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Being First Can Be Tough

By Sean Brandon

On November 6th of this year, Danica Roem became the first out transgender community member to win a state legislative race. She did this in a traditionally conservative district in what most would consider to be a moderately conservative state (Virginia). The achievement of firsts helps to bring communities closer to the goal of equal rights as long held assumptions are discarded. Even today, many people would assume that there is no way that an openly transgender person can assume any position of authority in Georgia in all but the most liberal of areas. To challenge that assumption, I'd like to introduce you to Trystlynn Melanni Barber.

Trystlynn has become the first openly transgender corrections officer in Georgia. It is a journey that she took first as Bruan. She was born in Mt. Vernon, New York, and grew up in Easton, Connecticut. At the age of 10, she recognized that something was different about her. "I would try on my mother's clothing and always wanted to be the female character in Dungeons and Dragons," Trystlynn recalls. However, his upbringing didn't allow him to accept what might have been different about her, and manifested itself in other ways, "I had intense anorexia which I didn't recognize as the initial signs of body dysmorphia."

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Shamrock Festival and Oyster Roast

The 30th Annual First City Network Shamrock Festival and Oyster Roast is fast approaching. This year's festivities will be held on Sunday March 11th 2018, starting at 11 am at Skidaway Island State Park located at 52 Diamond Causeway. Entry will once again be \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers, which includes parking.

The Festival will be hosted by The House of Gunt with music by The Dimes. We will be serving up oysters, hot dogs, side items, and other fabulous food. We will have a silent auction, bingo, a cake walk, raffle, nature walks, and a few other surprise events. This huge party not to be missed! Camping is available — just check with the park for availability and rates by calling 912-598-2300.

Our annual St. Pat's weekend oyster roast and party is our biggest fund-raiser of the year, and so sponsorships and attendance are key to the success of FCN. Please consider being a sponsor—if you would like to make a donation or serve as a volunteer for this special year's event, simply drop an email to secretary@firstcitynetwork.net. With your support, it will be a tremendous affair to remember!

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR GREEN!



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Chairman's Message

By Michael Ploski

Our country enters year number two of the current national political administration. It is beyond comprehension that anyone can sit back with an "Oh well, nothing I can do" attitude.

The issues are far beyond the LGBT community, although our community has been put in the crosshairs. The issues reach far beyond the borders of the United States. The nuclear threat; the increase potential for domestic and worldwide terrorism; the rights of individuals everywhere; the bigotry and hatred that is being endorsed and spread by our country are just a few of the problems that will destroy the world if they remain unchecked.

We each are only one of approximately 7.6 billion individuals in the world today. How could we be effective in fighting this purge of hate and power grabbing? The answer to that is relatively simple, but does take some effort on our part. Don't just sit back

and accept what you know is not right; stand up and let your voice be heard. Get involved in everyday life; if you see or hear of a wrong, get involved to fix that wrong. Stand up for the rights of everyone. Support and aid those who are struggling. Don't expect someone else to fix the problems.

We here in the United States and those in a few other countries have two very powerful weapons to use against hate and injustice: Freedom of speech and the power to vote. Use those weapons wisely to make the world a better place.

As individuals the choice is yours: **SIT AND COWER IN YOUR CLOSET** or **BE THE CHANGE**.

I am looking forward to a better world. *How about you?*



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First Saturday Social Warms the Hearts of Attendees

Article & Photography by Billy Wooten.

Baby it was coooollldddd outside, but not too cold to freeze the spirits at the First City Network January Social. Remnants of the recent snow and ice did not affect the crowd, we counted more than 100, with friends, supporters, and first-timers coming from across the city. As always the food was delicious, with various homemade items mixed with deli-made delights. And the homemade candy and cakes were over the top. Celebrating “Olde Christmas” was the theme, and Melvin and Billy had left up many of their collection of decorations for the group to enjoy. And as always, the Coffee Pointe Community was represented and welcoming.

Are you interested in hosting a First Saturday Social? It’s not difficult and is a great way to network and make new friends. Contact any member of the board or message them through Facebook.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A listing of LGBT-related events hosted by local non-profits

LGBT CENTER HOURS

Monday: Closed; Tuesday – Friday: 10am – 5pm.

FAMILY GUYS & GALS BOWLING

Thursdays at 7pm, AMF Bowling Lanes, 115 Tibet Ave. on Savannah’s Southside, Lanes 47 – 50

STAND OUT YOUTH’S DISCUSSION GROUPS

Every Friday, 7 – 9pm, 1020 Abercorn St. Savannah, GA 31401

Not at *The LGBT Center*

Visit savannahstandoutyouth.org for more info.

PHOENIX PROJECT’S “REAL TALK”

for the MSM Community

Every first & third Monday of the month from 4 – 5pm

Chatham Care Center Lecture Room, 107 Fahm St.

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Tuesdays – Fridays from 9 – 11am & 2 – 4pm

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LGBT Center

Founders Circle

The Founders Circle was created by First City Network to honor the generosity of our LGBT Community Center major donors—the Center's founders. Members of this giving society will be commemorated within the walls of the Center in perpetuity. Thanks to these dedicated donors, and those who join them in the future, our dream of a community center will persevere.

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Realistic Budget Approved For The LGBT Center

The LGBT Center budget for 2018 was recently adopted by the Board of FCN. It represents a lot of work by both the LGBT Center Committee, the FCN Board, and many of you, who have contributed your time, talents, and money. The budget, which totals approximately \$58,000, includes rent, utilities, phone, internet access, insurance, supplies, equipment, refreshments, and signs. According to Billy Wooten, the Center Director, the budget represents a realistic and practical approach to The Center's operation for the next 12 months, budgeting only for necessary expenses while hoping that donations of items and goods will lesson what is spent.

"We have received consistent gifts of office supplies, cleaning items, copier paper and other small donations which help us reduce what we expected to spend," stated Wooten. "We appreciate these gifts as well as donations. We would not be here without the support of many." If you have questions about the budgeting process, or are interested in making a donation of goods or money, contact The Center at 304-LGBT.

LGBT Center Programming Schedule

Monday: Closed
Tuesday–Friday: 10am – 5pm

Drop in, watch television, use the WiFi, complete your homework, visit with friends, enjoy water or a soft drink.

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Fri Feb 2	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Stand Out Youth - 1020 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31401
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	TEE Meeting
Sat Feb 3	10:00am – 11:00am	Staying Positive - HIV Support Group
	6:00pm – 7:00pm	No Guru/No Teacher: Silent Meditation
	8:00pm – 9:00pm	AA: Club12
Sun Feb 4	12:00pm – 2:00pm	SCAD Transgender Meeting
Mon Feb 5	6:30pm – 8:00pm	FCN Board Meeting
Tue Feb 6	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Walk-In Mental Health Clinic
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	AA: Club 12
Fri Feb 9	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Family and Friends of the Transgender Community
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Stand Out Youth - 1020 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31401
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	TEE Meeting
Sat Feb 10	10:00am – 11:30am	Bi - Local
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Sun Feb 11	12:00pm – 2:00pm	SCAD Transgender Meeting
Mon Feb 12	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Savannah Pride Meeting
Tue Feb 13	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Walk-In Mental Health Clinic
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	AA: Club 12
Fri Feb 16	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Stand Out Youth - 1020 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31401
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Sat Feb 17	10:00am – 11:00am	Staying Positive - HIV Support Group
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Sun Feb 18	12:00pm – 2:00pm	SCAD Transgender Meeting
Tue Feb 20	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Walk-In Mental Health Clinic
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	AA: Club 12
Fri Feb 23	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Stand Out Youth - 1020 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31401
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	TEE Meeting
Sat Feb 24	6:00pm – 7:00pm	No Guru/No Teacher: Silent Meditation
	8:00pm – 9:00pm	AA: Club12
Sun Feb 25	12:00pm – 2:00pm	SCAD Transgender Meeting
Tue Feb 27	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Walk-In Mental Health Clinic
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	AA: Club 12

Life & Long Term Care Insurance

DROP-IN-AND-LEARN AT THE CENTER

SATURDAY FEB 10TH FROM 12PM – 4PM
TUESDAY, FEB 21 FROM 12PM – 4PM.

What would happen to your loved ones if you were no longer in the picture? Dan Manning is a representative of New York Life (and a member of our community) helping individuals and business owners create, build, and protect their wealth. Dan can help with life insurance, retirement, and long term care insurance questions (a growing need in the LGBT community as many of us don't have the family structure in place to support aging at home). Stop by the Center to get answers to your questions and learn more about how you can protect the ones you love.

Tio Arturo

By Peter Roberts

Join us for one last look at the closing of "Tio Arturo" by Alexandro Santana on Friday, February 2nd from 5pm–7pm. Alexandro imbues his work with a calculated complexity fed by a lusciously hued aesthetic, an international upbringing (Spain and the Dominican Republic, mostly) and an affinity for obscure postmodernist French philosophers. This show has a wide breadth of styles but all uniquely Louis the Sixties meets Palm Springs. Gallery profits from show are to First City Network for the Savannah LGBT Center.



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Viewpoints

By Peter Roberts

Join us for the opening of “Viewpoints” by Bert John on Friday February 6th from 5 to 8 pm at the Savannah LGBT Center. From natural shapes to shapes in nature, “Viewpoints” showcases beauty from afar. Gallery profits from show are to First City Network for the Savannah LGBT Center.



Residents from Memorial Hospital recently met with Karen and Brandon, who lead the wellness and mental health programming at The Savannah LGBT Center.

The Damned Don't Cry They Just Disappear

THE LIFE AND WORKS OF HARRY HERVEY BY HARLAN GREENE

(The University of South Carolina Press)

A notice by Ron Melander

Having heard of Hervey's connections to Savannah, I was very excited when I read the G&L review. I immediately told my good friend Alvin Neely about it as he had first introduced me to Hervey's “The Damned Don't Cry,” set in Savannah and first published in 1939.

I found the biography of Harry Hervey to be very interesting. He apparently lived quite openly as a gay man in Savannah, Hollywood, CA, and Charleston, SC. He also was a prodigious author, screenwriter, playwright, and Greene does a great job of chronicling every detail of Hervey's career and life. Hervey's lover was Carleton Hildreth (the 25 year old Hervey became involved with Carleton when he was 17). Carleton was living in a carriage house in Savannah when he died in 1977. This is a serious, enjoyable work on Hervey's life and should be of interest to all of us. I also just read Hervey's controversial 1929 book set in Charleston called “Red Ending”. It was well written and had some surprises. See harryhervey.org for more information or just pick up Greene's brand new book!

A review by the author of Greene's book on Hervey (1900–1951) was featured in the May–June 2017 issue of *The Gay and Lesbian Review* which is a quick study on the subject. glreview.org/article/the-multi-talented-harry-hervey



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“I was raised to believe that if you were a man you had to get married and raise a family.” Trystlynn would spend a majority of her adult life attempting to meet that standard. She continued living as Braun, would marry three times, and would have four children. She would also start a career as a corrections officer. Although initially assigned to firearms school, she would eventually rise to a supervisory position at Rogers State Prison in their food services division. It was around that time, through a therapist, that Trystlynn began to understand what was at the core of her issues.

Gradually Trystlynn began to come out to her family and friends and live openly. “My wife confronted me about the makeup she found, and I told her the truth”. This began Trystlynn’s journey from someone transitioning in private to someone who publicly stated their status. Trystlynn would come out at work while working at Roger State Prison. The initial reaction was not good. “I went from being a model supervisor to receiving multiple disciplinary actions. The only reason I can give for that is being public about my transition,” she recounts. Eventually, Trystlynn would take time off from work and transfer to another facility, the Georgia State Prison in Reidsville.

In Reidsville, she found a more welcoming supervisor and an understanding staff. Her therapist wrote a letter to the prison explaining her status. Since she was the first transgender officer they had on record, personnel staff from Atlanta and her supervisory staff sat down with her to figure out what “reasonable accommodations”

needed to be made. Fortunately there weren’t many. “The uniforms, officer stations, and even some of the bathrooms are unisex,” she says. After a fruitful meeting with the executive staff and personnel, all 550 employees of State prison were briefed. In the time since that briefing, Trystlynn has received almost all positive responses from staff. Meanwhile, the inmates still treat her with the respect demanded of a corrections officer. “I haven’t been approached by inmates about it. They know parts, but not the whole story.”

Trystlynn has also been visiting the Augusta Equality Clinic in order to prepare for Genital Reassignment Surgery (GRS), which she hopes will happen within the next year. “I was in a cage and needed to be free”. To give back to the community, she became the director of operations for T.R.A.N.S network, a group dedicated to helping members of the transgender community with employment, housing, and support. It maintains a listing of Facebook pages in every state devoted to providing information to the larger transgender community.

When asked about the current state of transgender rights, she notes how ecstatic she is over seeing young people able to come out, “But there’s a lot of work left to do.” She is particularly concerned about the current administration’s view toward the transgender community “What this government is doing to civil and human rights is sickening,” Trystlynn comments. But that doesn’t stop Trystlynn from seeking the happiness that evaded her for much of her life. Looking back on things now, she acknowledges how tough things were, but also how far she’s come. “In the end this type of thing either makes you or destroys you.”

For more information about the T.R.A.N.S Network visit www.transnetworking.com

FCN And The 2017 MLK Parade

By Michael Ploski

Once again FCN Shows its support for Equality For All, by participating in the Savannah MLK Day parade. This year seven members and two guests from Armstrong University rode on the FCN float.

The float was a first for FCN. In the many years past we have ridden in the back of a gaily decorated truck. Thanks to Donovan Chassereau and Jon Kesler for providing the trailer to use and the truck to pull it with. It was a fun day decorating our first float, showing our support, and having a great time doing it.

After the parade several members enjoyed each other’s company at a late lunch at Crystal Beer Parlor.





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Gamberetti con Polenta

by John Martin Taylor

Makes 4 entrées or 8 appetizers.

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Shrimp & Grits is probably the dish that I get more requests for. I've published at least a dozen different recipes. Before I opened my culinary bookstore in Charleston in 1986, not a single restaurant in the city was serving it! It was a classic breakfast dish when I was growing up in the lowcountry, so imagine my surprise the first time I was served Gamberetti con Polenta on the Riviera in the early 80s! This recipe is my nod to those Mediterranean cooks from whom I learned so much.

You can use grits, corn meal, or polenta in this recipe, but if you use the finer grinds, you'll have to carefully and slowly add the meal to the pot of boiling water or it may clump. I prefer my more coarsely ground grits of dent corn because it is softer, less gritty, and more flavorful than Italian polenta, which is closer to cornmeal in grind.

As a nod to the polenta cooks of Liguria, I season the grits with a bay leaf as they cook. You can also cook them in a slow cooker set on low for about eight to ten hours.

FOR THE SHRIMP AND STOCK:

- 1 pound fresh heads-on shrimp
- freshly squeezed juice of one lemon
- sea salt and cayenne
- 1 celery rib, broken into pieces
- 1 small carrot, broken into pieces
- a handful of fresh herbs such as thyme, parsley, oregano, and basil
- 1 small onion, unpeeled, and quartered
- 6 cups water

Remove the head and shells from the shrimp, dropping them into an enameled or stainless steel stockpot. If you are planning to serve the dish within a couple of hours, sprinkle the shrimp bodies with the lemon juice and salt and cayenne to taste, cover, and refrigerate. If waiting till later, put the shrimp on ice and wait to season them until about an hour before you plan to eat.

Add the celery, carrot, herbs, and the onion quarters to the pot and cover with the water. Cook, uncovered, at a low boil until the onion is transparent, the carrots are soft, and the stock is pleasantly infused with the shrimp flavor—about 45 minutes. The liquid should be reduced by a third. Strain out the solids. Cool, then freeze what you don't plan to use immediately.

FOR THE POLENTA:

- 4 to 6 cups water
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons salted butter, or 2 tablespoons unsalted plus 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup stone-ground, whole-grain corn grits

While the stock is cooking, bring 4 cups of the water to boil in a heavy stockpot that has a Drop in the bay leaf, the butter, and the salt. Stir in the grits, return to a boil, and reduce the heat, allowing the grits to cook on a low boil for 10 minutes or so, until the grits are very thick and have absorbed most of the water, stirring the pot occasionally to prevent the grits from sticking. Add about 1/2 cup more of water to the pot, cover, and turn down the heat, allowing the grits to simmer another 10 minutes or so. As the liquid cooks off or is absorbed, add more water, cooking the grits until the desired consistency is reached, a total cooking time of about an hour. The grits should be piping hot when served, slightly soupy but full-bodied enough that they do not run on the plate.

Remove and discard the bay leaf before serving. The grits will remain hot for long after you have turned off the heat, so go ahead and divide the portions into the serving dishes while you are finishing the sauce.



FOR THE GAMBERETTI:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 shallots or 1/2 small onion, peeled and chopped, about 1/2 cup
- 1 cup dry white wine or Vermouth
- 1 large ripe tomato, peeled, seeded, and chopped
- 1-1/2 cups hot shrimp stock
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- reserved shrimp

Heat the olive oil in a skillet over medium high heat and sauté the shallots until they are soft and translucent, about five minutes. Add the wine, raise the heat, and cook until the liquid has disappeared and the oil begins to sputter. Add the tomato, stirring, and continue to cook over fairly high heat until almost all the liquid has evaporated. Add the shrimp stock and reduce until just shy of serving consistency, then whisk in the butter and the reserved shrimp. Keep stirring, tossing the shrimp around in the buttery sauce until they are just barely done and the sauce is shiny and silken, about 2 to 3 minutes. Serve immediately over the grits.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Article submitted by Jeremiah Johnson, edited by First City Network

For a number of years I waited tables in Colorado, regularly working with a number of Latino immigrants at different restaurants. The dynamic was always the same: white staff mostly working as waiters, bartenders, and managers; Latino staff mostly working as bussers and in the kitchen. This frequently led to highly problematic power structures. The bartenders and wait staff typically tipped out the bussers from their own tip money, which meant that they held some financial control. I'd like to think that we were all fair and paid out the bussers appropriately, but once in a while I'd overhear a typically younger white staff member disparaging the work of a typically older Latino staff member, using it as justification to pay them less for their efforts. Theoretically the bussers could go to the manager if waiters were withholding, but that was complicated because the waiter could always claim they had a slow night of tips. I found that most of my bussers didn't want to cause any waves; many of them seemed accustomed to the usual daily injustices, the systems that reinforce white dominance.

These dynamics, compounded by language barriers, often led to a certain level of social segregation. Fortunately for me, when I had a choice to learn French, German, or Spanish in 7th grade, my mom urged me to study a language that is actually highly prevalent in the US. Many years later I was fluent and always eager to get some practice in. I was lucky enough to find myself frequently talking with the bussers and the back of house, learning a lot about their lives.

Over the past two years, I've thought a lot about the friends I made in those restaurants, wondering how the dramatic rise in racist rhetoric is impacting them; if they've been detained, deported; if they and their families are physically safe.

Around the same time in my life I also spent a few years as a volunteer teaching English to Latino immigrants in Lafayette and western Denver; meeting with around 10 to 15 students twice a week as they tried their best to fit classes and homework into enormously busy schedules. In an effort to improve their opportunities, or perhaps keep up with their children who were learning English at a rapid pace, they'd spend their Tuesday

Looking For Fun Lovers!

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and Thursday evenings trying their best to learn the difference between “their, there, and they’re,” all after working two or more jobs in order to sustain their families and send a little money back to relatives in their home country.

I also think a lot about those former students, all of their hard work, and I wonder if their efforts eventually paid off for them in this racist country.

Over the past two years, I’ve thought a lot about the friends I made in those restaurants, wondering how the dramatic rise in racist rhetoric is impacting them; if they’ve been detained, deported; if they and their families are physically safe.

I think about these people, these individuals, each time they are reduced to objects in the media; when they are used as political currency by a hateful, racist Republican government.

I think about Anna, a busser at a restaurant and a mother who worked constantly to take care of her kids. I think of how often she made me laugh, and I hope she and her family are ok.

I think about Sofia, who pushed herself to advance her English in hopes of being able to wait tables instead of bus them. Her hard work paid off, and she eventually moved into a job that I generally took for granted.

I think about my student, Juan, whose eyes were usually a little bloodshot in class after working an extremely long day. Somehow he was still sharp enough to make jokes using the words he had just learned.

I think about a group of students who I took to a supermarket as part of a “field trip” to practice new vocabulary on food and shopping. I think of the store employee who treated two of them with disdain as they tried their hardest to communicate, clearly annoyed with their flawed English.

These friends and students come to mind every time the current administration has said that Mexico is not sending their best people. I think about them every time they talk about building a wall.

I think about all of that, and how unjust it is to ridicule and disparage communities that have struggled, persisted, and found resilience within horrific systems of oppression.

I think about all that, and I pray that we are getting organized this year to combat any politician that does not support comprehensive immigration

reform that would properly value and humanize millions of people who have for decades powered our economy and enriched our culture. I pray that we are prepared to push those who come into power to do more than pander to Latino communities, that we are ready to demand real justice for immigrants.

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