



February Updates
for
GAYLA 39
July 15 - 22, 2017

Take notice of GAYLA'S logo for 2017. A heart that brings together men, love, peace, sunshine and GAYLA can only increase the **LOVE** we share in our beloved community.

The amazingly talented and ever lovely **Troy Liston** created the logo and offered it for our use. You'll see it again in many places during GAYLA week.

Registration for GAYLA 39 is in full swing. We have almost thirty men registered and the time is now for the rest of us to sign up. Don't wait until the last minute to claim your favorite space in your favorite dorm. It may be gone soon. There are 76 pictures in last year's directory and we know there were some who joined us after check in on Saturday and didn't get their pictures taken. Let it be our challenge to increase our numbers to **90** at GAYLA 39. It's within reach if we all encourage a newbie to attend, recommit to returning and reach out to someone we haven't seen at GAYLA in a while. **Bring yourself to GAYLA 39 and help make it great.** Register with **Sally Ring at 207.282.4489** or registration@ferrybeach.org



GAYLA is proud to have a scholarship program that is intended to assist those who may be living with limited funds to attend GAYLA. A request for financial aid, or to make a donation to Helping Hands, can be made through our **Treasurer, Mark Koenig**. He will explain the qualifications and requirements for receiving assistance and will work with you to the extent he can. All inquiries and any aid you may receive will be held in strict confidentiality. For more information contact Mark at markandtroy@hotmail.com

GAYLA 39 Minister of the Week
Rev. Adam Robinson

Rev. Adam will be coming to New England from Texas where he has served congregations in Houston and in East Texas. He's a joyful and spiritual gay man who will serve us well. And, he's likely to wear a lovely hat at the Church Lady Sunday Service and at any other time during the week if the spirit moves him.



A glimpse of opportunities for fun, support, growth and involvement at GAYLA 39:

TNT Show (Talent/No Talent Show)
Tea Dance
Morning Chapel in the Grove
Small Group Check in Circles
Friendship Circle Gatherings on the Beach after Dinner
Movie night (interactive)
Drag Bingo Night (feel free to dress up, or down)
12 Step Meetings every afternoon
Two Step and Line Dancing Night
Remembrance Service and Bon Fire in the Grove
Lawn Gathering every afternoon before dinner
Volleyball: GAYLA team vs. Ferry Beach team on Thursday afternoon
Singing with the Choir
Spending time on the beach

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Here's a few specific ways to engage the week of GAYLA:

DAILY SUNRISE CIRCLE



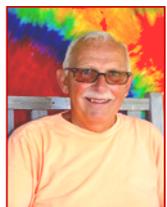
For those who enjoy, or need, a special connection and a little stretch before breakfast. Simple movements from Qigong and Paneurhythmy disciplines, for awakening energy meridians of the body and the Earth. This open space has a long history with GAYLA and is facilitated by **Ron Willett**.

SHAKE YOUR SOUL



Shake Your Soul is fun, freeing, meditative, graceful and empowering. It is often referred to as the yoga of dance because it encourages an awareness that inspires dancing from the inside out. It will relax your nervous system, energize your body and awaken your soul. Specially curated music is paired with a repertoire of dynamic movement sequences. Led by **Ron McClelland**, a certified instructor of Shake Your Soul.

HIKING WITH A CAMERA



Dave Sumner is a retired high school teacher who enjoys photography, especially nature photography. He is a highly accomplished photographer specializing in outdoor and natural settings. Dave's hobby is inspired by noted photographer Ansel Adams. Bring your camera, some good hiking shoes and you'll be ready to go.

PICKLEBALL AT GAYLA

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping pong. Players use solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball was invented as a children's backyard pastime but has become popular among adults as well. As a new activity at GAYLA, this Open Space event can be played at any time, and is offered by **Jason Romer** and **Adam Patterson**.



HELPING HANDS AUCTION



Last year the silent auction expanded to live auction and raffle drawings. The change proved to be a success and we are building on it again. A very popular addition was the raffle sales. We are encouraging you to create gift baskets of unique and specific items. Our first contribution is that of homemade jams and jellies made by the **Jammin' in the Kitchen group at the First Church Unitarian of Littleton, MA**. These people work all year making unique combinations of fruit and have offered a case of jams and jellies for our HH Raffle. Put on your thinking caps and make, or get donated, great gift baskets to offer for raffle. Create a team and make something fabulous!