

# Lambda Phoenix Center

DECEMBER 2009

## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER

Members of Lambda Phoenix Center celebrating recovery birthdays this month are:

**Chris S. 12/4/06**  
**Juan 7 years**  
**Mitchell 12/1/08**  
**Patrick O. 12/15/02**  
**Sara K. 12/9/08**  
**Shane O. 12/17/03**  
**Wade C. 12/4/02**

Recovery birthday dinners take place at 7 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month. The cost is \$7 for non-members, \$5 for members and free for those celebrating their special day.

Everyone who celebrated a birthday the previous month gets a chance to share their experience, strength and hope at the 8 p.m. speaker meeting following the meal.

Will your recovery birthday occur in December? We'd like to announce it in the December newsletter. It's a great way to show newcomers that recovery really works.

Send your first name, last initial and recovery date to [newsletter@lambda.org](mailto:newsletter@lambda.org) by Jan 7.

## NYE Event

Ring in the new year sober with a dinner, a speaker meeting and dance on Dec. 31. Dinner starts at 7:30 pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 1407 N. 2nd Street in Phoenix.

The speaker meeting follows at 8:30 pm. Kerri K. And the night will be capped with a dance from 10 pm to 1 am. The dance will feature a DJ, a prize raffle and a 50/50 raffle. Ticket availability is limited, so get your tickets now. The dinner ticket deadline is Dec. 26.

"Last donation of the year tickets" are \$100 and include the dinner, the speaker meeting (free), the dance, a raffle ticket for each raffle, a mug with your name on it, a DVD of a photo montage, and a one-year membership to Lambda. The gift of giving back: priceless. Tickets for the evening's three events are \$20. Tickets for the dance only are \$10. Raffle tickets are \$10.

Call Stevie B. at 602-689-2491 for more information.

## Partnering with 1in10

In July of 2009, it became very apparent that there was a need for our youth LGBT to have a safe haven to recover but for many reasons, the Board decided to partner with 1in10 to have that recovery be primarily outside of LPC.

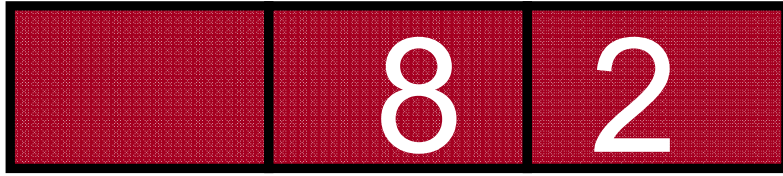
Having had exposure to 1in10 at Phoenix Pride in April, it only seemed logical to contact the agency to question the involvement necessary to achieve the fore-mentioned need. After a few more time set backs, in September, a class with 1in10 Program Director-Michael Weakley was scheduled for interested board members on age appropriate conduct and materials with/for minors. Success and confirmation from the Director of the need to bring a much needed alternative to our struggling youth. After that class and further discussion, all decided to have a speaker panel workshop to introduce the 12 step format to the youth and to immediately follow up with a kick-off meeting the next night. *...continued on page two*

## Homeless GLBT Youth Gift Drive

Again working with 1in10, LPC is holding a gift drive for Homeless GLBT youth. Of particular importance are bus passes and toiletry-type gifts. Please bring your gifts to LPC—if in the form of gift card, cash or bus passes, please put in the safe with a note on the envelope. Envelopes are found throughout the building and on the safe itself.

Not sure what to get? Contact Anjanette at 602-295-5958 or Chip at 208-440-6151 for details. LPC is coordinating with 1in10 on identifying these at-need youth and will be helping us in getting the gifts to them!

## Membership Counter



## Meeting Space

Do you want to have a 12-step recovery meeting at LPC? We are currently have many meetings at LPC but there are 12-step meetings that are not represented at LPC, the primary "home" for GLBT meetings in Phoenix.

Please contact Shelly M. at:

[meetings@phxlambda.org](mailto:meetings@phxlambda.org)

For additional information!

**Look at us GROW! Thank you to everyone who has joined us in membership to support our center. If you haven't yet, become an LPC member today & help us reach our goal of 100 members!**

### Partnering continued...

Michael Weakley brought to the table yet another solution-- a location for the meeting. A newly opened LGBT community resource center has offered us space on Friday nights for the meeting to be held.

Now the buzz and excitement in our adult community starts and volunteers are coming forward. This is a much needed awareness for involvement. The youth are going to need mentorship and sponsorship getting started and this project completely lifted off the ground.

Michael S., LPC Director of Outreach attended AI-Ateen sponsorship training and has contacted three of our fellowships for material on youth based meetings. These fellowships included AA, NA, and AI-Anon. He is hard at work putting together a format for the meeting.

With format in under construction- now a date to have the event. We are awaiting for approval for January 14-15. We will keep you posted! If you'd like to help, please contact Michael S. through our web site—[www.phxlambda.org](http://www.phxlambda.org)

## Want to help?

The mission of the Lambda Phoenix Center is to provide an inviting, safe and supportive community space for individuals and families in the metro Phoenix LGBT community recovering from alcoholism and other addictions.

We achieve our mission by owning and operating a neighborhood-based support center that hosts a diverse offering of 12-step recovery meetings with more than 40 recovery meetings a week, over 3,000 visitors each month and currently offers several distinct 12-step programs, as well as hosting numerous special community events.

We need your help in countless ways. Please join us at our next board meeting on December 6th at 5:00pm.

## Memberships Reduced!

Now memberships are \$60/year or \$5.00/month! Use your credit or debit card to make an automatic \$5.00/monthly donation. See our web site at [www.phxlambda.org](http://www.phxlambda.org) for details!

Lambda Phoenix Center serves members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community seeking recovery. We are a meeting place for 12-step programs for alcoholics, drug and nicotine addicts, family and friends of alcoholics, overeaters, and compulsive gamblers. As we look to the future, we see Lambda continuing to grow as the center's work evolves. We welcome all those who are seeking his or her individual style of recovery and thank all of those who contribute to this essential cause. Visit us at: 2622 N 16th Street, Phoenix AZ 85006, send us mail at: PO Box 80393, Phoenix AZ 85060 or call us at: (602) 635-2090.