



InterPride meets in Michigan

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DEARBORN - Pride organizers from all over the middle section of the United States gathered to learn, network, exchange ideas and enjoy each others company at the International InterPride Region 3 &4 conference March 9-11. Detroit's Triangle Foundation, which organizes the Motor City Pride in Ferndale each year, hosted the conference at the Double Tree Hotel in Dearborn.

About 75 activists attended, from North Dakota to New Mexico, St. Louis to Tennessee.

Three organizers from Detroit Black Pride were there, as well as pride organizers from Grand Haven, MI and Grand Rapids. **Matt Foreman, executive director of National Gay & Lesbian Task Force in Washington D.C., gave the keynote address Sunday and praised the organizers for continuing to carry the torch of Stonewall.**

InterPride was founded in 1982 as the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators. There are representatives from 20 geographical regions of the world. InterPride licenses the title World Pride, the first of which was held in Rome in July 2000 and the second was in Jerusalem in 2006.

This local conference was included workshops on entertainment, crowd control, insurance, dealing with the media and volunteer management, among others.