

Erie Gay Community Newsletter

a monthly calendar of activities, events, meetings, etc.

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ORGANIZATIONS:

AIDS Council of Erie, Inc.

Location: 554 East 10th Street; Erie, PA 16503-1314

Hours: 8:30 to 4:30, Monday to Friday. Phone: (814) 455-5492

Activities: Healing and Meditation Group (call for details); Potluck Dinner and Newsletter Coalition Party (Wednesday, June 24, 6:00 pm). Also, on June 24, from 9:00 am to noon, a free TB Clinic is being offered; the follow-up reading (also free) will be held on June 26th, from 9:00 am to noon.

EGO - Edinboro Gay Organization

A student group (primarily social), tentatively meeting each Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Faculty Annex. Call Jessica at 732-2448 for more information. (The group is usually inactive during the summer months.)

Integrity

An Episcopalian-based spiritual and support group that welcomes people of all faiths. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 7:00 pm, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street, Erie. Our mailing address is: Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 6231, Erie, PA 16501. For more information, please call: (814) 455-0549.

Calendar of upcoming events:

Sunday, June 14 - Eucharist with the Bishop (5:00 pm), followed by a pot-luck and open dialogue

Sunday, June 28 - Evening Prayer and social

Sunday, July 12 - Eucharist and videotape

Sunday, July 26 - Picnic (3:00 pm in the church parking lot); Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm

Sunday, Aug. 9 - Eucharist and videotape

Sunday, Aug. 23 - Picnic (3:00 pm in the church parking lot); Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm

Integrity is sponsoring a retreat on November 13-14; mark your calendars now!

LGLV - League of Gay and Lesbian Voters

Meets: the 1st Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm, at the Erie AIDS Council, 554 East 10th St. in Erie. This month's meeting is being held on the 2nd Sunday (June 12), but will resume on the 1st Sunday of next month (July 5).

Contact: Michael Mahler (Secretary/Treasurer) at (814) 456-9833 (answering machine) or write to: LGLV-Erie Chapter, PO Box 3068, Erie, PA 16508-3063.

Focus: Legislative issues affecting the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community; voter registration; lobbying; voters' guide; also social activities.

Activities: Working on voter registration and local lobbying. Hosting an Inter-group Picnic on June 13 at Presque Isle. Local elections are being held on the 14th of June. House Bill 1353 (an anti-gaybashing bill) should be coming out of the Judiciary Committee sometime this month; more info will be available next month.

Life's-Blood Group

An Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for Gays and Lesbians, meeting every Sunday, 8:00 pm, at the Erie AIDS Council, 554 East 10th Street in Erie.

Men's Coffeehouse

A social alternative to the bar scene, the Men's Coffeehouse is an alcohol-free and smoke-free environment for gay men, with a particular theme, topic or activity planned for each month. Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:00 pm; confidentiality is stressed in order to provide a safe space for all. For more information, call the Erie Gay Community Newsletter. *Note:* During July we will be meeting on the 3rd Friday (July 17), but in August we will resume meeting on the 2nd Friday (August 14).

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Mercyhurst Gay/Lesbian Support Group

This group is both a support group for gay men and lesbians and a group committed to raising the awareness of others of the implications of being gay/lesbian in our society. Meetings are open to the public, and are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm, 3rd floor of Old Main on the Mercyhurst campus. Note: During the summer months meetings will begin at 7:30 pm. The June 16th meeting will feature a video on the life of Harvey Milk; BYO popcorn; soft drinks will be available.

Womynspace

A social alternative to the bar scene, the womyn's Coffeehouse is an alcohol-free and smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a particular theme, topic or activity planned for each month. Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm; confidentiality is stressed in order to provide a safe space for all. For more information, call Laura at 456-4695.

SPECIAL EVENTS & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Friday, June 12 Men's Coffeehouse
Saturday, June 13 Inter-group Picnic at Presque Isle
Sunday, June 14 { LGLV monthly meeting (5:00 pm)
Tuesday, June 16 } Integrity meeting (potluck dinner at 5:00 pm) ← *Mercyhurst Support Group*
Saturday, June 27 Gay Pride Day March in Pittsburgh and in Cleveland
Sunday, June 28 Gay Pride Day March in Toronto (Integrity will be marching)
Sunday, July 5 River Cruise in Pittsburgh (call the Newsletter for more info)

The **House of Compassion**, a home for persons with AIDS, is in need of people donating time and money. If you have spare time on your hands, please consider volunteering to help in whatever way you can. This is an important cause, folks; please be generous! For more information, call Steve at 459-7305.

The Erie Gay Community Newsletter is offered by volunteers to help keep Erie's Gay and Lesbian community informed of local activities and events. Many people want to do more than just go to the bars; here we present additional or alternative activities. Anyone with information on groups or events that are of interest to Erie's Gay/Lesbian community are asked to call 455-9049 (evenings, or leave a message). Meetings to assemble newsletter information are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, 225 East Third Street; for more information, or if you wish to get involved, please call the above number. We are also looking for financial sponsors to help defray printing expenses.

A listing of Festivals and Conferences for Lesbians for 1992 is currently available. Anyone who would like a copy sent to them may call the Erie Gay Community Newsletter; copies will also be made available at various group meetings.

A listing of local churches, synagogues, and various congregations where Gays and Lesbians are welcome to worship and participate is currently being compiled. Anyone with information to add to this list is asked to call the Erie Gay Community Newsletter. At present, this list is not being published, so if you are looking for a comfortable place to worship, please call the Newsletter for information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Erie Hotline (general information and referral): 453-5656

AIDS Factline: 1-800-662-6080

National AIDS Hotline: 1-800-324-AIDS

Erie Gay Community Newsletter: 455-9049 (evenings, or leave a message)