AND VIDEOS OF PAST AND PRESENT PRIDE WEEK ACTIVITIES. COME AND SEE YOURSELF AS YOU LOOKED AT THIS YEAR'S PICNIC. SPECIAL DRINK PRICES. DANCING LATER. NO CHARGE.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23
CASINO NITE AT THE GRADUATE. NO CHARGE TO PLAY. WINNERS RECEIVE SOME GREAT PRIZES. DEALERS FROM SOS AND TLGA. NO CHARGE.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24
DANCE CONTEST AT COLETTE'S WITH CASH PRIZES OF \$50, \$20, & \$40 FOR THE WINNERS. 8:30 P.M. SIGN UP PRIOR TO 8:30 P.M. NO CHARGE.
PRIDE WEEK SHOW AT RUMOR HAZZIT. 9:00 P.M. FEATURING MISS GAY ARIZONA, PENELOPE POUPE' AND SOME SPECIAL GUESTS FROM PHOENIX AND TUCSON. NO CHARGE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
PRE-CROWNING MISS GAY TUCSON REVUE AT GRADUATE. 8:30 P.M. FEATURING PENELOPE POUPE' AND ALL THE CONTESTANTS. NO CHARGE.
"PRIDE FRIENDSHIP NITE" AT RITA'S. SHOW FEATURING IBT'S REGULAR CAST PLUS SOME EXTRA SPECIAL GUESTS AND HOSTED BY CANDY PLASTIQUE BARTENDERS FROM BOTH RITA'S AND IBT'S WILL BE SERVING. ALL TIPS GO TO TLGA FOR NEXT YEARS PRIDE WEEK. NO CHARGE.
3RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR INTEGRITY/TUCSON PRESS AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WITH RECEPTION FOLLOWING. ALL INTEGRITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME IN A SPIRIT OF PRIDE.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26
"OUR LIVES ARE HAPPY AND GAY" SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M. AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH. THE SERVICE IS A CHANCE TO SHARE THE THOUGHTS, HOPE, DREAMS AND RIGHTS OF THOSE WHOSE HISTORY AND CULTURE HAS LONG BEEN CLOSETED. FACILITATED BY FRAN WESTRA. NO CHARGE.
WORKSHOP "ELIMINATING HOMOPHOBIA & ANTI-SEMITISM" PRESENTED BY THE NEW JEWISH AGENDA FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AT THE RANDOLPH RECREATION CENTER. 200 S. ALVERNON. \$2.00 DONATION REQUESTED. REFRESHMENTS.
PRIDE WEEK WINDUP. SPECIAL COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET BEING SERVED AT RITA'S FROM 9:00 UNTIL 9:00 P.M. NO CHARGE.
MISS GAY TUCSON PAGEANT 8:00 P.M. AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL. COME AND SEE MISS GAY TUCSON. 1988-89 BE CROWNED. TICKETS \$10 IN ADVANCE. \$12 AT THE DOOR.

1988 Pride Events Poster [*]

‘Wingspan’ Renamed ‘Wingspan Community Center’

1988 mid-June – The new entity “Wingspan” coordinators mail in the efforts first local press release to a local publication announcing it is “***Wingspan Community Center based on a vision.***” “*Committees were formed, the need and energy for a [another] community center exists.*” “*Although Wingspan does not yet have its own office ... some of its services are still in the planning stages.*” [21]

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1988 mid-June – Wingspan Community Center effort sets up card table selling ‘Vic’s Gourmet Popcorn’, Pretzels, and Corn Chips’ at the 1988 Tucson Pride Picnic raising funds for the new group. [Note photo below] [*]



1988 Wingspan table at Pride Picnic sells popcorn, corn chips, pretzels [*]

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