



BRAVO

BUCKEYE REGION ANTI-VIOLENCE ORGANIZATION

May 9, 2008

This Week

BRAVO CALENDAR

Call office for details 294-7867

Monday May 12	Volunteer Night BRAVO Office 6:30 PM
Thursday May 15	Happy Hour for BRAVO Q BAR 5 PM — 8 PM
Wednesday May 28	Speed Dating SCORE Bar & Slammers 7:30 PM
Saturday June 7	BRAVO Yard Sale 8:00 AM
Monday June 9	Volunteer Night BRAVO Office 6:30 PM
Saturday June 28	Columbus Pride Goodale Park 1:00 PM
Sunday June 29	Bat-N-Rouge Afrocentric School

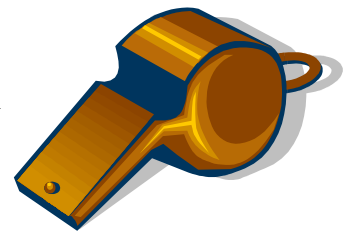
COMMUNITY ALERT

A white male has been identified as targeting gay men for sexual assault, in and around Columbus area gay bars. BRAVO received a report that a male fitting the following description sexually assaulted a local gay man. It is strongly believed that the perpetrator used a "date rape drug" in order to gain control over the survivor of the attack.

The suspect is described as being approximately

6' 01" tall and weighing 250 to 265 pounds. He has brown shaggy hair, is in his mid thirties and drives a late model silver or gray pick-up truck.

BRAVO has received similar reports in the past and is seeking further information. If you have been the victim of, or are aware of, similar assaults please contact BRAVO or the Columbus Police Department.



**Don't Take it
Report it**

For immediate response to a Sexual Assault contact Columbus Police at 645-4545 or SARNCO (24-Hour Rape Helpline) 614-267-7020.

Volunteer Nights

Monday May 12

Monday June 9

- * Help BRAVO Get Ready for Pride!
- * Join us in Celebrating National Limerick Day
- * Make New Friends!
- * Eat Pizza!
- * Call the Office to let us know you are coming
- * 614-294-7867

BRAVO & Victorian Village Yard Sale

For the second year, BRAVO is having a yard sale in conjunction with the Victorian Village Yard Sale on Saturday June 7, 2008.

We need your junk!

Spring cleaning season is here, so please gather up

your odds and ends, that old furniture in the garage, and everything else you have been meaning to do something with and donate it to BRAVO for the sale. No clothes, please!

Remember BRAVO is a 501.c3 organization, so

your donation qualifies as a charitable contribution and is tax deductible. You are welcome to drop items off early and we can arrange pick-up if needed. Call the office to schedule.

Speed Dating and HRC

Need a date for Pride? Ready to meet new folks? BRAVO and HRC are joining forces to host Columbus Same-Sex Speed Dating. On Wednesday May 28 we will be hosted by SCORE Bar (men) and Slammers (women), starting at 7:30 PM. Come and see what all the excitement is about.

Special thanks to BRAVO Board member Patrick McCarthy at SCORE Bar and Marsha at Slammers for hosting and for providing yummy snacks!

Pre-registration is required as there are a limited number of spots and dates to be had. Registration is \$10.00 and all proceeds will benefit the organizations. Please visit the website

www.hrc.org/columbusspeeddate for more details and to register.

Did you know BRAVO collects old cell phones? Call the office to donate yours!!



Happy Hour, Qualia and More

BRAVO is sometimes chosen to be the beneficiary of community events. We appreciate the support of local businesses, groups and individuals and are always willing to provide volunteers to help!

Q Bar & Nightclub is hosting a weekly BRAVO Happy Hour every Thursday, from 5 PM to 8 PM featuring drink specials and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere to unwind a bit

after work. A portion of proceeds are donated to BRAVO. Thanks to BRAVO Board member Chris Cushing for making this happen.

BRAVO was once again the charity

for the Annual Qualia Conference on LGBT Folklore. Dance events at Axis Nightclub on May 2 and 3 contributed over \$3000 from the cover charge to BRAVO. Thanks to Mickey Weems and Kevin Mason for the continued support.

BRAVO is One of 4 Charities for Bat-N-Rouge 2008. Watch for details!

George Bush Wants You to Donate to BRAVO!?

President George W. Bush recently signed off on an economic stimulus package that will result in most of us receiving a \$600 tax rebate. Tax payers are being asked to use the funds to help jump start the economy. We hope that you will consider investing some of your rebate in BRAVO and help jump start our economy!

BRAVO will put your donation to work doing anti-homophobia

education and support for those in the LGBT community affected by violence. Donations help to fund local efforts such as counseling, court advocacy, and training for professionals who need to know how to better serve our community.

Your gifts also help maintain our direct service help line, providing critically needed crisis intervention and assistance.

