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Dear Friends of Pride,

After a brief summer hiatus, your Pride Committee is back at work--excited and energized to plan an even bigger Pride celebration in 2007! We have a bunch of new Committee members on board to help us do this, and we are looking for more. After all, Pride only works because of the dedicated spirit of volunteerism in our community. In this newsletter, you will find details on how to get involved in planning Pride.

Remember to regularly check www.bostonpride.org for news and updates. 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- A big thank you to outgoing Committee members

With the close of the 2006 Pride season, some of our key Committee members announced that they will be moving on to other opportunities. While we are sad to see such dedicated volunteers leave, we are excited for them as they take on bigger and brighter challenges. A big thank you to: Rod Ferguson, 2006 Flag Raising / Pride Day at Faneuil Hall Chair; Tim Fink, 2006 Stuart St. Block Party Chair; Rob Lowell, 2006 Festival Entertainment Chair; and Joblin Younger, 2006 Festival Stage Manager. Even with their formal departure, we know that these committed folks will continue to support Boston Pride in any way they can.

- 2- The Boston Pride Committee for 2007

Nominations to positions on the 2007 Boston Pride Committee were received on August 1, 2006 and elections to these positions were held on August 15, 2006. Pierce Durkin, Clerk of the Board of Directors of Boston Pride, has all elections related material on file. Members of the Boston Pride Committee for 2007 are:

President of the Board of Directors - Linda DeMarco
Vice President of the Board of Directors - Keri Aulita

Clerk of the Board of Directors - Pierce Durkin

Community Outreach Chair - Pierce Durkin
Entertainment Chair - Shannon Lank
Faneuil Hall / Flag Raising Chair - Open
Festival Operations Chair - Pierce Durkin
Fundraising Chair - Bill Berggren
Logistics Chairs - Linda DeMarco and Bill Berggren
Media / Public Relations Chair - Karthik Ramanna
Merchandise Chair - Rob Hatch
Parade Chair - Open; Sylvain Bruni, Interim Chair
Perkins St. Block Party Chair - Bernadette Smith
Stuart St. Block Party Chair - Sylvain Bruni
Volunteer Chair - Ruth Bendor

In the next section, find out how you can join the Committee.

3- How you can get involved

Nominations are being taken for positions on the Boston Pride Committee! We are always looking for talent and drive, so let us know that you want to jump in and contribute in the planning of one of Boston's largest events.

The Committee is looking for a new Parade Chair and a new Flag Raising /Pride Day at Faneuil Hall Chair. The Committee is also looking for additional members to work on the Parade, the Festival, Media, Fundraising, Outreach, the Block Parties, and Logistics. If interested, 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.

4- A message on marriage equality

Support Marriage Equality!

Please don't forget that the debate is not over. Our equality hangs in the balance. Please support those who are working hard to ensure we retain the right to marry. Please visit www.MassEquality.org/Events here to sign up for any of the upcoming phone banks, or visit <http://www.massequality.org/action/volunteer.php> to learn about the many volunteer opportunities. Your help will impact the outcome of the Constitutional Convention. Your help will protect marriage equality for generations to come. Your help will make history.

Please feel free to contact Deirdra Dostou with any questions by calling 617.878.2356 or by emailing DeirdraDostou@MassEquality.org

5- 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 August 29th, 2006.

6- About Boston Pride

The Boston Pride Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, registered in the State of Massachusetts.

"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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