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Dear Friends of Pride,

Boston Pride is happy to announce that we have been selected to host the 2008 NorthEast Regional Pride (NERP) Conference. The conference, to be held in early 2008, will be a forum for Prides of the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states to develop a unified strategy on building and securing LGBT visibility in their communities. Please see below for details.

Also remember to regularly check www.bostonpride.org for news and updates on Pride 2007. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to other members of the community and allies. If you have any question or comments, please contact us at info@bostonpride.org or on the PrideLine at 617-262-9405.

Thank you,
The Boston Pride Committee

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- 1- 2008 NERP Conference

The Boston Pride Committee will host the 2008 NorthEast Regional Pride (NERP) Conference from February 29, 2008 to March 2, 2008. The conference will be attended by over 50 Prides from the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states (from Maine to Maryland and the District of Columbia). The conference will serve as a forum to develop a unified strategy on building and securing LGBT visibility in the region.

Says Linda DeMarco, president of Boston Pride: "We are thrilled at the opportunity to host NERP '08. Boston is one of the world's leading LGBT-friendly cities, so it is only natural that we take on a leadership role among Pride organizations."

- 2- Website Migration

As Boston Pride continues to grow in scope and operation, our current Information Technology (IT) system has quickly become obsolete.

Accordingly, we have planned to transition to a larger and more robust IT system. This transition is scheduled between Thursday, November 16, 2006 and Friday, November 17, 2006. During this period, our website and email system may not be accessible. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. If you wish to urgently contact us during this period, please call the PrideLine at 617-262-9405.

3- Dates for Pride 2007

The 2007 Boston Pride Week will run from Friday, June 1, 2007 through Sunday, June 10, 2007. The flag raising at City Hall will be on Friday, June 1, 2007; Pride Day at Faneuil Hall will be celebrated on Saturday, June 2, 2007; finals for the Pride Idol Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007; the Parade and Festival will be on Saturday, June 9, 2007; and the Jamaica Plain Women's Block Party and the Stuart Street Block Party will be on Sunday, June 10, 2007.

4- Back from InterPride

InterPride, the international association of nearly 200 Pride organizations from 25 countries across six continents, held its 2006 annual conference in Portland, Maine. Boston Pride was represented by a five-member delegation. As one of the world's leading Prides, Boston Pride made the largest single donation to InterPride's Scholarship Committee. This committee is responsible for funding the participation of newer/smaller Prides across the world at InterPride conferences.

5- Reaching out to other Prides

In an effort to outreach to Prides across the world, Boston Pride encourages its active volunteers to call upon local Pride Committees in cities they are visiting. This month, members of Boston Pride met with the organizers of "San Francisco Pride" and "Pride Toronto" while on private visits to these cities. These one-on-one meetings are excellent opportunities to exchange ideas with other large Prides so that Boston Pride can continue to improve our own events. In the coming month, in the course of their travels, Boston Pride members are expected to visit Pride Committees in London, Paris, and San Diego.

6- How you can get involved

Do you want to help out? We are always looking for talent and drive, so let us know that you want to jump in and contribute to planning one of New England's largest events. We are specifically looking for volunteers with expertise in graphic design. Come to one of our meetings or contact info@bostonpride.org.

If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors of the Boston Pride Committee, please contact Linda DeMarco, President of the Board, at president@bostonpride.org.

7- Pride Meetings

The Boston Pride Committee meets on Tuesdays, at 6:30pm, at the Wainwright Bank Community Room, 155 Dartmouth Street in Boston (next to Back Bay T Station). Meetings are open to anyone, and we welcome your participation.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

8- About Boston Pride

The Boston Pride Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Members of the Committee include:

Keri Aulita	- Vice President, Board of Directors < vp@bostonpride.org >
Ruthie BenDor	- Volunteer Chair < volunteer@bostonpride.org >
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"The Boston Pride Committee, Inc., serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and ally community, works to enhance the visibility of Boston's LGBT community through a week of events each June, in conjunction with year long activities, to promote LGBT awareness, dignity, and understanding."

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