

**Waterloo - Wellington Pride  
Shines Through**

(Outlook) - Rainbow flags flying overhead, the pulsating sound of dance music in City Hall and even rainbow coloured lights in the fountain. Sounds like a celebration to me....PRIDE!

After months of planning and preparation the Waterloo-Wellington Pride Committee has a lot to be proud of.

Approximately 400 members of our diverse community gathered at Kitchener City Hall's Rotunda for the 3rd Annual Pride Celebration where the festivities began at 6 p.m. This is double the number from last year.

It all started with a meet and mingle session complete with refreshments donated by area businesses and a walk around the Rotunda to visit the many tables set up by community groups and service organizations.

Later in the evening the crowd was entertained by a very talented quartet and a finale by a local lesbian singer/performer known to many in the bar circuit.

Throughout the night, a number of speakers expressed their feelings on the theme of this year's celebration which was "Free Yourself". They shared their experiences of coming out, being out in a somewhat small community and the process it took to get where they are today. This was followed by an open-mike session where those in audience were invited to speak; many did just that.

Dozens of area businesses sponsored this year's event by donating food, drink, table linens, balloons, and media equipment. Many donated prizes that were either raffled off or given as door prizes at the Pride Committee's fundraising events held at Club Renaissance and the Robin's Nest prior to the big event. Smart looking Pride t-shirts were also a part of this year's fundraising.

As the night went on, as more people were arriving at and departing from the celebration, phase two of Pride '97 was just getting underway. Everyone at the Rotunda was invited down to Club Renaissance where the party was to continue late into the night. More food, drink and yes...more prizes, complete with an actual Prize Queen!

Why wait another year to celebrate our pride; be proud of who you are today; and every day after that! Just consider Pride Day the icing on the cake.

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