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## SPEAKERS

Speaker 20, [Together], Speaker 16, Speaker 19, Jimmy Carper, Speaker 18, Diane Williams

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### Speaker 18 00:06

Hi, this Sue Long, staff therapist at the Montrose Counseling Center, inviting you to join us for the Women's Network. The Women's Network is an open group meeting for lesbian and bisexual women and women sensitive to their issues. It's a safe place to join with other women to network, hear speakers talk about issues of interest to the lesbian and bisexual community and to share experiences. The Women's Network meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month from seven to nine at the Montrose Counseling Center's new home located at 701 Richmond for a schedule of topics to be presented, call 5290037. Hope to see you there

### Speaker 19 01:02

Definition masturbation, oh. Oh sure. That's the when they put that. No, that's not it. Oh, I know what I. Oh, shoot. I. it rings a bell. But I can't quite put my finger on it.

### Diane Williams 01:32

Nor here, and I don't know if I get that. I just started that for the first time. And I'm sorry. I'm a little flabbergasted. What the heck was that anyway.

### Jimmy Carper 01:43

That was Lisa and Peggy.

### Diane Williams 01:44

Yeah, talking about masturbation on the air on the radio.

**S** Speaker 16 01:47  
Yeah.

**J** Jimmy Carper 01:48  
That's a group called, two women, called Dos Fallopia.

**D** Diane Williams 01:52  
I knew that. I knew that they have a CD out and you can buy it at John's store where he works and also that other one, what's, what are they called, Crossroads? Yeah, Dos Fallopia. How cool. Well, you know if you're joining us for the first time, gay, gay, gay, lesbian, lesbian, queer, queer, queer, homo, homo, homo. Anything else? Anything else you want to add that's legal. Gay, gay, gay. Queer. Queer. You get the picture. We're here. And we're here for you.

**S** Speaker 16 02:19  
We won't go away.

**D** Diane Williams 02:20  
That's right. We will not go away. You can't make us, we're here to stay. Sounds like a chant, gotta write that. Yeah, somebody, quick write that down.

**S** Speaker 16 02:27  
Well, that's like you know the chant that the the LOAF women were chanting in the gay pride parade.

**D** Diane Williams 02:32  
Lesbians Over Age Fifty. Yeah. Would that you Pat?

**S** Speaker 16 02:35  
Yeah that's me.

**D** Diane Williams 02:36  
And what was the chant?

And what was the chant?

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Speaker 16 02:38

2, 4, 6, 8. How do you know your grandma's straight? Yeah.

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Diane Williams 02:41

I love it. I love it. I love it. I love it. That's right. One more time.

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Speaker 16 02:45

2, 4, 6, 8. How do you know your grandma's straight?

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Diane Williams 02:48

That's great.

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Speaker 16 02:49

We've, we've chatted to the cops that were on the horses and every

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Diane Williams 02:52

Cops? I'm sorry. Did you say cops?

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Speaker 16 02:54

Police?

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Diane Williams 02:55

Police, the same thing. You know, I have to say hi to Jerry in Austin. Jerry. It was great hearing you call. Jerry called us up and told us that he was in enjoying listening KPFT After Hours tonight, and he told us that he was unaware of any gay lesbian programming on the radio in Austin. We think there's some on the cable access network there. We don't know when or where. But we'll find out for you maybe. We hope soon that there will be a gay lesbian outreach program in Austin. And I just have to say that this program, After Hours, is sponsored by many, many, many, many volunteers and the volunteers, you don't have to be gay to volunteer. You don't have not only do you not have to not have to be a volunteer. We're supported by a strong staff of heterosexual volunteers that we love. And we're glad you're here. So everybody hear that's straight tonight, thanks. We appreciate it. Okay. We have some really cool music

planned. We're also going to talk about some positive stuff happening with the LGRL and some of the victories. I've just been handed a book here. And the book says, hang on. I'm reading the note, there's a program is, okay, Suzy Wagers does a program on Saturday night on cable TV or radio, radio, radio. Suzy Wagers, Austin, Saturday night. See if you can find that out, Jerry, Suzy Wagers program Saturday.

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Speaker 16 04:30

She works for, uh, Texas Human Rights Foundation.

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Diane Williams 04:33

Maybe if you call the Texas Human Rights Foundation and ask about Suzy Wagers, they can tell you if she's on the air somewhere and where she's on. So anyway, thanks for calling again, Jerry and we appreciate your support. Also, he brought up a good point. A lot of the reason that gay and lesbian broadcasting is not on the air because we all have to be sponsored by community support, at least public radio anyway. That means that your dollars go farther than you think they do. Whenever you donate money to any public broadcasting organization, please make sure and tell them that you are gay or lesbian, or that you support gay lesbian programming. Okay, that was my plug. Before we mentioned LRGL successes. I just want to mention this book that I was just handed, a new book. Let me turn on another microphone. If I can figure out which one it is. It is microphone six, and it's over here. And we're introducing Pat's lovely, significant other, spousal person, Eleanor, right. Hi, thanks for being here. And this book is called *And Then I Met This Woman: Previously Married Women's Journeys into Lesbian Relationships* by Barbee Cassingham and Sally M. O'Neil. And Pat, you're telling me you're in this book?

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Speaker 16 05:48

Yes. I don't know what page but Eleanor knows what page she's on. Get her to tell you.

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Speaker 20 05:52

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Diane Williams 05:54

74, right here, 74 let me. Okay, wait, I have to do this for Jewwl. Jewel if you're listening, yhis is for you. I'm crinkling paper for you. I just love the way that sounds. It sounds so intelligent. Like I know what I'm doing and everything. Eleanor. Okay. It says, I felt that I'd come home. It was an a-ha kind of experience. And says Eleanor is 53. She was born in Baldwinsville, New York. She has an AA degree in nursery school education and works in a public school system. Was that good? Did I sound like a an interviewer when when I read that.

**S** Speaker 20 06:25  
Very good.

**D** Diane Williams 06:26  
So how did you get involved with this book? You, you guys, you women?

**S** Speaker 20 06:30  
Well, a friend of ours is a friend of the authors. And she asked us if we would be interviewed. And she set up the interview. And it was about I believe two and a half years ago. Yeah, that the interview took place.

**D** Diane Williams 06:43  
So I'm taking it by the title that at least one of you, if not both of you have been previously married.

**S** Speaker 20 06:47  
You have to have been married to be in that book. Yes. And we both have been married.

**D** Diane Williams 06:51  
Do you have kids from either or?

**S** Speaker 20 06:54  
I have, I have actually I had four. I have three. I have one son that died.

**D** Diane Williams 06:59  
So how do you

**S** Speaker 16 07:00  
I have one child.

**D** Diane Williams 07:01

One? Have?

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Speaker 16 07:03

Have, adopted?

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Diane Williams 07:05

Oh, that's great.

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Speaker 16 07:05

She's only 43 now.

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Diane Williams 07:09

Well, you know, it takes all ages and times. Yes. What did you think about this, this book? And what has it meant to you? Why did you want to tell your story? What did you think you had to offer by telling your story, what did you need to get out by telling your story?

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Speaker 20 07:22

Well, actually, I, I'm 55. And I just came out about six years ago. And when I came out, I actually did call this radio station. I talked to Pokey and Cherry and told them and I was on the air and I wanted to put it in the posts in the in the Chronicle. And that was the world to know, I came out to my family immediately. And, of course, as we all know, coming out was an ongoing thing. But I came out to friends. And so I just feel like the more people that come out, the more things that Patt has just been talking about, are going to come to fruition, the things that are that are important for us. And you know, we are, we are here and we're real people. And we do real things. Like teach the children and,

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Diane Williams 08:09

And your professions?

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Speaker 20 08:12

I'm a teacher,

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Diane Williams 08:13

And Pat?

And I see.

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Speaker 16 08:13

And I'm a teacher also. She's nursery school though. I wouldn't touch that.

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Diane Williams 08:18

That makes three in this room right now.

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Speaker 16 08:20

Yeah. But she likes it.

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Diane Williams 08:23

They can hit you. That little, least not, didn't hurt a lot. I guess.

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Speaker 20 08:29

We talk, we learn to talk.

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Diane Williams 08:30

That's good.

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Speaker 20 08:31

Use words.

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Diane Williams 08:32

Yeah. Well, how long have y'all been together? And how'd you meet, just real quick?


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Speaker 20 08:37


Well, we've been together for three and a half years. We actually met at my second LOAF meeting. And


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Diane Williams 08:44


 Diane Williams 08:44  
Would that make you over the age of 50?


 Speaker 20 08:47  
Yeah, I'm 55. I told you.


 Diane Williams 08:48  
All right. Gotta, gotta do that.

 Speaker 20 08:51  
I don't hide my age.

 Diane Williams 08:53  
We love it. I think it's, I think you need to validate it.

 Speaker 20 08:58  
Well, you know, I figure, you know, when people get real nervous about getting old, I say, Well, you do have an alternative. But I personally don't like it. You know, you don't want to be 30 then you can do something about it when you're 29 and never been 30. But not me. I want to keep going. You know, one of my goals in life is to have Willard Scott wish me happy birthday. Yeah, that's right. Anyway, we met at this our second, my second love meeting and it was sort of, Pat called me up and asked me if I would like to go out to a movie and dinner. And I didn't know if it was a date. And even after we'd gone out, I still didn't know if it was a date night. And I had just come out.

 Diane Williams 09:39  
Yeah.

 Speaker 20 09:39  
And I had had well, I can't even call it a relationship but there was a woman that came into my life and her purpose was to bring me out. Because I was, I was out, a lot of people knew I was a lesbian, but I didn't know it. I had no idea. My daughter when I when I told my daughter she said, well, Mom, I've known that for a long time and I said how long and she said, oh, 15 years. And people would ask me, are you a lesbian? And I'd say, uh, well, I don't think so.



**D** Diane Williams 10:12  
You just hadn't met Pat yet?

**S** Speaker 20 10:13  
That's right. Exactly. Yeah. That was it.

**D** Diane Williams 10:16  
So do y'all work together? I know that you're pretty active. Pat, How do y'all get your activism and your home life reconciled? All the couples in the room are looking at each other to say, better die, or you do that?

**S** Speaker 16 10:25  
Oh, well. We teach in two different two different locations. She's nursery school, and I'm in high school. And then as far as activism goes, Eleanor's very supportive she, she's very political in that she understands that everything in our lives is political. The air we breathe has to do with politics. And people that say they're not political, are simply not aware of what's going on around them. They need to understand that everything is political. The personal is political. And she's very supportive of me, like when I need to spend all day Saturday and Austin at a, at a LGRL meeting. She doesn't whine and carry on and say, oh, you're leaving me or, you know, stuff like that. And, and she has her own, you know, she does things on her own. She's a person in her own right. And Well, that, you know, that's we, we

**D** Diane Williams 10:42  
That's the struggle.

**S** Speaker 16 10:46  
We've had our little problems from time to time, but not the major ones. And that's because we both were both individuals in our own right, and we have our own interests and our own activities. And she supported, supportive of mine, and I'm supportive of hers. And, and, and she realizes the importance of, of doing political things in that sense. And, and she's always been. I mean, she listens to the news and knows all about all that stuff we talk about at home. So you know, we're very compatible that way, it's not like she doesn't know, you know, like, I'm surprised she doesn't know who the Speaker of the Texas House is, and what I'm drawing this blank. But she's very supportive that way. And, you know, we just support each other.

**D** Diane Williams 12:19  
Well, let's talk about some of the good things right now that the LGRL has done, some of the

victories and, and what do you, what do you think has been the best actions that the LGRL can claim as a victory?

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Speaker 16 12:31

Well, I think this there's, in legislatively speaking, there have been two really significant ones in the past. Well, this year is one of them. And in the past, oh, four years ago, I think it was, we got a new quarantine law. We got the old quarantine law scrapped and a new one put in its place, and that quarantine has to do with public health. And about the time Glen Mazey was the lobbyist in, begin to be worried about the fact that the old quarantine law, any public health official in any county, city or whatever, could take a look at somebody and say, okay, we need to post a sign on the door saying you're quarantined to your house, you can't leave, you can't do anything. So we begin to be worried that they might start doing stuff like that with HIV people.

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Diane Williams 13:30

Pretty scary.

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Speaker 16 13:31

So Glen got on the horn real quick. And wrote up a new quarantine bill, which had due process, you know, real legal process. And I know that this, this old quarantine law is really terrible. I have, I have a personal friend who got some disease in her family, I think, I don't know whether it was tuberculosis or something like that.

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Diane Williams 13:58

They did have a lot of back surrounding tuberculosis a while back.

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Speaker 16 14:02

Back when she was a child and she was from very wealthy family in Dallas, and they quarantined her house and she remembers the humiliation you know, of that having this big sign put on the door. And, and so we wanted to preclude that from happening to HIV people or anybody else for that matter. It was a public service to the state of Texas that we did and, and Glen got a new bill, new law written, you know, and so that's, that is a may, never again in the state of Texas will, will those old archaic quarantine laws ever be used and LGRL is primarily responsible for this.

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Diane Williams 14:42

That's great.

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Speaker 16 14:43

That's the non-sexy stuff that we do, you know, the stuff that are important to all our lives. And, and this last year, the Funeral Act was passed. This is another very important bill for gay men and lesbians. You know, oftentimes, when a person in a gay and lesbian, gay or lesbian relationship dies, they assumed that, that their lover, if they're in a relationship, or is going to have control of the body and do what will. Well, that has not been, that has not been true.

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Diane Williams 15:25

Yeah, not a law.

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Speaker 16 15:26

Because according to state law families have, you know, next of kin, has priority because our relationships have no standing under law. Well, that's not so anymore, we got the Funeral Act passed. And I have a copy of it right here. And if anybody is interested in getting a copy, they can write Laurie, or, or call me for that matter. That provide,s it's a form and every gay man and lesbian ought to fill one out no matter whether they're sick now or what and, and, you know, because you never know what's going to happen to you. It's, it provides a specific form which you can fill out and it says there who, who has control of your body after your death, and you can specify a number one person, number two person, and I think even number three person, and, and this was, this was worked out with the funeral commission people because we now have a member, an openly gay, openly lesbian woman on the state funeral commission and LGRL's responsible for that too. See, we've done a lot of these non, you know, blow your mind sorts of

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Diane Williams 16:56

Non-media things.

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Speaker 16 16:58

Yeah, non-media things that are very important to all our lives, I'd suggest that everyone might get a copy of this. And, and, and get on the horn, go to your attorney and ask them to get it. It's a brand new law. That's, those are two very positive things that we've done. And then, well, I've talked about the the appointments that we've gotten. Bill Scott from here in Houston is on the State Health Commission. I've forgotten the name of it, that's not the correct name, but and then Mitchel Katine's on the real estate noard. And, and then the, the lesbian that was from San Antonio that was appointed on the, on the funeral commission, and Governor Ann Richards appointed an openly gay man from Dallas as, as a district judge in Dallas County.

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Diane Williams 17:52

Wow, I didn't know that

WOW, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

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Speaker 16 17:53

Oh, yeah. He, he was appointed and then had to stand in for election within the two, two months. So he didn't chance to, to get any kind of a record, you kind of get. And he was defeated. And for election, but, but

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Diane Williams 18:09

He was openly gay.

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Speaker 16 18:11

Yes. Yes. See, so, you know, she's

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Diane Williams 18:13

That's another plus thing for Ann as long as

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Speaker 16 18:15

That's right.

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Diane Williams 18:16

You know, he's doing a good job. That's what counts.

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Speaker 16 18:18

That's right. And, and if he had had a little more of a chance to, you know, get a record, most of the people I've talked to in Dallas said that that was, that was probably what got it, more of what got him defeated than, than the fact that he was openly gay, because all of that might have had some influence. But if he had had more of a chance to get a record, so it was a matter of timing and a lot of things but, but the part thing is, she did it. Yeah. Those, those are some of the, there's another example of something we've done in the Texas Board of Dental Examiners attempted to penalize HIV positive dental workers. And, and LGRL went before the the attorney general, and the Attorney General Dan Morales ruled that their, their penalty was, was illegal and, and got that taken care of. And that set a precedent for all health workers in Texas. Again, we're in there doing those, you know, non-media, non-sexy things that help protect the lives and liberties of gay men and lesbians all over the state.

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Diane Williams 19:32

I have a quick question about Dan Morales. I heard, in passing, I've been privy to some information about when, when 21.06 was the case was actually going to Dan Morales, the Attorney General. I heard in a bar in passing a group of four or five guys sitting around talking about what a bad guy Dan Morales was because he passed the case and because he sent it on to the Court of Appeals or where--wherever he sent it, and I my knowledge, although limited, was that he did that in cooperation with the lobby and he did that with our blessings and he asked us what we wanted to do. Is that true?

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Speaker 16 20:16

That is correct. Your, your understanding of it is absolutely correct.

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Diane Williams 20:20

So he's been more or less a good guy.

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Speaker 16 20:22

Yes, he has. We wanted a chance to for it to go into court. He appeared, in other words, he appeared, the lower court room and he's appealing it and, and we wanted that because the lower court decided only for the city in a case, in a lower case just decided only for the city of, I mean, for Travis County, Travis County, you know, in Travis County you can, homosexuality is legal there, but not for the rest of the states. That's all the screwy legal stuff, you know, and, but we needed a precedent for the entire state. So it had to go to the Supreme Court. And so he argued, you know,

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Diane Williams 21:02

He argued that it needed to be heard by a higher court.

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Speaker 16 21:05

Yeah, he, his, his, his attorneys took it to court and and presented the arguments. Of course there are no real arguments so they didn't do a very good job right.

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Diane Williams 21:14

But they got it there. And that's what we want.

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Speaker 16 21:16

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And they you know,

**D** Diane Williams 21:18

So Dan was a good guy.

**S** Speaker 16 21:19

He was a good guy. He is a very fine,

**D** Diane Williams 21:20

I, you know, I have the utmost of respect but those of us out there who are not in Austin and don't know how the legal mechanics work, need to know basically, we need somebody to spell out good guy, bad guy, good girl, bad girl. And we need to be able to, to have, to have views that we can look on that and say he, he or she is good because of this, this, this and I think it's important that people know why that was done.

**S** Speaker 16 21:22

If you'll join LGRL at and donate 10 bucks a month to, to us to keep our lobbyist and, and, and secretary of staff going, we'll send you letters, updates about what's going on. That's how you find out what's on in Austin, you need to join the lobby and that's it. Box 2579 Austin, Texas 78768,

**D** Diane Williams 22:15

One more time.

**S** Speaker 16 22:17

Box 2579 Austin, Texas 78768.

**D** Diane Williams 22:24

Now I want to know real quick about a benefit that we're doing for Laurie Eiserloh here in Houston. Also, I want to ask you a quick question. Laurie Eiserloh and Glen Maxey were signing for benefits for donations. They were signing certificates of record for partnership.

**S** Speaker 16 22:42

Yes, yes.

**D** Diane Williams 22:43  
And is that still going?

**S** Speaker 16 22:44  
Still going on, You can you can get, you can get your quote marriage certificate from Laurie and Glen.

**D** Diane Williams 22:52  
Numbered?

**S** Speaker 16 22:53  
Yes, numbered ones at LG--this is an LGRL fundraiser. I'm gonna tell you who's, who thought this up. This was. this was Phil Batdorf and Janet Cohen's idea. They we were coming back from Austin one after a meeting. And we started bouncing around what we need to do for a fundraiser because we're always needing money.

**D** Diane Williams 23:14  
Oh, yeah.

**S** Speaker 16 23:15  
And, and they came up with this idea and got it all together and got it going. It's a great idea. And we've raised a good bit of money from it.

**D** Diane Williams 23:22  
And to get that certificate, it's a, it's a signed certificate, does it have the state seal on it, I believe?

**S** Speaker 16 23:28  
A facsimile.

**D** Diane Williams 23:29

A facsimile of a seal. It has a seal on it.

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Speaker 16 23:32

Yeah.

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Diane Williams 23:33

And it is numbered, and it has a signature of Laurie Eiserloh, the lobbyist for the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby. And Glen Maxey who is, what is his official title?

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Speaker 16 23:44

State Representative.

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Diane Williams 23:44

State Representative Glen Maxey, our state's first openly elected gay official. And you can get that by writing that address that you just gave out.

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Speaker 16 23:56

Box 2579 Austin, Texas 78768.

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Diane Williams 24:02

All right. That's wonderful. That's, I think that's really important that all of us that are able to do that do that. Is it like \$20, \$30?

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Speaker 16 24:09

It's thirty dollars? I think, yeah, that's correct. I'm pretty sure,

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Diane Williams 24:16

I think it's 30.

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Speaker 16 24:16

And it's a beautiful certificate.



**D** Diane Williams 24:18  
I've seen thrm. They brought him to a LIB meeting. And a lot of people took part in that and I think it's wonderful.

**S** Speaker 16 24:25  
Oh, yeah. And it's really, it's really something you can be proud of hanging up in your living room or

**D** Diane Williams 24:31  
And when legal partnership, domestic partnership really does become legal, maybe we can have some record to say that these couples would be willing to participate in legal documentation.

**S** Speaker 16 24:32  
When we can get that, we've got, and that's something else the LGRL did. Domestic partnerships. There are laws available on the books where where you can join together in a, in a legal situation as if you were married, although it doesn't say marriage.

**D** Diane Williams 25:00  
Right.

**S** Speaker 16 25:00  
But you're joined together legally. In this situation, Eleanor and I, my companion and I have this, we have it all fixed that, we have, what else do we have Elena? We have the legal, the legal,

**S** Speaker 20 25:17  
The living will.

**S** Speaker 16 25:21  
The will, yeah. The will.

**D** Diane Williams 25:23  
The living will is the documentation of what you want to happen you in case of extreme illness.

**S** Speaker 16 25:30  
And then, then her her power, a power of attorney for each of us to take care of the other and then the domestic partnership. And then we, we bought a house together so

**D** Diane Williams 25:42  
Bought a house together. Wow. That's a commitment girlfriend.

**S** Speaker 16 25:45  
I mean, the commitment there is we better work real hard to stay together.

**D** Diane Williams 25:53  
That's right.

**S** Speaker 16 25:55  
Well, it's in both of our names as is everything, everything, everything.

**D** Diane Williams 26:00  
Well, that's wonderful. Tell us about the Laurie benefit, the benefit.

**S** Speaker 16 26:05  
Oh, yes.

**D** Diane Williams 26:07  
I'm selling tickets but it from me right now.

**S** Speaker 16 26:09  
Yeah. Gosh, yeah. Buy them from her. The ,the benefit will be on July 23. Friday, this coming Friday night. It's honoring Laurie Fierleh and benefiting the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas

Friday night. It's honoring Laurie Eisen and benefiting the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. It'll be at the Hiram Butler gallery. 4520 Blossom. And that's over between between Washington Avenue and Memorial Drive, and just two blocks east of Shepherd. It's been

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Diane Williams 26:47

Like Shepherd and Wall, it's, it's pretty easy to find. Yeah, in the neighborhood.

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Speaker 16 26:51

It's, it's if you if you go down Washington Avenue toward Shepherd, you can turn on either Fowler or Patterson and get there. Blossom is a cross street, Blossom runs parallel to Washington Avenue. It's in an old neighborhood. But it's a nice building. And, and it's, it's really, it's going to be a really fine event. And eight o'clock,

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Diane Williams 27:16

Are there going to be speakers or hors d'oeuvres or just party or a wine bar, what's happening?

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Speaker 16 27:21

We're going to have drinks, wine and beer and, and donation is \$20 at the door, or if you, if you can't afford to, and you want to thank Laurie, come on by and, but we'd appreciate any donations, if you can't give \$20, come on by.

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Diane Williams 27:42

That's important. A lot of people out there I've talked to want to go and just can't do it. That's one reason I'm selling tickets because I really want to go and show, I really want to show my support. So I think it's important that we let her know what a good job we think she's doing. This has been really hard on our lobbyists and our Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby because of the many victories but this one big one that gets seen in the papers that didn't work the way we wanted it to work has really been heart wrenching for everybody. So please do show your support. You can call us here at 526-KPFT to get more information about that for right now. And we've got a little bit more for you coming right up. We've got some music and some community information. Do you have a CD ready for us? Do ya? Several, cool lots of stuff. So oh, we have a cool and happening one here. This is my own personal tape. I love this woman desperately. Her name is Julia Fordham. Cassette, the CD is Porcelain. And we're listening to "Manhattan Skyline" and this is for John. It's my turn. You know, I'm telling you some really cool stuffs happening. We're trying to get the leveling talented Torie Osborn who is the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force president in town down here at the radio station and I just found out that she's going to be a speaker at the banquet given by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. The banquet is going to be August 21. And that's a Saturday so you heard it first here folks. We'll find out more of that later. Yes, scoop, find out more later. 521-1000 is their phone number. I just called it, listened to the answering machine. August 21, Torie Osborn, Saturday,

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus banquet, like I said ,you heard it here first. Okay about the Laurie Eiserloh thing here. Yeah. I'm really excited about that. I will be there. We just sold more tickets.

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Speaker 16 29:46

Yeah, just sold some more tickets, that's great.

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Diane Williams 29:49

So I'm excited. Nancy Ford. If you're listening, Nancy is going to be there. She told me she would, she's buying a ticket from me here that, Nancy, get out your pocket book. Anybody else out there with money, call me up, sell some tickets 867-8904.

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Speaker 16 30:03

That's right. That's right. If a lot of people cannot do things, a lot of things to support the the lesbian and gay civil rights movement, what you can do is support your lobby in Austin. And, you know, we have expenses of about \$6,000 a month, we have to pay the lobbyist, and we have to pay office help. And, and we do a lot of things with that as we, I've just given, you know, a few examples of what we've, we've done, there's so many others. And you can help by like, pledging through a bank draft, 10 bucks, 15 bucks, or 20 bucks a month, I personally contribute to 10, 10 bucks a month plus the other, you know, things that I give through the year, but there's no person around that couldn't give 10 bucks a month. And well, if you're not employed, you couldn't, but, but a lot, a lot of people just you know, you blow a lot of money on things. And we really need, we really need to support this organization to make sure, there's so many things, more things that we could be doing if we had enough coming in to help. And right now we're behind on paying Laurie money, her salary, we're overdue. And it's not, it's not all that high. She does work that that most lobbyists get paid \$120, \$150,000 a year to do. We don't pay anywhere near that, it's 36. And believe me, this is round the clock work like 20 hours a day during the legislative session sometimes.

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Diane Williams 31:51

She's a busy woman, I know she travels from city to city there days

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Speaker 16 31:54

Weekends, everything. It's, it's, it's a killer, really. And you can't, you can't get people to do that, ask people do that, that have the competency that she has, or that Glen has, and, and not pay them anything. They, they have to pay their rent, they have to pay, you know, they have to buy food, they have to do all these things that the rest of us do. And we need to, we need to really get behind them.

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Diane Williams 32:22

Well, we're really glad that you're here. Is there anything that you know, you feel like you need to let somebody know, the most important thing you can think about, about lesbian gay rights lobby, there's a phone number or an address you want to leave for people?

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Speaker 16 32:34

Yes, PO box 2579, Austin, Texas 78768, ask for a membership form, ask for whatever you, whatever other information you need. But remember, we may not get around to you very quick to get just information if we don't have some money coming in to help pay office help and that were really, yeah, you know, stuff costs money. You know, it's like you get a letter ready for somebody, and already you spent at least 35 cents, just xeroxing. And all that, it. it costs money to do things and we need donations desperately. And if everybody just put a nickel away in a, in a, in an envelope and send it off. At the end of the month, if you put a nickel every day, and you'd be surprised, what would a nickel a day add up to?

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Diane Williams 33:34

Quick, quick, a nickel, five cents a day, thirty days.

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Speaker 16 33:36

A dollar fifty, dollar fifty. That's \$1.50, that's, yeah. And that's, that's ,that'd be about \$15 a year.

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Diane Williams 33:45

I don't do math at three in the morning.

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Speaker 16 33:47

Well, I don't either much, but I'm surprised I did that.

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Diane Williams 33:51

That worked really well.

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Speaker 16 33:52

But we need your help, folks.

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Diane Williams 33:53

Well, I've got a phone number for you. Once again, the Speaker of the House call him up, tell him tell him your lesbo, call up and tell him you're a gay boy, and say you want your rights darn it. 512-463-1000. I have some community information for you. Once again, Laurie Eiserlog has a column in Dimensions. And it's always on the back page. It's called A Feminist Perspective. And this latest one is called 21.06: The Inside Story and it's an entire page of a day by day what's happened and it's a really good little piece, it tells you exactly what's been up. I have some information for you here on homosexual men may inherit gay genes, National Institute of Health study reveals came from the Chronicle Friday, and it was on page 10, a very, very informative article. I wish I had time to read it to you, unfortunately I don't. But it looks like they've isolated a gene that has five factors to it that is carried in the maternal X chromosomes that predestines men to be homosexuals. And they of course, once again did not study lesbians, boo, everybody, boo, hiss, boo. But now that they recognize that lesbians do exist, and we are not invisible, they are comparing information they found from other sources. So we hope to know more about this soon. And I'm sure next week we'll tell you more about that. I also want to mention that the mastery workshop, the AIDS mastery workshop, a project of Northern Lights Alternatives, is having its AIDS mastery workshop weekend, July 23, 4th and 25th. And for information on the AIDS mastery workshop, please call 520-6996 and that's gonna be held at the Center of Light. It's a new facility on West Lamar and Dunlavy. It's an excellent facility. There's also a bulletin board number and the bulletin board telephone number, please call them up to give you information 523-8711 It's a great organization please come out and support them. I hope to see everybody at the Laurie Eiserloh benefit and fundraiser. Let's keep this girl paid. We need her. I also hope to see everyone here next week through the wonders of radio and on KPFT you're listening to After Hours. Okay, I'm gonna try to get all this in. You've been listening to After Hours, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM, don't I have to say World Radio for the people got it? Well radio for the people. And that means you ,please write us our address is After Hours CO KPFT 419 Lovett Boulevard. Houston, Texas 77006. And that is boys and girls. A lifestyle not a zip code. Please join me again. Houston, Texas 77006.

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[Together] 35:21

More than a zip code lifestyle.

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Diane Williams 36:55

Thank you very much. And you know next Eric's here and he's got the carbon dating game for you. And you know, he always plays that little Johnny Quest opening theme song which I just love. And he'll be playing that for you to stay tuned. Stay with us next week. We've got, who's hosting next week, do we know? Anybody?

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Jimmy Carper 37:16

Jewel.

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Diane Williams 37:16

Jewel's gonna be here next week? Jewel's gonna be here next week. And we're gonna be talking about Laurie Astro and also the mastery workshop. And lots of cool stuff with Jewel. Jewel, we miss ya, come down. Thank you to everybody that was on the show tonight. Thank you, Pat. Thank you, Eleanor.

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Speaker 16 37:29

Thank you.

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Diane Williams 37:30

Thank you, Becca, Laura. Trish, Kathy. John, Karen. Thank you. Everyone else and their dog who was on we love you. Thank you and stay