# The Rainbow Community Centre (www.rainbow.on.ca)

The Regional Pride Committee maintains the Rainbow Community Centre Website for the Waterloo-Wellington region. This website is intended to serve the local-area LGBT communities in much the same way that a community centre housed in an actual building might.

### Website

- includes information on local-area service and recreational organizations, and also LGBTfriendly professionals and businesses
- includes a listing of events of special interest to the local LGBT communities
- maintains the Rainbow Lists Information Page for the local-area LGBT mailing lists known as the Rainbow Lists; it also acts as the gateway for people wanting to join these lists.
- Sets up and maintains WebPages for local-area service and recreational groups who would like an Internet presence at a website with a permanent Internet address (www.rainbow.on.ca).

### Tri-Pride 2000

This year the Regional Pride Committee is holding the Regional Pride Day Celebrations on Roos Island in Victoria Park in Kitchener Ontario. This will be the second year at this location

- \* Friday June 16th, 200
  - Rainbow Choirs Cabaret time/location TBA
  - > Club Renaissance Kick Off
- Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2000
  - Regional Pride Day Celebration from Noon to 6pm-Roos Island
  - RPC Dance/Party in Guelph time/location TBA
- Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000
  - Sunday Event time/location TBA

# The Rainbow Community Conversation Group

The Tri-Pride Committee also sponsors and runs a conversation group called the Rainbow Community Conversation Group (RCCG). This group provides a forum for discussing various LGBT issues. This group is intended for people who wish to talk about queer issues in an informal and safe environment. Meet from 7:30 to 9:00PM 373 Hagey Hall - University of Waterloo. Please see the Rainbow Community Centre Website for more information.

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### The Mission

The Regional Pride Committee exists to foster the promotion and development of a supporting and affirming queer community in the Waterloo-Wellington region. The Committee will accomplish this by facilitating both the planning and promotion of new and existing activities.

### Annual Regional Pride Celebration

The Regional Pride Committee plans and sponsors the Annual Regional Pride Celebration for the LGBT communities in the Waterloo-Wellington Regions.

Our first Annual Pride Day Celebration was held in June 1995 in the rotunda of Kitchener's City Hall. We also held the next two, 1996 and 1997, in Kitchener's City Hall. Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Regional Pride Celebration took place on Saturday Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 1998 in Victoria Park near the Clock Tower. This past year we had the Celebration on Roos Island in Victoria Park, Kitchener. Our biggest event yet, we had well over 500 people in attendance.

#### The Rainbow Email Lists

The Regional Pride Committee maintains several email lists that are used by the LGBT communities in Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, and Cambridge region.

The biggest is simply called the Rainbow List, which is a private mailing list used by the LGBT communities in the Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, and Cambridge areas to help strengthen our communities and encourage us to work together. The Rainbow List does this by creating a safe environment in which we can contact each other via email quickly and confidentially. There are over 160 subscribers.

You can expect to see LGBT-interest the Rainbow messages on List: announcements of upcoming public events in (or accessible to) the local area, comments on films, television, political events, legal issues, and announcements by people trying to start up new groups. The above is not meant to be complete; it just gives an idea of the nature of most of the messages to the Rainbow List. By no means are all of the messages serious in nature.

The Rainbow-Womyn List is a mailing list used by womyn in the LGBT communities in the Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, and Cambridge areas. There are over 60 subscribers to this list.

There is also a Rainbow Lite List. This list is a digest version of the Rainbow List where subscribers get one message a day that contains all the message that were sent to the Rainbow List. There are over 23 subscribers to this version of the Rainbow List.

Rainbow Announce is a sub set of the Rainbow List that has only announcements sent to it. All the news and none of the chit chat. There are over 10 subscribers to this list.

The GLOW List is for people interested in helping Gays and Lesbians of Waterloo. GLOW is the LGBT club on the University of Waterloo's Campus.