



# The Harmonizer

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Mission Statement:

Music City Couples is an organization in which the members are committed gay and lesbian couples in the Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee area. The organization serves to provide a forum for those member couples to strengthen their own relationships while also providing a social and supportive structure for their fellow member couples. Music City Couples holds no religious or political affiliations and makes every attempt to respect the privacy of its members.

## Letter from the Chaircouple

Great news everyone! We have been approved by the Couples National Network to be an official affiliate as Music City Couples

Being associated with the Couples National Network will allow us the use of the network's tax identification number. With that in mind, a bank account has been established under the name of Music City Couples.

The chair couples feel an appropriate amount to charge for annual dues is \$48.00. We also feel that the yearly dues for 2002 not be prorated, as this will allow the organization to get off to a good financial start. A budget is currently being developed to allocate where and how your membership dues will be spent. A full financial disclosure will be made available to all the members as we update the national organization.

We are asking that membership dues be paid by June 1, 2002. Please make checks payable to Music City Couples and mail them to Don Tanner and Russ McCormick (Finance Couple) at 2522 Mission Ridge Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

If any couple has specific questions or concerns regarding the annual membership dues, please feel to call Steve and Scott at 451-6409. We appreciate everyone's continued support and are excited about the formation of Music City Couples.

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## Fourth Friday Bowling

Due to the great turnout at the last bowling get together, Music City Couples has designated the fourth Friday of each month as our monthly bowling night.

Beginning Friday, May 24, 2002, join us at Cumberland Lanes in Antioch at 8 pm, for what is sure to be a great time. We will again have four lanes for the evening and do the best possible to get them together, since reservations are not accepted.

For the new people, or if you just plain forgot, directions are as follows: I-24E to Chattanooga. After passing Harding Place, take the Haywood Ln west exit to the top of the hill and turn left at the light. (Apache Trail) The alley will be on your left.

Contact either Bill and Jerry at 361-6894 or Tara and Julia at 876-7945.

## Cookout Planned

Spring has finally sprung and who could think of a better way to spend a weekend day than at Joe and Gary's in Madison on Saturday, May 18th at 6 pm for a cookout. Joe and Gary will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, drinks, and plates will be provided. Joe and Gary ask for those who do attend to bring a covered dish such as baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, etc. Please RSVP to Joe at 870-1044 if you will be attending and the type of dish you will be bringing.



## COUPLES National Network Celebration 2002

If your looking for a weekend getaway, why not consider heading down to Hollywood Beach, Florida and join the Couples National Network and Gold Coast Couples for Celebration 2002. The event takes place June 7th, 8th, and 9th and is sure to be loads of fun, while the attire for the weekend is beach casual!

The events start Friday evening with checki-in, a mixer and BBQ dinner.

Saturday morning is the Annual Business Meeting with the holding of elections. That afternoon you can shop, check out the Boardwalk which is one block from the hotel, or relax and take a cruise on the intercoastal waterway. Saturday night there will be a "silent auction", which will be the fundraiser, a cash bar, buffet dinner, and music with a live DJ.

Sunday morning will kick off a morning reception followed later that morning with a farewell brunch and annual State of the Organization speech by the chaircouple.

Accommodations are \$60/nite for a room with a garden view or pool-side view, while deluxe rooms with oceanfront views are \$100/night allowing up to four people per room. The cost is \$175/couple for the complete convention registration, which includes the Friday Night BBQ, Saturday Night Dinner Dance, and Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet.

Lodging is at the Holiday Inn Hollywood Beach. Call them at 1-800-237-4667 to make your reservations. Tell them you are with the COUPLES National Network Convention.

Call now for what is sure to be an enjoyable weekend and a great opportunity to meet other gay and lesbian couples from across the country, while experiencing the atmosphere of an all gay and lesbian weekend.

## Busy Month for Storms

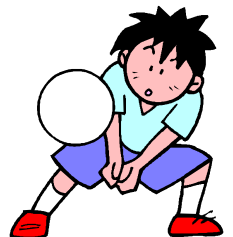
Wondering what to cook for dinner on a Wednesday night or just plain **BORED**, and wanting to burn energy but have fun at the same time? Then why not come out to the Toolbox from 6-9pm beginning Wednesdays in May, and get involved in the Storms Sand Volleyball League. The Storms will also have the grill fired up, thus solving your dinner dilemma!

The weekend of May 18th and 19th, head on over to the Toolbox for the Carnival which will start at 3 pm and go until ???

This summer why not consider playing softball in the Toolbox Sand Volleyball League. You must sign up by May 29th.

Also, don't forget every Sunday from noon to 6 pm, the Nashvegas Softball League plays at Whitfield Park on Edmondson Pike. Come out and support your favorite team.

For further info contact Jon at 337-3498 or visit the storms website at [WWW.NASHVILLE STORMS .COM](http://WWW.NASHVILLE STORMS .COM).



# Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Sunny (Kathy) 5/25

Tara (Julia) 5/29

Bobby (Larry) 5/31

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Gene and Todd 5/31

## **Help Needed**

Got a home project that you are ready to undertake but just don't have enough hands? Then why not consider asking some of the folks of Music City Couples to help out. Which is exactly what we are planning to do on Sunday, June 23 at 1pm at Greg and Duane's new house. They need help putting up a fence and are holding a fence building party with a cookout around 3pm. Let's all get together and help them and hey who know we could be coming to your house soon to help you with your home project. Just let us know the date and time and we can make a party out of it and have a great time in the process. Stay tuned to the board for more info.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Stefan and Steve on the arrival of their new niece, Mackenzie Briana Grubbs. She arrived at 3:42 am on Saturday, April 20. She weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and was 16 inches long.

*The Harmonizer* is a monthly publication of Music City Couples. Production of the newsletter is the responsibility of the Media Couple. We encourage all members to submit articles to appear in the newsletter. The Media Couple reserves the right to select and edit all articles for publication.

**2002  
Music City Couples  
Operating Committee**

**Chair Couple**  
Steve & Scott

**Finance Couple**  
Russ & Don

**Media & Member Services Couple**  
Bill & Jerry

**Hospitality Couple**  
Tara & Julia

**MAY 2002**

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**Recipe of the  
Month**

No-Bake Banana Pudding Dessert

Ingredients:

- 1 (5 oz) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 (12 oz) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz) package vanilla wafers
- 14 bananas, sliced

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, beat pudding mix and milk 2 minutes. Blend condensed milk until smooth. Stir in vanilla and fold in whipped topping. Layer wafers, bananas and pudding mixture in glass serving bowl. Chill until serving.

**JUNE 2002**

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