

February 2023 Newsletter



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.





Welcome



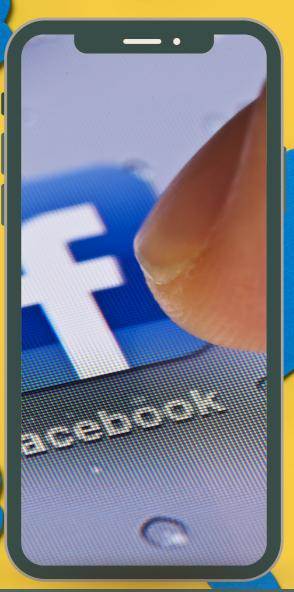
Avenidas Rainbow Collective offers FREE LGBTQ inclusive programs and services that are intended to enrich the lives of and support the over all well-being of older adults.

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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Happy Volunteers Day

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.



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









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.





Let's enjoy some music together.

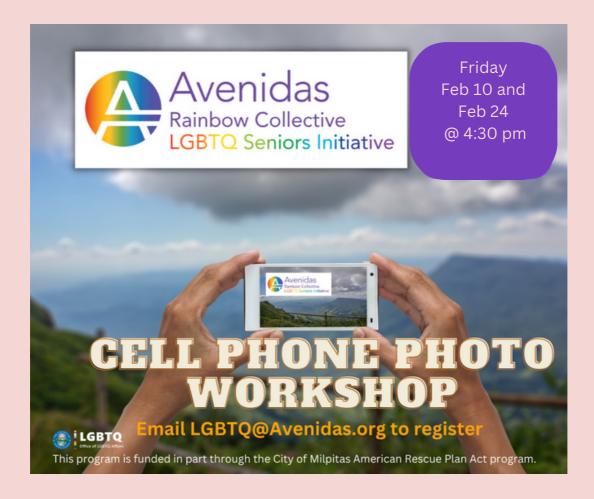
Songs hold meaning in our hearts and minds. Come join us on Zoom and share those songs that have touched your life.

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

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.

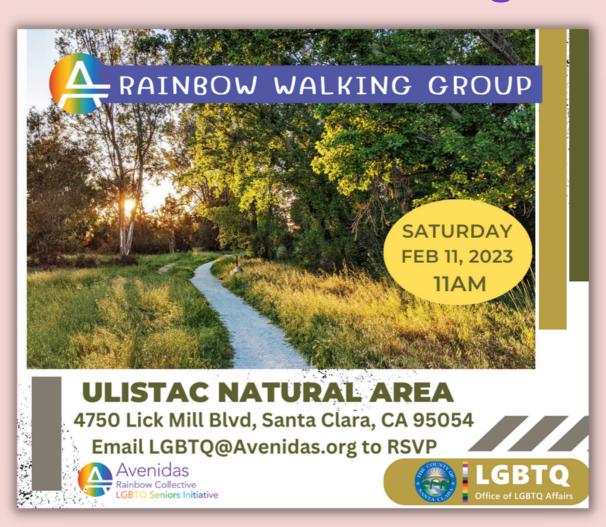
Frequency: Biweekly on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

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.



Avenidas Rainbow Walking Group

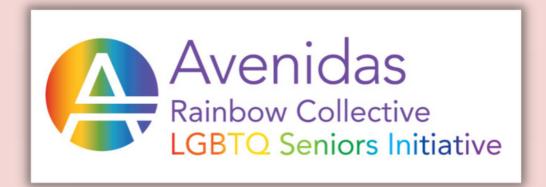


The meet-up group hosts a Zoom meeting on the Thursday before the meet-up so that new members can familiarize themselves with the group, discuss and vote on upcoming meetup locales, and to touch base and connect.

Meeting ID: 837 2629 6838

Passcode: 487542

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



450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto







Wednesday Feb 22 4-6pm



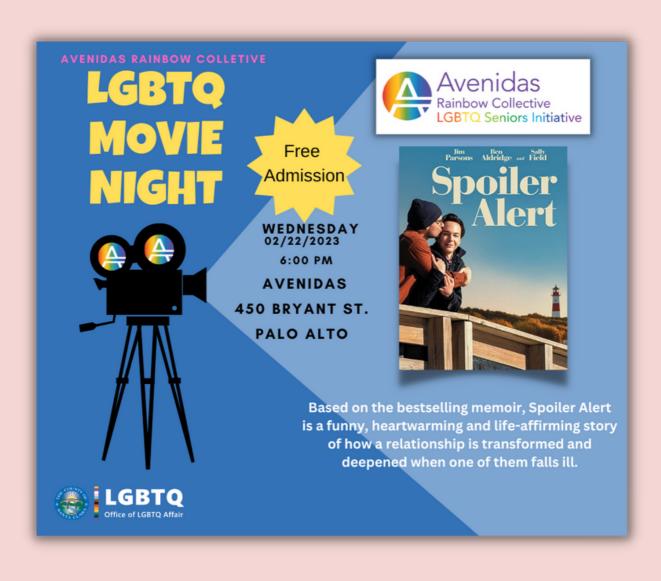
Avenidas Rainbow Collective for our monthly LGBTQ Game Night Social Group.

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



LGBTQ Movie Night February 22nd from 6-8pm 450 Bryant St. Palo Alto









Milpitas Programs

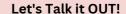
Milpitas Library - 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas



Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective for our monthly LGBTQ Social Spaceat 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



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







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.

Friday Feb 3 4:30-6:30 PM LGBTQ INTERGENERATIONAL SOCIAL SPACE Facilitated by Thomas Kingery 4-6pm Milpitas Library Milpitas Library Conference Room (Conference Room) 160 N Main St, Come join us for a game of "Apples to Apples". 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 Milpitas, CA 95035 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. This group is for LGBTQ+ people and allies. LGBTQ MOVIE NIGHT – Spoiler Alert Facilitated by Thomas Kingery Friday Feb 17 4:30pm-6:30pm

Milpitas Library (Auditorium)

Spoiler Alert (PG13)
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9qlwkAi_Zk
Based on the bestselling memoir, Spoiler Alert is a funny, heartwarming and life-160 N Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035 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.

Saturday Feb 25 12-1pm

LET'S TALK IT OUT

4:30-6:30pm Milpitas Library

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www.defrank.org



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.