



2013 Annual Newsletter

About Us

The Orlando Youth Alliance (OYA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1990 which provides a safe space for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning (GLBTQ) youth to gather, talk about issues and concerns that are important in their lives, as well as meet other gay youth. OYA is a peer based youth group with members ranging from the ages of 13 to 24.



OYA at Come Out With Pride 2013

History

The Orlando Youth Alliance was first formed in 1990 as a support group to assist at-risk gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered youth under the moniker "Delta Youth Alliance". The group evolved into "GALIXY", Gay and Lesbian Idea eX- change for Youth. The group exists to-day as the Orlando Youth Alliance, Inc., (OYA) but maintains the same mission statement. Through the years, OYA has provided support to hundreds of Central Florida youth. Beyond weekly meetings, the group has expanded its out-reach into the Orlando community. Even though the name has changed over the years, the mission has not. We are committed to providing a safe place for GLBTQ youth to gather and be them-selves in the self discovery and development phase of their teen years.

2013 Board Members

Michael Slaymaker
 Andrea Sheldon
 Floyd Benfield
 Nay Burton
 Tim Stahl
 David Swanson
 Patrick Howell
 Roger Watkins
 Russ Kasim
 Ginger Malcom
 Thomas Jacobson
 Kimberly Bowles

Our Program

We provide three weekly support groups (Orlando, Lakeland, Casselberry), LGBT history & cultural education, recreation and socialization activities to help the youth get their questions answered in a safe environment, develop a network of people who they can trust, and discover that they are not alone.

Some of the Activities & Events

- Friday Night Drop Ins
- AIDS Walk Orlando
- Babes in Bonnets at The Parliament House
- Orlando Gay Chorus concerts
- OYA Family Reunion at Gay Days
- Be The Change 5K
- Come Out With Pride
- Gary Lambert's 60th Birthday Bash
- Annual Holiday Party



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OYA Family Reunion at Gay Days 2013

Each year members from the three chapters attend Gay Day at the Magic Kingdom. Members of Walt Disney World PRIDE are there to greet us and to make sure the youth members have a magical day. With tens of thousands of other LGBT guests it is a fun, exciting and affirming day for our youth.



Gary Lambert's B-Day Bash:

Gary Lambert, one of OYA ardent supporters, turned 60 in November. He partied in style with 400 guests at The Alford Inn in Winter Park. Gary made his birthday party into a fundraiser helping Bears Who Care and OYA. The evening was filled with food, an auction and lots of music and dancing. He even got engaged to his partner, Shawn Hunter. Congrats, Gary and thank you for always being there for so many causes.



Gary Lambert with OYA President Michael Slaymaker



Above: Runners participating in the 1st Annual Be The Change 5K at Come Out With Pride benefiting Reeves United Methodist Church and OYA.

Below: OYA Board Members Roger Watkins, Ginger Malcom, and Michael Slaymaker at the Be The Change 5K finish line.



Babes in Bonnets benefits OYA

Darcel Stevens, Don Granatstein & Susan Unger, Michael Wanzie and Danielle Hunter truly out did themselves in putting together this year's Easter bonnet fundraiser. Over \$8,000 was generated to support the Orlando Youth Alliance.



Nay Burton and youth members thank the Parliament House and present flowers.

LGBT teens are 3 times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual classmates. OYA has helped over 1,200 youth and not a single one has committed suicide.

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