



Avenidas
Rainbow Collective
LGBTQ Seniors Initiative

February 2023 Newsletter

Happy
Volunteers
Day!

**I bet you thought i was going to say
Valentines Day.**

The Avenidas Rainbow Collective values the volunteers who help make our world go round. We love our volunteers and we want you too. This month we would like to introduce to our newest Volunteer, Anthony Hand.



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Welcome



Avenidas Rainbow Collective offers FREE LGBTQ inclusive programs and services that are intended to enrich the lives of and support the overall well-being of older adults.

Avenidas Rainbow Collective is able to serve this resilient population through the ongoing support provided by the Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs, City of Milpitas, Santa Clara County Library, and Mt. View Senior Center.



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INTRODUCING *Tony Hand* & TECH W/TONY



Introducing Anthony "Tony" Hand the facilitator of Tech with Tony our new educational workshop and tech support program. On the third Wednesday of each month from 3-5 PM Tony will be hosting tech talks and offering individual tech support and tutoring. The first hour Tony will talk about current tech and explain how it works. The second hour people will be able to schedule 15 min appointments with Tony to work out their tech question or issue.

Anthony ("Tony") Hand has over two decades of experience in the tech industry. Currently, Anthony works at PayPal as a software UX designer. Previous work experiences have included designing software for the full gamut of platforms and devices, including Android, iPhone, Apple TV, Windows, Mac, web sites, and even concepts for an automotive infotainment screen.

Previously, Anthony has worked at Samsung, Motorola, and Nokia, along with several startups and consulting firms. Anthony holds a Master's degree in Human-Computer Interaction from the University of Michigan and has two published U.S. patents with several others pending.

In addition, Anthony is producing an animated feature film called, "Maxxie LaWow: Drag Super-shero," expected in movie theaters in 2024. Recently, Anthony completed a two-year stint on the board of directors for the Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus, with one year as president.



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TECH WITH TONY

Tech Talks and One on One Tech Tutoring
Wednesday, Feb 15th, 3-5PM

Send Money Safely

Put away those checkbooks! Learn how to send money safely online to friends and family. In this first "Tech with Tony" presentation, we will review and compare the most popular apps for sending money: PayPal, Venmo, Cash App, and Zelle. Popular usage of these apps includes splitting a dinner check, paying for services like a housekeeper, paying rent, and buying some produce at a Farmer's Market. Importantly, we'll also cover some tips for avoiding scams. Registration required for workshop. This is a Hybrid (in person/zoom) workshop.

Disclosure: Tony works at PayPal, which owns Venmo.

This tech talk will be immediately followed by a few brief on-site 1:1 tech tutoring sessions. To register for a tutoring session, send an email to: LGBTQ@Avenidas.org



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Mondays &
Wednesdays
10-11:30AM
Zoom

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



SAFETY MONITOR FOR S.A.I.L FITNESS CLASS



FOR MORE INFO

EMAIL: LGBTQ@AVENIDAS.ORG



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Online Programs



Poetry Potluck for Singles

Facilitated by
Jane Stone

Monday
February 20 @ 3pm
on Zoom

Singles exploring classic to contemporary poetry together. Find and share a poem that pleases or puzzles you. We will read them aloud and share our thoughts and feelings. Prior poetry experience not required. This group meets on Zoom on the 3rd Monday of each month at 3pm.

Submit your poems in advance by email to LGBTQ@Avenidas.org #poem

Zoom link provided to those who submit poems

Socialize with our lesbian community.

We meet virtually twice a month and host open conversations on news, trends, festivals, relationships, home projects, and what matters to you.

Share your unique flair with this group.

Registration required to get Zoom invite.

Feb 3 @ 3pm
Feb 21 @ 7pm

Lesbian Social Group

Wonder Women

Email LGBTQ@Avenidas.org
For Zoom Invite

Join the fun
make friends

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santa clara county library district

This program is funded in part through the city of Milpitas American Rescue Plan Act

Let's enjoy some music together.

Songs hold meaning in our hearts and minds. Come join us on Zoom and share those songs that have touched your life.

Each group meeting has a predetermined theme for song submissions.

We will play your song for the group during the Zoom meeting and allow you to share the meaning that your song holds for you with the group

SONG APPRECIATION GROUP

Submit your song submission to LGBTQ@Avenidas.org before our next meeting on Zoom.

Neil Diamond
Thursday Feb 9

Madonna
4pm
Thursday Feb 23

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For more information or to register and receive zoom link please email LGBTQ@Avenidas.org



Cell Phone Photo Workshop is Back!!

In this workshop, we will go over the fundamentals of photography adapted to be practiced in mobile photography. This workshop, while flexible to allow the participants to dive deeper, will be structured to be online sessions with homework/practice assignments.

Materials Needed: A mobile phone with camera capabilities. Any manufacturer is welcome.

Frequency: Biweekly on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Email LGBTQ@Avenidas.org for more information or to register for this group and get the zoom invite.



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In-Person Groups and Meet-ups

Avenidas Rainbow Walking Group

 RAINBOW WALKING GROUP

SATURDAY
FEB 11, 2023
11AM

ULISTAC NATURAL AREA
4750 Lick Mill Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054
Email LGBTQ@Avenidas.org to RSVP

 

The meet-up group hosts a Zoom meeting on the Thursday before the meet-up so that new members can familiarize themselves with the group, discuss and vote on upcoming meetup locales, and to touch base and connect.

Meeting ID: 837 2629 6838

Passcode: 487542

For more information or to RSVP email LGBTQ@Avenidas.org



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450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto



Wednesday
Feb 22
4-6pm



Avenidas Rainbow Collective for our monthly
LGBTQ Game Night Social Group.

Come socialize and play some games and chat with some
new friends over some delicious Pizza prepared by Chef
Julien and the Redwood Cafe.

Wednesday, February 22, 4-6pm



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LGBTQ Movie Night

February 22nd from 6-8pm

450 Bryant St. Palo Alto

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LGBTQ MOVIE NIGHT



Free
Admission

WEDNESDAY
02/22/2023

6:00 PM

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Based on the bestselling memoir, *Spoiler Alert* is a funny, heartwarming and life-affirming story of how a relationship is transformed and deepened when one of them falls ill.



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Milpitas Programs

Milpitas Library - 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas



Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective for our monthly LGBTQ Social Space at the Milpitas Library on Feb 3rd from 4:30-6:30pm.

Come socialize, play some games, chat with some new friends, and connect with community resources.

Facilitated by Thomas Kingery at the Milpitas Library located at 160 N. Main Street in Milpitas



Let's Talk it OUT!

Online Support Group for LGBTQ Young Adults in Milpitas.

Are you finding it difficult navigating family and culture as an LGBTQ individual?

Find connection in a safe and supportive virtual space.

Join anonymously if you wish. Connect with peers with relatable situations.

This group is for LGBTQ young adults over 18 who live in Milpitas.

We meet once per month on the fourth Saturday of the month at 12PM.

Email LGBTQ@Avenidas.org to get zoom link.

Please RSVP by email to lgbtq@avenidas.org

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LGBTQ MOVIE NIGHT

Free
Admission

FRIDAY
02/17/2023
4:30 PM

MILPITAS LIBRARY
AUDITORIUM

160 N MAIN ST, MILPITAS



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Calendar of Events: February 2023



To join a group and or get zoom invites please email lgbtq@avenidas.org with the group name in the subject.

<p>Friday Feb 3 4:30-6:30 PM</p> <p>Milpitas Library (Conference Room) 160 N Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035</p>	<p>LGBTQ INTERGENERATIONAL SOCIAL SPACE <i>Facilitated by Thomas Kingery</i> 4-6pm Milpitas Library Conference Room Come join us for a game of "Apples to Apples".</p> <p>Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective for our monthly LGBTQ older adult LGBTQ+ social group. Enjoy good company, snacks, and fun as we socialize and make new friends. Socialize over some board games, card games, or just come and enjoy a book from our LGBTQ library. Please RSVP to LGBTQ@Avenidas.org if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.</p> <p>This group is for LGBTQ+ people and allies.</p>
<p>Friday Feb 17 4:30pm-6:30pm Milpitas Library (Auditorium) 160 N Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035</p>	<p>LGBTQ MOVIE NIGHT – <i>Spoiler Alert</i> <i>Facilitated by Thomas Kingery</i> 4:30-6:30pm Milpitas Library</p> <p><i>Spoiler Alert</i> (PG13) Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9qhwkAi_7k Based on the bestselling memoir, <i>Spoiler Alert</i> is a funny, heartwarming and life-affirming story of how a relationship is transformed and deepened when one of them falls ill. This is a free event open to all ages and identities.</p>
<p>Saturday Feb 25 12-1pm Zoom</p>	<p>LET'S TALK IT OUT Online Support Group for LGBTQ Young Adults in Milpitas. Are you finding it difficult navigating family and culture as an LGBTQ individual?</p> <p>Find connection in a safe and supportive virtual space. Join anonymously if you wish. Connect with peers with relatable situations. This group is for LGBTQ young adults over 18 who live in Milpitas. We meet once per month on the fourth Saturday of the month at 12PM.</p> <p>Email LGBTQ@Avenidas.org to get zoom link.</p>



www.defrank.org

The Transwomen's Group meets

2nd & 4th Friday at 7:30PM



**Transwomen's Group meets
in-person at the Billy
DeFrank LGBNTQ+
Community Center**

**938 The Alameda, San Jose
CA 95126.**

**2nd and 4th Fridays at
7:30PM, bring proof of vax,
masks optional.**



**To register for the Bi+ group go to
<https://www.meetup.com/Bi-Plus-South-Bay/>**



Looking for Support and Resources for an LGBTQ Older Adult or Elder?



Avenidas Rainbow Collective offers free social support services and resources that are affirming to the LGBTQ community. We have social workers on staff to assist with care plan management, resource referrals, and advocacy.

If you or someone that you know could benefit from our help please reach out to Thomas Kingery by email tkingery@avenidas.org or by phone (650) 289-5417.



My name is Thomas Kingery and I'm the program manager for the Avenidas Rainbow Collective. This is my dog Jake. We are here to serve and enrich the lives of LGBTQ older adults in our community. We would love to hear from you regarding how we could fulfill those commitments effectively. I invite you to send any questions, comments, or suggestions my way so that we can be inclusive as possible. Have a great day and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Thomas Kingery

(650) 289-5417

tkingery@Avenidas.org

Other Community Groups

Rainbow Connection UU



Rainbow Connection UU is open to all LGBTQIA2S2+ folx. Catch up monthly and discuss varied topics after check-in. On Zoom with occasional In-person activities to be scheduled with group input. 7 pm on the third Monday of each month.

For more information, please email connections@uusanmateo.org or <https://uusanmateo.churchcenter.com/groups/interest-affinity-groups/rainbow-connection-uu>.