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

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

10 for 10! We are just 10 short months away from the Opening Ceremony for Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10, so be sure to make your plans to register and travel plans today! Learn more at Paris2018.com.

Please note that our **scholarship program deadline is 31 October**. 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 Scholarship Fund was endowed to the FG in 1995). Since 1998, over 800 scholarship candidates have participated in the Gay Games. [APPLY TODAY](#).



With greatest respect,



Joanie Evans, co-president



Sean Fitzgerald, co-president



Make plans today for best rates!

REGISTER NOW www.paris2018.com/registration/

Have you reserved your trip to Paris?

To help you plan your travel, Paris 2018 is working with the travel agency, KTS France, to offer you the best possible rates for your accommodation and flights (on Air France or Skyteam). Visit travel.paris2018.com and reserve your hosted housing with Misterb&b: www.misterbandb.com/pages/paris-gay-games-2018

The official Paris 2018 Boutique is online!

Would you like to wear the colors of Paris 2018 ? Or perhaps have a mug that will remind you of the fantastic experience that you will have next year ? You can purchase your articles here store.paris2018.com



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.

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2022 GAY GAMES XI



The marathon is coming 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 \(Gay Games DC 2022\)](#).

On 1 March 2017, the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) announced the 2022 Gay Games XI shortlist bid cities, and site inspections began 19 June and concluded 1 July.

Final presentations, voting and selection of the 2022 #GayGames XI host city takes place **30 October** at the [2017 Annual General Assembly](#) in Paris, and the FGG will issue a [worldwide press release](#) the moment the 2022 presumptive host is announced.

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



Gay Games Scholarship Fund

[Scholarship Challenge from Paul Oostenbrug and Jere Kelly](#)



Help the Federation of Gay Games "Change the World" by helping send athletes and artists from all over the world to Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10! Join us in our cause of promoting equality in sport and culture, since 1982!

[Paul and his husband Jere Kelly will be matching up to US\\$5,000 on all funds received! !](#)

Paul has been one of the driving forces behind the FGG Scholarship program since Gay Games VII, Chicago 2006. He has worked tirelessly on reviewing scholarship applications, arranging travel, completing numerous visa applications, and driving scholarship participants to events. You name it and Paul has done it for the scholarship program.

[Please watch and share this video](#) with others to help promote our scholarship program and Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10, and please note the deadline to apply is 31 October!



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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.

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!

Manuel Picaud, Co-President of Paris 2018, Visits California, USA

Mr. Picaud spent the first half of October touring three major California markets promoting registrations for Gay Games 10. He returned to Paris on 16 October to help prepare for the FGG's annual meeting taking place starting 26 October.

The trip started in Los Angeles at a reception 5 October at the elegant residence of Christophe Lemoine, Consul General de France. Among others, this event was attended by 1968 Brazilian Olympic swimming legend Paulo Figueiredo, who has won more Gay Games medals than any other aquatic athlete, and Mike Wallace, who has participated in each of the previous nine Gay Games.

On 7 October, Manuel and local host Shamey Cramer (FGG Officer of Development), drove to Palm Springs to meet locals at a "Meet & Greet" event at Hunters Bar. While there, they also met with Met with

HLMs and Tom Waddell Awards winners Paul Mart (now 99 years old!) and Gene Dermody.

On to San Francisco, where another reception took place 12 October at the residence of the Consul General of France, Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens. Taking place just a few blocks from Kezar Stadium, site of Gay Games I and II, among the VIPs in attendance were Gene Dermody, Rick Thoman, and Derek Liecny, each of whom has attended each of the 9 Gay Games.

On 14 October, Manuel joined local FGG Board members Doug Litwin and Martha Ehrenfeld at the OurTownSF Nonprofit Expo. More than 125 LGBT nonprofits were represented. Lots of great connections were made, and a live Pétanque demo was held to engage people in this popular French sport.



Gay Games Ambassador Chris Morgan wins 9th World Championship Gold Medal

The FGG congratulates Ambassador Chris Morgan on his latest World Champion achievement and looks forward to Mr. Morgan being in Paris for Gay Games 10. [Read the full story here, courtesy GScene Magazine.](#)

Morgan has competed in several Gay Games; he won silver in Amsterdam 1998, gold in Sydney 2002, four golds in Chicago 2006 and a gold in Cologne 2010.



ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY: PARIS 2017

26 October - 1 November 2017, Paris, France

Make plans today for our next AGA, taking place in Paris!

The "General Assembly" represents the voting members of the FGG, and this assembly meets annually to help advise and direct the Board of Directors, elect officers and vote on important matters.

GALA BENEFIT FUNDRAISER FOR GAY GAMES SCHOLARSHIPS -- This incredible evening on 30 October takes place at Paris City Hall and will be hosted by the Mayor of Paris and Madame Anne Hidalgo. The eventing will feature Paris 2018 Ambassadors, music, raffle and special presentations. [Learn more here.](#)

In 2017, a highlight will be the voting and selection of the host city for Gay Games XI to take place in 2022. Many people believe this quadrennial decision is the most important one that the FGG makes.

[More information at our Facebook Event Page](#)

[For more information about the AGA visit http://aga-fgg.paris2018.com/](http://aga-fgg.paris2018.com/)

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