

# 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.

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## **Dollywood/Pigeon Forge Trip**

Mark your calendars everyone for Friday, September 20th through Sunday, September 22nd. Music City Couples is headed to Dollywood! Join us for what is sure to be a fun filled weekend of shopping, hiking or biking in the Smoky Mountains at Cades Cove, and also having a great time at Dollywood. There are plenty of things to do up there if you choose not to go too the amusement park.

We are asking that you make your own reservations. The best deal we could find on hotels is at the **Grand Resort Hotel and Convention Center** in Pigeon Forge. It is a rather large facility, and we have been informed by the reservation department that they do have plenty of rooms available for these dates. The cost for Friday night is \$69.77 and the cost for Saturday night is \$79.77. The number to the hotel is **1-800-251-4444**. Also, please RSVP to Tara or Julia so we will have an idea of how many people may be coming. See you there!

## **October Camping Trip**

Cooler weather will soon be upon us, so we've set aside the first weekend of October (4-6) for our second camping trip. What we need from you is an RSVP, so the sites may be reserved. So far we have 14 couples going.

The place is Rock Island State Park, which is about 83 miles southeast of Nashville. We plan on arriving Friday afternoon for a fun filled weekend of fishing, riding bikes, cooking out, playing ping pong, hiking, and having an overall jolly time. The cost is approximately \$16 per couple payable up front! Mail payments to the address above.

Have payments sent in no later than Friday, September 20th. Contact Julia or Tara for more info and to RSVP. Come join us in making new memories and closer friends!

## **September Business Meeting**

In September we will be conducting our next all business meeting. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend. At the meeting, we will nominate and elect the web services couple. The web services couple will work closely with the chair couples to maintain the new website and manage the message board. In order to nominate, vote, and hold office, you must be a current paid member. In addition, you must be present to participate.

We are very excited about our next business meeting and would like for all of our members to attend. The meeting will take place on Saturday, September 7th at Darfon's in Nashville. Darfon's is located at 2810 Elm Hill Pike. Please RSVP to Tara or Julia either by email or on the message board. We hope to see everyone there.

## Pond Tour

The pond tour is an annual event put on by the Nashville Pond Society. There are 11 homes involved this year that range from South Nashville, Brentwood to Franklin. You may visit each home in any order you like, but when you get tickets, you also will receive a map with "very" exact directions that will take you from home to home. Ponds can range from several hundred gallons to several thousand.

Owners are present and always eager to talk about their ponds, problems, filters, and any other questions they can answer. This year it will be September 14 and 15th. The tour can be done either day or both, but each home can only be visited once. You are welcome to stay as long as you like. Tickets are \$10 per person, free for under age 6. They may be purchased by sending a self addressed stamped envelope and check made payable to NPS/Parade of Ponds, 421 Coventry Drive, Nashville, TN 37211. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour for \$15.

Let's form a small group and go together, or meet somewhere for lunch. Let Angela or Risa know if you will be going so all of us can meet for lunch. Contact them at 615-904-6901.

## Current and Future Events

September's Dinner Night Out will be at 7pm at the Casa Fiesta in Hickory Hollow on Bell Road by I-24. Please RSVP to Tara or Julia by September 14th so we can have a head count.

Greg and Duane are having a yard sale on Sept. 13 and 14 at their house in Antioch. If you have any treasures you can bear to part with or would just like to hang out, send an email to mityman01@comcast.net to let them know.

Also, mark your calendars now for the Music City Couples Halloween Party. The date is Saturday, October 26th and costumes are required! This will be an adults only party. Time and place to be announced in the next newsletter. Start thinking of that costume now !

Saturday, September 28th is now officially scheduled as "Dog Day Out". There is a 2 dog limit and we will also have a cookout that day. It will be held at Julia and Tara's. Please RSVP to them and stay tuned to the message board for more info as to what is needed for this event.

## Financial Report

### Revenues Year To Date

Membership Dues:	\$936.00
Couples National Donation	\$100.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,086.00</b>

### Membership Dues Collected

Brian & Marcus	\$24
Alan & Glenn	\$20
<b>Total Membership Dues Collected</b>	<b>\$936</b>
<b>Total Couples :</b>	<b>25</b>

### Expenses Year to Date:

Bank Service Charges	\$ 44.00
Check Charges	\$ 13.00
Misc. Pride Expenses	\$323.41
Pride Booth Rent	\$120.00
Newsletter Printing/Expenses	\$ 33.63
"Get to Know You" Potluck	\$136.25
Website Hosting & Domain	\$ 98.40
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 768.69</b>
<b>Net Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 317.31</b>
<b>Membership Dues Collected</b>	<b>\$ 892.00</b>

**AS OF PRINT DATE, THESE ARE THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS. PLEASE CHECK THE MESSAGE BOARD FREQUENTLY FOR UPDATES.**

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# Couple of the Month: Tara & Julia

Interview by Jerry

**How did you meet?** Julia and Tara were introduced through a mutual friend at a coffee shop. Julia walked through thinking she was all sure of herself, met Tara and was like “hey nice to meet you, gotta go”. Tara was not impressed and thought Julia was abrupt, obnoxious and full of herself. Once they met, Julia says she “found her softer side”. Tara was interested in Julia’s sense of humor, kindness to others, “except me” she adds, how attractive she was and her stunning voice.

**What do you like about each other?** Tara says Julia “makes her laugh”, and “her softness reaches her “and it’s a blessing cause I can be distant”. She also says Julia “has the ability to reach me and accept me for who I am”, and she finds great comfort in that. Julia says Tara “makes me laugh”. She also thinks Tara is “honest, honorable, and has the most integrity of anyone she has met in her life.”

**Describe your first date:** Julia remembers calling Tara “Tana” when introducing her to some friends of hers. Julia described it as “just a bad night” because her homemade mashed potatoes “looked like slush” and she ruined the instant potatoes. They went to one of Julia’s shows, then dancing and closed the bar down. After they closed the bar, they sat in the parking lot and just talked. Tara says she asked Julia for her phone number and Julia said, “I don’t know it.” Tara later found it out and called Julia and gave it to her, “in case there was anyone that she wanted to call her.”

**What’s a perfect evening for you?** They enjoy laughing and sharing time with friends. On the romantic side, they enjoy walks on the beach and sitting with a blanket and fire. Also, they enjoy camping.

**What are your pets names?** Logan, their retriever who lost 4 pounds in 6 months, who’s also afraid of water and won’t retrieve. Then there is Budo, their other dog, and 2 cats, Jake and Peetie, “the invisible cat”, they swear exists but no one has ever seen.

**How did you end up in Nashville?** Tara says she was headed to Nashville and stopped in Oklahoma for 3 days which became 2 years. A friend of Tara’s in Nashville heard a demo tape of Julia’s singing and asked, “what in the sam hell are you doing in Oklahoma?” Julia said she was ready for a change anyway. They have been here 4 years in December.

**What is your dream job?** Julia says hers is “an artist.” She also “would like a workshop to just go out and create.” Tara says she would like to be a motivational speaker.

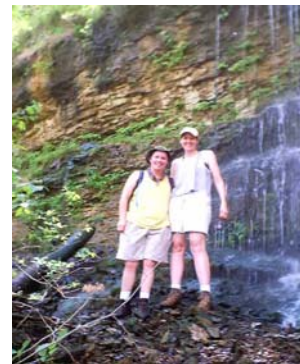
Well, there you have it, the lowdown on our Events couple, Tara and Julia. Take the time to get to know these ladies as they truly are wonderful people.

Stay tuned for next month’s couple: Joe and Andrew.



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Russ & Don  
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**Hospitality Couple**  
Tara & Julia  
615-876-7945

**Happy Birthday**

Joe (Gary) 9/8  
Bill (Jerry) 9/9  
Steve (Stefen) 9/10  
Barb (Holly) 9/20

**Happy Anniversary**

Jim & Gary 9/1  
Greg & Duane 9/2  
Ned & Darrin 9/4  
Ron & Joseph 9/23

**New Members:** Marcus & Brian, Alan & Glenn

**REAL ESTATE**

For sale: 1210 Brentwood Pointe III, 2BR/2BA condo in Brentwood, TN. Carport and neat landscaping. Call David Parrish or Ken Sadler (615) 371-9257 (home) or (615)310-4360 (cell)

**FOR SALE:** Green lazy boy recliner and new slalom ski. Give me a call at 876-7945 for details. Tara

We would like to thank Ken and Greg for opening their home to us for our August cookout.

Also, thank you to those in the last two months who have also opened their homes to us to allow us to get together and mingle and form new friendships!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Group Mtg 7pm Darfon's
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Dinner Night TBA	18	19	20 Dolly-wood	21 Dolly-wood
22 Dolly-wood	23	24	25	26	27	28 Dog Day Out 1 pm
29	30					

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