

What is this place?

Originally built in 1906, the former Genesis Community Baptist Church has undergone many changes. The congregation eventually outgrew the space and, in late 2001, sold the church. **David Morrison Books**, **Gracie's**, **Pinko's Commie Coffee Copy Center**, and the **IDP Library** now call the church home. The sanctuary seats 175 to 200 people, and the church features a 4 foot deep baptismal bath, a commercial kitchen, and a swing.

Gracie's and Pinkos occupy the basement, David Morrison Books (available at morrisonbooks.com or by appointment) has an office on the first floor and storage in the basement, and the IDP Library lives in the first floor office facing 6th street.

{Gracie's}

What is this place?

Gracie's is, primarily, a free public space. At Gracie's, you are under no obligation of any sort. You do not have to buy or believe any certain thing to come to Gracie's and enjoy it, and moreover you are encouraged to relax and enjoy yourself and talk to whoever else happens to be there. By design, Gracie's, as a space, is not easily summarized. You may think of it as a clubhouse or a meeting place, a free restaurant or movie theatre, a café with no service, an unscheduled nightclub, or really anything you want. The best thing to keep in mind if you're unsure how to describe Gracie's is that it is one of the only places besides your own room which asks nothing more of you than to enjoy your time there.

What happens here?

Again, this is an open subject. Anything can happen here, but there are some things which occur with some modicum of regularity at Gracie's.

Brunch happens every Sunday at noon and generally lasts until 3 or 4 in the afternoon. At Brunch we usually have potatoes, eggs, waffles or pancakes, and other standard brunch-fare, but the menu is always a surprise. It is also always free. You are welcome to bring what ever food you want, but it is not required. The kitchen staff is comprised of whoever feels inspired to don an apron, and the "customers" usually include musicians, artists, and other talented people who frequently share their music, zines, or crackpot theories freely. You can enjoy your food at our large table, on our couches, or in a comfy chair next to friendly people and actually hold conversations with strangers or friends. If you're into that, of course. If not, there's plenty of reading material, board games, and a few strange dolls.

Other regular events include **Movie Night** and **Figure Drawing**. For Movie Night, you are invited to watch on the big screen our favorite movies or to bring your own. Usually we show movies on Tuesday or Wednesday nights around 8:30, but it's always best to

check the calendar or your email if you don't know for certain what's showing. Like Brunch, Movie Night is free.

We also host the **Sito Figure Drawing** classes, usually on Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Artists working in any medium at every level of skill are welcome to draw in open sessions under their own direction. Sessions last two hours and feature diverse models posing in the nude beginning with quick gestures and moving on to longer poses towards the end. To pay the models, sessions cost \$5 per person. They are always looking for more artists or models to participate. For more information or to sign up for the email group, see www.sito.org/events/drawing.

Theme parties, Internet Movie Night, zine- or book-swaps, and other fun events happen often. Check calendar.gracies.org for events or to add your own.

Who runs this place?

At any given time, there exists a handful of people who care about Gracie's enough to put significant amounts of work, time, and money towards the well being of Gracie's. More importantly, though, as long as the doors are open a continuously changing community of people run Gracie's, each in their own way and of their own free will. Either by cooking, cleaning, thinking up an event, bringing food, donating a dollar to a friend, the people who come to Gracie's are the people who run Gracie's.

Because of all the weird stuff that's happened since moving out of the former space in the Oak Street Building, Gracie's is currently in need of some help from people willing to be more than casually involved.

How do I get involved?

The best way is to find something that needs doing and do it. If you want to become a more active member of the Gracie's community by helping us organize events, make rent, clean up, or decorate, email gracies@gracies.org or talk to whoever seems

to be "running" things on Sunday at Brunch. Since Gracie's has no director or board, it's best to be persistent and self-directed if you want to make things happen. If you still can't get anyone to give you a straight answer, slip a note through the mail slot.

Why is this happening?

There are more than enough stores, malls, institutions, and offices in the world and too few places to relax, think, meet people or question the status quo.

Pinko's:

Note: As of February 2002, Pinko's is still temporarily out of service. Pinko's will soon re-open, but it is in need of a good deal of setup before that can happen. If you one day would like to use the equipment or have in the past, please contact us at gracies@gracies.org to help put it back together again or keep an eye on the Gracie's Calendar for an upcoming Pinko's Work Party / Re-Grand Opening.

What is this place?

Pinko's is a free computer lab and printing center. Multiple Macintosh computers, a photocopier, and lots of arts and crafts materials are available to anyone who needs them. Like Gracie's, there's no charge for the services, but out of respect for others who need the resources too, we ask that you replenish whatever supplies you deplete when working on larger projects. Otherwise, grab some glue and scissors (if you can find them) and have fun.

For more information about anything going on here, the following web addresses are a good place to start: www.gracie's.org www.pinkos.org - www.sito.org

You can also email gracies@gracies.org or call (503) 281-0015. More information about Gracie's, Pinko's, and the IDP Library is on its way as things continue to get interesting. Pass this along to a friend!