

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
 celebrates



# PRIDE IN WESTCHESTER

**Monday, June 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Legislative Chambers, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Fl. White Plains, NY 10601*

Hosted  
 by



K. Jenkins



W. Burton



P. Harckham



M. Kaplowitz



J. Maisano



J. Myers

## PROGRAM

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Legislator Peter Harckham

### Opening Prayer

Rev. James Stewart, Empty Hand Zen Center

### Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman

### Youth Performance

*Introduction by Legislator John Nonna*

Spoken Word performance by  
 Drama Troupe from Center Lane

### Historical View of the LGBT Community in Westchester

Led by Karen Carr

### Presentation of Proclamation to the Westchester Pride Coalition

*Presented by Legislator William Burton*

Accepted by David Juhren & Mary Jane Karger

### Closing Remarks

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman



J. Nonna



W. Ryan



B. Spreckman



A. Williams



L. Williams



**Ken Jenkins**  
*Board Chair*  
 Legislator, 16th District

**John G. Testa**  
 Legislator, 1st District

**Peter B. Harckham**  
 Legislator, 2nd District

**John M. Nonna**  
 Legislator, 3rd District

**Michael B. Kaplowitz**  
 Legislator, 4th District

**William J. Ryan**  
 Legislator, 5th District

**Martin L. Rogowsky**  
 Legislator, 6th District

**Judith A. Myers**  
*Majority Whip*  
 Legislator, 7th District

**Alfreda A. Williams**  
 Legislator, 8th District

**William E. Burton**  
 Legislator, 9th District

Legislator, 10th District

**James Maisano**  
*Minority Leader*  
 Legislator, 11th District

**Thomas J. Abinanti**  
*Majority Leader*  
 Legislator, 12th District

**Lyndon D. Williams**  
*Vice Chair*  
 Legislator, 13th District

**Bernice Spreckman**  
 Legislator, 14th District

**Gordon A. Burrows**  
*Minority Whip*  
 Legislator, 15th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
 Legislator, 17th District



# The Westchester Pride Coalition

*The Westchester Pride Coalition* is comprised of a number of different not-for-profit agencies serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning communities of Westchester County, NY. The Coalition formed in March of 2009 under the auspices of the Westchester County Office of LGBT Affairs and quickly took on a life of its own. The Coalition's goal is to celebrate and foster diversity while empowering the LGBTQ community of Westchester County.

## **Westchester Pride Coalition Members:**

### **AIDS-Related Community Services (ARCS)**

ARCS is the Hudson Valley's only comprehensive HIV/AIDS service organization, providing a continuum of care and a stabilizing presence for over 10,000 people in crisis each year. For more information, please visit [www.arcs.org](http://www.arcs.org).

### **Center Lane**

Center Lane, a program of Westchester Jewish Community Services, provides a safe-haven that fosters a positive sense of self, reduces isolation and addresses high-risk behaviors in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their straight allies ages 14-21.

### **GLSEN Hudson Valley**

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Hudson Valley chapter shares the GLSEN national mission of making schools safe for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. GLSEN envisions a future in which every child learns to respect and accept all people.

### **Lambda Peer Support Services (LPSS)**

LPSS provides workshops, ongoing and short term discussion groups, "Holiday Connections" activities and other programs for the LGBTQ Community of the Lower Hudson

Valley and surrounding areas. LPSS, strives to foster a sense of community, erase stereotypes about homosexuality and reduce the affects of homophobia, discrimination and prejudice.

### **New York Transgender Rights Organization (NYTRO)**

NYTRO works to gain legal protections for Trans individuals in New York, and has been successful in changing a number of laws within Westchester, making it a more trans-inclusive county in which to live.

### **PFLAG Westchester - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

### **The LOFT: LGBT Community Services Center**

The LOFT is the region's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center. The LOFT offers numerous programs and services that advocate for, educate about, and celebrate within our LGBT community. Visit us at [www.loftgaycenter.org](http://www.loftgaycenter.org).

### **The Straight Spouse Network (SSN) Westchester Chapter**

SSN is an international organization that provides personal, confidential support and information to heterosexual spouses/partners, current or former, of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender mates and mixed-orientation couples for constructively resolving coming-out problems.

### **Victims Assistance Services (VAS)**

VAS, a component of WestCOP, provides free, compassionate services to crime victims and their loved ones. VAS also works to end violence through community action, public policy and culture change. Our LGBTQ Specialist serves victims of Intimate Partner Violence, hate crimes and other violence affecting our LGBTQ communities, convenes the Westchester County LGBTQ Domestic Violence Task Force, and provides community and professional trainings.

### **Westchester Lesbian Connection**

The Westchester Lesbian Connection is an organization that promotes events for women in a safe space focusing on social, recreational, educational and theatrical activities. Planning meetings are held once a month where anyone can share their ideas for programs and events.

*A special thanks to the LGBTQ Celebration Planning Committee*