

Annual Halton Pride Week to be celebrated next month

The Halton Organization for Pride and Education (HOPE) has put together a line-up of pride events for the week of September 3 to 9.

The annual picnic has been delayed because of the increase in requests for anti-homophobia education HOPE received in its first year as a full-time social provider.

This year's events include raising the pride flag, celebrating pride at the theatre and a pride brunch.

HOPE has made proclamation and requests to fly the rainbow Pride Flag for Halton Pride Week from September 3 to 9.

The flag will fly over the towns of Milton and Oakville, the city of Burlington and at Regional headquarters on Bronte Road for the entire week.

The West End Studio Theatre of Oakville in association

with the Halton Organization for Pride and Education and PFLAG Halton will present the 10th anniversary of the funny theatrical production 'Norman, Is that You?' at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts September 6 to September 15 at 8 p.m.

The comedy follows Ben Chambers, whose wife runs off with his brother. Ben heads to New York City to get comfort from his son Norman, only to find that Norman is living with an openly gay partner.

While Ben tries to set his son on the straight and narrow, the play is about a father's journey to acceptance of his child.

Saturday, Sept. 8 is Halton Pride Day, and HOPE has a block of tickets for this performance at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, 130 Navy St., in celebration of Halton Pride Week.

Tickets cost \$25 each and \$20 for students and youth under 18.

Those who can't make the Halton Pride Day performance September 8 can still support Pride by buying tickets through HOPE for one of the other dates.

Portions of the tickets sales will support the 9th Annual Halton Pride events.

The HOPE Community Pride Brunch for the LGBTQ communities, its allies, families and friends will be held Sunday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sharkey's World Café, 220 North Service Rd.

HOPE has also partnered with the Burlington Central Library for Halton Pride Week and will have a display shelf of LGBTQ resources and fiction at the library the week of September 3 to 9.

There will also be a HOPE display at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts during the run of 'Norman, Is that You?' from September 6 to 15.

HOPE staff and volunteers will be on hand most nights to talk about HOPE.

People are asked to call HOPE at (905) 632-4551 to reserve their tickets for the play and to indicate their attendance for the brunch.

The Halton Pride Planning committee is still looking for other volunteers to assist in planning and orchestrating the Ninth Annual Halton Pride Picnic in June 2008, as well as to expand the event into other venues.

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