

For Lesbian,
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Older Adults

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Lon And George Happy With Their Relationship

Facts of Interest:

Project Visibility, Boulder County Aging Services' training designed to co-create an aging services community that is informed, sensitive to, and supportive of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) elders and their families has been awarded a 2006 NACo Achievement Award. NACo is the National Association of Counties. Summaries of award winning programs are included in NACo's Model Programs database which can be reached from the Model Programs line on the left menu of their home page www.naco.org. Also, visit the *Project Visibility* web-page www.projectvisibility.org.

George and Lon will be celebrating their three year relationship anniversary in the fall of this year.

Lon says of their meeting: "I met George at a men's group about 3 years ago. George thought I was a kook, but we later learned to know each other better on a walk around Wonderland Lake. They are now at the point in their relationship where Lon is buying a home a few doors up the street from George's present home.

They are both retired. George had a long career in social work, including child protective services and working with the developmentally disabled.



Lon and George share about their three year relationship and their future plans on a sunny afternoon.

Lon had a varied career which included playing piano and singing on cruise ships in the Caribbean and at Flagstaff House. He also spent a good number of years working for Boulder Community Hospital. While they share a love for art, music, travel and nature, they both have diverse interests. George stays active in

in the issues facing the world today. Lon is more absorbed in esoteric philosophy. He conducts free Power-Point talks on what esotericists understand is happening in our world at this time.

Their mutual love of nature and travel has taken them on a number of shared adventures to Santa Fe, Yellowstone, Mexico etc. They are now talking about a trip to Italy.

Staying grounded in the present, they both feel is key to a good long term relationship. At the same time, they hope some day to move into an LGBT Assisted living or a place where "we could stay together and be treated like a couple."



The Gill Foundation Awards Boulder County Aging Services a Matching Grant for Its LGBT Programs



The Gill Foundation awarded Boulder County Aging Services Division with a \$7,500 challenge grant. **Gill will match dollar for dollar any new contribution to the LGBT services.** This significantly helps our training program, Project Visibility, as well as our other programs like the

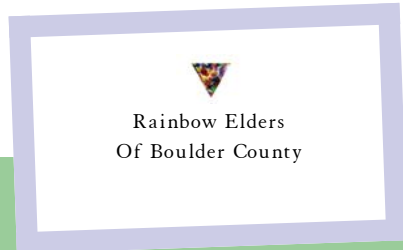
Silver Lining Resource Directory, Winter Lavender Gala, along with other activities and events. Boulder County Aging Services Division has been able to provide cutting-edge programming for LGBT Elders, through obtaining grants from foundations like the Open Door Fund,

the Theodore and Chandos Rice Foundation, and now the Gill Foundation. These outside grants are crucial for providing these services. We are the only county agency that has this kind of program for older adults.

Please help us reach our goal of \$7,500 by the end of the year!

At this writing, we are more than half-way there!

Contributions are tax-deductible because we have a non-profit arm of Aging Services—the Aging Services Foundation. For information, call Teresa De Anni at 303-441-4995 or email at tdeanni@co.boulder.co.us.



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www.co.boulder.co.us/cs/ag/programs/glb.htm

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• **The Rainbow Elders of Boulder County (REBC) is a fun-loving, passionate, loosely structured social group of older LGBTs and friends who support each other, offer information, and share common experience. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month from 4-6pm. Meetings alternate between Longmont and Boulder. Odd-numbered months meetings are in Boulder at the First Congregational Church and even-numbered months at the Longmont Senior Center in Longmont. After meetings, folks usually go out to dinner at a local restaurant. Come join us.**
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• **July 18, First Congregational Church, 1128 Pine St., Boulder**
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• **August 15, Annual Summer Picnic. RSVP Required: 303-441-3583**
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• **For information: see article below**
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• **September 19, First Congregational Church, 1128 Pine St., Boulder**
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• **To be added to the Rainbow Elder e-lert or mailing list call 303-441-3583.**
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Overview of Rainbow Elder Activities

Judging from the enthusiastic noises coming from the participants at the various gaming tables, Card and Game Night was a great success. This makes the third year that the Rainbow Elders sponsored a Card and Game Night as a Boulder Pride Fest event.

The Rainbow Elder annual summer picnic will be the next big event on the horizon. This years picnic will be held August 15 on Flagstaff MTN. and begins with hiking, games and conversation at 1:00 PM. The potluck picnic will begin at 4:00 PM. Bring an appetizer, salad, or



Volunteers packing up after the Card and Game Night that the Rainbow Elders sponsored for the 2006 Boulder Pride Fest.

dessert to share—we will handle the rest! This event is open to **All Ages!!!** So, bring along younger friends or family members to share in the fun. **An RSVP is required:**

call 303-441-3583. Directions: drive 5 miles up Flagstaff Road to 5204 Flagstaff Rd. The driveway is on the right, just as the road begins to wind downhill. Look for mailboxes and a stone entrance (about 200 ft. from the mailboxes)/ The driveway is about 200 feet from the stone entrance and is paved. There is a telephone pole by the driveway and there will be balloons. July the Rainbow Elders will have their regular 4-6 pm meeting at the 1st Congregational Church. The focus of this meeting will be planning programs and events for the fall.