

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...

2022 has come to an end, and what a year it's been! We held our inaugural Trans community clothing swap in early January. And if you look to the left, you'll see our new logo, designed by Theo Yeung. Ivanna Cupcake, Empress XXXVII of ERSCISS, selected TMAH as her beneficiary. This means that the funds she raises throughout her reign will be gifted to us. We also received a substantial donation from the Montrose Softball League. These donations will be made available to transmasculine individuals needing help funding top surgeries and hysterectomies. We also established a fund to help with name and gender marker fees.

We had some great meetings throughout the year. Morgan McAllister talked about body positivity and healthy sexual expression. Dr. Pam Saint Amand answered questions about hysterectomies and Avow Texas led an in depth discussion on abortion access. Chip Ware, co-owner of Montrose Forge, gave a show and tell presentation on trans affirming sex toys, and transmasculine individuals from all over the country met with us via zoom to share their bottom surgery experiences. Brian Klosterboer, a civil rights attorney from the ACLU, discussed workplace discrimination and provided helpful resources.

Myles organized memorable socials like the beach party and visits to local museums and parks. He and George were interviewed on Queer Voices about their involvement with the transmasculine community and Nexus and George spoke about TMAH at Houston's Transgender Day of Visibility event. The widely popular annual T-Giving potluck was a huge success and the year ended with a fun white elephant holiday party.

We are excited about 2023 and can't wait to see what's in store! See page 2 for January events!

Name and Gender Marker Assistance

Do you need help with updating your name and gender marker? The Trans Legal Aid Clinic holds events throughout the year where lawyers work with transgender clients to update and file documents with the state. This is a free service. Even with this amount of support, some of us struggle with the “hidden” costs of updating actual documents. A drivers license, birth certificate, passport can eat up money set aside for a monthly electric bill. Some banks and other businesses might charge a small fee to update accounts. These small fees add up. TMAH has a fund to help with these fees. We can reimburse you or pay the cost up front. Email us at transmasculinehouston@gmail.com for more information on this program.

Jonathan Smith Fund

Are you in need of emergency financial assistance? The Jonathan Smith Fund provides financial assistance to active members of the LGBTQ community in times of financial hardship. Apply at <https://jsef.ersicss.org/>

January Calendar

Jan 5th Regular Meeting: 6:30-8:30 pm in Room 111 of the Montrose Center. We will discuss ideas for the 2023 program year. This will involve selecting meeting topics, planning social events, and discussing our future in the Montrose Center’s nonprofit incubator program. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please email us your suggestions.

Jan 12th Social: ERSCISS In Town Show and Awards. Join us in supporting TMAH top surgery fund benefactor Empress 37 Ivanna Cupcake at the ERSCISS in town awards show. As she and Emperor 37 Landon Fatale end their reign, let's go out and show our support for this longstanding philanthropic organization. The show begins at 7:00pm, and will be at Neon Boots Dancehall (11410 Hempstead Rd, Houston, TX 77092). Parking is usually good but you may wish to carpool. You’re encouraged to wear TMAH swag.

Jan 19th Game Night and Crafts! 6:30-8:30 pm in Room 111 of the Montrose Center. Bring board games, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks. Bring a friend/partner/sibling too! We will have a craft table set up for our crafty folks!

Employment

The Montrose Center is hiring a volunteer manager and a development specialist for community events. For those seeking part time employment, there is a program assistant position open. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in working with the LGBTQ+ community. Job descriptions and qualifications can be found here:

<https://montrosecenter.org/about/employment/>