

# Trans Masculine Alliance Houston

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## Leadership Team

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## Want to get involved?

We always need folks to help present or co-lead at meetings, as well as tell us what topics they'd like us to focus on. If you'd like to help out or want to share an idea, please contact one of the members of the leadership team.



## What we've been up to...

March was an exciting month, with great meetings and events. Chip Ware from The Montrose Forge met with us to discuss transmasculine affirming products, safe sex practices, and health/hygiene. The Montrose Forge philosophy is that Every Body is sexy and we encourage you to check out their shop in the Heights (3423 White Oak Dr, Houston, TX 77007).

As you all know, TMAH was selected as Empress Ivanna Cupcake's beneficiary for 2022. The March 25 Charity Kings drag show, organized by Ivanna and Ian Syder Blake of H-Town Kings, raised \$2,088, to cover fees associated with name and gender marker changes. If you need financial assistance with correcting your documents, please email us or speak to a member of the TMAH leadership team.

## April Calendar

**April 7: Therapy and its Uses in Transition** (6:30-8:30pm in Room 111 of the Montrose Center) Having an effective therapist can often help us navigate the rocky waters of transition. What are some things we look for in a gender affirming therapist? What are some red flags? Join us for a discussion on how therapy has helped, hindered, or otherwise affected your transition.

**March 21: TMAH Game Night** (6:30-8:30pm in Room 111 of the Montrose Center) Bring board games, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks. Bring a friend/partner/sibling too!

**April 17 Social:** We will meet at Another Time Soda Fountain (800 3rd St, Rosenberg, TX 77471) then visit the antique store across the street. If we want to continue, Sunset Park and more antique stores are a short drive away.

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## Queer Voices

Myles and George were guests on the March 25<sup>th</sup> episode of Queer Voices. To listen to the interview, click on the link down below. Queer Voices is a weekly radio show dedicated to broadcasting news, concerns, and events as related to Houston's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. The goal of Queer Voices is to provide up to date information on the community's concerns that is currently not available from other local media outlets.

[March 25 Queer Voices Interview](#)

## This Month's Spotlight!

Pride Portraits has become the largest LGBTQIA+ visibility campaign to date. The campaign focuses on visibility, representation, and humanization for our entire community. Under the direction of creator, Eric Edward Schell and a very small team of dedicated volunteers, the campaign has photographed and collected personal statements from 6,000 individuals around the country including Nobel Prize winners, Academy Award winners, Grammy Award winners, Emmy Award winners, the nation's top political leaders, celebrities, and social media influencers. Pride Portraits has partnered with the most influential LGBTQIA+ organizations as well as some of the world's largest corporations, universities, and bodies of U.S. Government. Pride Portraits has used social media, primarily Facebook, to push LGBTQIA+ visibility to the forefront. We have followers in 46 countries across the world. Nigeria, Russia, Taiwan, Pakistan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia where being LGBTQIA+ is either illegal or not culturally accepted. Being able to provide solace to those who aren't free to be themselves is part of our mission. <https://www.prideportraits.org/>