

Upcoming Events-

Fri., Apr. 24 - Sat., Apr. 25, 2009, 7pm-10pm: **Liberty Bears' Annual Art Show** at the Top of the Stop.

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

Sun., May 3, 2009, 6pm-10pm: Liberty Bears' Monthly Social, Bike Stop's Main Bar; theme: South of the Border (celebrating Cinco de Mayo);

May 14-17, 2009: **Seventh Annual Bears on Liberty Weekend (BoLW VII)** at various venues. **Theme: The Seven Deadly Sins!** (For more info go to <http://www.libertybears.net>.)

June 6, 2009, 5pm: Liberty Bears' **General Meeting**, Bike Stop's PIT;

June 6, 2009, 6pm-10pm: Liberty Bears' **Monthly Social**, Bike Stop's Main Bar; **Pride Bingo**.

NOTE: We're on hiatus for the summer. Keep current on any summer events by going to our website: [libertybears.net](http://www.libertybears.net)

Gotta Question?

Just Ask The Badger!

Dear Badger: Is it true that gay marriage is now the law of the land in Iowa? Waiting To Get Married
Dear Waiting: It's true. The Iowa state supreme court has overruled a state law that limits marriage to nuptials between one man and one woman. According to Amy Lorentzen (A.P.):

Gay marriage, seemingly the province of the nation's two coasts, is just weeks away from becoming a reality in the heartland and apparently it will be years before social conservatives have a chance to stop it.

The Iowa Supreme Court on Friday unanimously upheld a lower-court ruling that rejected a state law restricting marriage to a union between a man and woman. Now gays and lesbians may exchange vows as soon as April 24 following the landmark decision.

The county attorney who defended the law said he would not seek a rehearing. The only recourse for opponents appeared to be a constitutional amendment, which couldn't get on the ballot until 2012 at the earliest.

In a related news item, the Vermont state legislature voted to override the governor's veto of a bill allowing same sex marriage. According to the A.P.:



Vermont has become the fourth state to legalize gay marriage - and the first to do so with a legislature's vote. The Legislature voted Tuesday to override Gov. Jim Douglas' veto of a bill allowing gays and lesbians to marry. The vote was 23-5 to override in the state Senate and 100-49 to override in the House. Under Vermont law, two-thirds of each chamber had to vote for override.

The vote came nine years after Vermont adopted its first-in-the-nation civil unions law. It's now the fourth state to permit same-sex marriage. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa are the others [Approved by state courts].

Bears at TBRU

...continued from page 1 prominently displayed along with all the flags of the world. The food was excellent and well presented. There was no waiting for anything. After dinner the buses headed to the Round-Up Saloon for the Mr. TBRU Contest. The Sexy Bears, Cubs and Chasers strutted their stuff on the dance floor in their attempt to win the crowds applause. Since the Saloon is in the heart of Dallas's Gayborhood it is a short walk from there to many of the different clubs in the area.

Sunday morning we took a bus back to the Round-Up Saloon for an eye opening brunch with discount drinks. The prizes for Saturday night's contest were awarded to the winners and then it was off to the Hidden Door for

Theme: The 7 Deadly Sins!

Sign up Now for BoLW VII:

Registration Form Bears on Liberty Weekend 7

Please complete and mail to:

Liberty Bears of Philadelphia
Bears on Liberty Weekend Registration
P.O. Box 17095
Philadelphia, PA 19105-7095

Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Registration Fee and Due Dates

	Registration	x \$40	=	_____
	Through Saturday, April 4th, INCLUDES T-SHIRT			
	CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE: M L XL XXL XXXL			
	Late Registration	x \$40	=	_____
	April 5th thru Event, DOES NOT INCLUDE T-SHIRT			

	Registration includes all of the following:	
	Thursday Registration Sexy Bear Party:	Included w/ Registration
	Friday Registration Happy Hour:	Included w/ Registration
	Bear Crawl:	Included w/ Registration
	Bathroom Bear-B-Q:	Included w/ Registration
	Entry free with Bear Crawl Wristband	
	Locker Reservation, must be in advance:	Yes or No
	\$15 locker cost will be due at door to Club Boby Center	
	BOGO "Eye-Opener":	Included w/ Registration
	Chair Bear's Social:	Included w/ Registration
	Seven Deadly Sins Bar Night:	Included w/ Registration
	After Hours Dancing:	Included w/ Registration
	WOOF! Philly Dance Party:	Included w/ Registration

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please use separate application for each participant!
 Make check or money order payable to
 The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia or register on-line
 thru www.libertybears.net/bolwVII/bolw.htm

I certify that by my signature below I am at least 21 years of age and that I will abide by the rules pertaining to this event. I will not use illegal substances and will hold blameless The Liberty Bears of Philadelphia, its officers, event staff, participating establishments and sponsors for injuries to my person or damage to my personal property.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

drinks and playful cavorting on the extended deck. This is always one of the highlights of the weekend for me.

A couple of us have already decided on attending again next year! I'm sure we are not the only ones, so keep your eyes open and register early to get the best rooms in the host hotel. Never fear though, there are always two overflow hotels ready to take you in. If you are planning to attend next year bookmark <http://www.tbru.org/tbru/> It is worth the trip!