

## *At Last: A Wedding For Us All*

### Executive Summary



**Event Description:** Division 17, Society of Counseling Psychology's Section for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (LGBTI), Division 44, the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues, and other Divisions, Sections, and individual sponsors would like to invite all APA attendees and guests to attend a celebratory ceremony and gathering: *"At Last: A Wedding For Us All."*

*"At Last"* will host a legal wedding for those who are unable to marry in their home states. *"At Last"* invites everyone who supports marriage equality to join in the celebration. We welcome all APA attendees to come out and enjoy fabulous northern Italian dining, dancing, and a fun evening with colleagues and friends. The ceremony will be held on **Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 8:00 pm at Voglie Risto in Church Wellesley Village** <http://www.div17.org/slgbti/Wedding.htm>. Dr. Ruth Fassinger will officiate the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony a 4 course dinner will be served and a reception/party follows through the night with a cash bar. Tickets for the event will cost \$ 50.00 per person. A limited number of scholarships will be available for students on a first come, first served basis. All proceeds beyond the essential costs for *"At Last: A Wedding for Us All"* will be used to develop

public education materials including a video which address the psychological costs of discrimination in regards to unequal access to marriage.

To RSVP, become a sponsor, or to sign up to be married, visit us at:  
<http://www.div17.org/slgbti/Wedding.htm>



**Purpose of Event:** *"At Last: A Wedding For Us All"* is being held...

To offer individuals attending APA convention in Toronto and who live in states in which they cannot legally marry an opportunity to honor their commitment via marriage in Toronto;

To offer an opportunity for APA colleagues to come together to celebrate marriage equality supporting all relationships;

To raise awareness within APA and the public about the issues of discrimination and injustice that exists because of inequities in access to marriage;

To generate funds to create a public education materials including a video that provides sound psychological information about the healthy benefits of access to marriage equality for everyone - this video may be used by psychologists and educators in any state;



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**Budget:**

**The following costs are associated with *"At Last: A Wedding For Us All"*:**

Public education materials including video production	2,500.00
Dinner (covered by ticket sales, not sponsor gifts)	7000.00
Food cost is 50.00 per head; attendance is estimated at 120 people	
Wedding cake	1,000.00
Ceremony Flowers	500.00
Indian scarves for decoration and scarf dance at celebration	500.00
<i>"At Last: A Wedding for Us All" PINS for all attendees</i>	500.00
<i>"At Last: A Wedding for Us All" Recognition Certificate for sponsors</i>	<b>200.00</b>
Prepared by SLGBTI board member, in-kind gift	
Student Scholarships (food cost is 50.00 x 20 students)	1000.00
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>13, 200.00</b>

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### **Request for Sponsors:**

Divisions of APA, Sections, and individuals are being invited to sponsor "*At Last: A Wedding for Us All*" as a demonstration of broader support for equal access to marriage for all. We seek monetary support at any level comfortable for each Division, Section, or individual. We invite you to seek donations from your professional colleagues and social support networks in your community as well. We will recognize their names, organizations, etc. as well. See sponsorship levels below. We duly recognize the hardships of our global economy. Yet, we seek to march forward in promoting and celebrating the freedom to love. All support given will be used to cover essential costs of the wedding (excluding food and beverage which will be paid by the individual guests). Such essential costs include: sound equipment, advertising/printing, wedding cake, flowers, student scholarships, and production of public education materials. All proceeds beyond the essential costs for "*At Last: A Wedding for Us All*" will be used to develop public education materials including a video which address the psychological costs of discrimination in regards to unequal access to marriage. Sponsors will be recognized online at the wedding website in a "*virtual shower*" that lists each sponsor under a "*virtual gift*". Sponsors may choose to give support at the following levels:

*Honeymoon at Niagara Falls* level: \$ 500.00 or above

*Red Envelope* Level: \$401 - 499

*Setting of Silver* level: \$301 - 400

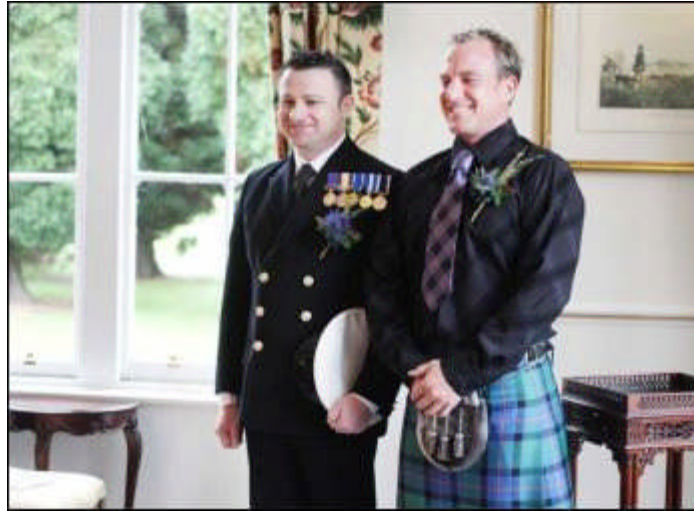
*Setting of China* level: \$201 - 300

*Rockin'DJ* level: \$101 - 200

*The Home Depot* level: \$ 50 - 100

*The Toaster* level: \$10 - 49.00

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**Anticipated Outcome:** *"At Last: A Wedding for Us All"* will have formed a collaborative partnership among psychologists and non-psychologists who shared resources to create an opportunity for those unable to legally marry in their home states to do so while in Toronto. Love will be celebrated. *"At Last: A Wedding for Us All"* offers a celebratory ceremony and gathering within a community of supportive colleagues from the American Psychological Association. Beyond this celebratory event in Toronto, *"At Last"* seeks to generate money to produce public education materials and resources that can be used by psychologists and educators to address the effects of discrimination in regards to unequal access to marriage.

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**Thanks for your Support and Sponsorship!**

