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**December 2017**

**Welcome to Participate!, the newsletter of the Federation of Gay Games.**

Season's Greetings and our gratitude for your continued support of our mission to promote equality in and through sport and culture and helping us celebrate **35 years!**

Make plans TODAY for the best registration rates and join us for Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 and register at [Paris2018.com](http://Paris2018.com). The next fee increase is 1 January 2018!



Please consider our [Gay Games Scholarship Program](#) for year-end giving and DOUBLE your impact thanks to a major benefactor. Our scholarship program was established to encourage financially-challenged participants from underrepresented populations from around the world to take part in the Gay Games, with support from the Roy M. Coe Scholarship Fund. (The Roy M. Coe Scholarship Fund was endowed to the FGG in 1995). Since 1998, over 800 scholarship candidates have participated in the Gay Games.

With greatest respect,



**Joanie Evans**, co-president



**Sean Fitzgerald**, co-president



***Make plans today for best rates; next increase is 1 JANUARY 2018!***

**REGISTER NOW** [www.paris2018.com/registration/](http://www.paris2018.com/registration/)

There are 5000+ registrations for Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10! Fees will increase on 1 January 2018, so don't wait! It is time to prepare your gifts! Offer registrations to your friends, colleagues or relatives!

**Current Registrations** from 80+ countries: North America: 1900+; France: 1150+; UK: 500+; Germany: 450+; Australia: 300+; Benelux: 200+; Scandinavia: 110+; China & Hong Kong: 50+; South America: 15+; Africa 10...

**FIGURE SKATING:** Registration for Figure Skating is now open! Over 200 skaters will participate in this historic event that will be sanctioned by two international federations, the International Skating Union and the International Skating Institute, with support from the IGFSU, the International Gay Figure Skating Union. For more information, see: <https://www.paris2018.com/sports/figure-skating/>.

**GOLF:** The Golf event is sold out with 180 participants registered. The Golf Tournament will take place at the fabulous Racing Club de France's Golf de la Boulie near Versailles.

**TENNIS:** There are less than 50 available slots. Maximum number is 500 participants.



**YOUR LOCAL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:** If you would like to organize your own Paris 2018 promotional event, we can send you the videos and presentations. For marketing materials, if you are based in North America, email [marketing@gaygames.net](mailto:marketing@gaygames.net).

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## 2022 GAY GAMES XI: HONG KONG



The marathon came to a close for our finalist cities for the 2022 Gay Games XI: [Guadalajara, \(Gay Games Guadalajara 2022\)](#), [Hong Kong, \(Gay Games XI Hong Kong 2022\)](#) and [Washington, DC \(Gay Games DC 2022\)](#).

The Federation of Gay Games General Assembly voting took place 30 October 2017 in Paris, France; **Hong Kong is the 2022 Gay Games XI presumptive host city.**

The FGG expresses gratitude to the record number of 17 cities that expressed interest in 2022 Gay Games XI. Five of these cities made it to the semi-final round (Austin, TX, Dallas, TX, Denver, CO, Salt Lake City, UT, and San Francisco, CA). In the first phase, an additional nine cities had expressed interest: Cape Town, South Africa, Tel Aviv, Israel and USA cities Anaheim, CA, Atlanta, GA, Des Moines, IA, Los Angeles, CA, Madison, WI, Minneapolis, MN, and San Antonio, TX.

The impact that the Gay Games has in host cities is incredible in terms of culture, sport, economic impact, history and most importantly elevating all matters of LGBT+ equality.

Press Releases and associated media here: <http://bit.ly/FGGMedia>



## TWICE the Impact in December

### *Change The Life Of An Artist Or Athlete That Can't Do It Alone*

Help the Federation of Gay Games "Change the World" by helping athletes and artists who need financial assistance to participate at Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10!


[Make your donation to the Gay Games Scholarship Program today](#) -- or anytime in December as part of your year-end giving -- and what you give will have **DOUBLE** the impact, thanks to a major Gay Games supporter. Look for our series of personal stories from previous scholarship recipients and Gay Games participants throughout December to see how your donation has changed the lives of so many.

The Gay Games Scholarship Program was established to encourage financially-challenged participants from underrepresented populations from around the world to take part in the Gay Games with support from the Roy M. Coe Scholarship Fund. (The Roy M Coe Sponsorship Fund was endowed to the FGG in 1995). Since 1998, over 800 scholarship candidates have participated in the Gay Games. Please help us continue this important work and make a donation today!

[Please watch and share this video](#) with others to help learn about and to promote our scholarship program and Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10.

## [DONATE NOW](#)





"I've lost friends through unspeakable hate crimes. Some of these women have survived, but left with gruesome and permanent physical, psychological and emotional damage."

**HLENGIWE BUTHELEZI**  
KZN LGBT RECREATION, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA


I had never been outside of South Africa and, was still in the closet. In 2002, I received a scholarship to compete in Track & Field Athletics at Gay Games VI in Sydney. As a lesbian of colour, it changed my life and has left a lasting impact and legacy on LGBTQ+ life in South Africa. Without the scholarship, it wouldn't have been possible.

READ HER STORY AT [GAYGAMES.ORG](http://GAYGAMES.ORG)

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Gay Games scholarships empower athletes like Jeff, from countries where the daily struggle for equality is harsh and often dangerous, to experience "participation, inclusion and personal best"™ first-hand.

**DONATE NOW**




"I believe in a better world where the differences about your gender or orientation aren't a problem"

**JEFF SOUSA**  
CDG BRASIL, FLORIANOPOLIS, BRASIL

The Gay Games helped me to grow to be a man: an out and proud gay man, a human being. And I am an out and proud professional physical education teacher who provides events and activities through my work with CDG Brasil and now, the FGG.

READ HIS STORY ▶



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## PARTICIPATE!



Do you know of a major sport or cultural event where the FGG should be promoting Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10? If so, please send an email with details to [marketing@gaygames.net](mailto:marketing@gaygames.net).

The FGG has a number of marketing materials that can be used at selected events, on social media and elsewhere. We've been promoting Gay Games 10 at dozens of events and yours could be next!



## NIKE Gay Games Uniform Program to return for Gay Games 10

You and your team can save money AND look extra fantastic in Paris during Gay Games 10!

The highly successful Gay Games Uniform Program that first launched in 2014 prior to Gay Games 9 is back! Under this program, large and small teams can design and order customized NIKE uniforms and other wearable items at great savings. In 2014, NIKE offered 30% discounted prices, and we hope to match that discount now. There will be large array of items, materials, and colors available. Your team can then add custom touches including logos, text, and so on.

The Gay Games Uniform Program is being offered globally to both FGG member organizations and non-member organizations. However, some of the terms will be more favorable for FGG member orgs.

Watch this newsletter, the FGG web and Facebook pages, and your in-box for more information as it becomes known. The program should launch in January, 2018. Meanwhile, if your team is getting close to making a decision regarding purchasing uniforms through another channel, please wait until you see all the details of the NIKE Gay Games Uniform Program. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please write to [marketing@gaygames.net](mailto:marketing@gaygames.net)



## Tom Waddell Award

The FGG is pleased to announce that nominations are open for the Tom Waddell Award. This is the highest recognition offered by the FGG, and is presented at the opening ceremony of each Gay Games to one man and one woman who have made outstanding contributions to the Gay Games movement and the cause of equality.

A nominee must:

- Inspire pride through leadership and excellence in sports, culture, or volunteerism
- Devote their energies to the success of the Gay Games and/or related activities without regard for personal gain
- Participate at their personal best
- Personify standards of commitment, selflessness, and love of humanity



Anyone may nominate a qualified person: [please email the FGG for the nomination form](#). Deadline for nominations is 15 March 2018.

## In Memoriam: Julia César Zúñiga

Julia was a world-renowned Mexican gay activist and representative of gay sports in Mexico and around the world. She was a member of the Gay Soccer League of Azcapotzalco and part of the [Didesex](#) league (Diversity, Sports and Sexuality). Julia represented Mexico in international football (soccer) tournaments. [Learn more here](#).



## ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### PARIS 2017

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Our sincere gratitude to our hosts, the Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 staff and volunteers, as well as our worldwide delegates, 2022 Gay Games XI bid cities Guadalajara, Hong Kong and Washington DC, and all Federation of Gay Games General Assembly members!

CONGRATULATIONS to our new Honorary Life Members and Legacy Award recipients:

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Kate Rowe, Kelly Murphy-Stevens, Rob Smitherman

### LEGACY AWARDS

Outstanding Local Organization: [Tournoi Internationale de Paris](#)

Outstanding Local Heroes: Valérie Fourneryon, Jean-Paul Cluzel

Outstanding Member Organization [Vorspiel SSL Berlin](#)

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Since the first Gay Games in 1982, the Federation of Gay Games mission promotes equality in and through sport and culture and ensures that the Gay Games, the world's largest sports and culture festival open to all, take place every four years under the founding principles of Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™.

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**[Please join our scholarship cause of sending artists and athletes to Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10](#)**

