

BLOG/JUNE 2011

Last night I was watching a show on PBS that was about the Stonewall Riot. I was amazed at how little I knew of My culture's heritage. I knew there were issue's in the 60's and 70's growing up in the Homosexual Culture but I was not aware of the extent of the abuses suffered by my sister's and brother's. labotomies, shock treatment, experimental procedures, mental hospitals, there were even Public Service Announcements on the television about the evils of homosexuality. Police would go to school's and have assemblies about how dangerous homosexuality was. If you were caught in a raid of one of the Gay Bars it could ruin the rest of your life. Boy, we have come along way although we still have a long way to go. I can't believe that this was happening so recently in our history. I was and still am horrified. The Gay right's movement has now taken on a whole new meaning for me. I feel I have a duty and an obligation to my brother's and sister's that are still fighting the good fight. I have taken a few minor steps in this area while being incarcerated, I have started a group (unofficial) here for the LGBT community to talk about issues that effect them in prison. I have also started a Trans/Queer softball team appropriately named 'PINK PANTHER"S' which strangely has helped improved our morale. It has given us an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with both the Inmates and Administration. The C.D.C.R. has two facilities that are Trans friendly CMF and CMC the rest are sadly lacking in Trans policy. It is extremely frustrating and sometimes I think it's not worth the fight...But what I saw last night on the show has strengthened my resolve to fight for Trans right's while I'm incarcerated. People gave their Mind, Body and soul, in some cases their life. Would it be right for me to give up because Im met with a little resistance? To all my brother's and sister's out their still pushing and demanding our right's I thank you and I will continue to join you from the inside.

There are many things in the world bigger than ourselves and once you realize that, you have a responsibility to do what you can to make the world a better place. No one should have to suffer for the way they are born...

SUFFER WHAT THERE IS TO SUFFER
ENJOY WHAT THERE IS TO ENJOY

...BUDDHIST SAYING

Once your eye's are opened there are no more excuses.

ALL MY LOVE TERRA...