



Erie Gay Community Newsletter

Calendar

☛ = New or Modified Group/Event this issue

☛ **May 3—"The Purple Rabbit Show"** WPSU-FM (PBS Radio-Penn State 90.1 FM). This episode will be on the topic of same-sex marriage. (This station comes from University Park and reaches as far as Warren Co.)

☛ **May 3-5—Opening Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Gay men's campground. Info (716)567-8100

☛ **May 4—Womynspace: Country Western Dance** "Pull on your boots, find a boogie, and get ready to do some boot-scooting. If you have a favorite CD, bring it along. 7:30 pm. C'mon y'all! For info, call Sai at 454-2713.

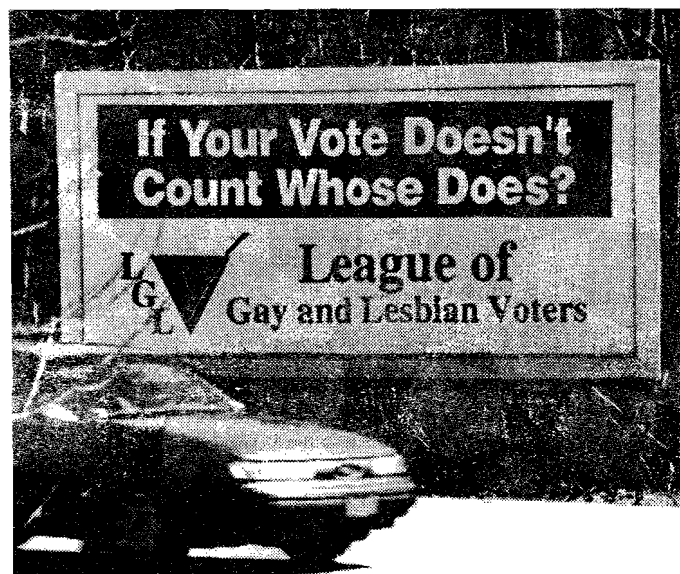
☛ **May 4—In the Life** WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo/Ch. 23) 10:30 p.m. Explores current political situation for lesbians and gays during the 1996 Presidential Campaign.

☛ **May 6—Chautauqua Co. Visions Group** Call (716)484-8434 for details

☛ **May 7—Mothers March** WNED (PBS-Buffalo/Ch. 17) 10:00 p.m. Profiles four mothers who have lost a child to AIDS and turned their pain into action. (Repeats 2 p.m. Ch. 17).

☛ **May 9—Great Performances "In the Wings: Angels in America on Broadway"** 8 p.m. WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo/Ch. 23). From the Tony-winning gay AIDS epic.

☛ **May 10—Chautauqua County Fish Fry** Call Vince at (716)673-3183 for reservations.



LGLV Puts 4 billboards up in Erie area. See Story Page 11

☛ **May 10—Leather I Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Activities. Clubs invited to sponsor events. For more info, call (716)567-8100

☛ **May 12—Integrity: No meeting this month** Info 774-0903

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**If your event falls
this date:**

**June 16-July 15
July 16-Aug 15
Aug 16-Sep 15**

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this date:**

**May 15
June 15
July 15**

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The *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* is published monthly as a voice for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and their friends & families in the Erie area. A source of information, support and affirmation. A vehicle for celebrating the goodness and diversity of our community. *EGCN* is a cooperative effort between lesbian gay groups and individuals to help our community develop and thrive.

Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month! We welcome and encourage all readers to submit news, comments and opinions for publication in these pages. Although we appreciate the importance of fiction and poetry, we are primarily an information publication, and like most general lesbian gay publications, we are mainly interested in nonfiction prose. We will be happy to direct you to the many lesbian gay publications that do welcome fiction and poetry, and we will support through free publicity any local publication that publishes lesbian gay poetry or fiction. Before submitting please send SASE for writer's guidelines. Querying before submitting an article is strongly recommended.

We will consider for publication any material which broadens our understanding of our lifestyles and each other. Views and opinions appearing in this newsletter do not necessarily represent those of Bridges, the *EGCN* staff or their component groups.

We will not publish any material which promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, age, class, physical ability or any other reason. We do not support exploitation of minors.

All materials submitted must be signed so we can contact the authors should we need to consider editorial revisions. However, within these pages, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed. If you wish to have your full name published, you must send a written and signed note that gives us permission to do so. This publication will not "out" anyone.

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Places to get EGCN...

Ashtabula

Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St.

Clarion

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Clarion Univ

Erie

Barnes & Noble, 5909 Peach Street

Cup-a-Ccino's, 18 N. Park Row

The Embers, 1711 State Street

Lizzie Bordon's, 3412 W. 12th

NW. PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Baldwin Bldg.

Unitarian Univer. Congreg/Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway

Well Being, 710 Beaumont

Edinboro

Book Shelf, 200 Plum

Earthshine, 131 Meadville Street

Identity meetings

Poppa Ropp's Home Video, Edinboro Mall (ask at desk)

Jamestown NY & Warren PA

AIDS Community Services, Tue Mansion

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown

Meadville PA

Allegheny College Bookstore

CSGLBP Meetings

New Castle PA

PFLAG Meetings, Human Services Center

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Oil Region Book Store, Oil City

HIV CLINICAL TRIAL

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There is no obligation if you call. All calls are confidential.

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- **May 12—My So-Called Life** On MTV starting at 2 p.m., running for 6 hours. The dramatically acclaimed series that featured Wilson Cruz as a Hispanic gay teen.
- **May 12—Mrs. Doubtfire** On FOX. Broadcast premiere. They picked this date because it's Mother's Day.
- **May 14—Nancy Boy in concert (Pgh)** At Rosebud.
- **May 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group Meeting: Topic "Dr. William Glecos, DDS: Questions & Answers"** Newcomers always welcome! St. Mark's (secluded location). Info from Cheryl Weber at 825-1085.
- **May 15—HIV/AIDS Service Network of Erie County** The HIV/AIDS Service Network of Erie County is inviting all HIV-infected and affected persons to attend an open meeting, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Cathedral, in effort to plan for a public forum to take place in the fall. This forum will be aiming at waking the Erie community up to the effect of HIV and AIDS on the Erie community at large, and the discrimination being faced daily by those infected and affected persons. Info from Sue Kuebler at 452-3779.
- **May 17-19—Camp Beautification Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Seasonal cleanup & fix up. For more info, call (716)567-8100
- **May 17—Biography: Mae West...and the Men Who Knew Her** A&E 8 p.m., midnight.

May 18—Out and About Outdoors Group: Whitewater Rafting in Gowanda! (Chautauqua Co.) All welcome. Call (716)366-5053 for details.

May 18—Chautauqua County 10% Network social evening 7-11pm in Jamestown Call John (716)484-8434

May 18—Laura at Cup-a-Ccino's 18 N Park Row in Erie. 9 p.m.-12 am.

May 18—100 Family Garage Sale at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 7180 New Perry Highway. The church will be packed with items, so people will be given a free ticket at the door. You can leave off items the week before the sale from 9 a.m. - noon. For evening drop-offs, call the church to find out times (864-9300).

➤ **May 18—Leeward Lounge: AIDS Benefit (Ashtabula)** This year the benefit will be held at Nappy's Party Center ("Our AIDS Benefits have outgrown the bar," says owner Ellen). Nappy's is at 2255 West Avenue. There are a limited number of tickets available. It's \$40 per couple, and that includes food, alcoholic drinks, and raffle ticket. At the door (if they're available), tickets are \$20 per person, and includes everything except the raffle ticket. Benefits Ashtabula AIDS Task Force. For info call (216)964-9935.

May 18—Menspace To find out more about Menspace, including location and topic or event, call Larry at 835-6712. Newcomers welcome!

➤ **May 19—Speaker: "The Christian Coalition Unveiled: Understanding its Real Agenda"** Paula Xanthopoulos from *c.c. watch*, which reports on the Christian Coalition and Pat Robertson. At Temple Anshe Hessed, 930 Liberty St. (10th & Liberty) in Erie. 7 p.m. Details in Local News - NW Pa., pages 12 & 13

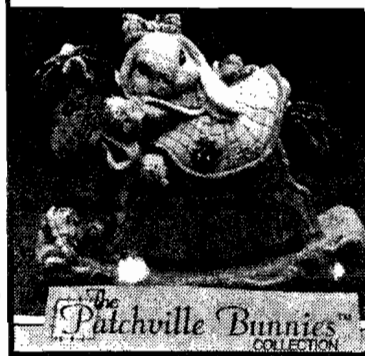
➤ **May 19—Buffalo Pride Motorcycle Club: Annual Meeting/Kickoff Run** Outdoor picnic/meeting and afternoon ride. T-shirts with club logo will be available. Call for further details: Beth (716) 326-7480 or Jim (716) 497-0822. (also see details in Local News - WNY).

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♣ **May 20—American Playhouse: Tru** WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo/Ch. 23) 8 p.m. Robert Morse stars as gay literary giant Truman Capote.

♣ **May 20—Michelle Shocked in concert (Cleveland)** Odeon. Tickets from Ticketmaster.

♣ **May 23—Northern Exposure: "Bus Stop"** WJET 1a.m. A production of the play *Bus Stop* creates big problems between Ron and Eric.

♣ **May 24—The Gay Prom (Cleveland)** "The AIDS TaskForce cordially invites you to the prom you never had!" Info Cleveland AIDS TaskForce (216) 621-0766."

♣ **May 24—Compton's 9th Annual "Rock the Boat" Karaoke Boat Ride (Buffalo)** 3-hour tour. \$15 donation, benefits Gay and Lesbian Youth Services. Free buffet after. "Ask about our round-trip 'Antique Trolley Ride!'" (716) 885-DARK. Part of Compton's 'United We Stand Reunion' weekend. Entire weekend benefits GLYS and AIDS Alliance of WNY. (Compton's is mainly women).

♣ **May 24-27—Memorial Day Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Saturday Service in Memorial Garden, Sunday Variety Show. For more info, call (716)567-8100

May 25—Memorial Day Picnic in Fredonia All are welcome. Hot dogs and drinks provided. Bring a snack, salad, or other dish to pass. For details, call Vern at (716)679-3541.

♣ **May 26—PFLAG Erie** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, 2 p.m. On this Memorial Day weekend meeting, the group will discuss the ban on gays in the military. Info Elaine (814)864-0184 or Kathy (814)838-6020.

♣ **May 27—'96 Memorial Day Picnic (Pittsburgh)** At North Park Lodge 11am-7pm, rain or shine. All-you-can-eat snacks and beverages, non-stop dance music, Midway Madness game booths. Tickets \$15 adv./\$20 at gate. Advance tickets available in Erie from Harvey (814) 456-3674 or by check (by May 15 to Lambda Foundation, PO Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206) Or at Pittsburgh area gay bars and gay-owned businesses (Tip: If

you're in Pittsburgh Sunday night you can pick up tickets from the Real Luck Cafe, 1519 Penn). Portion of ticket price goes to Lambda Foundation's Borelli AIDS Fund.

♣ **May 27—Northern Chautauqua Co. Gay, Lesbian & Bi Support Group (Fredonia)** 7-9 p.m. Call Vince at 673-3183.

♣ **May 27—Great Performances "Divas"** 9 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) & WNED (PBS-Buffalo/Ch. 17). Maria Callas, Joan Sutherland, Jessye Norman, Monserrat Caballe.

♣ **May 27—Still Here: An "Alive TV" Special** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) & WNED (PBS-Buffalo/Ch. 17) 10:00 p.m. Features "Still/Here," a dance about being alive and staying alive in the face of death. Choreographed by Bill T. Jones, a black gay man living with HIV. Repeats 5/28 2 p.m. on WNED)

♣ **May 28—HIV/AIDS Support Group Meeting: Topic "The Inner Play: Body, Mind & Spirit" Visualization by Sr. Mary Regis** Newcomers always welcome! Transportation if you need it. St. Mark's (secluded location). Info from Cheryl Weber at 825-1085.

♣ **June 1—Womynspace: Car Maintenance Demo & Picnic** "Hands-on tips for taking care of your car. We'll meet at Jackie and Mary Ann's place at around 3 p.m. Directions at May coffeehouse, or call Jackie for details (734-8752). *Cook-out* following demo. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided; bring your own drinks. Stay late for a *campfire*. *Tenting area* provided for overnight stay. THERE WILL BE NO GATHERING AT THE USUAL PLACE ON THIS DATE." For further info call Sal at 454-2713.

♣ **June 1—Saturday Night Feverfest with Village People, Alicia Bridges, Kool & the Gang (Pittsburgh)** Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater. Tickets at Ticketmaster.

♣ **June 2—AIDS Walk Buffalo** Walk through the beautiful Delaware district. Benefits AIDS Community Services of WNY. John from 10% Network will once again be taking the walk and welcomes pledges. If you would like to pledge through him, or participate in the walk yourself, call (716) 484-7285.

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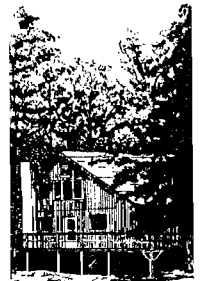


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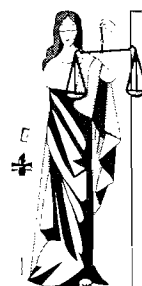


♣ **June 5—A Question of Equality: Outrage '69** WPSX (PBS-Penn State). 1st of 4-part series that examines the circumstances that sparked the formation of the modern movement for gay and lesbian civil rights. 11 p.m.
 ♣ **June 7-9—50's & 60's Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Costumes & music of the period. For more info, call (716)567-8100
 ♣ **June 8—Pride Erie '96 Picnic at Presque Isle** At Cabin 2 (across from Beach 6) on Presque Isle. 1 p.m. - sundown. We'll be providing some food and beverage and folks are asked to bring potluck, outdoor/board games and their friends and families. There will be an informational table and regional groups are invited to bring materials. Our straight friends are most definitely welcome. Because of Pennsylvania State law, alcoholic beverages are prohibited on State park grounds. There is no charge for attendance, but donations will be gratefully accepted. For more info call Greg at 833-3258.
 ♣ **June 8—Suzanne Westenhoeffer (Pittsburgh)** 7:30 p.m. Stephen Foster Mem. Theater in Oakland. \$20 gen. seating. Tickets (412) 363-5TNL, or in gay-friendly Pittsburgh stores.
 ♣ **Jun 11—HIV/AIDS Support Group Meeting: Topic "Dr. Christian Dudenhofer: Questions & Answers"** New-comers always welcome! St. Mark's (secluded location). Info from Cheryl Weber at 825-1085.
 ♣ **June 12—A Question of Equality: Culture Wars** WPSX (PBS-Penn State). Second of a four part series, 11 p.m. Weaves together three stories: the New York gay-bashing murder of Julio Rivera, the '92 presidential campaign fracas surrounding Marlon Riggs' *Tongues Untied*, and a behind-the-scenes look at Oregon's anti-gay measure, Ballot 9.
 ♣ **June 14—Chautauqua Co. Flag Day Fish Fry** 7 p.m. Call Vince (716) 673-3183 for reservations. BYOM.
 ♣ **Jun 14-16—Crafts Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Display & sale of crafts all weekend, Saturday night Karaoke, Classic cars all weekend, Sunday Car judging and Family day. Info (716)567-8100

♣ **June 14-16—Western NY Pride '96 (Buffalo)** *June 14 Pride Show* entertainment at Buffalo & Erie Co. Public Library, Lafayette Sq., 8 p.m. *June 15 Pride Parade* assemble noon at Red Cross step off 1p.m. over to Lafayette Square, then *Post Parade Party* at Lafayette Sq. Also an *Oral History* presentation with elders telling their stories. *Sunday June 16 Interfaith Service* (Unitarian Universalist Church W. Ferry & Elmwood, 11 a.m.) and *Family Picnic/ Softball* (Front park, Sun. afternoon, softball starts 11 a.m.). More details next month, in EGCN or in Buffalo's *QNews*. Info (716)883-4750.
 ♣ **June 15—10% Network: Pride Month Talent Show (Jamestown)** 7 p.m. at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. Info (716) 484-7285.
 ♣ **June 15—Renaissance City Men's and Women's Choirs (Pittsburgh)** Byham Theater. Info and reservations (412)
 ♣ **June 15—Cleveland Pride '96** Ninth St. Pier Park, north of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Rally 11 am, parade noon, festival 12:30-6 p.m. Details next in month's EGCN, or pick up copy of *Gay People's Chronicle* with Pride Supplement. (216) 371-9714.
 ♣ **June 15—North Coast Men's Chorus: "We Sing the Dream" (Cleveland)** 8pm Waetjen Aud. (216)473-8919.
 ♣ **June 16—Gay Day at Cedar Point (Sandusky OH)**
 ♣ **June 16—Classic Car Show: Family Day at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Info, call (716)567-8100
 ♣ **June 19—A Question of Equality: Hollow Liberty** WPSX (PBS-Penn State). Third of a four part series, 11 p.m. Sodomy statutes and "Don't ask, don't tell" ban on gays in the military.
 ♣ **June 22—Pittsburgh PrideFest '96** Info (412)422-3060. Details next month, also in Pittsburgh's *Planet Queer* and *Out*. March through Shadyside then to mainstage with singers, comics, poets, speakers, booths and tents.
 ♣ **June 24—Northern Chautauqua Co. Gay, Lesbian & Bi Support Group (Fredonia)** 7-9 p.m. Call Vince (716) 673-3183.
 ♣ **Jun 25—HIV/AIDS Support Group Meeting: Topic "Northwest Legal Services Q&A: Durable Power of At-**

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torney, Living Will" Newcomers welcome! St. Mark's (secluded location). Info Cheryl Weber at 825-1085.

☛ **June 26—A Question of Equality: Generation Q** WPSX (PBS-Penn State). Takes a look at gay and lesbian teens. Last of a four part series, 11 p.m.

☛ **June 30—Toronto Pride Day** Parade and festival. Pride Week itself runs June 24-30. Info (416)92-PRIDE. Events center around the Church Street area, south of Bloor and one block east of Yonge The community is at 519 Church. Reserve accommodations soon—over half a million expected for Pride Day! (Accommodations info 1-800-363-1990, or contact a travel agent).

☛ **June 30—Columbus Pride March and Gayfest** Assemble at Goodale Park. Info (614) 299-7764.

☛ **July 6—Womynspace Picnic** Details at June coffee-house. Note: there will be no Womynspace event in August. Info from Sal 454-2713.

Festivals and Conferences

☛ **June 8-16—Key West Gay Arts Festival 96** Info 1-800-535-7797 or <http://www.gayart.com/>

☛ **June 21-23—Sisters in a Strange Land: A Retreat for Christian Lesbians (SW Michigan)** Info (517) 855-2277 or Leaven, PO Box 23233, Lansing MI 48909.

☛ **June 28-30—Golden Threads Celebration (Provincetown)** For lesbians over 50 and their admirers. Info: GT Celebration, PO Box 131, N. Abington MA 02351.

☛ **July 5-7—Gaylaxicon VII-The 10th Anniversary (Boston)** "A science fiction, fantasy, and horror convention for lesbian, gay, bisexual people and their friends." Info The Gaylactic Network, PO Box 27, Brookline MA 02146 or LeoShay@aol.comDetails

Calendar listings are free and open to gay, lesbian, and bisexual events in our area.

Please try to have info to us by the 15th of the month. Written info is always *strongly* preferred!

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Repeating TV Programs

Fried Green Tomatoes (1991) Comedy-drama about a group of women friends. The book of the same name, on which this movie is based, had more lesbian sensibility to it. USA 5/9 8pm 5/12 3pm.

A Mother's Prayer (1995) USA 5/8 9pm 5/12 6pm 5/18 2pm. Linda Hamilton as a woman with AIDS trying to find someone to take care of her son when she's gone.

Myra Breckenridge (1970) Gore Vidal's trashy comedy about a man (Rex Reed) who becomes a woman (Raquel Welch). The Movie Channel 5/6 12:30am 5/13 9pm 5/22 3:25am 5/25 12:20am

Neat Stuff: Glittah and Glamah Among the segments: a private tour of the Liberace museum. Discovery 5/9 10pm, 1am, 5/12 2:30am.

Special Night With Elton John Disney 5/8 10pm, 5/20 12:30pm, 5/28 10pm

Women of the Night Comedy by Ellen Degeneres, Paula Poundstone, Judy Tenuta, and Rita Rudner. Lifetime 5/18 11pm, 5/25 1:30 am.

Women's Sports:

LPGA Golf: 5/5 CBS 2pm 5/12 CBS 3pm, 5/11 CBS 4pm, 5/26 ABC 3:30pm

Soccer: US v. China 5/18 ESPN noon.

Tennis: NCAA Women's Singles 5/28 ESPN 2:30 p.m.

Classified

Wanted to rent: Single mom wants to rent 2 bedroom place, pref. bigger. Small house would be perfect. I'm clean, don't smoke or party, have 2 well-behaved teens & 2 nice cats. Call Helen at 725-3445.

Thanks to the people who helped with the April issue of EGCN!

Many thanks to Danny, Christopher Sargent and Robert Joseph Matthew Tredway for helping us to collate the March issue of EGCN!

If you would like to volunteer, please give us a call at 456-9833. You needn't feel obligated to become a regular or even to stay from start to finish. Any help is always appreciated!

Travel Book Reviews

Hot! International/Gay: Love & Sex in 7 Languages, (Babelcom, \$12.50)

Reviewed by **Michael Mahler**

This book is a handy guide to words and phrases in six different languages (English, German, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian, and Czech) for a variety of situations. The format is really well thought-out: you can find the phrase and pronunciation for all 6 languages if you know any one, so this is really usable by non-English speakers as well.

It covers topics such as negotiating safer sex (a must no matter who or where you are!), dating, sex, compliments, problems, making up, health, emergencies and many others. The book deals with a wide variety of situations.

This is going to sound odd, but not only is the book well-done and useful, but it is also amusing. There's something just funny about seeing phrases as "Please remove the handcuffs" (which would be good to know before you have to use it!) in six languages. I don't think I have ever found a reference book so funny! So, even if you don't quite have the money for that trip to Europe yet, the book is still a fun read.

Oh yeah, they published *Hot! Spanish for guys and guys* last year and they plan on publishing *Hot! International/Lesbian* this spring.

Sold where gay books are sold, or contact them at Babelcom, Box 1209, New York NY 10113, Phone 800-692-2235 or 212-627-2074 or you can e-mail them at babelcom@aol.com or fax to 212-627-5209

Damron's Woman's Traveller 1996, (Damron, \$11.95)

Reviewed by **Lynne S.**

If you like to travel at all, the *Women's Traveller 1996*, a paperback guide by Damron, should be your first stop! It's available where lesbian and gay books are sold, and well worth the retail price of \$ 11.95.


Here's a really quick peek at it:

The cover this year looks like a paisley suitcase—very suitable for leaving "out" on the bookcase. First you'll find some sharp ads for clubs, cruises, calendars, magazines, events, the AIDS Memorial Quilt (in Washington, Oct. 11-13), "fun maps," Damron atlases & mail order. Then a brief description of how the guide works, and a request for you to submit a brief 'bio' of your local lesbian scene—to be included in the next edition. A short, fun letter from the editor and then a "National Resource" address/phone list. Next is an explanation of the guide codes and an *accurate* Table of Contents.

The bulk of the guide is an alphabetic by State listing (broken down by city/county) of: Information lines & services, accommodations, bars, bookstores & retail shops, travel & tour operators, spiritual groups, publications (like *EGCN* !!!), erotica, gay AA meetings, restaurants & cafes, gyms & health clubs.... it's GREAT!! Even though it's geared mainly to lesbians, there is a ton of valuable & helpful information for any traveler, gay or otherwise! There are biographies for the big cities—weather, events, attractions, transportation, even a "where the girls are" section! These are written by ladies that live there—so it's very accurate.

An "International" section has listings for Canada, the Caribbean, & Mexico. Then more information about the Damron company, next is a "Travel & Tours" section with camping & RV info, Tours & operators, monthly listings for events & festivals. Last, but surely not least, is a "Mail Order" section.

Interspersed are tasteful, very informative ads from listees. The overall quality of the printing and typesetting, etc. is fantastic—lots of information in a small, handy book—but really easy to use and read. All the listings and the ads have addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc—just a wealth of fantastic stuff for ladies looking for leisure. I'd love to tell you more, but I gotta go PACK!!! C'mon along!



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I miss the Sunday show at the Nite Spot. Have a drink for me there and at Sneakers. Long Island Tea.

I've lived in Rochester, N.Y. I miss Romans and the lost weekends there. I've lived in Boston, Rose, N.Y. and New York City.

I'm also a frustrated poet. Feel free to critique at will.

"Missing"

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Words as shimmery smooth as satin.
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I will reply to all. Mail is the one bright spot in an otherwise gray, even grim, gloomy day. Being sensitive and compassionate is not at all conducive to one's state of well-being in such a place. People are both crude and rude. That latter perhaps the most unkind cut of all.

I'm 6'2", 185 lb., blond (dirty, of course), blue eyes. B.A. Boston University, 1981. Worked as a counselor with autistic, blind, retarded, homicidal and suicidal. Certified by the Centers for Disease Control as an AIDS counselor in 50 states.

I promise only gay, happy, cheerful letters. I realize everyone says "Cons just want money and will try to con you." I don't want money. I might try to con you out of your panties, though. Do smile. Figure, he's locked up and somewhat mad.

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Soap deals with gay teens

On daytime TV's *All My Children*, teacher Mike Delaney is an out gay teacher. Lately he has been helping out a gay teen who came out at school. On the April 24 episode, the boy, who is head of the prom committee asked Mr. Delaney what to do about bringing someone to the prom. The student ruled out taking a girl, because everyone would know it's a sham. Mr. Delaney told him he could go with friends, and suggested the possibility that another young man might ask him. When the student groaned that being different in high school was rough, Mr. Delaney told him college is great, and that's why he should get to his studies.

School sued for not stopping harassment

A gay Wisconsin man is suing his school for their refusal to stop anti-gay violence against him. Between the 7th-11th grades, Jamie Nabozny was repeatedly attacked by students, with some violence requiring hospitalization. Nabozny's parents repeatedly tried to

get school officials to discipline the perpetrators of the violence, but they refused. Nabozny was awarded the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers' Network Pathfinder Award in March.

And another lawsuit...

Illinois—A second gay student has joined a \$1 million lawsuit that accuses Riverside-Brookfield High School officials and other students of anti-gay name-calling, physical abuse and threats. The suit was filed last year by a student known as "Mario Doe."

Mario Doe alleges that when he informed a school counselor that he was being harassed, the counselor told him to "learn karate for self-defense." He also claims that students pinched him, grabbed his genitals and threatened him. Mario Doe dropped out of school and filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

The second student, known as John Doe," claims that the same school counselor told his father John Doe was Gay, despite the fact that John Doe wanted that information kept confidential. He dropped out of school this year.

School officials say the suit is without merit

—from *just out*

Best Wishes Class of '96!

"If a student walks down the hallway and is called a 'nigger,' one would expect teachers and administrators to do something about it. It should also be the expectation if a student is harassed and called a 'faggot.' There's no difference—schools must be safe environments for everyone."

—Jack Bierwirth

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Local news - NW Pa

Mulholland comes out in Erie Sunday paper

Dave Mulholland was featured in the Election '96 Political Perspective of the April 21 *Sunday Times News*. Mulholland is a regional representative for LGLV-Erie.

The feature interviewed several individuals in the northwestern Pennsylvania area. A large photo of Mulholland showed him with a rainbow flag behind him and a framed photograph showing President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Under each of the photos were profiles of the people in the photos.

Mulholland's profile read:

Dave Mulholland, 33

Residence: Erie

Occupation: Automotive technician

Family: Single

Party: Democrat

Presidential candidate: Clinton

Issues: Gay and lesbian rights

Quote: "There is no legal recognition of same sex couples. We want the same responsibility as heterosexual couples. We want to be able to make decisions to take care of our partners."

Additional Issues: Health care, taxes and education

Within the text of the article itself, Mulholland discussed the importance of job security and marriage rights for gay and lesbian people. He said that he was supporting Clinton because, "He has done more for the gay-lesbian community than any other president in history."

Mulholland's profile and opinions were treated like all the others. In fact, the transition paragraph from his to the next voter's profile read, "While Clinton draws support from the gay community, he has yet to earn the backing of farmers."

Pride Erie Picnic '96

Saturday, June 8

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PFLAG-Erie starts newsletter

Erie's chapter of Parents Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) now has its own newsletter. The first issue was published for April, and a new one has just come out. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, you can contact Elaine Hill at 864-0184 or send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to Elaine Hill, 3024 Post Avenue, Erie PA 16508. You can also pick them up at the PFLAG meetings. They are also looking for places to distribute them, so if you would like to have some at your business, church, office, etc., contact PFLAG.

Speaker will address The Hidden Agenda of the Christian Coalition

"The Christian Coalition Unveiled: Understanding its Real Agenda" will be the topic discussed by visiting speaker Paula Xanthopoulou from "c.c. watch," a unique electronic news service that specializes in providing timely commentary and reporting on the Christian Coalition and Pat Robertson.

Ms. Xanthopoulou's talk is jointly sponsored by the Citizens Interfaith Council for Democracy, along with the Social Responsibility Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, the Social Action Committee of Temple Anshe Hese, LGLV and EGCN. The talk will take place at Temple Anshe Hese, 930 Liberty Street (W. 10th & Liberty Streets, Erie), on Sunday evening May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Paula Xanthopoulou brings a lifelong collection of skills, experience and political involvement to the creation of "c.c. watch," for which she serves as editor and publisher. As news editor of the Pacific Weekly while at the University of Pacific, she edited a ground-breaking supplement on the Vietnam War, wrote numerous investigative pieces, and earned the Charles O. Boren Award for outstanding senior journalist. Born and educated in California, Paula also lived and work for ten years at the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece. She has created, edited and written for four newsletters. "c.c. watch" was launched in March 1995, to provide the public with information they might otherwise never receive.

Paula X. will share her insights on the true agenda of the Christian Coalition, its Pennsylvania operations, and key related issues in this Presidential election year. She has expressed concern that the "Christian Coalition is a cleverly-crafted political operation which misappropriates the words 'Christian,' 'Catholic,' and 'pro-family'—and even co-opts our national heritage for its purposes." She characterizes the Christian Coalition as a "toproots organization" formed to further an "exclusive, intolerant, and undemocratic agenda." She will reveal critical cracks in its facade.

After speaking, Paula will entertain questions from the audience. The public is welcome.

LGLV billboard vandalized

As of this writing (April 25), we have received news that the LGLV billboard in Fairview has been vandalized. This is the billboard pictured on the cover of this issue, which is close to ground level.

We'll be able to provide more news in our next issue.

The billboards are discussed in an article on page 11 of this issue.

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Local News - Western NY

Buffalo Pride Motorcycle Club

A new organization has formed to help bring together lesbians, gay men, and bis who love motorcycling in western NY, northwest Pennsylvania, and southern Ontario. Buffalo Pride motorcycle Club developed after riders met at Pride parades who wanted to continue riding together throughout the season. The club is an openly gay group that welcomes any and all bikers who wish to ride and celebrate gay and human pride. In addition to attending Pride events, monthly weekend trips are planned, such as camping in Barcelona NY and Letchworth NY; staying at a cottage in Conesus Lake (in the Finger Lakes), and a five-day trip to the Rainbow Resort in the Poconos. Bikers interested in riding with Buffalo Pride are encouraged to contact Beth at (716) 526-7480 or Jim at (716) 497-0822.

Vision Committee update

The Vision Committee for building support and visibility for the Chautauqua County gay community has completed the project of creating and distributing brochures detailing groups and services available. The brochures have been distributed in libraries and to mental health and human service resources. Ads and announcements have been published in local newspapers. Funding for projects has been obtained, and two info-lines have been established: in Fredonia at (716) 679-3560 and in Jamestown (716) 484-8434. Attendance at Committee meetings has waned, and the April 1 meeting saw only one member, so work will be suspended until further

notice. Thanks to Judy, Chris, Patrick, Lloyd, Beth, and Beth for their time and energy.

Religion symposium in Buffalo

On June 2 from 1-5 p.m., at Hallwalls, the Buffalo/Niagara chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Friends, & Families of Lesbians and Gays) will present *A Symposium on Religion and Gay Lives*. Three consecutive panels will address the topics of "The Search for a Religious Home," "On the Issue of Marriage," and "The Power of Words." This last panel will discuss distortions in print and video by religious extremists, statistics on teen suicide rates, gay bashing, homophobia in the schools, and will show the Project Open Mind videos. Related videos will run continuously throughout the entire afternoon in the gallery foyer. Hallwalls is at 2495 Main St. in Buffalo. Suggested donation \$4, \$3 students and seniors. For more information call Hallwalls (716) 835-7362 or PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara (716) 883-0384.

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HIV/AIDS News

NW PA

Wanted: input from HIV-infected/ affected

by Rebecca

The HIV/AIDS Service Network of Erie County is inviting all HIV-infected and -affected persons to attend an open meeting on May 15, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Cathedral, in effort to plan for a public forum to take place in the fall. This forum will be aiming at waking the Erie community up to the effect of HIV and AIDS on the Erie community at large, and the discrimination being faced daily by those infected and affected persons. For more info call Sue B. Kuebler at 452-3779.

NW Pa Rural AIDS Alliance fundraisers

by Rachel from NW Pa Rural AIDS Alliance

The Northwest Pennsylvania Rural AIDS Alliance has various items available to the public for a donation. All donations are used to provide services to persons infected with HIV and AIDS in northwest Pennsylvania. Items available are as follows:

- limited edition Mary Hamilton prints entitled, "The Photo Album" for a donation of \$125.
- limited edition Sally Winey teddy bears for a donation of \$25.
- authentic handmade Indian Dream Catchers for a donation of \$5.

Please feel free to stop at either the Erie office located at 1001 State Street, Suite #808 in the Baldwin Building in Erie. PA or B-3 Wilkinson Hall in Clarion, PA to personally view this unique collection of original work. To reach the offices by phone call 800-400-2437 (Erie) or 800-359-2437 (Clarion).

To submit panel for October AIDS Quilt display in DC...

All memorial panels received by May 31 will be shown at the complete display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington October 11-13.

For information call NAMES Project: 415-882-5500.

Western NY

Free publication for people with HIV/ AIDS

AIDS Community Services of Western New York has launched a monthly publication for people living with HIV and AIDS. *Positive Living*, published by the agency's Division of Community Relations, features a wide range of current treatments while promoting the importance of healthy eating and psychological wellness.

"We started the publication because we understand how challenging it is for people with HIV to find current treatment information," says Editor John Miller, Director Prevention Education. "*Positive Living* links readers to a wealth of timely news from a variety of reputable clinical sources. We publish information on newly approved drugs by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), how to access services through the Internet and how to subscribe to national publications."

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Sex news

Unprotected oral sex is lower risk, says medical group

It's been a controversial subject for years. And now the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, in a statement issued March 19, says that male-male oral sex should be considered a low-risk sexual activity.

The international 1,800-member organization, whose members are physicians and medical students, says that while there have been cases of transmission during oral sex, there are only a few. They call for an emphasis on unprotected anal intercourse.

"Prevention education must consistently acknowledge the essential importance of sexual intimacy for gay men," says GLMA Policy Committee Chair Alvin Novick, M.D.. "Rather than attempting to impose an unrealistic zero-risk standard on all people, our prevention efforts should focus on reducing risk overall by helping each individual learn how to maximize fulfillment and minimize risk...Pushing condom usage for oral sex may actually be counterproductive in some cases. It may make some people feel that they have so few options that they don't want to use condoms, period."

The GLMA statement does not mean they are opposed to the use of condoms for male-male oral sex. The statement points out that oral sex without ejaculation and using condoms during oral sex does reduce risk of HIV transmission. It also encourages safer sex programs to try projects that eroticize oral sex with condoms, and it calls for more research on the risks of oral sex.

A number of HIV/AIDS educators and agencies have expressed concern over the GLMA statement.

(You can contact the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association at 273 Church St., San Francisco CA 94114. 415-255-4547)

Hot and healthy column

Pittsburgh's *Out* is now carrying a new column called "Revealed and Steamed" by Scott O'Hara. O'Hara used to edit the now-defunct *Steam* magazine, which emphasized wild but safer sex. Look for his column in *Out*'s "Section X."

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Elders visit; AIDS invisibility

by DonPaul Lucas

Former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders spoke at Edinboro University on April 3, 1996. She proved to be as outspoken as ever.

Dr. Elders was asked to resign her position after a remark made about masturbation being a part of normal human sexuality. Conservatives accused her of wanting to teach masturbation as a part of health education in schools.

"Well, anybody with any sense would know that nobody needs to teach anybody how to masturbate," she said.

She also pointed out the need for health education. Stating that 45% of sixth graders think there is more fat in watermelon than in cheese, Elders said, "Not sex education, health education."

Giving the figure of 1 out of every 33 high school students in Washington DC as already being HIV positive, she called for the need to be open and honest with our young people. "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care!"

"I feel that the women of America should stand up for their reproduction rights," she contended. "We need to make sure every child born in the United States is a wanted child."

"If we would stop trying to legislate morals and start trying to prevent unwanted, unplanned pregnancies, we would be a lot further down the road. Abortion is an issue between a woman her doctor and her God."

I wonder

"The basic difference between a warrior and an ordinary man is the warrior sees everything as a challenge, whereas the ordinary man sees everything as good or bad."

Don Juan Matisse

It seemed like good news. Four of the blood companies were offering a \$600,000 settlement to the hemophilia community who were infected through the use of clotting factor during the early 1980's. *USA Today* reported that this was the largest product liability in U.S. history.

I excitedly watched the evening news to get more information. One hour of WSEE-TV news...nothing. One half hour of *CBS Evening News*...nothing. Most of both newscasts dealt with the Oklahoma City bombing anniversary.

I was as moved as anybody by the photographs that came out of Oklahoma one year ago. I cried when I saw the front page picture of the fireman carrying the baby. My heart went out to the families of the 168 people who were brutally murdered. But I wondered, what about the families of the 242 hemophiliacs who have died of AIDS since January 1 of this year? Combine that with the 3,000 plus who have died previously and I wonder, where are the stories, where is the sorrow, where is the outrage?

Then I started thinking...What about all those who died of AIDS? Nationwide, 43,000 people died of AIDS in 1994. *USA Today* had a story on automobile fatalities over the last five years. During 1994, 40,000 people died in auto accidents. Almost daily reports about fatal car crashes, yet those who die of AIDS go unnoticed. Except by their families and friends.

I wonder, has the discrimination, fear and hatred of the early days of this epidemic turned into a more subtle form of discrimination—apathy? Has the HIV/AIDS community become non-persons, non-entities, therefore nonexistent? Has our desire for confidentiality to insure non-discrimination relegated us to a position of non-being? How many Pedro Zamoras, Ryan Whites, and Elizabeth Glasers have to die to make people realize this is really happening? How many Greg Louganis' Mary Fishers, Magic Johnsons do we need to speak out to make people realize there are so many living with HIV infection.

Since 1981, over 330,000 people have died, five times the number of Americans killed in the Vietnam conflict. The challenge is: How do we get people to understand the reality of HIV? Until next time.

Safe journey,
DonPaul Lucas

Entertainment Notes

Film & Video

Although there has been a lot of criticism of **The Birdcage** for its "stereotypical portrayals" of gay men, one has to admit there's something important going on when ads for the movie are referring to it as "America's favorite family."

New at **The Movie Stop**: **Last Call at Maude's** (documentary about the longest-running lesbian bar in San Francisco), **Heaven's a Drag** (sort of a gay *Ghost*), **The Heidi Chronicles** (follows the lives of a group of baby-boomers), **Home for the Holidays** (Thanksgiving comedy with a gay sensibility), and **Dr. Jekyll and Ms. Hyde** (gender-bending retelling of the classic).

Awards

The **Topp Twins**, an lesbian duo from Australia, won two American Old-Time Country Music Awards. They came in first in the International Country Comedy act section and second in the Swiss Yodeling category.

The winners of the **7th Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation** were announced in March. The winners were: TV series: **NYPD Blue**. TV Film: **Serving in Silence: the Margarethe Cammermeyer Story**. Daytime Show: **All My Children**. TV Documentary: **A Question of Equality**, 4-part PBS series. Studio Film: **Boys on the Side**. Independent Film: **The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love**. Documentary: **Ballot Measure 9**. Outstanding Song: **Jill Sobule** for "I Kissed a Girl." Magazine Articles: **Glamour** received awards for two articles (one about a lesbian mom, the other about three women who fought against anti-gay legislation in Cobb County GA). Excellence in Media: **Barbara Walters**. The Vito Russo Award went, not surprisingly, to **Celluloid Closet**.

Television

A few months ago, **Roseanne** said her season finale would involve one of the characters on her show coming out. The season finale should happen in May, so watch your listings if you're intrigued.

If you think you'd like a cross between Hogan's Heroes and Monty Python, you might catch the silly British comedy **'Allo, 'Allo**, which airs on WQLN (PBS-

Erie Ch. 54) 11 p.m. weeknights. It revolves around the Resistance Movement, and features a gay Nazi lieutenant (**Guy Siner**).

One doesn't have to be a couch potato to get into our TV notices and listings. **Lynne S.**, busy woman and writer extraordinaire, tells us she tapes shows and then has something interesting to watch or listen to while she's ironing or doing other chores.

Theater

Cleveland Public Theater will present **The Baddest of Boys**, described as an "outrageous and cynical look at the second wave of AIDS." (That is, how it's affecting younger people.) From June 7-12. For info and reservations call (216)631-2727.

Music

You might want to make a note: **Mary Chapin Carpenter** and **Trisha Yearwood** will be appearing in Hamburg NY (at the Erie Co. NY Fair). Concert date is August 14, and tickets are available from Ticketmaster. **k.d. lang** will be in Pittsburgh August 23 at the State Amphitheater. **Joan Armatrading** will be at Cain Park July 1, and **Alanis Morissette** will be at Coca-Cola Star Lake Amph. August 27 and Blossom Music Center in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Sept. 7.

Travel

Motorcycle enthusiasts, check out the article on Buffalo motorcycle pride in the Local news WNY and the listing in the calendar (May 19).



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National/World

No Olympics in homophobic Cobb Co.

WASHINGTON, April 19—Cobb County, Georgia made news in 1993 when it passed an anti-gay resolution. When preliminary volleyball games were scheduled for Cobb County, a group of gay activists (Olympics Out of Cobb County) and the NGLTF, pressured the Olympic committee to move the events, which it did. When it was announced that the Torch Relay would run through the country, pressure was again brought to bear and the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games re-routed the relay, citing the county's anti-gay resolution.

Conservative Christian politician caught with prostitute

Florida state Rep. Marvin Couch (R-Oveido), was charged with having sex with a prostitute. Couch, a supporter of the religious right who received a perfect rating from the state's Christian Coalition, paid \$22 for the prostitute to perform oral sex on him. He has stated he will not seek reelection.

Netherlands offers international gay support

The government of the Netherlands will fund gay civil rights organizations in developing nations. In announcing their plans, the government said that gay and lesbian rights are human rights.

Obituary

Perry Watkins, first openly-gay person man to challenge the military ban on gays, died March 17 of AIDS complications. He was 48. After serving with distinction in the Army for 16 years, he was not allowed to reenlist in 1984. A court ruling in 1989 allowed him to reenlist, but he decided not to go back, instead accepting a settlement, with honorable discharge, and retroactive promotion. Watkins' case was written about in Randy Shilts' *Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military*.

Groups & Organizations

10% Network and Social Group (Chautauqua County)

Meets 3rd Saturday of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol. Call John at (716) 484-8434.

AIDS Bereavement Support Group

Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. For families, partners, spouses, friends & caregivers with loved ones/friends who have died with AIDS. Cofacilitated by The Rev. Canon F. Kay Johnson and Sue Kuebler. Meets 1st and 3rd Tues, 8 - 9:30 pm. Safe & confidential Call Kay Johnson at the Cathedral Ofc, (814) 452-3779

Bridges

Community building, also publishes *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* and sponsors community events. Write to Bridges, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-0063. Call (814) 456-9833. Email to egcn@ncinter.net or fax to (814) 452-1392.

Chautauqua County Gay Lesbian & Bi Community Svcs
Works to increase visibility & support for lesbigay citizens in Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 1st Mon of month at 7 pm. 716-484-8434 or 679-3560

Chautauqua North County Support Grp (NY)

Support for lesbigays in northern half of county. Meets 4th Mon 7 - 9 pm, also fish fry 2nd Friday of the month. Call Vince 716-6733183 or N County Infoline 716-679-3560

Closet Culture

Focuses on social activities. Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 10274, Erie PA 16514-0274. Email to j586113s@edinboro.edu

Comte in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People

A committee of students, faculty, & administrators who work together to educate, bring speakers, offer films, and address concerns that relate to gay and lesbian issues specific to the Allegheny Community. Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. Call Paula at (814) 332-4356 or Erny at 332-4375. Email to Roy Cerise at csglbp@alleg.edu

Erie Sisters

Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter, Meetings in even numbered months are social events held at accepting establishments. Interview with a club officer required before 1st mtg. Write: Erie Sisters, 2115 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505.

Friends from the Heart

Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call Deb Monohon at (814) 838-0123 to see how you can help. Donations *greatly* appreciated.

Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International

Erie Chapter of GLPCI now forming. Support, advocacy, and education for gay and lesbian parents and their families. All parents interested, please call 814-868-0069 for information or email glpcerie@aol.com

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of St. Paul Cathedral

Call (814) 452-3779.

Identity

Student group for lesbigay & allies at Edinboro University. Meets every Wed at 8:30 pm in Hendricks Hall, Rm 125. Social activities (♫). Call Christie Hudson at 732-3779 or Dr. Dave Herendeen at 732-2555. Email to Christie at C602897H@edinboro.edu or write to Identity, c/o Dr. Herendeen, Edinboro University, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440

Informal Lesbigay Student Group of Erie

Now forming. Email to ILSGErie@aol.com

Integrity

A Christian-based spiritual and support group, sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths. Write to Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 1782, Erie, PA, 16507-1782. (814)774-0903.

JCC Support Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group

Peer counseling & support attempting to live fulfilling, open, integrated lives as lesbian people in W NY & NY PA. Open to college & non-college people. Meeting date, time & place vary. Contact: Greg Rabb. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020 or call (716)665-5220 ext 204 or 664-9174. Email to Greg at rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunycc.edu.

Lambda Group AA

Alcoholics Anon. for Lesbians. Closed discussion. Meets Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Open to all Lesbians who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone. For more info call 452-2675 ☎

League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV)

Nonpartisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for elections, voter registration/education, lobbying, advocacy. Meets first Sun. Call Greg at (814) 833-3258. Call before faxing to (814)833-3258.. Write to LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. Email to kidithart@aol.com

Menspace

Meets once a month. Call (814) 835-6712 for info.

P F L A G

Support group for Parents & Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals & Transgendered. **Erie PA:** Meets last Sun of month. Call Elaine at (814) 864-0184 or Write to PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508. **DuBois PA:** Meets 7 pm on 2nd Tues of month. Call Jack & Karen Kressley at (814) 371-8962 or write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 **New Castle PA:** Meets 7-9 pm on 3rd Thurs of month at Human Svcs Ctr, 130 West North St, New Castle. Call Lois Skuta at (412)652-6893 **Jamestown NY:** Meets last Tues of the month, call for site. (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529. **Ashtabula OH:** (216)964-3350

Pitt-Bradford/BiGALA

Support group for students. Meetings are Fridays from 12 noon. Call Melanie Ostrowski at (814)398-9119 or write to: University of Pitt Bradford BiGALA, Attn.: Director of Student Activities, 300 Campus Drive / 235 Commons, Bradford, PA 16701 email to mhost4@vms.cis.pitt.edu.

Rainbow Connection (Warren, PA area)

Support group, social group, activism, gay rights advocates, AIDS education & support for Warren, PA and surrounding area. Meets once a month. Call for meeting info. Fred Adams or Marshall Snyder at (814) 726-1808 or write to 220 Onandaga Avenue, Warren PA 16365.

Rainbow Families

Support group for gay & lesbian parents in Chautauqua County & neighboring counties and a play group for their kids. Call Judy at (716)366-1453 or Patrick at 881-1878. Write to: PO Box 254; Fredonia NY 14063

SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD

A support group for students at SUNY Fredonia. (716)673-3424

Support Groups for Persons with HIV/AIDS

Open to people of all faiths. *Meetings:* 2nd & 4th Tues 7:30-9:30 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. Fax to (814)825-1075. For more info, call Cheryl Weber at 814-452-6113 or 825-1075 ☎

Trigon

Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. For more info, call Al & Ginny at (814)825-8211 or Sue Daley (814)898-6164. or write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563. Email to Ginny at vls121@email.psu.edu or Al at alr126@email.psu.edu

Venango-Forest AIDS Support

Meets Tues at 6:30 pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 16 Center Avenue, Oil City, PA For more info, call 800-359-2437

Womynspace Coffeeshouse

An alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. Meet 1st Sat. at 7:30 pm. at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie. Contact Sally at (814)454-2713.

E-Mail

Now you can get vital information for EGCN through the Internet! To get on your emailing list, all you have to do is send an email message with a subject of "Subscribe to Mailing List" to us (egcn@ncinter.net). If you hear of an event, please also send it to that address and include a first line of "Publish EMAIL". We'll take it from there.

The Web Site is back! We have the Calendar of Events, Latebreaking News and pointers to area lesbian resources and web searchers. We're your one stop for info. The Web Site address is:

<http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

If your group has an email contact address or a Web page, please let us know so we can include it. We want everyone to be included.

Thanks for your help!

E-Mail Addresses

CSSLBP/Allegheny College..... jgolden@alleg.edu
Chautauqua Cty NY Groups courtney@fredonia.edu
Closet Culture j586113s@edinboro.edu
EGCN/Bridges egn@ncinter.net
GLPCI-Erie glpcierie@aol.com
Identity C602897H@edinboro.edu
Informal Lesbian Students of Erie
..... ILSGErie@aol.com
Jamestown Community College Group
..... rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunycc.edu
LGLV-Erie kidithart@aol.com
Pitt/Bradford-BiGALA mhost4@vms.cis.pitt.edu
Trigon vls121@email.psu.edu
..... or alr126@email.psu.edu

HIV/AIDS Directory

AIDS Organizations & Services:

National

AIDS Factline 1-800-324-AIDS
National AIDS Hotline 1-800-662-6080
Spanish AIDS Hotline 1-800-344-7432

Ashtabula OH/Ashtabula County

HIV+ Support Group (216)350-2554

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

AIDS Community Services (716)664-7855

Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Debbie Miller (800)359-AIDS

Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition 337-3241

HIV+ Support Grps Rosemary Buzzard at 333-5800

Erie PA/Erie County

☛ Case Manager - Deb Monohon 838-0123

☛ Case Manager - Mary Richardson 456-8849

☛ Case Manager - Cheryl Weber 825-1085

☛ St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group

..... Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113

☛ AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233

☛ AIDS Network Information 451-6700

☛ Friends from the Heart (Direct Client Services)

..... 838-0123

☛ HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cathedral of St.

Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779

☛ NW. PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie office) ... 456-

8849 or 1(800)400-AIDS

☛ Well Being HIV+ Support Group 838-0123

Venango/Forest County

Venango-Forest AIDS Support 1-800-359-2437

Case Manager - Debbie Miller (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

☛ Case Manager - Deb Monohon 838-0123

☛ Case Manager - Tami Shilling 1(800)359-AIDS or

(814)226-2743

HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Programs (free):

The following locations offer free, confidential counseling, testing, and referral.

☛ (Corry) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 663-3891

☛ (Erie) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 451-6700

☛ (Erie) Hispanic American Council 451-6700

☛ (Erie) MHEDS 453-6229 or 453-4728

Jamestown or Buffalo (716)847-4520

Meadville PA (814)332-6947

Pittsburgh (412)578-8332

Sharon PA (412)983-5150

Youngstown OH (216)747-4805

Anonymous Sites:

(Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30)

..... (216)992-5953

Painesville OH (216)354-AIDS

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (412)242-2500

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Area Bars & Places

Ashtabula

Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St. Open 7 days, 7 p.m. - 2:30 am, food til 1:30 am. (216)964-9935. Fri & Sat - \$1 cover, half goes into 50-50 drawn at end of night, other half goes to person taking cover. AIDS Food Pantry collection site.

Erie & Edinboro

Cup-a-Ccino's, 18 North Park Row. Mon-Wed 7:30 am - 11 pm, Thurs-Fri. 7:30 am - 12 mid., Sat 9 am-midnight. 456-1511. A gay-friendly coffeehouse. Nonsmoking section, retail store. Poetry and story nights on alternating Thursdays, live music most Saturdays, some Fridays. Wheelchair accessible. Bike rack for cyclists.

The Embers, 1711 State St. 454-9171. Open Mon-Sat 8 pm - 2 am. Live DJ music Wed thru Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Pool table.

Lizzie Bordon's Part II, 3412 West 12th. 833-4059. Open Mon-Sat. 9pm-2am. DJ Music: Wed-Country Line Dancing. Fri & Sat-90's Dance Music. Shows on some Fridays.

Jamestown & Southwest NY

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown. Open Tues-Sun 7 pm - 2 am. Closed Mon. DJ Fri & Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Sun. Drag show, DJ after 9:30 pm, no cover. Nitely specials.

Rocking Duck Inn, 28 Genesee Parkway, Cuba NY. Near Olean, 100 miles from Erie. Gay-owned Bed & Breakfast. Call (716)968-3335 for more info.

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown. (716)484-8816. Open Tues.-Sun. 2 pm to 2 am. DJ Fri and Sat 10-2.

Community Directory

24 Hour Counseling:

Erie Hotline 453-5656 or (800) 628-0190
 Saint Vincent 452-5151
 Family Crisis 456-2014
 Hamot 877-6136

Community-Building Organizations:

Bridges 456-9833
 Chautauqua GLB Svcs 716-484-8434 or 679-3560

Counseling:

Deb Monohon 838-0123
 Chautauqua Co. Gay Infoline (716)679-3560
 Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971
 Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
 Great Lakes Counseling-Ashtabula (216)992-5995
 Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
 Family Medical (Warren PA) 726-3310
 Financial Advice:

Justine R Raker (814)454-5856 or (216)593-6431

Funding and Fund-raising:

Lambda Foundation. P.O. Box 5169, PGH PA 15206
 (412)521-5444

Imperial Court 266 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo NY

Health:

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833
 Patrick McNamara, Licensed Massage Therapist
 716-595-3801

Legal:

David Baxter, Esq. 774-4163
 Solymosi Law Offices, PC 452-4473
 John Cooper, Esq. 455-3436

Political/Advocacy Organizations:

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 833-3258

Publications:

Erie Gay Community Newsletter 456-9833

Religious Organizations:

Commitment Vows Terry Kime at 864-9300
 Integrity 774-0903
 Integrity Chaplain Rev. Kay Johnson 452-3779
 Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie 864-9300

Social Organizations:

Menspace Larry at 835-6712
 10% Network (716)484-8434 or 664-5556
 Womynspace Coffeehouse Sal at 454-2713
 Rainbow Connection ... Fred or Marshall at 726-1808

Student Organizations/Youth:

Cmte. in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People
 (Allegheny College, Meadville) 332-4368
 Closet Culture *Mail to PO Box 10274, Erie PA 16514*

Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999
 Gay & Lesbian Youth of Buffalo (716)855-0221
 Identity 732-3779 or 398-8005 or 732-2555
 Jamestown Comm. College Grp .. (716)665-5220 ext
 204 or 664-9174

National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-621-4000
 North County Support Group (716)679-3430
 Pitt-Bradford BiGALA 362-7694
 SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD (716)673-3424
 Teen Hotline (412)771-8336
 Trigon (Penn State Behrend) . 825-8211 or 898-6164

Support Groups

Rainbow Families (716)366-4153 or 881-1878
 EAGLES (Gay/Lesbian Elders) (716)882-2959
 GLPCI (Lesbigay parents) 814-868-0069
 Erie Sisters 2115 W. 8th # 261, Erie, PA 16505
 Lambda Group—Gay AA 452-2675
Every Sun, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Univ. Congreg of Erie.

PFLAG-Ashtabula OH (216)964-3350
 PFLAG-DuBois PA Karen or John at 371-8962
 PFLAG-Erie Elaine 864-0184
 PFLAG-Jamestown (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529
 PFLAG-New Castle PA Lois at (412)652-6893

Violence and Abuse:

24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,
 women and men) (814)726-1030
 Erie Hospitality House (Domestic abuse, women and
 men) (814)454-8161
 Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence
 (Domestic abuse, women and men) Daytime
 (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.
 Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties 24
 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,
 women and men) 800-338-3460 or (814)726-1030

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