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# Bear Essentials

The Official Newsletter of the Liberty Bears of Philadelphia

## Holiday Charity Drive

## Liberty Bears to Assist With Bike Stop Drive

Sun., Dec. 14th, starting in the afternoon around noon, The Liberty Bears will be meeting with the other members of the Bike Stop family to decorate the bar for the holidays and to kick off the toy and personal care, bedding drive (twin bedding) items for Calcutta House and the Mazoni Center. You are invited to join us at the bar to kick off these events and decorate the bar. It is a fantastic opportunity to come together as brothers and sisters of the Bear, Leather, Boy/sir community and unite in solidarity and just have a damn good time doing it! I hope you

can join us.

The Holiday Drive itself begins Dec. 1, 2008 and continues through Dec. 21. Donation boxes will be located in the Bike Stop and other gayborhood sites to be announced later. We're asking donations of the following items:

Personal Care Basic Hygiene Products for Calcutta House such as toothpaste, soft bristle tooth brushes, hypoallergenic/sensitive skin no perfume body soap, mouthwash, hypoallergenic body lotion, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, bathroom tissue, Kleenex tissue, deodorant and hypoallergenic/sensitive skin shampoo and conditioner for all hair types.

Twin Bedding for clients at The Calcutta House.

We are also accepting twin blankets, throws, quilts, comforters, sheet sets and pillows for the clients of Calcutta House

Canned and Dry Food Products for Calcutta House as well as napkins, paper towels and dish detergent.

We are accepting new unwrapped toys for Children ages 3-12 years of age for the Mazoni Center Toy Drive.

If anyone has questions about items not listed above, contact Michael at the Bike Stop (267-257-9782).

### Upcoming Events-

Sun., Dec. 14, 2008, noon to ???: Bike Stop

Decorating Event (see article in col. 1);

Sat., Jan. 3, 2009, 5pm: Liberty Bears' General Meeting, Bike Stop's PIT;

Sat., Jan. 3, 2009, 6pm-10pm: Liberty Bears' Bi-Monthly Social, Bike Stop's Main Bar; theme:

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Sat., Mar. 7, 2009, 5pm: Liberty Bears' General Meeting, Bike Stop's PIT;

Sat., Mar. 7, 2009, 6pm-10pm: Liberty Bears' Bi-Monthly Social, Bike Stop's Main Bar; theme: to be announced.

Sat., Jan. 3, '09, 6-10pm

### *It's Bear Bingo!*

The Liberty Bears will be hosting an evening of bingo at our Sat., Jan. 3 social which runs 6pm-10pm in the Bike Stop's main bar. Prizes will include lots of porn dvds; memberships in the Sansom St. Gym; rental plans at Spruce St. Video; and gift card to Giovanni's Room. There will also be \$3 Pints of Killian Red Beer (\$2 if you find a coupon). And of course we'll be serving the ever popular jello shots.

Come usher in the new year. Win some prize. Drink Cheap Beer. Down Jello Shots. See you there at our Bear Bingo!

The Liberty Bears on Line:  
<http://libertybears.net>



Gotta Question?

## Just Ask The Badger!

Dear Badger:

I voted for Barak Obama in the recent election, but I'm embarrassed to say that I don't really know his stands on gay issues, especially gay marriage. Can you find out? Thanks, Red Faced

Dear Red,

Here are the facts according to <http://gaylife.about.com/od/politics/p/barackobama.htm>:

Barack Obama on Gay Marriage:

Barack Obama opposes same-sex marriage, but also opposes a constitutional ban on gay marriage. According to Obama's campaign fact sheet on LGBT issues, he supports full civil unions that give same-sex couples equal legal rights and privileges as married couples, including the right to assist their loved ones in times of emergency as well as equal health insurance, employment benefits, and property and adoption rights. Barack Obama voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment, which failed by a vote of 49-48. "I was reminded that it is my obligation not only as an elected official in a pluralistic society, but also as a Christian, to remain open to the possibility that my unwillingness to support gay marriage is misguided," Obama wrote in his recent memoir, *The Audacity of Hope*.

However, in a statement about his vote against a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, Obama states: "I personally believe that marriage is between a man and a woman." Nonetheless, Obama believes we need to fully repeal the Defense of Marriage Act.

Barack Obama on Gay Adoption:

Barack Obama believes in equal adoption rights for gay and lesbians.

Barack Obama on Gays in the Military:

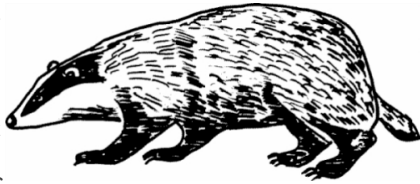
Obama believes we need to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, stating that the key test for military service should be patriotism, a sense of duty, and a willingness to serve.

Barack Obama on Employment Non-Discrimination:

Obama believes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act should be expanded to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Obama sponsored legislation in the Illinois State Senate that would ban employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Barack Obama on Federal Hate Crime Legislation:

Obama co-sponsored legislation to expand federal hate crimes law to include crimes perpetrated because of sexual orientation or gender identity.



Liberty Bears' Presidential Confession:

## My Latest Obsession

by Gavin T. Schiffert, Pres. Liberty Bears

Although I know that the podcast phenomenon is not new, I do believe Bear podcasts are beginning to become more popular as time goes on. They are new to me and I have to admit I am becoming a little obsessed with them. I discovered one of the originals while surfing for internet radio sites to listen to while playing on the web. Most podcasts are available free on iTunes. I personally download 5 a week to listen to while working. I think the people I work with think I'm a bit nuts do to the bursts of laughter coming from me throughout the day. Of course that would not surprise most of the people that know me. My job allows me the luxury of wearing head phones while I work. Here is some information about some of my favorites, in no particular order:

•*Btalk*- Four bears from Minn., MN talking about life, love, sex, TV and there travels to Bear Runs and events. These guys are very funny and will make you wish their podcast was 2 hours instead of 1. Now up to their 44<sup>th</sup> broadcast. Btalk also has a live video stream and chat room available during taping on Tuesday nights at 6:30. <http://www.btalkworld.com/>

•*The Buck and Bobaloo Show*- Two bears from the Los Angles, CA who give there take on life in LA, the entertainment industry, and politics. Buck is an actor and extra and has appeared in many of your favorite weekly comedies. Buck is a well known stand up comedian and has traveled the US with "Bears on the Run" along with his on numerous stand up appearances. They are now on their 10<sup>th</sup> broadcast. <http://www.buckandbobalooshow.com/>

•*Bears in the City*- 5 bears from "the land down under" These guys love to party and there trips to Bear Runs and other events throughout Australia and Europe make for historical listening. Now up to broadcast #44. <http://www.bearsinthecity.com.au/>

•*The Gay Trucker*- David's podcasts are a little shorter and more his and miss than the others but they are just as entertaining. I guess you would call them more of an on-line journal. He travels in his truck all over the north western US and Canada with his dog Sukie and a video camera. He's a little quirky and a lot HOT! I'm not sure how many podcasts he has done because he doesn't number them but I would venture a guess that he has been at it a while. <http://djdavidj.com/>

*619Bearcast*- These guys are the newest comers to the bear podcasts. 5 Bears from San Diego, CA. From the first podcast I know that they were on par with all of my favorites. Funny, knowledgeable, and down right dirty. They discuss everything from politics to personal.... Well, let's just call it jewelry. They came on the scene about 2 months ago and are now up to episode #5. <http://www.619bearcast.com/>

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*Liberty Bears Bingo! Sat., Jan. 3, 2009, 6pm-10pm  
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