

Bob Brandia

How has this person provided service for the LGBTQ community? Bob has volunteered with the RCC since June 2008 and serves on Board of Directors for the [Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus](#).

Background: Bob has enjoyed a career in the airline industry that has taken him from Southern California to the Twin Cities. After forty three years, Bob retired in 2000 and returned to California to be with his partner Roger and has pursued his passions in photography (his award winning photo is below), videography, travel, and singing.

With Roger's gentle encouragement, Bob joined the [Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus](#) in 2009. About singing with the OEBGMC, Bob states:

"I grew up in an era when being gay was illegal, raids on the one bar that existed in Hollywood were common, and a man could be jailed just for being inside or even outside, but near the door. Yes, all in liberal California. Imagine what that atmosphere can do to your self-image. So aside from the fact that I love music, love to sing, and it's exciting to sing in a concert performance, I sing with the [Oakland-East Bay Gay Mens Chorus](#) because I can stand with this group of wonderful guys in front of an audience and be proud of who I am."

Listen to Bob and the [OEBGMC](#) chorus! Check out their concert schedule [here](#).

Three words that describe Bob: Creative, Funny, Intelligent



Photo: Bob and his partner Roger



Photo: Bob's award winning photograph of Yellowstone National Park