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What I Saw at the Sawmill By Lourdes Soto

The Women's Business & Entertainment Expo held at Sawmill Camping Resort during their Spring Fest last weekend was a GREAT success! I took copies of Out on the Coast Magazine with me and they were immediately placed at Lucy's (that's the



Tampa Bay Women's Chorus

name of their registration building & store).

Friday night there was Bingo to benefit Crescendo, The Tampa Bay Women's Chorus. What a way to start the weekend: a room full of lesbians

playing bingo!!!! Something that I never believed I'd see. Eventually I figured it out, after all they offered cash prizes. Can you imagine me playing Bingo???

The rain was abysmal that night. My tent got really wet (my girl didn't trust her Puerto Rican girl's expertise regarding dark black clouds = a LOT OF RAIN).

We ended up renting a room outside the resort because Sawmill was packed with tons & tons of wymyn from all over Florida! When we got through the storm & rain for a heavenly weekend experience.

photo by Sharon

The exhibits on Saturday took me through lesbian & feminist literature, tarot reading, gay toys, jewelry, t-shirts, Asian Lucky Bamboos, stained glass and body painting.. ooOOH my my my... that body painting...very revealing from military & patriotic designs to even a leopard!!!! Women's Glass was there to display her wonderful stained glass art. She was a complete success. Of course, I have my own bias.....

The entertainment was fabulous. A musical journey from The Tampa Bay Women's Chorus, and The Florida



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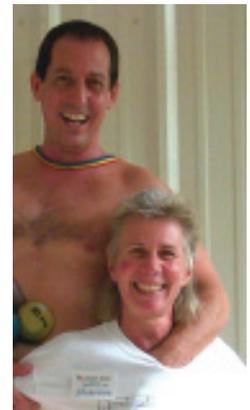
Men's Chorale (I heard ladies say, "A men's group!?" Don't forget we have to be inclusive and not exclusive with our "family" members), to a wonderful singer & my friend Aimee Alden who, as always, was GREAT!!! She's going to be part of the entertainment at the Vero Beach PFLAG 4th Annual PRIDE Dinner-Dance June 14th. During her



Judy K photo by Sharon

set spotted Tanya, a member of Distant Echo — another great women's group and dragged her to the stage for a great duo! Kristen Hart was wonderful and Judy K. was a beautiful cowgirl all in black (cute!) she rocked! Her songs made the got the ladies dancing — particularly the slow ones.....

Shawn Charlton, Sawmill's promotions manager, organized the event. My kudos to him and all the staff. They make you feel as though you are at home! You, my camping friends, need to plan a trip to Sawmill Camping Resort for one of the best experiences at Florida's new GLBT destination!



Shawn & Sharon photo by Lourdes



Tea Time

with Miss T

Cabana boy thinks the problem is that I need a new computer, that's why I'm not getting any email. He wants me to buy a new Dell, but I keep telling him the boy in the ad doesn't come with the computer. He says if I get a new computer and DSL he'll check the video chat rooms and prove me wrong. Well it's up to you to prove him wrong – that my trusty TRS-80 receives email just fine — send your info to MissT@OOTCmag.com.

You can always trust the Bellwood for a good meal – authentic Polish food or something lighter for a hot summer day. Or just a great place to have a libation while in the area.

All over the area BCC campuses it's finals time, so all those darling college kids will be studying – yeah, studying – their asses off. At least they pick up the mag at the bookstore, unless they're in Melbourne. Oh well, eventually I'll get that worked out.

I'm not sure working is the right word for it, but 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays at The Drama Club is now Deviation, with DJ Cinder, featuring Electro-Industrial, EBM, Synth-Pop and Future Pop. Sounds all dark and Goth and fun to me, but I've had to be South the last two Sundays. Soon I'm going to hustle up there and check it out.

The Rainbow Community Center in Cocoa and the Church of God in Christ just hustled across the street. Don't know all the dirt, but they had only a couple of weeks to do it as their landlord wouldn't renew the lease and so they had to clear out the thrift shop and get moved by May 1. Let's hope that, **with your generous donations**, they will soon be in a bigger space again. So send in what you can to the Rainbow Community Center, 801 Forrest Ave, Cocoa, FL 32922. Remember that it's ours to loose, if we don't support the center it's our community that looses.

Now if you want to loose the weeds, call **Bob's Lawn Care**. It's time to get in his schedule for the summer – you want to do things, let him do your lawn and you can go to the beach.

Maybe at the beach is where GLASS is. I still haven't heard from anyone at Florida Tech in Melbourne. People tell me that they're still in existence, but you

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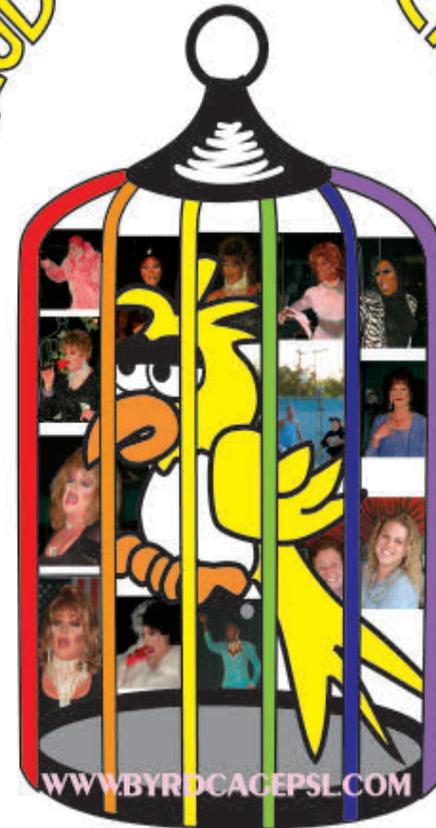
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Spiritually Speaking

The Family of God in Christ Community welcomes Pastor Mark Osdras who is now serving their faith community. Pastor Mark has spent most of his life [32 years] in pastoral ministry and he and his partner John Murnahan have sidestepped their plans to move from the Space Coast to help their Family of God Community reorganize their efforts to serve the Christian Gay and Lesbian Community of Brevard. Services are offered every Sunday at 10:00am and 6:00pm and on Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm. You may email Pastor Mark directly at familyofgodbrevard@yahoo.com or visit their new website at familyofgodbrevard.org

How do we expect to gain anything from the stock market if we don't purchase any shares? How do we expect to win the lottery if we never buy a ticket? How do we expect to host a party if we never send out an invitation?

How do we expect a relationship

with our God if we never spent a moment to nourish a relationship with our God? Our God is waiting you know.

We have lots of expectations in our lives, but the reality never comes if we don't make a step toward that expectation. We want to have a healthy body so we run out and get a gym membership; if we don't go to the gym we don't have results. It's a simple reality.

It's that way also with our relationships with God and each other. If we don't invest anything in these relationships how can we expect to get anything back?

So some may say "There is no God" or "How could God do this to me?" "Where was God in this tragic moment of our lives?"

We see the face of God in our sufferings; we give witness to the joys of God in our celebrations, if only we have invited God into our lives, than God will be there for us. The invitation is there. From the Cross of salvation, God through the incarnation of Jesus Christ gives us

the invitation to a full and lasting relationship with him. So my friends, how much effort have we put into fostering a relationship with our God? Only you know the answer to that question in the silence of your own hearts.

What God has asked of us is minimal. In the Ten Commandments we are asked "To keep the Sabbath Holy" At the Last Supper, Jesus asked us "To do this in remembrance of me."

How much effort have we put into our relationship with our God? Where is this relationship in the priorities of our life? We are an instant society where I'm sure many think God should be there for us at the push of a magic button. Instant Jesus, only there when I want him to be.

So you want a relationship, a friendship that is healthy and prosperous? You need to make the effort to foster that relationship and you may be surprised if you put the effort forth what the result may be. The possibilities are endless and the reality is there. Go and make that step as our loving and ever compassionate God is waiting for YOU!

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couldn't prove it by me. Either they don't think it's important to reply to email, or they delete everything that isn't from someone they know, or – who knows.

I do know that on May 16th there's a Matrix Reloaded party at the Cold Keg featuring Leigh Shannon and Crystal Chambers from Orlando. There will be CDs and movie posters and lots of fun. Memorial Day weekend will start on Friday, the 23rd, with Nahzoni from Orlando, in a USO show – can't wait to see what Leigh Shannon does with that theme! Continuing the military theme on Saturday, the 24th, will be Cold Keg's Uniform party. Sunday, the 25th, will be something special – plans aren't complete, but you can bet the Melbourne crowd will want to hustle their buns in to check out this mystery event!

Hustling their buns is what Brevard Together is doing. The board and committees are trying to get together a summer full of events, so watch for more than the monthly pot-luck (but check them out too, there's good food and you can pick up the mag and socialize – it's amazing what happens when you're somewhere where the music is soft enough to carry on a conversation). You never know who you might meet. Now if you want a party you should know by now that the BT 5th Annual Pride Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn, Indialantic, is on June 20, so get your tickets by calling Bernard at 321-777-3781 or Rhonda at Hair Biz, 321-783-4003.

One big Pride party will be the **PFLAG Vero Beach's** 4th Pride Dinner Dance at the Vero Inn on Saturday, June 14. There will be drinks from 6:30 to 7, Amiee will play during dinner, then dancing to DJ Tunes of Florida, a show featuring Felicia, then more dancing until 1 am! It's going to be a great, sold out event, so get your tickets now. See the **PFLAG Vero Beach** ad in the middle of this issue.

In the middle of it was what **PFLAG Vero Beach** was at the Walk for Life in Vero May 2-3. Not only was it for a good cause, Lord knows **PFLAG Vero Beach** is all about good work, but the visibility it afforded our community was just as important.

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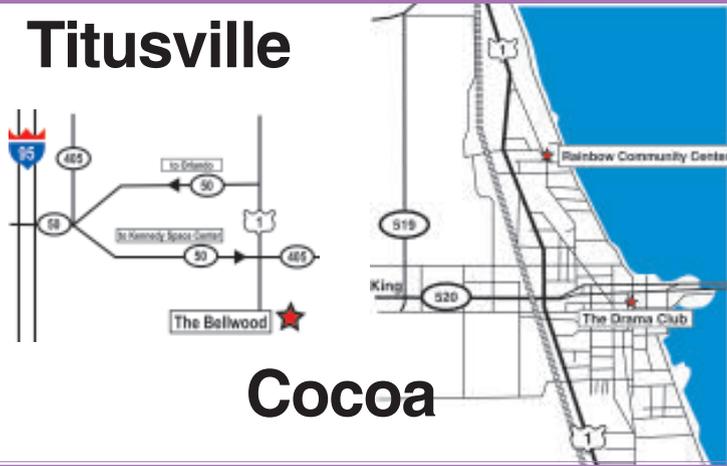
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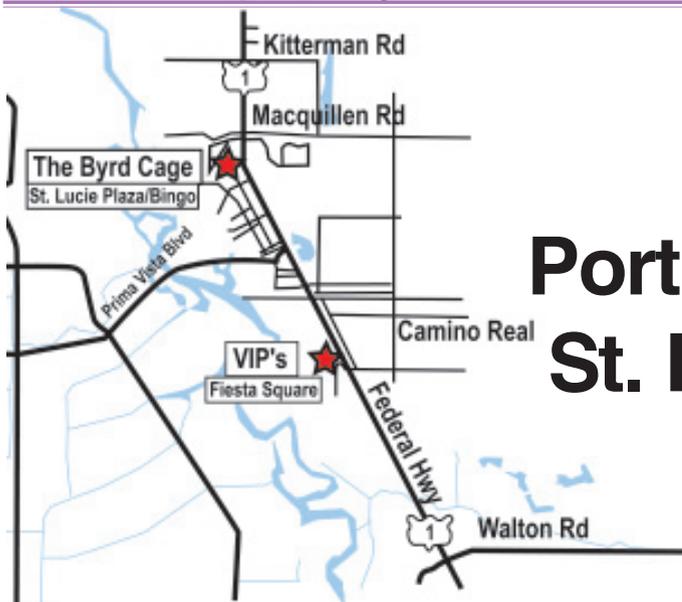
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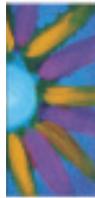
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On hand was a nice crowd for **VIP's** anniversary party Saturday night. Most people skipped the open bar and buffet (fools, or rather there was that much more for me – Toné's stuffed shells were fabulous). By show time everyone was in a party mood and Lori, The Legacy of Music, had everyone wound up nicely. Danielle Starr was, as ever, simply marvelous. And with Melissa St. John, the Queen of the Palm Beaches, doing her thing as only she can do it plus Kyle stripping the show kept moving along with something for everyone! It even started on time. That meant there was time for dancing and socializing afterward and the crowd stayed until last call. This poor old dear just nodded off as my stalwart publisher guided the trusty Kia up US 1 back to the boonies of Brevard. You know, that old thing slept in Sunday morning claiming he'd stayed out too late, funny, he wasn't too tired for an after-hours dip with the cabana boy though, the old goat!

Funny is coming to **VIP's** on May 10th with Danielle Starr and Ashely Monroe in a comedy show, followed by a Stars and Stripes show on the 17th. **VIP's** is kicking off Memorial Day weekend with an 80's party with Mercedes and they're finishing off May with more strippers on the 31st. Be sure to check here to see just who's dancing at **VIP's** for that show. Our lips are sealed, tightly around ... nevermind, it's impolite to speak with one's mouth full.

My hands are full with a rejuvenated cabana boy – the rest did him good and he's now running us all ragged. And just in time, as my vision was beginning to dim, although my right bicep is much more toned now for some reason. So if you hear something worth passing along, email it to MissT@ootcmag.com. Kiss, Kiss. ▼

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