

Excerpts From Bulletin & Images from Week of Pride

Glen Cove's

Second Annual Pride Service

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church & OutNAbout Glen Cove

June 7, 2009

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of Glen Cove

7 North Lane and School Street

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Glen Cove Week of Pride Celebration

Special thanks to event sponsors noted below
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Please see letter from Senator Charles Schumer commending sponsors!

Saturday, May 30, 2009 - Gender Free Folk Dance:

New York Gay & Lesbian Contra Dance Series

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www.ligbtcenter.org

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Pride Alliance of Long Island (PALI)

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PFLAG Long Island (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays)

www.pflagli.org

Thursday, June 4, 2009 - GLBT Film and Forum

Long Island Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

www.liglff.org

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Photograph from Glen Cove's Second Annual Pride Service



Public officials join First Presbyterian Church and OutNAbout Glen Cove at the Second Annual Pride Service. Dean Yoder, Vice Chair of OutNAbout, holds perpetual plaque for the *Harvey Milk Long Island Leadership Award* to be presented to Glen Cove native and New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn at the 2010 Celebration. Date of award presentation TBA. L-R: First Presbyterian Pastor Rev. Betsy Simpson, Glen Cove Mayor Ralph Suozzi, Sea Cliff Mayor Bruce Kennedy, New York State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, Suffolk County Legislator Jon Cooper, and OutNAbout Vice Chair Dean Yoder. Congratulatory letters were received from the above noted representatives as well as from US Senator Charles Schumer, Nassau County Legislator Diane Yatauro, New York State Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell and New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

For Immediate Release

**New York City Council Speaker and Glen Cove Native
Christine Quinn Officially Announced
as the 2010 recipient of the
HARVEY MILK LONG ISLAND LEADERSHIP AWARD**



Photo Caption: New York City Council Speaker Christine Callahan Quinn participates in a Pride Event, June 7, 2008. (Photo by Thomas Good)

This past Sunday **OutNAbout Glen Cove** officially announced former Glen Cove resident and New York City Council Speaker **Christine Callahan Quinn** as the 2010 recipient of the inaugural **Harvey Milk Long Island Leadership Award**. The official announcement was made at the 2nd Annual Pride Service held yesterday at Glen Cove's First Presbyterian Church and the award will be presented in 2010 in association with next year's Week of Pride events.

The Harvey Milk Long Island Leadership Award was created by OutNAbout Glen Cove to recognize excellence in leadership in the LGBT community. Named for Long Island native and gay civil rights activist, Harvey Milk, recipients will be residents or former residents of Long Island who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their field.

From her home in Queens, Harvey Milk's Aunt, Helen M. Mendales, said, "**The family is very proud of Harvey's achievements and his life and it is an honor to have OutNAbout name the Leadership Award for him.**" The 2010 inaugural honoree, Speaker Quinn, has served on the New York City Council since 1999 and as Speaker since January 2006. She is considered by many to be one of the most respected openly gay politicians in America today. For more information visit www.OutNAboutGC.org.

Just In!
2010 Expanded Lineup
Glen Cove Week of Pride

GLBT Film & Community Forum

Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Synagogue Pride Service

Friday, June 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Gender Free Folk Dance

Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 1:30 PM

Church Pride Service

Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 10:00 AM

**OutNAbout Glen Cove's
Inaugural Harvey Milk
Long Island Leadership Award**

Location/Time TBA

With the exception of the Synagogue Pride Service and the Harvey Milk Long Island Leadership Award (location TBA) all events will be held at Glen Cove's First Presbyterian Church.

Photograph from Glen Cove's Second Annual Pride Service –2009



People from across long island assist with Pride Service. Those assisting with Second Annual Pride Service as greeters, ushers, readers, candle-lighters, and Pride Chorus Members: **L-R front row:** Valerie Michelsen, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Eleanor Rapelje, Doris Zeff, Lisa Cohen, Karen Peterson, Carrie Nelson, Rev. Betsy Simpson, Erika Gunther, Louisa Pesce **L-R Second row:** Dennis Irungu, Rabbi Dr. Janet Liss, Jae Phoenix, Cindy Quart, Ryan Cooney, Danny Dodd, Jimmy Peterson, Patricia Carbo, Gus Tornatore, Dean Yoder, Peter Moran. **L-R Back Row:** Hank Meier, Grace Blank, Beda Lyon, Gail Allan, Sarah Cushman, Luis LaSanta, Jonathan Grimm, Farshid Delgosha.

From Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg

June 7, 2009

To the editor:

I hope the entire community of Glen Cove already knows what I discovered today. First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove is leading the way for inclusion of all who desire to be part of their church. While I visited this Sunday, I witnessed an openness rarely found anywhere. Young and old, Christians of all denominations, those who needed assistance to walk or see, those single or partnered, whether of the same sex or opposite sex, all were welcomed and embraced.

This church's special effort to reach out to gays and lesbians was particularly heartwarming as it was a natural outgrowth of the belief that like puzzle pieces, we are all different, yet when put together, we make one beautiful picture. In fact, that teaching came from the Children's Message preached by the Rev. Betsy Simpson. I pray that those youngsters in attendance, and their families, will take this message to heart.

This service was prepared by the Rev. Simpson and Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews for Pride Sunday and included some special readings and music provided by the Long Island Pride Chorus, however, I sensed that the inclusion of gays and lesbians was not just for this Sunday, but for all days. I hope that the sentiments of First Presbyterian Church are replicated throughout New York State and that soon we will all recognize that our diversity strengthens us all.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg
Westbury, NY

Long Island Gender Free Contra Dance Series After Party



Big Thank You
to Jonathan and Dean (Center)
for hosting the event!

Upcoming OutNAbout Glen Cove Events Long Island Gender Free Contra Dance Series



Second Friday of Every Month

Gender Free Dance Field Trip into NYC to dance with our friends at New York Gender Free Contra Dance Series!

LGBT Community Center - 208 W. 13th Street in NYC.

Dance begins at 7:30 pm

Many of us take the 6:30 train from Manhasset!

See website below for details and visit www.lcfd.org/nyc



First Saturday in December

On our home court! Join us for our next dance at Glen Cove's First Presbyterian Church! Dance followed by our famous community after party!

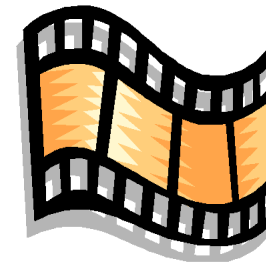
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First Presbyterian Church - 7 North Lane, Glen Cove

Dance begins at 1:30 pm

See website below for details

Final Sunday of the Month GLBT Film Series



The final Sunday of each month at **noon** OutNAbout Glen Cove presents a film of interest to the LGBT community followed by discussion. This is a very informal event held at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove.

While the event is only open to OutNAbout Members, membership is free and there is no charge to view the film. Popcorn and light refreshments are provided and those attending can contribute to help underwrite this expense if they like. The films are not first run films as is the case with the Long Island Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, but rather films that may have been released

in the past but still hold relevance to the LGBT community and are especially enjoyed when viewed with friends.

The next film presentation is *Trembling Before G-d* being presented at noon on July 26, 2009. The film is an unprecedented feature documentary that shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality, and religious fundamentalism. Built around intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma - how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbid homosexuality. As the film unfolds, we meet a range of complex individuals - some hidden, some out - from the world's first openly gay Orthodox rabbi to closeted, married Hasidic gays and lesbians to those abandoned by religious families to Orthodox lesbian high-school sweethearts. For more information see website below.

www.OutNAboutGC.org

From United States Senator
Charles E. Schumer

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
NEW YORK

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

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June 7, 2009

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove's Second Annual Pride Service and as you conclude the weeklong Pride celebration in Glen Cove.

For 140 years, The First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove has been dedicated to helping all members of the Glen Cove community. This church and its congregants have worked tirelessly to feed the hungry and house the homeless while promoting peace and social justice. Most importantly, their work is inclusive and has reached out to diverse communities throughout Nassau County.

Again, congratulations and I thank you for your hard work and dedication in making New York a more inclusive place to live. I hope the First Presbyterian Church, OutNAbout Glen Cove, Long Island GLBT Community Center, PFLAG Long Island, The New York Gay and Lesbian Contra Dance Series, Long Island Traditional Music Association (LITMA), and the Pride Alliance of Long Island will continue their unique partnership and continue to serve the Long Island community for many more years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

From the Mayor of Glen Cove
Ralph Suozzi

Ralph V. Suozzi
Mayor

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June 2009

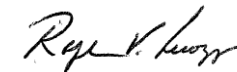
Dear Friends,

Best wishes to the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove during their "Week of Pride." The First Presbyterian Church has been an important part of the Glen Cove community for many years. Known for its commitment to assisting those in need, the church utilizes faith as a uniting force in its outreach efforts. Bringing together people from all walks of life, the clergy at the First Presbyterian Church bring guidance and comfort to their congregants who share a deep faith in God. I would like to thank these devoted individuals, especially Pastor Elisabeth K. Simpson, for their continued service to the LGBT community.

The guidance of the church has proven to be an incredible asset to our community. As both Mayor and a resident of a constantly evolving and growing community, I am proud to be able to witness this annual series of events which work to unify all individuals in Glen Cove.

Best of luck with all of the Week of Pride events!

Sincerely,



Ralph V. Suozzi
Mayor

From Mayor of Sea Cliff
Bruce Kennedy



June 7, 2009

It is my distinct pleasure to participate in the Second Annual Pride Service at the First Presbyterian Church. The members of the First Presbyterian Church, led by Pastor Elizabeth K. Simpson, are to be commended for their focus of peacemaking and social justice within the church.

Acclaim is due the First Presbyterian Church for all that they are doing to serve their fellow residents and make the North Shore a more inclusive place. We would all greatly benefit from celebrating the divinity of every creation of God, regardless of belief system, ethnic background, age, gender, or sexual orientation.

Congratulations on your past accomplishments and please let me know if Sea Cliff can be of assistance in your mission of helping all those in need.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kennedy
Mayor, Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff

From State Assemblyman
Charles D. Lavine



CHARLES D. LAVINE
Assemblyman 13th District

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June 7, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove for hosting the second annual Week of Pride Celebration from May 30 through June 7.

In addition, I wish to express my sincere admiration and respect for the Rev. Betsy Simpson, pastor of First Presbyterian, for her spirit of inclusiveness and respect in welcoming members of all faiths and sexual orientations to First Presbyterian's services.

I believe that opening church doors to each and every member of society who wishes to enter is a manifestation of the true meaning of religion and a tangible expression of the Golden Rule.

I am truly proud to be a resident of Glen Cove, a community that can certainly take Pride in itself.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Lavine
Member of Assembly

From Nassau County Legislator
Diane Yatauro

DIANE YATAURO
Presiding Officer, District 18



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To My Friends and Neighbors at the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove:

Albert Schweitzer once stated: "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

This is particularly true of Pastor Betsy Simpson. Through her vision and wisdom, she has created a place of worship which does not include judgment, but instead embraces a philosophy of love, peace, meditation, inclusion, and learning.

As a part of this, I am most happy to recognize and celebrate the 2nd Annual Pride Celebration with all of you. Ours is an amazing community, one filled with so many who live by the philosophy of giving and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Yatauro".

Presiding Officer Diane Yatauro
18th District

From Suffolk County Legislator
Jon Cooper

June 7, 2009

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to all of the members, friends and family of the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove on your 2nd Annual Pride Celebration!

Diversity and acceptance are the cornerstones of your "open and affirming" church and you should be very proud of the work you do. Your church provides members of the community with many wonderful opportunities to come together to share their spirituality through activities and programs like open communion, the Gregarians Club, OutNAbout Glen Cove, gender-free contra dances, diverse worship services and so much more!

The First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove has provided spiritual guidance to community members for over 140 years. It is a calm, peaceful sanctuary where all who visit feel comfortable. During tough economic times, people turn to their faith to get them through the rough days. I am sure that the First Presbyterian Church continues to give hope to many who need it most. Through outreach and volunteerism, you provide a sense of community to members and non-members alike. Your words and deeds also confirm that all people, including members of the LGBT community, are children of God.

It is my sincere pleasure to recognize and commend Pastor Elisabeth K. Simpson, Gaitley Stevenson-Matthews and all the dedicated members of this wonderful church for your constant efforts to make this a loving, healthy and accepting place to raise a family.

Please allow me to extend my very best wishes to all of you for a wonderful celebration. Happy Pride!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Cooper".

Jon Cooper
Majority Leader
Suffolk County Legislature

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Prayers of Remembrance

Candle Lighters: Sonia Elvy-Panton and Ylenia Elvy-Panton, Gus Tornatore & Luis LaSanta, Eleanor Rapelje, Sarah Cushman & Jae Phoenix, Farshid Delgosha, Rabbi Dr. Janet Liss and Grace Blank, Peter Moran.

There are stars whose radiance is visible on Earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world even though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark. They light the way for humankind.

Creator, Divine One, Mother of Strength, Father of Compassion, One of Many Names, be with us as we call into our gathering our brothers and sisters who cannot be with us this day.

We remember all of our brothers and sisters who have died from AIDS, we carry their loving memories with us today as we call out their names...

We remember all of our sisters and brothers who have passed on from cancers and all other diseases, we carry their loving memories with us today as we call out their names...

We remember those whose lives have been affected by hate crimes and other violence, from depression and self-destructive behaviors, we carry their memories with us today as we call out their names...

We remember those who cannot be with us because of distance, or fear, we carry their memories with us today as we call out their names...

We remember and give praise for the lives and memories of all of our ancestors, our mentors, our inspirations, our leaders, our followers, we carry their memories with us today as we call out their names...

We remember ourselves, vibrant, exciting, determined, justice seekers, revelers, change agents of our world, as we call out our names...

We remember all of those who were the bright lights shining upon our paths. We shall never forget!

(adapted by Rev. Pat Langlois from a prayer by DB Gregory Flaherty)

**From Former Glen Cove Resident and New York City Council Speaker
Christine Quinn**

Christine C. Quinn
Speaker



The Council of
The City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

June 2009

Dear Friends,

Greetings to each of you gathered here at the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove's "Week of Pride."

Each day, millions of New Yorkers turn to religion for guidance, comfort and wisdom. And while this gesture takes many different forms – a testament to the wonderful diversity of religious observance that takes place peacefully here in New York – a common thread is an unwavering commitment to helping those in need.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the work of the First Presbyterian Church. For 140 years, this church has been a cornerstone of the Glen Cove community, offering spiritual uplift, moral guidance and essential services to those who need them most, regardless of their background. By creating an open and inclusive environment the church has helped to strengthen the bonds that unite this community. Whether providing the homeless with shelter and access to a nurse, donating food and money to a local soup kitchen, or sponsoring programs that meet the needs of the LGBT community, the First Presbyterian Church has worked tirelessly to give back to its community and embrace all New Yorkers.

As Speaker of the Council and a proud former resident of Glen Cove, it is my distinct pleasure to commend Pastor Elisabeth K. Simpson, Gaitley Stevenson-Matthews and the members of the First Presbyterian Church for all that they are doing to serve their fellow residents and make New York a more inclusive place. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the many sponsors whose hard work and dedication made this week's events possible.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event. Happy Pride!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine C. Quinn".

Christine C. Quinn

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Week of Pride 2010

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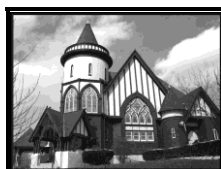
Film & Community Forum

Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM



Gender Free Folk Dance

Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 1:30 PM



3rd Annual Pride Service

Sunday, June 6 2010 at 10:00 AM

All Events Held at Glen Cove's

First Presbyterian Church

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www.OpenChurchGC.org

What is OutNAbout Glen Cove?



OutNAbout Glen Cove is an LGBT Alliance organization based in Glen Cove that produces quarterly folk dances, hosts a monthly film series and combines with other organizations in working to enrich the community.

While the organization is hosted by First Presbyterian Church, it's membership encompasses people of all faiths and is a social organization rather than a religious one.

Membership is open to all.

Please join us!

For more information visit

www.OutNAboutGC.org

or email organizers at OutNAbout@aol.com

and look for us on Facebook

"OutNAbout Glen Cove"

Join us for the 2010 Pride Celebration when we honor Glen Cove Native and New York City Council Speaker **Christine Quinn** with the Inaugural *Harvey Milk Long Island Leadership Award!*

Our Appreciation to the Following Individuals

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First Presbyterian Church Website: www.OpenChurchGC.org

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Celebration Community Church- Ft. Worth, Texas	More Light (LGBT Presbyterians)
Congregation Beth Simchat Torah	North Country Reform Temple
Congregation Tifereth Israel	Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
Dignity New York (LGBT Catholics)	Pride Alliance Long Island
Empire State Pride	Pride for Youth
Greater New York Council of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations	Roslyn Presbyterian Church
Human Rights Campaign	Soulforce
Long Island Community Fellowship	South Nassau Unitarian
Long Island Council of Churches	Universalist Congregation
Long Island Gay & Lesbian Film Festival	Temple Beth-El of Great Neck

Special Thanks to the OutNAbout Glen Cove Executive Committee



L-R: Jose Romero, Sarah Cushman, Theodore Licciardello, Jonathan Grimm, Dean Yoder, Louis LaSanta, Gus Tornatore, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Jae Phoenix, Jim Stevenson-Mathews, Michael Santistevan.

Thank You to the Session at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove

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