

Gathering Time Line 1988-2019

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This is a working document. If you have the Calls for gatherings that are missing or if you see errors or omissions please contact Joe Balestreri amato@sonic.net. (see the end of the time line for missing information).

Along with gatherings, I have added dates, coordinators, local gatherings, commendations, visioning retreats, parades, booths, conferences, Billy care, Generate and Transmission gatherings and other events of importance.

Visioning Retreats have been counted as Billy gatherings, having many of the features of other gatherings. Regional gatherings for specific counties have been counted because the Billys started out as a California North Coast Counties organization that later opened up to all regions. Transmission Gatherings are noted but not counted as Billy gatherings. They are for a specific group but deserved to be noted on the Billy Time Line because the Billys have facilitated these gatherings in an official capacity. Generate Gatherings have been included when they have been officially held in conjunction with the Billys organization.

1988

#1 – 6/18/1988 Men's General Goodtime Gathering **FIRST BILLY GATHERING! "Seminal inseminating event"* Cocos: Terry Brown & Henry Horton. At Henry Horton's home & Triad House, Laytonville, Co-sponsored by Mendocino Co Dept. of Public health and Friends of the Mendocino. Co AIDS Volunteer Network. Coordinator: Terry Brown

#2 – 8/20-8/21 1988 Men's Redwood Roundup and General Good Times Gathering (first Labor Day gathering.) Held at Ron Van Scoyk's (Ron Van Love) and Kendall Rhodes' home at Greenfield Ranch, Mendocino Co. Cocos: Terry Brown. No gathering call in archives

1989

#3 – 7/15 – 7/16/1989 Men's Goodtime Gathering 3 Manchester Mendocino Co.-home of Wayne and Joe. Cocos: Terry Brown. Co-sponsored by Mendocino County Health dept. Nick-named "the Dog Gathering" because +30 dogs brought by attendees. Dogs banned after that gathering.

#4 – Labor Day 1989 Held at Ron Van Scoyk's (Ron Van Love) and Kendall Rhodes' home in Greenfield Ranch, Mendocino Co. Cocos: Terry Brown **First No Talent Show?*. No gathering call in archives.

#5 – New Year 1989/1990 Cocos: Terry Brown **First Heartwood gathering and first New Year's gathering AND first participation of people outside the gay male community.* No gathering call in archives.

1990

1990 The Billy Club began invitations to urban men to come to the gatherings.

1990 David Carol buys Saratoga Springs?

#6 – 4/6-4/9 1990– Men's Woodland Jamboree & Friends Reunion at Mendocino Woodlands. Cocos: Terry Brown. No gathering call in archives.

#7 – June 1990 [theme unknown] Cocos: Terry Brown on Eel River near Willits. No gathering call in archives.

#8 – 7/20-7/24/1990– A Humboldt Hootenanny at Kamp Kimtu Willow Creek Cocos: Terry Brown. **First gathering at Kamp Kimtu.*

#9 – 10/27-10/28/1990– A Casual Country Campout on Eel River near Willits. Cocos: Terry Brown.

1990 cont.

#10 – New Year 12/29/1990-1/1/1991 Billies Blue Moon Ball & New Year's Transformation at Heartwood Cocos: Terry Brown.

1991

#11 – 4/19-4/21/1991 Calistoga Regional Get-together. For Billies of Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt counties. Cocos: Terry Brown

#12 – 7/5-7/7/1991 Billy Club Gathering at Bijou, Green Valley Ranch. Cocos: Terry Brown. **First Fourth of July gathering.*

#13 – 12/28/1991-1/1/1992 Billys' Midnight Metamorphosis at Heartwood Institute, Mendocino Co. Cocos: Terry Brown.

1992

1992 Billy Fund Established

#14 – May Day 1992 May Day Melee at Saratoga Springs, Upper Lake Ca. Cocos: Terry Brown. ** First Saratoga Springs gathering and first May Day gathering.*

#15 – 7/3-7/6/1992 July 4th Billy Club Fun Coordinator: Terry Brown

#16 – 12/30/1992- 1/3/1993 New Year. Billy Whackers Winter Waltz & Tantric Transmigration at Heartwood. Cocos: Terry Brown.

1993

1993 – The Billy Club incorporated as a 501c non-profit corporation – The Billy Foundation with a board of directors.

Proposed or actual Ram Dass fundraiser?

April 21- 28, 1993 - March on Washington with the Billies 4/25/93

#17 – 5/28-5/31/1993 - Memorial Day Weekend Campout at Saratoga Springs. Cocos: Muiz Brinkerhoff and David Carol.

#18 – 7/1-7/5/1993 - July 4th Billy Mid-Summer Extravaganza at Saratoga Springs, Coco: Muiz Brinkerhoff.

#19 – 9/3-9/6/1993. Labor Day- Billy Club Weekend Campout. Host & Coco: Dave Carroll at Saratoga Springs. Camping only, no meals provided, potluck dinners every night.

#20 – 12/30/993-1/1/1994 New Year - Winter Wilding at Heartwood Institute.

#21 – 1993/1994 New Year - Winter Wilding (overflow) at Saratoga Springs No gathering call in archives.

1994

#22 - 4/22-4/24 Advisory Circle and Visioning at Mariposa School, Ukiah. **First Visioning Retreat.*

#23 – 5/26-5/30/1994 - A Billys' Spring-A-Roma at Saratoga Springs. Coco: Tommy Phillips

6/1/1994 Billies at Gay Pride SF - Archives include flyer with marcher's schedule.

1994 cont.

#24 -7/1 – 7/5/1994 - Billy Bivouac at the Bijou Greenfield Ranch. Cocos: Ron Van Scoyk and Terry Brown. ** First gathering officially open to Billy Kin of every persuasion.*

#25 -7/1 - 7/5/1994 - Where the Bo/ys Men Are at Saratoga Springs. Not a typo! Bo/ys

Labor Day Gathering canceled- letter.

October 1994 Billy Fund Benefit Doug Murphy's Birthday at the home of Michael Tabib and Dennis O'Shea, Windsor.

10/1994 - Board Retreat at Shambala Ranch at Orr Springs Rd., Mendocino Co. **First board retreat.* Schedule in archives.

#26-10/28-10/30 1994 Halloween Festival of Endarkenment at Saratoga Springs. Coco: Paul Schwartz **First Halloween gathering.*

#27 -12/29/1994-1/2/1995 - New Year - Heartwood Hoedown & Ritual Passage to the New Year at Heartwood. Coco: Doug Murphy.

#28- 1994.12/28-1995/1/2 New Year at Saratoga Springs. Billy sponsored- see confirmation letter.

1995

3/26/1995 - Billy fundraiser - Stewart Scofield's 35th Birthday. Hosts: Stewart Scofield and Andy Jazsewski. At Deerhaven Ranch, Bodega Ca. Invite in archive.

#29 - 3/31-4/2/95 2nd Advisory/Visioning Retreat Shambala Ranch Orr Springs Mendocino Co. Confirmation letter in archive.

#30 – 4/28-5/2/1995- Billy Boinkers May Day Mélange at Saratoga Springs.

#31 -6/30-7/4/1995 - Jewel-Eye Jamboree at Saratoga Springs.

#32 – Labor Day 8/31 – 9/4/1995 - Summer Kamp with the Billy Club. Cocos: Joe Arcangelini

#33 – Halloween 1995 Billy Club Whirling Halloween Harlequin Fantasy Festival, Masquerade and Juice Squeeze at Saratoga Springs.

#34 – New Year 1995/1996 Heartwood Hunks and Harlots Happening. Coco: Greg Spanos.

1996

1996 - The Billy Foundation hires first staff person, Office manager Charlie Seltzer.

#35 - 5/2-5/5/1996 - Spring-Spangled Shangri-la-la-la and Pole Frolic at Saratoga Springs.

#36 – 6/28-7/7/1996 - Julyicum Billicus Glutticus Maximus at Saratoga Springs.

#37 –1996/8/30-9/2 Labor Day - Billy 9ers Labor Day Extravaganza at Rancho Cicada, Plymouth Ca. **First Rancho Cicada gathering.*

October 1996 Board Retreat

#38 –12/28/96-1/1/97 - New Year RFD Reclaiming Faggot Dreams... Do It Yourself Kind of Thang. At Heartwood

1997

#39 –5/2 – 5/4/97 - May Day Billys' Beltane Bouillabaisse. Cocos: Muiz Brinkerhoff & Karen Ottoboni at Camp Enchanted Hills Napa Ca

#40 - 7/3-7/4/97 - A Many Splendid Thing... at Saratoga Springs.

#41 –8/29-9/1/97 - A River Runs Through It. Coco: Rob Roy Woodman at Rancho Cicada.

#42 –10/31-11/2/97 Billy Halloween Gathering. Coco: Sam Pondelfino at Camp Newman, Sonoma Co. **First and only Camp Newman gathering, Sonoma Co.*

November 1996 Billy Board Retreat at Bodega Bay. No gathering call in archives.

#43 –12/31/97--1/4/98 - New Year. Midnight Monsoon Madness at Heartwood Institute.

1998

#44- 2/27-3/1/98 Mid-Winter - Sex & Spirituality. Coco: John Simmons at Saratoga. **First mid-winter theme gathering*

#45 - March 1998 Visioning Retreat at Camp Gualala. Confirmation letter only in archive.

#46 - 5/1-5/4/98 Mother May Eye. Coco: Noah Schrier, Saratoga Springs.

#47 –7/2-7/6/98 - July 4th - Celebrate Your Independence. Cocos: John Smith & Sam Pondelfino at Saratoga Springs

#48 – 10/30-11/1/1998 Halloween. Cocos: Michael Starkman, Sam Pondelfino at Saratoga Springs.

November 1998 -Scott Love becomes Resource Coordinator (changed from Office Manager)

#49 –12/30/98-1/3/99 New Year - Light, Love, Community at Heartwood. Co-cos: Joe Arcangelini & Noah Schreier.

**Heartwood sketches and quotes by Jania Included in the archive but should not be shared with names or quotes that hint at identity.*

1999

#50 - 2/5- 2/7/99 Visioning Retreat at Saratoga Springs.

#51 –3/12-3/14/1999Mid-winter Sexuality and Spirituality at Saratoga Springs. Coco: John Simmons? Did John bow out or did other Cocos depart? Changed to Sex, Heart, Spirit Cocos: Benjamin Tseng, Bill Blackburn, Fred Winter, George Hammamjian, H Grant, Marty Carls, Scott Carson and Zhora Van Den Bout??? Acceptance letter only, in archives.

#52 –4/29 – 5/3 /99 - May Day – Gathering #47- The Generic Gathering. Cocos: Marty Dooley & Paul Schwartz at Saratoga Springs. *NOTE By the old reckoning it WAS gathering #47 but on this time line we are counting the visioning retreat like other gatherings so it comes out to #52

#53 –7/1 – 7/5/99 - July 4th. Summer Savorings at Saratoga Springs. Cocos: Johnny Smith? & Sam Pondelfino?

#54 –9/2-9/6/1999 Labor Day. Back to Nature the Billy Way Cocos: Jackson Braunum & Marcus Borgman at Camp and Sons, Mendocino Co. **First Camp & Sons gathering.*

#55 –10/29 – 10/31/99 Halloween. Hallowed Weenie Hootenanny & Hug Harvest at Saratoga Springs Cocos: – Jim Gilson.

1999 cont.

#56 –12/29/99– 1/3/2000 New Year. Heartwood 2000 at Heartwood Institute. Cocos – Joe Arcangelini & Rick Nevitt-Lamantia

2000

#57 - Visioning Retreat 2000/2/4-2/6 at Saratoga Springs.

#58 - 3/17-3/19/2000 Mid-Winter - Sex Spirit. Cocos: Jim Beal & Jerry Zintara at Saratoga Springs.

#59 –4/27-5/1/2000 May Day - Close Encounters of the Billy Kind. Cocos: Muiz Brinkerhoff & Paul Schwartz at Saratoga Springs.

#60 – 6/2-6/4 2000 – Hill Billy Homecoming **Northern counties gathering- Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Trinity counties.* Cocos: Ron Van Scoyk & Scott Love at Camp and Sons

#61 – 6/30-7/9/2000 July 4th - Love, Valor and Compassion at Saratoga Springs in three parts: 1) LOVE 6/30-7/3- co-cos: Scott Himmelsbach & Steve Cismowski; 2) VALOR- 7/4-7/6 - co-cos- Fred Winter & Benjamin Tseng; 3) COMPASSION- 7/7-7/9 -Cocos - Rick Nevitt-Lamantia & Marty Carls.

#62 – 8/31-9/4/2000 Labor Day - Rustic Relaxation. Cocos: Bill Murphy & Jim Burke at Camp and Sons.

#63 – 10/26-10/30/2000 Halloween – Metamorphosium, Cocos: Jim Gilson & Ruven Hannah at Saratoga Springs.

#64 – 12/28/2000- 1/1/2001 New Year - 2001: A Billy Odyssey. Cocos: Rick Nevitt-Lamantia & Rob Roy Woodman at Heartwood.

2001

#65 - 3/2-3/4 2001 - Mid-Winter Fathers & Sons. Cocos: Stewart Scofield & Michael Starkman at Saratoga Springs

#66 - 4/6 - 4/8/2001 Visioning Retreat Camp Gualala, Sonoma Co. Coco: Rick Nevitt-Lamantia

#67– 5/3-5/7/2001 May Day - Randomonium! Coco: Mark Weigle at Saratoga Springs.

#68 – 6/21-7/9/2001 July 4th - Celebrating Community Cocos: Jim Burke, Mike Drum, Marty Carls, Robin Levitt, Jim Hughson & Scott Sardy at Saratoga Springs

#69 – 8/30-9/3/ 2001 Labor Day - Nature is Calling. Coco: Mikey Jones at Camp and Sons. No gathering call in archives.

#70 –11/1-11/5/2001 Halloween - Curse of the Mummy's Love Muscle. Cocos: Will Grant & Geoff Graham at Saratoga Springs.

#71 – 12/27/2001- 1/1/2002 New Year - Heartwood the 13th Cocos: Pat Innis & Joe Arcangelini at Heartwood.

2002

#72 – 3/1-3/3/2002 HIV+/HIV- Mid-Winter - Healing & Uniting Our Community. Cocos: Mark Weigle & Mitch Trachtenberg at Saratoga Springs. No gathering call in archives.

#73 - 4/12 – 4/14/02 Visioning Retreat. Cocos: Pat Ennis, Scott Sardy & Fred Winter at Camp Gualala, Mendocino Co.

#74 –5/2-5/6/02 May Day. Let's Dance. Cocos: Jean Sward & Michael Murphy at Saratoga Springs.

2002cont.

#75 –6/28-7/7/02 July 4th. Some Like It Hot. Cocos: Jackson Branum, Ron Van Scoyk (Ron Van Love) , Reginald Baird & Bill Murphy at Saratoga Springs.

#76 – 8/29-9/7/02 Labor Day 2002. Harmonizing Nature. Cocos: Tom Tyree at Camp & Sons.

#77 –10/31-11/4/2002 Halloween - Harvest of Love. Coco: Joseph Chase at Saratoga Springs

#78 – New Year 12/27/02-1/1/2002Heartwood: The Truth. Cocos: Scott Holloway & Tim Wickens at Heartwood.

2003

#79 –2/28-3/2/03 Embracing Age Mid-Winter. Design Circle: George Anthony, Rick Hansen, Dan Holland, Gregory Jesser, Robin Levitt, Jack Pilling, Bruce McDonald, Fred Winter, Rob Roy Woodman, Toby Lavery at Saratoga Springs

#80 - 4/12-4/14/03 Visioning Retreat Cocos: Pat Ennis, Scott Sardy & Fred Winters at Camp Gualala.

#81 –5/1-5/5/03 May Day - Call for Creation. Cocos: Steve Mendoza & Mike Drum at Saratoga Springs.

#82 – 6/27-7/6/03 July - Fun & Games. Cocos: Robert "Goat" Conrad, Will Grant, Rick Hansen & Rick Nevitt-Lamantia at Saratoga Springs.

#83 –8/28-9/1/03 Labor Day - Lazy Days of Summer. Cocos: Sean Briant & Eric Richter at Camp and Sons.

#84 –10/30-11/3/03 Halloween. Monster Love Fest. Cocos: John Morrison & William Bacon at Saratoga Springs.

#85 –12/27/03- 1/1//2004 New Year. Grand Pilgrimage. Cocos: Ian Signer & John "Big Franny" Foley at Heartwood.

2004

86 - 2/27-2/29/2004 Mid-Winter. Journey to Calamus. Cocos- Richard Applegate & William Bacon at Saratoga Springs.

#87 - 4/29-5/3/2004 May Day. Beltane 2004. Cocos- David Hollander & Jan Johansson at Saratoga Springs.

#88 - 7/1-7/11/ 2004 July - Music and Laughter Gathering. Cocos- Rick Hansen & Wingate Greathouse at Saratoga Springs.

#89 - 9/2-9/6/2004 Labor Day. Last Splash of Summer. Coco: Daniel Driessche at Camp and Sons, Willits Ca.

#90 - 10/1-10/3/2004 Re-visioning Retreat co-cos Fred Rabidoux & Jim Burke at Camp Gualala, Annapolis Ca.

#91 - 10/24-11/1/2004 Halloween. 2004 Behind the Mask. Cocos- Bruce McDonald, George Anthony & JM Rodrigues

#92 - 12/28/2004-2005/1/1 New Year. Celebrating Unity in Community. Cocos Joe Arcangelini & Richard Evans at Heartwood Institute.

2005

NO Mid-Winter?

February 2005 Marcus Borgman is the new Billy Resource coordinator.

#93 - 4/28-5/2/2005. "May Day, May Day, Let's Frolic Anyway". Cocos Mike Goldstein, Greg Fry & Jim Stockton at Saratoga Springs.

#94 - 6/29-7/5/05 July G. Gathering of Hearts. Cocos: Mark Hoffheimer & Ruven Hannah at Saratoga Springs.

#95 - 9/1-9/5/05 Labor Day G. Ready or Not. Cocos: Jim Williams & Fred Winters at Camp and Sons.

2005 cont.

#96 - 10/27-10/31/05 Halloween. Rituals in the Space Between Time Cocos- Steve Rockwell, Steve Cismowski, Bill Blackburn, Fred Fishman, Scott Marley, Kirk Read, Eric Richter, Michael Starkman, Ruel Walker & Ed Wolf at Saratoga Springs.

#97 - 12/28/05- 1/1/06 New Year. Telling Our Tales at Heartwood Institute. Cocos: Scott Marley. No paper file.

2006

#98 -2/24-2/26/06 Mid-Winter. Canvas of Dreams. Coco: George Anthony & Greg Rowe at Saratoga Springs.

#99 - 4/27-5/1/2006 May Day. Scattering Seed. Cocos- Scott Marley & Jim Williams at Saratoga Springs.

#100 -5/26-5/29/06 Memorial Day. +Positive/Negative- Cocos: Rick Nevitt-Lamantia & Dan Driessche at Saratoga Springs. **Held in conjunction with Santa Cruz AIDS project and Mendocino County Dept. of Public Health including targeted scholars sponsored by these organizations for Santa Cruz and Mendocino Counties*

**October 2006 Certificate of Recognition and PFLAG Rykken-Scull Award from Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey to the Billy Foundation.*

#101 -6/28-7/5/2006 July 4th G. Loving Communication. Cocos: Dave Carroll & Joe Arcangelini at Saratoga Springs .

#102 -8/31-9/4/2006 Labor Day. End of Summer Frolic. Coco - Sean Brient (correct spelling) at Camp and Sons.

#103 - 9/15-9/17/2006 Visioning Retreat at Brooktrails Lodge, Willits. Cocos: John Cwiakala & Bill Blackburn.

#104 - 10/26-10/30/2006 Halloween. Pirate Party. Cocos- Nature, Scott Marley & Steve Rockwell at Saratoga Springs.

#105 -12/28/06 -1/1/07 New Years - Time Trek – The Journey of Life. Cocos- Mike Goldstein & J.M. Rodriguez at Heartwood.

2007

No Mid-Winter gathering?

#106- 4/27-5/1/07 May Day. The Queer Sporting Life: Mind Body Spirit at Saratoga Springs. Cocos- Mike Drum, Peter Little & Hector Palma.

#107 - 5/26-5/29/07 Memorial Day. +Poz/-Neg- Gathering. Cocos: Jim Schultz & Bill Blackburn Brooktrails Lodge, Willits **in conjunction with Santa Cruz AIDS project and Mendocino County Dept. of Public Health including targeted scholars sponsored by these organizations for Santa Cruz and Mendocino Cos.*

#108 - 7/3-7/8/07 July 4th - Billy Reunion Rendezvous. Cocos-Steve Rockwell & Mark Hoffheimer at Saratoga Springs.

#109 - 8/31-9/3/07 Labor Day. Billy Summer Camp. Cocos- Ezra Cole & Juan Villareal at Rancho Cicada, Plymouth Ca. No flyer in the archives.

#110 - 10/25-10/28/07 Halloween Calling Two Sprits. Cocos- Stefen & Tom Devine at Saratoga Springs.

#112- 12/27/07 - 1/1/08 New Year. Refresh and Renew: Winter's Eve. Cocos- George Anthony & Jamie Vermillion **First & only gathering at Wellspring Renewal Center, Philo Ca.*

2008

#113- 2/21-2/24/2008 Mid-winter. Life into Art. Coco – Steve Rockwell. **First & only gathering at Ben Lomond Quaker Center Ben Lomond Ca.*

#114- 4/24--4/28/06 May Day. New Awakenings. Cocos: Peter Deutsch & Richard Applegate at Saratoga Springs

6/2008 - SF Gay Pride Billy volunteer's flyer.

#115- 7/1-7/7/08 July 4th. Celebrating –Twenty Years of Heart Centered Brotherhood. Cocos- Peter Gilbert & Reuven Hannah at Saratoga Springs **20th anniversary.*

#116 - 8/29-9/1/08 Labor Day. Billy Summer Camp. Cocos- Doug Dinnel & Juan Villareal at Rancho Cicada, Plymouth Ca

#117 - 10/30-11/2/2008 Halloween. Dia de los Muertos. Cocos- JM Rodriguez, Bruce MacDonald, George Anthony at Saratoga Springs

#118 –12/27/08- 1/1/09 New Year. Healing Ourselves, Healing the World. Cocos- Ezra Cole & Scott Marley. ** First St Dorothy's Rest gathering.*

2009

#119 - 2/27-3/1/09 Visioning Retreat Advancing the Dream, Embodying Our Vision. Cocos- Bill Blackburn & Steve Rockwell Saratoga Springs

#120 - 4/30-5/4/09 May Day. Mi Pecho Florido. Cocos-Jeff Basham & Duane Gammill at Saratoga Springs.

#121 - 7/1-7/5/09 July Gathering Call Horn of Plenty. Cocos-Lou Ceci & Les Wright at Saratoga Springs.

#122 - 9/2-9/7/09 Labor Day- Celebrate Mother. Cocos: Steve Cismowski & Duane Gammill at Ranch Cicada.

#123 - 10/29-11/2/09 Halloween. In the Woods Where the Wild Things Play. Cocos: Joe Balestreri & Bob Ullrich at Saratoga Springs.

#124 - 12/09-2010.1 New Year. Weaving our Stories Cocos: Greg Rowe & Tad Crandall at St. Dorothy's Rest.

2010

**2010 Billy Care started by Jack Pilling and Joe Balestreri*

#125 - 2010/2/26-2/28 Midwinter Exploring Friendship and Intimacy Cocos: David Brin and David Hedden at Saratoga Springs

#126 - 4/29-5/2/10 May Day - Come Together. Cocos_____ at Saratoga Springs. Incomplete flyer in archives.

#127 – 7/1-7/7/10 July 4th. Exactly As You Are. Cocos: Fred Fishman, Michael Towne & Oliver Miller at Saratoga Springs.

#128 - 2-9/6/10 Labor Day Billy-Come Out and Play Cocos: Ken Kunert & Michael Towne at Rancho Cicada.

#129 - 10/28-10/31/10 Halloween. Rock the Dead. Cocos unknown at Saratoga Springs.

#130 - 12/29/10 -1/2/11 New Years - Staying Warm. Cocos: Scott Marley & Alan Oakley St. Dorothy's Rest.

2011

#131 - 3/4-3/6/11 Visioning Retreat. Imagination to Action. Cocos: Bill Blackburn & Ken Kunert at Saratoga Springs.

#132 - 4/28-5/1/11 May Day. Heart to Heart Connections. Cocos: Fred Dickson & Ruven Hannah at Saratoga Springs.

2011cont.

4/23/11 **The First Annual Extrava-Garden-Za!* Garden Party fund raiser. On the island of Alameda. Co-cos Fred Fishman, Michael Town and Michael Eccles. No flyer in archives, video only.

#133 - 6/30-7/4/11 July. Elements of Change. Cocos: Fred Fishman & Michael Towne at Saratoga Springs.

#134 - 9/1-9/5/11 Labor Day. Billys-Nature Becomes You. Cocos: Damien Quesnal & Rob Roy Woodman at Rancho Cicada.

#135 - 10/27-10/30/11 Halloween. Into the Rainforest Cocos: George Anthony & Rob Roy Woodman at Saratoga Springs.

#136 - 12/29/11 - 1/2/12 New Year. Dissolve, Transmute, Reveal. Cocos Fred Fishman & Michael Towne at St. Dorothy's Rest.

2012

#137 - 3/2-3/4/12 Midwinter. Occupy Your Heart. Cocos: Mike Eccles & Ken Kunnert at Saratoga Springs

#138 - 5/3-5/6/12 May Day. Celebrate Your Inner Child. Cocos: Nick Gill & Ron Stein Saratoga Springs

5/12/11 Mother's Day Garden Party and Fundraiser at Michael Eccles's & Michael Towne's, Alameda

#139 - 7/3-7/8/12 July. Celebrate Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Cocos: Mark Hoffheimer & Richard Applegate at Saratoga Springs.

#140 - 8/31-9/6/12 Generate Gathering. Cocos: unknown at Saratoga Springs **1st official joint faeries and Billys collaboration.*

#141 – 8/2012 Labor Day-Simply That. Cocos: Sean Briant & Steve Rockwell at Rancho Cicada.

#142 - 10/25-10/28/12 Halloween. Dancing the Dead. Cocos: Damien Quesnal & Scott Marley at Saratoga Springs.

#143 - 12/27/12-1/1/2013 New Year. Portraits of a Tribe. Cocos: Fred Fishman & Michael Towne at St Dorothy's Rest.

2013

#144 - 2/28-3/3/2013 Midwinter Gathering. Manifest. Cocos- the Billy Board of directors at Saratoga Springs.

**Celebrating the 25th anniversary year of the Billys.*

5/11/2013 Mother's Day Mayhem and Garden Party fundraiser at Michael Eccles's & Michael Towne's in Alameda.

#145 - 4/25-4/28/2013 May Day It's an A-May-Zing Cocos: Joe Chase, Lorenzo Cruz & Steve Rockwell at Saratoga Springs .

#146 - 5/24-5/30/2013 Generate Evolution. Billy-faerie collaboration. Cocos: unknown at Saratoga Springs.

#147 - 7/2-7/7/2013 July. Chaotica! Cocos: Kirk Reed, Mike Eccles, Paul Ryder & Scott Wilburn at Saratoga Springs.

#148 - 8/29-9/2/2013 Labor Day. The Place to Connect. Cocos: Paul Daley & Steve Cismowski at Rancho Cicada.

#149 - 8/31-11/3/2013 Halloween. The Zombie Apocalypse. Cocos: unknown at Saratoga Springs

#150- 12/27/2013- 1/12/2014 New Year. Fall Within-Venture into the Vulnerable. Cocos: Fred Fishman, Michael Towne & Michael Eccles Saint Dorothy's Rest, Camp Meeker.

2014

#151 - 2/27-3/2/2014 Midwinter Gathering. Money and Your Heart- Healing Financial Pain. Cocos: Damien Quensal & Terry Cavanagh at Saratoga Springs.

#152 - 4/30/-5/4/2014 May Day Sowing Seeds and Cultivating Community Cocos: Ken Kunert & Darrell Standing At Saratoga Springs.

#153 - 7/1-7/6 2014 July. Equipoise Cocos: Tony Maridakis & Tony Mauro at Saratoga Springs.

8/25/-9/1/2014 Generate World Gathering at Saratoga Springs. *Not sure if Billy sponsored.*

#154 - 8.28-9/1/2014 Labor Day Connections Cocos; Eric Janssen & Ken Kunert Rancho Cicada

#155 - 10/28-11/2/2014 Halloween. Haight and Ashes. Cocos: Austin Nation & Chuck Hampton. At Saratoga Springs.

#156 - 12/27/2014-1/1/2015 New Year. Renaissance- Royalty and Revelry Amidst the Redwoods. Cocos: Darrell Standing & Robert Zarren. At St. Dorothy's Rest.

2015

157 - 4/27-5/1/2015 May Day. A Stirring in the Loins. Cocos: Chuck Hampton & Dave Hall at Saratoga Springs.

? 5/15 Mother's Day Garden Party and fundraiser at Michael Eccles's & Michael Towne's in Alameda. No flyer in archives.

#158 - 6/30-7/5/2015 July Delicious Juice Cocos: Chuck Hampton, Darrel Standing, Demian Quesnal, Fred Fishman, Michael Towne & Tony Mauro at Saratoga Springs.

#159 - 9/3-9/7/2015 Labor Day. Celebrating the Sun. Cocos: Jamie Vermillion at Saratoga Springs.

9/25/2015 Transmission Summer Gathering, Camp Cazadero Cocos: Colin Close, Kris Shanks **The Billys facilitate the first Transmission gathering.*

#160 - 10/28-11/1/2015 Halloween Celebrate Our Loved Ones! Cocos: Phat Huynh & Steve Tiger. **Billy Memorial Grove planted*

#161 - 12/28/2015-1/2/2016 New Years. Chiaroscuro. Cocos: Michael Towne & _____. At St. Dorothy's Rest.

2016

Kris Shanks becomes new Billy Resource Coordinator.

#162 - 2/25-2/28/2016 Midwinter. Fathers and Sons. Cocos: Bill Blackburn & Fred Dickson at Saratoga Springs.

#163 - 6/28-7/4/2016 July. Expressapalooza! Cocos: Daniel Mandel & Cris Lombardi at Saratoga Springs.

#164 - 9/1-9/5/2016 Labor Day. Living Sustainably. Cocos: Paul Muller & Charlie Seltzer? ** First gathering at Groundswell, Anderson Valley.*

9/8/2016 Transmission Summer Gathering at Saratoga Springs. Cocos: Colin Close & Kris Shanks. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings.

#165 - 10/26-10/30/2016 Halloween Tricks and Treats. Cocos: Darrell Standing & George Kelly at Saratoga Springs.

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#166 - 12/27/2016-1/1/2017 New Year. Find Your Medicine. Cocos: Andrew Harkins & Fred Fishman at St Dorothy's Rest.

2017

1/14/2017 Transmission Winter Gathering, Four Springs Retreat Center. Coco: Colin Close. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings.

#167 - 4/26-4/30/ 2017 May Day. Throb! Cocos: Darrell "Bear Hug" Standring & Frank Salumeri at Saratoga Springs.

#168 - 6/28-7/4/2017 July. The Billy Jamboree "Scouts in Heat". Cocos: George Kelly & Kevin Callahan at Saratoga Springs.

#169 - 8/31-9/4/2017 Labor Day. Walking With Wisdom. Cocos: Daniel Mandel & Joseph Chase at Groundswell.

9/1/2017 Transmission Summer Gathering at Saratoga Springs. Coco: Colin Close. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings.

#170 - 10/25-10/29/2017 Halloween. Into the Darkness -The End of Darkness. Cocos: Dave Hall & Erica Love at Saratoga Springs.

#171 - 12/ _/2017-1/_ 2018 New Years. Pearls of Wisdom. Cocos: Bear Hug & Fred Fishman at St. Dorothy's rest.

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1/13/2018 Transmission Winter Gathering, Four Springs Retreat Center, Middletown Ca. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings. Coco: Colin Close.

#172 - 3/1-3/4/18 Mid- Winter Only Connect. Cocos: Kris Shanks and Lewis Nightingale Saratoga Springs.

#173 - 4/25-4/29/18 May Day. Maggio Magico e Floralia Billi (Magical May Day and Billy Flower Festival). Cocos: Darrel Standring & Joe Balestreri at Saratoga Springs Ca.

5/25/18 Transmission Spring Gathering, Great Commission (UCCR camp near Foresthill, CA. Coco: Colin Close. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings.

#174 - 7/2-7/8/18 July. Back to Our Future. Cocos: Alan Stonebraker & Dewey Schott, at Saratoga Springs Ca.

8/23/18 Transmission Summer Gathering at Saratoga Springs. Coco: Colin Close. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings.

#175 - 8/28-9/3/18 The Antidote Gathering at Saratoga Springs. **First to be co-produced by Generate, The Billys, and The Elizabeth Taylor 50+ Network*

#176 - 2018/10/24-28 Halloween. Lifting the Veil. Cocos: Erica Love & David Grossblatt at Saratoga Springs.

#177 - 12/27/18-1/1/19 New Year. Waking Life. Cocos: Terry Miller, Jamie Vermillion and George Anthony at St Dorothy's Rest, Camp Meeker.

2019

2/18-2/20/19 Transmission Gathering. Cocos: René Rivera and Maxwell Pearl. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings.

178 - 2/28-3/3/19 Midwinter. Aging is for Sissies. Cocos: Lewis Nightingale & Reuven Hanna at Saratoga Springs.

#179 - 5/1-5/5/19 Mayday. Revivelry. Cocos: Brian Favorite & Mark Hoffheimer at Saratoga Springs.

#180 - 2019/7/1-7/7 July. Field of Dreams. No Cocos, only sub-coordinators, at Saratoga Springs.

8/22-8/25 Transmission Gathering. Cocos: René Rivera and Maxwell Pearl. The Billys facilitate the Transmission gatherings.

#181 - Labor Day

#182 - Halloween

#183 - New Year

NOTES:

Missing Calls and flyers?

#2 – Labor Day 1988 Men's Redwood Roundup and General Goodtimes Gathering (first Labor Day gathering.) Held at the Ron Van Scoyk /Kendal Rhodes residence, Greenfield Ranch Mendocino Co. No flyer in archives.

#4 – Labor Day 1989 Held at Ron Van Scoyk's and Kendall Rhodes' home in Greenfield Ranch, Mendocino Co. (first talent/no talent show). No flyer in archives.

#5 – New Year 1989/1990 *(first Heartwood gathering and first New Year's gathering) *(first participation of people outside gay community- women and hetro men, etc.) No flyer in archives.

#6 - April 1990– Men's Woodland Jamboree Mendocino Woodlands. No flyer in archives.

#7 – June 1990 [theme unknown] No flyer in archives.

#21 –1993/1994 New Year Winter Wilding (overflow) Saratoga Springs No flyer in archives

#51 – 1999/3/12-3/14 Mid-winter Sexuality and Spirituality. Coco John Simmons??? Did John bow out? Changed to Sex, Heart, Spirit with new Cocos. Acceptance letter only, No flyer in archives for final version.

#69 – Labor Day 8/30-9/3/ 2001 Nature is Calling. Coco: Mikey Jones at Camp and Sons. No flyer in archives

#72 – Mid-Winter 2002 HIV+/HIV-: Healing & Uniting Our Community. No flyer in archives.

#109 – 8/31-9/3/07 Labor Day. Billy Summer Camp. Cocos- Ezra Cole & Juan Villareal at Rancho Cicada, Plymouth Ca. No flyer in the archives.

May 2015 Mother's Day Garden Party and fundraiser at Michael Eccles's & Michael Towne's in Alameda. No flyer in archives

People of Color Cocos?

How many people of color coordinated a gathering? 13?

Austin Nation, Alan Stonebraker, Lorenzo Cruz, Oliver Miller, JM Rodriguez, Juan Villareal, Mike Drum, Hector Palma, Richard Evans, Greg Fry, Steve Mendoza, Benjamin Tseng, Phat Huynh and Nature

Women Cocos:

The very first gatherings included women organizers including Karen Ottoboni and possibly Ann Anchoroguy, I don't know if their involvement could be called gathering coordinators. Jean Sward and Jamie Vermillion are listed as Co-coordinators on some gathering calls.

Missing Cocos:

**Some gatherings may not have had a coordinator. Many calls didn't list existing coordinators. If you know of missing coordinators, any documents you have would be useful.*

#20 –12/30/93-1/1/1994 New Year - Winter Wilding at Heartwood Institute.

#21 –1993/1994 New Year - Winter Wilding (overflow) at Saratoga Springs No gathering call in archives.

#22 - 4/22-4/24 Advisory Circle and Visioning at Mariposa School, Ukiah. **First Visioning Retreat.*

#25 -7/1 - 7/5/1994 - Where the Bo/ys Men Are at Saratoga Springs. Not a typo! Bo/ys

#28- 1994.12/28-1995/1/2 New Year at Saratoga Springs. Billy sponsored- see confirmation letter.

#30 – 4/28-5/2/1995- Billy Boinkers May Day Mélange at Saratoga Springs.

#31 -6/30-7/4/1995 - Jewel-Eye Jamboree at Saratoga Springs.

#33 – Halloween 1995 Billy Club Whirling Halloween Harlequin Fantasy Festival, Masquerade and Juice Squeeze. Location unknown, presumed to be Saratoga Springs.

#35 - 5/2-5/5/1996 - Spring-Spangled Shangri-la-la-la and Pole Frolic at Saratoga Springs.

#36 – 6/28-7/7/1996 - Julyicum Billicus Glutticus Maximus at Saratoga Springs.

#37 –1996/8/30-9/2 Labor Day - Billy 9ers Labor Day Extravaganza at Rancho Cicada, Plymouth Ca. **First Rancho Cicada gathering.*

#38 –12/28/96-1/1/97 - New Year RFD Reclaiming Faggot Dreams... Do It Yourself Kind of Thang. At Heartwood

#40 - 7/3-7/4/97 - A Many Splendid Thing... at Saratoga Springs.

#43 –12/31/97--1/4/98 - New Year. Midnight Monsoon Madness at Heartwood Institute.

#45 - March 1998 Visioning Retreat at Camp Gualala. Confirmation letter only in archive.

Missing Cocos continued:

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#50 - 2/5- 2/7/99 Visioning Retreat at Saratoga Springs.

#57 - Visioning Retreat 2000/2/4-2/6 at Saratoga Springs.

#126 - 4/29-5/2/10 May Day - Come Together. Cocos_____ at Saratoga Springs. Incomplete flyer in archives.

#128 - 2-9/6/10 Labor Day Billy-Come Out and Play Cocos: unknown at Rancho Cicada.

#129 - 10/28-10/31/10 Halloween. Rock the Dead. Cocos unknown at Saratoga Springs.

#140 - 8/31-9/6/12 Generate Gathering. Cocos: unknown at Saratoga Springs **1st official joint faeries and Billys collaboration.*

#146 - 5/24-5/30/2013 Generate Evolution. Billy-faerie collaboration. Cocos: unknown at Saratoga Springs.

#149 - 8/31-11/3/2013 Halloween. The Zombie Apocalypse. Cocos: unknown at Saratoga Springs

#161 - 12/28/2015-1/2/2016 New Years. Chiaroscuro. Cocos: Michael Towne & _____. At St. Dorothy's Rest.

#175 - 8/28-9/3/18 The Antidote Gathering at Saratoga Springs. **First to be co-produced by Generate, The Billys, and The Elizabeth Taylor 50+ Network*

Missing Dates

First day of the gathering determines which year each event is placed in time line.

Number of gatherings

Should visioning retreats be counted as gatherings? They weren't numbered in the past but I think they should be counted as gatherings. They are more focused on the business and mission of the Billys but have all the main features of a gathering, often including at least one heart circle.

The numbered gatherings include, hopefully, all gatherings that were either created by the Billys for Billys or were collaborations like the first Generate gathering in 2012. The Transmission gatherings are focused on a particular group and the Billys facilitated or sponsored them, they are noted but not numbered.

Missing Locations

#69 – 8/29-9/7/202 Labor Day 2002 Harmonizing Nature. Cocos: ? At Willits where?

New Office person Dates?

Toby Johnson