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Gay Dating Service to Launch in Chicago

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In Good Company, which calls itself the premier gay and lesbian service for first introductions, launched in Chicago June 1—the start of Gay Pride Month. “Our goal for In Good Company is to expand the social circles of gay and lesbian professionals by introducing them to other professionals on a one-on-one basis who share their interests and goals,” said Bill Rossi, the company’s president, in a statement.

Everyone who joins In Good Company interviews with a matchmaking director. This approach allows the directors to get to know each member personally and to discover the types of people the member would like to meet. The director may ask, for example, about hobbies or friends’ descriptions of the prospective members. After the interview, they are matched with other members based on their criteria and the insight of our directors.

A typical first introduction with In Good Company could be lunch, drinks after work, a bike ride, or a trip to a comedy club, depending on each member’s preferences. In Good Company contacts both individuals, makes any necessary reservations, and keeps all introductions on a first name basis only. This maintains members’ privacy and makes the initial meeting as stress-free as possible for both people. To ensure good matches and member satisfaction, follow-up phone interviews are conducted after each introduction and in-person interviews are conducted every three months of the membership.

For information, see www.igc-chicago.com or call (312) 499-9900.

Flags Fly High

Forty-nine rainbow flags fluttered on St. Augustine’s (Fla.) Bridge of Lions after a three-year battle by gay-rights organizations, the Associated Press noted. U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams Jr. ruled against the city in a suit filed by the Rev. Ruth Jensen and Vicki Waldon of the St. Augustine Pride Committee, Equality Florida and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. The city rejected a request last month to fly the flags for a week of gay-pride events.

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