

Calendar

☛ **Nov 4—Not in Our Town** WNED (PBS-Buffalo/Ch. 17) A solution-oriented story about the residents of Billings, Montana who stood together for their neighbors under attack by a white supremacist hate group. 10:30 p.m.

☛ **Nov 5—Improv.** with Lea DeLaria. A&E. Check listings for time.

☛ **Nov 5—Election Night '96 on Comedy Central** 6pm-4am

Nov 6—Mercyhurst Film: When Night is Falling (1995) At Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Ctr, Mercyhurst College. Discussion 7:15, film 7:30 p.m. Gen. admission \$3. Camille is a professor at a Protestant college, engaged to Martin. She meets Petra, a flamboyant circus performer, at the laundromat. The two become friends, and Camille falls hard for Petra. Her long-repressed desires come rushing forth in a powerfully erotic lovemaking scene.

Nov 9—Laura at Cup-A-Ccino's 18 N. Park Row. 9 p.m.-midnight.

☛ **Nov 9—Menspace meets** 7:30 pm. For information and location, call Michael at 456-9833 or Larry at 835-6712.

☛ **Nov 9—Dog Day Afternoon (1975)** WGN 3am.

☛ **Nov 10—Friends from the Heart Murder Mystery Dinner** See story in Entertainment Notes, p. 8

☛ **Nov 10—Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994)** ABC 9pm Heterosexual romantic comedy, which features a gay couple as the most healthy relationship among a group straight friends.

☛ **Nov 10—Luscious Jackson in concert (Pittsburgh)** At Metropol 412-261-2232

☛ **Nov 10—Melissa Etheridge on VHI Storytellers** On VH1 at 10 p.m.

☛ **Nov 10—Metamorphosis—Man into Woman** The Learning Channel 1 p.m. Watch as a transsexual named Gary becomes a woman named Gabi.

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The *Erie Gay Community News* is published monthly as a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and their friends & families in the Erie area.

Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month! We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments and opinions of interest to the Erie and surrounding area's LesBiGay community for publication in these pages.

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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!*

Calendar

☛ **Nov 11—Sex in the '90s Part IX** On MTV 10:30 p.m. On relationships; features a lesbian couple.

☛ **Nov 12—HIV/AIDS Support Group** Info: Cheryl at 825-1085.

☛ **Nov 12—Saturday Night Live** Roseanne, Dee Lite, plus "Pat" in the office. Comedy Central at 3 p.m., midnight.

☛ **Nov 13—Sandplay Open house** 7-9 pm at 3205 W 26th St Suite B. Visit the sandplay room and learn about sandplay therapy with adults and adolescents. RSVP to Chris at 836-9622 with number attending would be appreciated, but there is no charge.

☛ **Nov 14—Luscious Jackson in concert (Cleveland)** Odeon Concert Club 216-574-2525

☛ **Nov 15—HIV Prevention Awareness Workshop "Females and Children: In the Wake Of Infection"** Open to staff of transitional Living Centers, students in parenting classes and females. 8:00 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by Erie Co. Department of Health-HIV/AIDS Training. For reservations call 451-6727.

☛ **Nov 16—10% Network: Potluck & Auction** "The auction will raise money for our expenses, such as postage, rent,

phone bills, etc. So start looking for items to donate. Our auctions for AIDS Community Services have been fun and successful in the past and so we hope we can raise some much-needed funds for our operating expenses." For info: John at (716)484-7285.

☛ **Sat Nov 16—BETTY in concert (Buffalo)** 8 p.m. Marquee at the Tralf, (100 Theatre Place). Info/res. 716-852-0522

☛ **Nov 16 & 20—Film: Antonia's Line (Warren)** Library Theatre, 302 Third Ave. West. 11/16 at 8 p.m., 11/13 at 7:30 p.m. (814)723-7231. For description, see "Entertainment Notes."

☛ **Nov 17—Fourth Annual Miss Tri-State Pageant (Pittsburgh)** Open to female impersonators across the country. Dinner & pageant \$30 (purchase before 11/10), pageant only \$10 adv., \$15 door. Cash bar. Tickets/info (412)241-2329.

☛ **Nov 18—Erie's Premier "18 and Over Party" at Lizzy Bordon's** Presented by Behrend College's Trigon and Lizzy Bordon's. People 18-20 will be able to get into Lizzy's on this night (but you must bring photo ID); EVERYBODY (of all ages) is welcome. Details on page 7.



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☛ **Nov 19—Film: *The Times of Harvey Milk (1984)*** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) 10 p.m. Powerful, Academy Award-winning documentary about Harvey Milk, a San Francisco camera store owner from the Castro District who became the country's first openly gay elected official. The film is set in 1970's San Francisco, and offers a lot of the flavor of what was going on in the city at that time.

☛ **Nov 21—Melissa Etheridge on *Sesame Street*** Doing "What the Letter U Does" to *Like the Way I Do*. On PBS (Check your local listings).

☛ **Nov 22 & 23—Roadhouse ExDRAGAvanza #4** "Female and male impersonators galore in this 4th installment of the Roadhouse's hit series. Showtime 8 p.m. with reception to follow. BYOB. Interested performers should call Bobbi B. at 454-2522 (evenings) to set up auditions." For tickets call the Roadhouse box office at 456-5656.

☛ **Nov 22-24—Chevrei Tikva Bnai Mitzvah Celebration (Cleveland)** Shabbat evening, Oneg Shabbat following services, Shabbat Morning, Bnai Mitzvah, Kiddush, Gala Dinner Dance (black tie optional) Sunday Morning service, Brunch Info (216)932-5551.

☛ **Nov 22 & 26—Film: *Antonia's Line (Jamestown NY)*** At the Center, 116 E. 3rd. Info (716)484-7070 For description, see "Entertainment Notes."

☛ **Nov 23—Women's Holiday Mart (Cleveland)** Lesbian and feminist vendors, musical entertainment, non-profit organization tables, raffle, plus the Butch Bakery and the Lesbian Lunch. This is a fund-raiser for Cleveland's women's publication *What She Wants*, and will be held at Rachel Davis Fine Arts, 12624 Larchmere Blvd. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: Heather at (216) 397-0104.

☛ **Nov 24—PFLAG-Erie: Erie's Gay Roots Forum** "Yes Virginia, there have been gay people in Erie for a very long time and they have made significant contributions to the community." In examining Erie's Gay Roots, we will have a panel of local gay people who will give us an overview of gay history in Erie. As always, refreshments and small group discussion. The meeting is at 2:00 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184 for more info." (Note: this topic was changed from an October date to November).

***Nov 25—Northern Chautauqua Co. GLBT Support Group (Fredonia)** Garland Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church, Day St. Ample parking in rear. Please use side entrance facing the post office. 7-9 p.m. Info Vince Courtney (716)673-3183 or courtney@fredonia.edu Info: Sharon at (216)964-3350.

☛ **Nov 26—HIV/AIDS Support Group** Info: Cheryl at 825-1085.

☛ **Nov 28—Thanksgiving: Buddies 8th Annual Senior Citizen Dinner (Buffalo)** Traditional dinner, cocktails, live entertainment, bingo and raffles. If you want to attend make reservation early. 31 Johnson Park. Donations and volunteer help appreciated. Info (716) 855-1313.

☛ **Nov 29—PFLAG-Ashtabula Meeting** Info: Sharon at (216)964-3350.

☛ **Nov 29-Dec. 1—Soap Marathon** Comedy Central noon to 7 p.m. (episodes 13-26)


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☛ **Nov 29—Fame (1980)** 1am, Encore. Set at a performing arts school.

☛ **Nov 30—The Embers: Coco Vega and Michelle Michaels perform** Show starts at 11:30 pm at Embers, 1711 State.

☛ **Nov 30—Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars** VH1 7p.m. From the tour that made David Bowie a pioneer in "glam rock".

☛ **Dec 1—World AIDS Day** (Various events in the area, see page 10).

☛ **Dec 3—"Completing the Circle: Women In the Age of HIV/AIDS (Edinboro)** Registration deadline November 20. Nick's Place. See HIV/AIDS News for details or call NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance 1-800-400-AIDS

☛ **Dec 7—Womynspace: Mistletoe Mixer** For info call Sal at 454-2713. "DJ Karen will be spinning tunes from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s...if you have a song you'd like to dance to, bring it along! (CD or vinyl, no cassettes please.)"

☛ **Dec 7—The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)** Comedy Central 4 p.m., midnight.

☛ **Dec 13—HIV Prevention Awareness Workshop "Generation X: HIV and Risk Reduction"** Open to males ages 13 to 25 years. Sponsored by Erie Co. Department of Health-HIV/AIDS Training For reservations call 451-6727. 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

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☛ **Dec 14—North Coast Rainbow Families: Sledding and Christmas Tree Museum** bring the kids out for a winter wonderland of fun! Call Christopher at 814-868-0069 for more info or Patrick at 716-679-3430

☛ **Dec 14—Renaissance City Choirs Holiday Concert (Pittsburgh)** 8 p.m. at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Info and res. 412-471-8208.

☛ **Dec 18—Mercyhurst Film: I Shot Andy Warhol** Based on the bizarre life of Valerie Solanas, a lesbian who had no use for lesbians, and thought married women and all men were degenerates. She gained notoriety in 1968, after shooting celebrated artist Andy Warhol and writing the SCUM Manifesto (Society for Cutting Up Men). This film recreates the 1960s Warhol milieu where Solanas was a hanger-on. At Mercyhurst College's Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center. Gen. Admission \$3, Discussion 7:15 p.m., film 7:30 p.m. Info (814)824-3000.

Festivals & Conferences

☛ **Nov 21-24—The International Network of Lesbian & Gay Officials: 12th Annual Conference (West Hollywood CA)** Info: contact Richard Ryan at 213-848-6460

☛ **March 27-30 (Easter Weekend)—The Dinah Shore Weekend '97 (Palm Springs CA)** For more info call toll free 888-44-DINAH. Said to be the biggest lesbian event on the West Coast, make reservations early as they sell out every year.

☛ **March 27-31 (Easter Weekend)—The White Party (Palm Springs CA)** "3 days and nights of unforgettable pool and dance parties with thousands of the hottest men from around the world along with the best DJs and performers in the country." Tickets and info: 1-888-777-8886 (toll free).



"Killing Me Softly"
A Murder Mystery Dinner Event
Benefiting "Friends from the Heart"
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Sunday, November 10
The Shriners Club
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6-7 p.m.- Social Hour
7-11 p.m. Dinner and Murder
\$30 per person - \$55 per couple
For ticket information
call Becky Palmer 814-838-1547

NEW YEAR'S EVENTS

Performers, organizations, establishments, individuals... if you are doing something for New Year's Eve and you want our readers to know, send info by Nov. 18!

Nov. at Cup-a-Ccino's

Note now open Sundays too from 10am-5pm!

Fri, Nov 1—Dave Calabrese-Basically Alone
Sat, Nov 2—Erick Sweig
Thu, Nov 7—Poetry 7:30-9:45 Ambient Sounds-Liquid
 Sound Distortion from 10pm to 12 midnite
Fri, Nov 8—Armour & Sturtevant
Sat, Nov 9—Laura
Thu, Nov 14—Poetry 7:30-9:45 Ambient Sounds-Liquid
 Sound Distortion from 10pm to 12 midnite
Fri, Nov 15—Paul Gorman at 7pm, 5 Empty Chambers
 unplugged. Band includes Greg Rabb, formerly of the
 Void.
Sat, Nov 16—Bernie Feltz
Thu, Nov 21—Poetry 7:30-9:45 Ambient Sounds-Liquid
 Sound Distortion from 10pm to 12 midnite
Fri, Nov 22—Blues Jam
Thu, Nov 28—Poetry 7:30-9:45 Ambient Sounds-Liquid
 Sound Distortion from 10pm to 12 midnite
Fri, Nov 29—Wild Flower
Sat, Nov 30—Doom Town

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Repeating TV programs

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Clueless (1995)—Cinemax 11/3 8pm, 11/8 6:15pm, 11/17 4:30pm, 11/25 1pm, 11/30 11:50am. High school comedy with an important sexy gay male character.

Family Video Diaries (Before You Go: A Daughter's Diary)—HBO 11/4 2pm, 11/7 4:30pm, 11/23 4:30pm, 11/27 9:30am. A daughter chronicles her gay father's dying from AIDS.

Henry & June (1990)—Cinemax 11/20 11pm, 11/30 2:05am. Adaptation of Anais Nin's book about her three-way relationship with writer Henry Miller and his wife June, set in 1930's Paris.

Higher Learning (1995)—Showtime 11/5 1am, 11/9 4:15am. College drama.

Home For the Holidays (1995)—Showtime 11/15 8pm, 11/16 5am, 11/18 11:40am, 8pm, 11/27 2pm & 9:40pm, 11/30 8:30am, 6pm. Thanksgiving comedy.

Jeffrey (1995)—Showtime 11/1 8pm, 11/6 9:30pm, 11/21 11:30pm, 11/28 1:15am. A love story for the age of AIDS.

Kiss of the Spider Woman (1985)—Encore 11/24 9am, 11/30 11:30pm. A hard-edged revolutionary and an apolitical, movie-obsessed homosexual share a cell in a South American prison.

Lifestories: Families In Crisis: Blood Brothers: The Joey DiPaolo Story—HBO 11/6 2:30pm, 11/30 1:45pm. A boy with HIV reveals his status.

Maurice (1987)—The Movie Channel 11/6 1:30pm, 11/17 3:35pm, 11/21 1:50pm, 11/22 3:40am, 11/26 4:30pm. 1914 British love story with Hugh Grant, James Wilby, Rupert Graves.

My Beautiful Laundrette (1985)—Showtime 11/12 3:15am, 11/20 12:15am. A young British man and his Pakistani lover attempt to turn a laundromat into something classy.

Next Stop, Greenwich Village (1976)—Encore 11/8 3:30am, 11/12 3am, 11/18 1:30am, 11/23 5am, 11/27 11pm. A sort of 1950s bohemian version of *Friends*.

Only When I Laugh (1981)—Encore 11/16 9pm, 11/24 11:30pm. Comedy with James Coco.

Thelma & Louise (1991)—The Movie Channel 11/3 5pm, 11/11 9pm, 11/24 4:35pm.

Whitewash—HBO 11/5 8:30am, 11/10 9am, 11/18 8am, 11/22 6:05am. A young black girl learns about dealing with hatred when her brother's face is spray-painted white by racist thugs.

Women's Sports

College Basketball—11/17 5pm, ESPN

LPBT Bowling—On ESPN 11/20 12am

LPGA Golf—On ESPN 11/21 4pm, 11/22 3pm

College Volleyball—11/30 12:30am ESPN2

**EGCN now has personals!
 See page 20**

"18 & over party" at Lizzy's

by TRIGON

TRIGON: The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Coalition for Behrend College, is proud to sponsor Erie's premier "18 and Over Party" at Lizzy Bordon's!

When? Monday November 18. *What time?* 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 AM. *Where?* Lizzy Bordon's, 3412 W. 12th Street. *Cost?* Admission is free (cash bar; bring cash for pop and beverages). *Who can come?* EVERYONE! This is not just for Trigon people or people under 21—everybody is welcome! (Must provide valid photo ID; must be 18 to get in.)

Contest: There will be a first- and second- place prizes for two categories: (1) The most outrageous RED outfit (if you don't plan to enter, surely you can find at least one red article to wear!) and (2) The most number of Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, or ally pins, buttons, or stickers worn at once (please wear at least one, if you can).

Trigon would like to invite the Lesbian, gay, and Bisexual community of Erie and its surrounding area to our party! But you don't have to live near Erie to come to the party; you can join us no matter where you're from! If you've never been our before or if you go out every night of the year, stop by and show your support as we provide a fun environment for college students and residents who wouldn't normally have a place to party. It's going to be close to Thanksgiving, so bring a nonperishable food item). These items will then be co-donated to the Erie Food Bank by Lizzy Bordon's and Trigon. You'll need cash for your drinks or pop, and you won't want to be late because the President of Trigon has selected a secret number (hint: one of the first 6 Fibonacci numbers

is a multiple of the secret number) and once that many guests have arrived, the very next person to walk through the door will receive a prize!

For more info contact us: Mail: Box #1054, Behrend, Erie PA 16563, email: trigon@psu.edu Trigon phone (and voice mail): (814)898-6030.

We can't wait to see you!

Doing a Holiday event?

Are you throwing a Christmas Party? Hanukkah Celebration? Kwanzaa or Winter Solstice gathering? Having a Holiday sing-along? Starting a "I hate-this-time-of-year" support group?

If you're doing something for the holidays let our readers know! Please get the info to us in writing by no later than November 18!

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Theatre

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Film & Video

Antonia's Line is a film that tells about the lives of four generations of women in a Dutch family. The portrayal of Antonia's lesbian artist daughter, is treated as a natural part of the story. The film won an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. It is available at The Movie Stop and will be shown in Jamestown at The Center (November 22 and 26), and in Warren PA at the Library Theatre (November 16 and 20).

First Wives' Club has a well-done lesbian subplot. Goldie Hawn's character has a lesbian daughter, and she takes the three wives to a lesbian bar. The bar scene is handled very well, and speaks somewhat to the fact that older women are more valued among lesbians than among

straight men. (And Lea DeLaria has a cute cameo! Also watch for Gloria Steinem...)

Missed this one last month: **Get On The Bus**, Spike Lee's new film about last year's Million Man March, features two well-developed black gay male characters.

Queen Latifah stars as a sentimental black butch lesbian who robs banks for some interesting reasons in the film **Set It Off**. (Nov. 6 release).

Tilda Swinton, who played male and female roles in Orlando, stars in **Female Perversions**, a story about bisexuality. (November release).

The Associate and **Twelfth Night**, look like fun and interesting takes on gender.

At the **Movie Stop: I Shot Andy Warhol** (see description in Dec. 18 calendar listing), **Mr. Wrong** (Ellen DeGeneres' first and last hetero romantic comedy), and "The Outcast" episode of **Star Trek: The Next Generation** (#116—an allegory of society's oppression of gays), **French Twist** (very unpredictable French romantic farce about a married woman who falls for a lesbian), and **Kids In the Hall: Brain Candy**. Maggie from the Movie Stop notes, "VIAAC (Video AIDS Action Committee) started a campaign four years ago called "A Penny for AIDS" where participating video stores donate a penny for every transaction during the week after Thanksgiving. The Movie Stop has proudly participated in this event for all four years. And we have also been a collection site for any "pennies" our customers have wanted to contribute...How can you be a part of this? How can you help? During the week of November 29 - December 6th, the more you buy and the more you rent at the Movie Stop makes for all the more Pennies for AIDS that will be sent to VIAAC. Every penny counts!"



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Television

A tabloid outed **Chad Allen**, who plays the adopted son on *Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman*. The Oct. 1 issue of *Globe* ran photos of Allen at a gay pool party, kissing a man in one photo. No word on how this will affect Allen's role on the show; its distributor is MTM, which has been bought out by Pat Robertson's company, so...

Ellen DeGeneres has once again been chosen to host the Emmy Awards show, and the show's producer joked about her entering the stage from a closet. When David Letterman had **Ellen DeGeneres** on his show recently, he kept pressing her about the controversy about her sitcom character coming out, she told him jokingly that there was a lot of confusion, that her character was actually getting in touch with being Lebanese. Band leader Paul Shafer chose "I'm a Girl Watcher" as DeGeneres' theme music.

Northern Exposure isn't running in syndication this season, but will be running on A&E in October 1997.

Bars

From Embers management: "The winner of last month's **Miss Embers contest** was **Michelle Michaels**. The first runner up was **Jacinda Mann** and the 2nd runner up was **Heavenly Deavenly**. Embers wishes to thank all the participants and attendees for making the event a great success! The kitchen at Embers is now open Wed-Sat from 8pm-1 and serves sandwiches, subs and finger foods that are all homemade and fresh."

Dancing

Always wanted to learn to do **Ballroom Dancing**? A local dance instructor has expressed interest in having a class for same-sex couples and straight people who are okay with a gay dance class. For details check out Michael Dithers on page 11.

Music

Some rumors about **Melissa Etheridge**: Melissa is to appear on the cover of *Newsweek* "sometime before the end of the year," and a segment on her (with some footage of Julie) is supposed to appear on the Friday ABC newsmagazine *20/20* "soon." This info and the TV listings in our calendar were taken from the Melissa Etheridge Homepage. Fans may want to note: <http://clever.net/lounge/Melissa/upcoming.html>

Reading

Cleveland's **Gifts of Athena**, closed its doors September 14. Since 1990, the bookstore had been not only a place for lesbians to find books they couldn't find elsewhere, but a comfortable place to meet and find out what was happening in the community. A number of Erie women enjoyed making it part of their trip when they visited Cleveland. When Cleveland mainstream bookstores caught on to the fact that lesbian and gay books sell, Gifts of Athena found they couldn't compete. The owners put up the store for sale in July, but no buyer came forward. On September 14, the store held a farewell party and going-out-of-business sale.

Travel

In our Buffalo Guide, printed last month, we made a mistake and an omission. Please note: **the correct address for Shades, is PO Box 608, Buffalo NY 14209.** (At this point they don't have a phone number). Shades is a lesbians of color organization, which holds events and has its own newsletter. Also **EAGLES** (Elders In a Gay and Lesbian Environment) provides activities and services for older gay men and lesbians (716-856-0459) Other numbers: **PFLAG-Buffalo** (716-883-0384); **Jewish Lesbian Shabbat Group** (716-877-6094); **Interweave/Unitarian/Universalist** (716-885-2136).

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World AIDS Day

Erie

Ecumenical Healing Service at The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, 133 W. 6th, on December 1. A Christian-oriented service, open to people of all faiths. More details in late-November Showcase, or call Sue B. Kuebler, 452-3779.

Ashtabula, OH

On Sunday, Dec. 1, the Ashtabula County HIV/AIDS Task force welcomes the community to join with them in a memorial service as a tribute to those whose lives have been affected by the HIV/AIDS virus in our community. Please join us at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4901 Main Avenue, Ashtabula OH at 4:00pm for worship, song, reflection and prayer! For more info, please contact Mary Ellen at the American Red Cross at (216) 998-1020. *(from Ashtabula Co. AIDS Task Force)*

New Castle PA

A Memorial Candle Lighting Service for all victims of AIDS will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Jefferson Street in New Castle PA. All friends, relatives, survivors and all concerned individuals are invited to attend. The Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday December 1, 1996, and will consist of prayers and devotional music. The speaker is Rev. Keith Curran. Our goal is to help all those who have been stricken with this deadly disease, to give them courage and peace as well as empathy from all of us. *(from Lawrence Co. AIDS Network)*

Buffalo

Day Without Art will take place 7:30 p.m. at Hallwalls as part of the Ways in Being Gay Festival. A program of intensely moving film and video. Introduced by Mike Hoolboom, one of Canada's best-known and most prolific independent filmmakers, and an artist living with AIDS. Info (716)835-7362.

Pittsburgh

There will be a commemoration for remembering the contributions of those who volunteer for research and for those affected by AIDS at the First United Methodist Church at Center and Aiken Avenues on Monday December 2 from 7:30-9:00 pm. A reception sponsored by the Pitt Men's Study will follow. Persons needing assistance or more info should call (412) 624-5508.

Michael Dithers

Micheal and I had a wonderful time at Allegheny College last month when we caught Lynn Lavner, who did an evening of "dyke cabaret." It was part of the National Coming Out Day festivities. Lynn was delightful.

We also have been meaning for some time to learn ballroom dancing. We have actually taken a lesson, but a private lesson is \$40 per hour as opposed a class, which is \$5 per person per class. The woman we took the class from was perfectly fine and had no problem whatsoever teaching Micheal and myself.

This is where you come in. They are more than willing to teach a class for same-sex couples. Not only will this be fun, but it might help raise a little consciousness. We have already have a few folks who want to participate. This will be starting Sunday November 3rd from 8-9pm at 831 W 38th St in Erie. Give us a call at 814-456-9833 if you are interested. Everyone is welcome-lesbigay, straight, male, female, coupled or not (we can try to find you a person to dance with if you don't have a dance partner.) Life is too short to waste on cheap wine like my mom always says.

I would like to thank Al Richardson for putting on the very well attended discussion on same sex marriage held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie on October 24. It was good hearing so many people speak and very heartening to see so many lesbigay people in loving and committed relationships. There were lesbigay couple who were raising children, and couple who had been together for decades. Not surprisingly, the folks there from First Assembly of God were mostly against equal marriage rights for lesbigay folks. But there were many straight people there as well who support our struggle for equality and who recognized the depths of love possible when looked at relationships from higher than crotch level. Rev. John Downey from St. Paul's Cathedral (Episcopal) stated that he thought that it was quite legitimate that a Christian could maintain an open mind about marriage rights for lesbigays.

It has been quite amusing to see how Micheal and I (and my family) have reacted to our new puppy, Morgaine Imelda, (half Lab and half Shepherd.) My mom immediately referred to her dog, Vickie, as our dog's aunt. Micheal and I have joked before that we were way too married (in a very nice and happy way) and have figured that we are now settling into a very happy and domestic existence.

LGLV news

Kudos to LGLV for putting on a great **Wine and Cheese party** on October 19th. Jeff again opened up his lovely home. Dave and many others did a lot of work organizing. Among those helping were Derek, Michael and Laura. Congressional candidate **Ron DiNicola (D)** also stopped by after his debate with Phil English (R) to chat with the participants. LGLV would like to thank everyone who attended and all those who worked to make the event a success!

LGLV regional rep **Dave Mulholland** was again in the article about area voters. In the last installment on Sunday, October 27th, Dave was photographed in Jeff's house on the front page quite prominently. He has been in previous articles related to voters, and was shown in photos both times. He has also recently done two television interviews (along with Mike Mahler); one on WSEE and one on WICU.

Voters Guides are printed up and available at the usual places.

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Thanksgiving

by Lynne S.

Thanksgiving... another idea that shouldn't have only 1 day of observance. Like celebrating our independence & freedoms (July 4), wishing one another peace & joy (Christmas), & trying on a whole new persona (Halloween). Maybe the trick is to make every day a holiday, and the treat is a better life!

Thanksgiving.. like most `holidays', we've all got our own traditions (or lack of them). Most of us can decide on our traditions - which to continue faithfully, which to relegate to memory, which to renew, and when to begin new. Some choices are tough to live, but isn't it even tougher to live a life that's not our own?

Thanksgiving.. they asked me to share what it means to me. (Tough to know where to stop!!) I've been fortunate to have both really nasty and simply fantastic experiences, & have learned the value of each. I've always been one of those people who looks at stars, loves Mom, and lives a full life. Recently, I was forced to look anew at myself & my life - to truly see all that was there - rotten & wonderful alike. It's amazing when you open your eyes & your heart. It doesn't matter, either, who or what you thank. Actually, it shouldn't all be the same who & what. Do yourself a favor, and don't wait for some Thursday in November. Do it as a mental vitamin every day... thanking whoever or whatever for all that's you.

My abbreviated `what I'm thankful for' list? parents who did their best to teach me life, women who've taught me how beautiful love can be, Spring's sweet smells, hot showers, that I'm physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy, that stars are in the sky whether I see them or not, that I love my work, books, firefighters,

paramedics & cookie bakers, that I was born where & who I am, that I've a wide variety of interests & friends, that researchers continue the war on disease. I'm thankful I learned that death is a part of life - that when spirits moves on, love remains. I'm thankful for the times, lessons, laughter, tears, sweat, smiles, and love of those here & gone - who've graced my life and made me more beautiful inside. I'm thankful for all Nature shares with us - Her wind, rain, Summer swelters, Winter storms & sculptures, falling leaves (watch them - each makes its own unique way), Her rainbow colors, fuzzy cattails, flutterbys, giraffes, gerbils, and a million other gifts that are educational, fascinating, & beautiful - if only we'd take time to appreciate them.

I'm thankful that: miracles really do happen, angels really do walk among us, forgiveness is possible, dreams really do come true, mistakes can be learned from & not repeated, we all have the potential to grow & change, I'd rather be comfortable & happy than rich & famous, and no matter how old I am - I can still learn new subjects, ideas, songs, habits, friends,

strengths, and new love of life.

Thanksgiving.. While discovering all I appreciate, I also need remember that there'll always be those with so much less - living in an oppressive country, or next door. Perhaps I've been blessed with such bounty to share it? Sometimes a smile is the best thing someone receives all day - for it may be just the treasure they need. And I'm thankful that the concept of performing a "random act of senseless kindness is finally popular enough to advertise on bumpers!

Happy Thanks-giving!! Lynne S.



Remember to show your thanks for your right to vote on November 5th.

An open letter about hate radio

by Abby B Conley

After last year's bicentennial parade, the issue of hate radio became very prevalent in Erie County. I personally became very frustrated as to what options we as people have against these verbal bullies, that hide behind the first amendment. We organized a boycott effort that had some effect and it at least let the sponsors of talk radio know that the money they spend for advertising on hate radio does more than promote their business, it helps sponsor messages of hate that hurt members of our community and assist to galvanize fellow hate mongers. I've since done a little research on what other communities have done to address hate radio and thought it would be worthy of sharing with EGCN.

An excerpt of suggestions from "Establish the Climate" by the South-East Uplift Neighborhood program in Portland, Oregon suggests that people call in!

Call in and challenge thoughtless rhetoric especially on issues of conflict and resolution. Support intelligent discussion.

You have the right to express your feelings. When faced with racist or bigoted comments, silence is taken as approval. By not speaking out against it, you are speaking for it. Go public with your commitment to establish the climate where all citizens can live in harmony. Remember by not interrupting racism or bigotry, we allow it to flourish...

Another source came from Milwaukee's Weekly News and Entertainment Voice "City Edition" where a Mr. Jim Tatnall is being credited for having originated the idea for the talk back workshop. Tatnall envisions the specific goal of recruiting participants in three areas. The first level, volunteers would be sought to monitor talk shows. Secondly, persons are needed to conduct research, and to write position papers on issues for general distribution and for use by a third set of participants, persons who would call the talk show. "They (callers) will

be the hardest group to recruit, because they'll have to confront the host and be quick on the rebuttal," say Tatnall. "They're up against hosts who are paid to represent the conservative point of view."

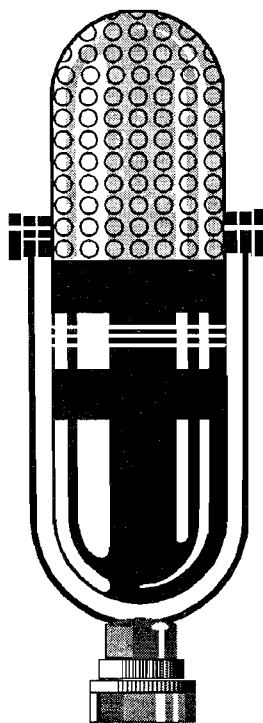
I thought that this three fold recruitment idea was a great pro-active approach and worth of possibly repeating here in Erie.

Another source worth mentioning was by Jim Naureckas, editor of "Extra", a publication put out by Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR). FAIR was formed in 1986 in response to an alleged narrow range of opinion, primarily conservative, being expressed in the media. Naureckas says that talk radio is not just putting out an ideology, but pushing activism. "The goal is not just to hold an audience, but to build a movement." "It's a shrewd move because they're building an audience of people who see themselves almost like an army against the people they've been trained to hate."

In closing, I'll share my thoughts made by the "Milwaukee Mobilizer" published monthly by the Peace Education Project Peace Action Milwaukee, that really captures our need to get involved and that us Demeaning remarks, jokes and language have become accepted in our society—not least because people fail to speak out against them. Some remain silent because they are afraid. Others remain silent because they are uncomfortable speaking up. They feel alone in dissonance and uncomfortable with attention.

They become anxious and the anxiety overcomes good intentions. "Why didn't I say something?" Anxiety about expressing oneself is learned and must be unlearned...

So my friends, it is with regret that I tell you that other communities suffer the same problems with hate radio as we do, but in light of hope, my research concludes three blaring solutions to resolve and that is Get involved, get involved, get involved.



AIDS Memorial Quilt Display in Washington

by **DonPaul Lucas**

October 10-13, 1996

My family and I traveled to Washington, D.C. this past weekend to see my brother's panel for the first time since it was incorporated into the Quilt. The trip, as usual for any family excursion, was an adventure. We decided to use Jackie's car for two reasons:

1) we had just put almost \$400 in repairs into the engine

2) mine has over 160,000 miles on it and an oil leak

The scenery was beautiful through Western PA with the leaves changing and a bright autumn sun shining. The kids were in the back seat listening to their CD players and enjoying the sights. It was the perfect day for a trip.

Then it happened. There was a loud crunch and the sound of metal scraping concrete (a really unpleasant sound at 65 miles per hour). Fortunately we were only half a mile from a service plaza.

Unfortunately, we had blown the muffler almost completely off the car. A few minor adjustments elimi-

nated the now hanging and dragging muffler. Fortunately, we were only fifteen miles from Breezewood. Unfortunately, no one in Breezewood could repair the damage. So we drove the rest of the way to Baltimore, where we stayed, sounding like a muscle machine.

The final piece of good news was a Midas Shop only a mile from the motel we stayed in. I was in and out in about an hour.

Saturday morning we got an early start for Washington. In the city we were able to find a parking garage that only charged \$4 for all day. It was a fair walk down to the Mall area, but on a brisk morning, quite enjoyable. With the Washington Monument to our backs, the enormity of the Quilt lay before us. As we looked across 14th Street it covered the Mall area all the way to 3rd Street. The 12X12 foot sections were lettered from A to H going left to right and numbered 1 to 135 away from the Washington Monument towards the Capitol. Over 40,000 individual panels, representing more than 70,000 names, covering 24 acres. It was all at once an overwhelming, awe-inspiring, chilling experience. To



Thanks to Elaine Hill for use of this photo of the Quilt with U.S. Capitol in background.

think that this was just a fraction of the number dead. To envision the passion, anger, grief, happy memories, and most of all, love that went into this giant memorial is hard to put into words. We started the long journey through this beautiful and moving tribute.

My brother's panel was in row 105, section B. We took the easy route emotionally, going up the perimeter to the right of the display. We would stop and view panels as emotion would permit. At the possibility of repeating myself, it is hard to describe this experience. Some panels you can feel the grief "To All Those Who Have Died To All Those Who Will Die, We Care About You, We Will Miss You", others the joy that was the person's life, a panel with the outfit the male stripper wore. The anger in those like the panel that reads "For Those With AIDS Murdered in WV".

When we finally got to row 105, I was not sure how I felt. On the corner was a panel for Freddie Mercury. I got a picture. The boys had walked ahead of us (you know, it's not cool to be seen with mom and dad).

We caught up with them at the section with my brother's panel. One of the boys was sitting by the section and the other two were staring off towards the Capitol. I was able to get a picture of my brother's panel without any problem.

We completed the walk towards the end of the quilt and stopped to rest and listen as they read names from the main stage. Before we started the trek back down the Mall, I looked over the families, friends, lovers that were a living sea among the sections of the Quilt. It was a moving sight. The epidemic was again made real to me. An article in *USA Today*, Monday Oct. 14, 1996, related the story of one panel that is truly telling. The Panel was made by a group of 50 students at the Technical Career Institute in New York.

The teacher who presented the panel to the Names Project said he was shocked to learn that 46 of the 3500 students at the school had lost a parent to AIDS. And personally, I'm encouraged, because there are battles that have been won. I'm also aware that the war is not over. Be safe, be well, take care.

PS. Got the results from my latest CD4 test. My count has gone up from 218 to 341. Still trying to figure out the puzzle, but as my son's girlfriend said, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it".

Safe Journey
DonPaul

Women & HIV presentation

The Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance will present "Completing the Circle: Women in the Age of AIDS" on December 3. The presentation will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be held at Nick's Place on Rt. 99 in Edinboro PA. Fee is \$20, and final registration is November 20. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The tentative agenda includes a talk (Women in the Age of HIV/AIDS) by Charlene Bushyager (AIDS Educator for the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance), Gender Issues (presented by Dr. Marité Haynes and Dr. Donna Ashcraft of Clarion University), Safer Sex and Sexuality (presented by Christopher Rowe, Project Coordinator for the Pennsylvania AIDS Education and Training Center), Life Issues of HIV/AIDS (presented by a volunteer speaker for the Alliance), Legal Issues, durable power of attorney, rights and responsibilities (presented by David Herrera-Korman Esq., legal consultant for the Pennsylvania AIDS and Training Center.) Continuing Education Credit Units (CEU's) and discipline specific accreditation have been applied for.

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"Ways in Being Gay" Festival (update)

Here is an updated schedule for the Ways Festival, presented in chronological order. For more information, or to get a complete and detailed schedule, call Margaret Smith at Hallwalls (716)835-7362.

Admission: Films, literature, performances (unless otherwise indicated): \$4 Hallwall members, \$5 students and seniors, \$6 general.

All events are at Hallwalls (2495 Main Street, Buffalo) unless otherwise indicated.

The Birth of American Video Series is held at the University of Buffalo Center for the Arts Screening Room 112, and presentations are free.

Nov 4, 11, 18—Workshop: Playing (With) Your Self (& Others) with Ron Ehmke 7-10pm \$15 gen/\$10 Hallwalls members, adv. registration strongly suggested.

Tues Nov 5—QNews Election Night Brouhaha 8 p.m.

Tues Nov 6—Birth of American Video—Gendered Confrontations-Part 2: Science, religion and media 7:30 p.m.

Thurs Nov 7—Authors: Jimmie Gilliam & Minnie Bruce Pratt (7:30 p.m.)

Fri November 8—Benefit for Author Leslie Feinberg 8 p.m. \$10 suggested donation, to help with medical expenses for transgender author Leslie Feinberg.

Fri Nov 8—Performance: Virgins & Other Myths 8 p.m. (call for ticket price info).

Sat. Nov. 9—Young Loud and Queer LesBiGay youth videos. 7 p.m. Youth produced video works. 7 p.m.

Sat Nov 9—A Breakfast Conversation With Minnie Bruce Pratt 10:30 a.m. "We will make the coffee, good coffee. You will bring a brown bag breakfast and join us for an informal conversation with Minnie Bruce.

Sat Nov 9—Conference: Preaching to the Converted—The Interdisciplinary Queer Studies Graduate Conference of the University of Buffalo 9 a.m. Free and open to the public.

Sat Nov 9—Performance: Virgins & other Myths 8 p.m. One man play about a man's coming out of age. A hit in New York City, presented by Buffalo United Artists. (call for ticket price info).

Sat Nov 9—Exhibit: Lani Maestro: Artist's Talk 8 p.m.

Sat Nov 9—Exhibit: Garth Amundson: Artist's Talk 8 p.m.

Sat Nov 9—Exhibit: Garth Amundson: Opening Reception 9 p.m.

Wed Nov 13—Video: The Birth of American Video Program 9: Performance of Video Imaging Tools (CFA) 7:30 p.m.

Thurs Nov 14—Girl Crush 7:30 p.m. collection of diverse lesbian film and video shorts

Thurs Nov 14—Literature: Paul Schmidt 8 p.m. just buffalo presents this eminent translator, award-winning playwright, poet, scholar and actor.

Fri Nov 15—Dirty Laundry & Brincando El Charco: Portrait of a Puerto Rican Woman, plus Richard Fung in Person 8 p.m.

Fri Nov 15—Performance: Bill Thomas—A Day/In the Life 8 p.m. Explores a day in the life of two black gay men, in poetry and prose.

Sat Nov 16—Lit: Breakfast Talk w/ Paul Schmidt 7:30 p.m.

Sat Nov 16—BETTY in concert 8 p.m. Marquee at the Tralf \$16 gen./\$14 students, seniors, Hallwalls members. Playing she-bop and high octane rockapella. Their song "A Typical Love" is on the soundtrack of *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love*.

Nov 20—The Birth of American Video Program 10: Investigations of the Phenomenal World - Space, Sound, and Light

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Thurs Nov 21—Film & video: Where the Boys Are (The Body Beautiful) 7:30 p.m. Gay male shorts.

Nov. 21, 22, 23—Craig Hickman: Skin & Ornaments Black gay male gender-bending poet and performance artist. 8 pm

Fri Nov 22—Literature: Jacqueline Woodson 8 p.m. Sponsored by Shades. An African-American lesbian who has written five novels for and about young adults, and an adult book *Autobiography of a Family Photo*.

Sat Nov 23—A Workshop with Craig Hickman: "Face the Conflama!" Interactive theater workshop for adolescents and young adults. Noon. Register in advance by calling Hallwalls (716)835-7362. \$20 registration.

Sat Nov 23—Films & Videos: What Does A Lesbian Look Like? Lesbian shorts. 8 p.m.

Sun Nov 24—She's Real (Worse Than Queer) video about lesbians and Queerpunk. Also, BIG MISS MOVIEOLA HOW CHAINLETTER PROJECT, plus live performance by NYC-based band Dim Sum Clip Job. 7:30pm

Mon Nov 25—Performance: Drawing Down the Moon Gays and lesbians and the new "Neo-Paganism." Song chants, readings, personal experience, discussions, magic, celebrations. 8 p.m. Free.

Fri Nov 29 & Sat Nov 30—Film: Hustler White 8 p.m. Romantic comedy about hustlers. **Performance: Ron Ehmke/How I Spent My Summer Vacation** (preceding film) 8 p.m. The performance is Ehmke's queerest work in progress. This comic catalog of sexual and cultural obsessions is a sneak preview of Ron's forthcoming monologue "Welcome to the Sausage Factory," premiering at Hallwall's next spring.

Nov 30—Performance: Devon Allen/Style 8 p.m.

Sun Dec 1—Film/video: Day Without Art (see World AIDS Day Events) p. 10.

Dec 4—Video: The Birth of American Video Program 11: Approaching Narrative - "There are Problems to Be Solved"

Exhibitions (Ongoing)

Nov 2-Nov 29—Wedding of the Century: Photographs by Bill Giancursio At Savage Cat Cafe, corner of Lexington & Ashland. Using Ken and Barbie Dolls, Giancursio constructs scale models of same-sex couples being married in outdoor settings and photographs them. The work was inspired by litigation in Hawaii to legalize gay marriage.

Nov 9-Dec 21—That Way: Garth Amundson Amundson's work is rich and elegant, using installation, video, painting, and collage in his exploration of poetic moments in

the history of monosexuality. He explores the politics of masculinity, using a language that relies on his sense of beauty and history as well as theory.

Nov 9-Dec 21—Lani Maestro, Cradle, Ugoy Maestro's work reflects her notions of immigration, identity, and origin.

About Hallwalls...

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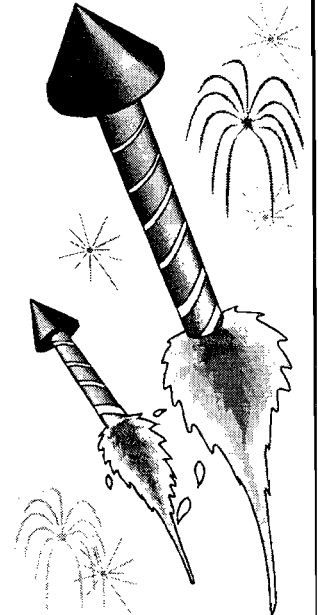
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New National Resources

Gay & Lesbian National Hotline

NEW YORK—The Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (GLNH) started operation on October 1. The number is toll-free, and is in operation Monday through Friday 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The service is free and anonymous. The phone number is 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564). It will be listed in the *EGCN* Resource Directory starting with this issue.

"Basically, our calls fall into two categories," said Brad Becker, president of the GLNH. "The first is information and referral. We have a data base of 13,000 entries: Groups, organizations, bars, and so on, as well as professionals like doctors and lawyers. The other category is peer counseling...if someone is going through a rough time, or they just need someone to talk to, we have trained and compassionate volunteers."

The organization is operating on private donations. If you would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause, send it to The Gay and Lesbian National Hotline, 332 Bleecker St., Ste. F18, New York NY 10014.

Coming Out

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has just released the Resource Guide to Coming Out., timed to coincide with National Coming Out Day on October 11 (HRC is the headquarters for that day). The booklet is being made available to community groups, student organizations, individuals, and bookstores. Copies can be obtained by calling HRC's National Coming Out Project at (800)866-6263 or sending an email to ncop@hrcusa.org. The Guide can also be accessed through HRC's website at: <http://www.hrcusa.org/whowhat/whatwedo/ncop/resource>

Bisexual Resource Guide

The Bisexual Resource Center has announced the publication of the second edition of the *Bisexual Resource Guide*. It contains An annotated bibliography of recommended books which deal with bisexuality, an annotated guide to recommended films, Internet resources, listings of 1700 bi and les-bi-gay groups in 22 countries, upcoming conferences, calls for papers, etc., how to get buttons, T-shirts, books, etc., safer sex information. It's available for \$11.95 (postage paid) from BRC, PO Box 639, Cambridge MA 02140.

New Year's Eve Listings

We will once again have a special list of New Year's events of interest to our readers. The list will be in our *December* issue.

If you are doing something for New Year's Eve that you'd like to list in *EGCN*, please contact in writing us by *no later than November 18!*

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
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Resource Directory

All phone numbers are area code 814 unless otherwise noted. Not all resources are necessarily gay-owned nor serve primarily lesbian people; some may be just gay-friendly

▼ = Erie Gay Community News available here!

♿ = Handicap accessible

24 Hour Counseling

- Erie Hotline 453-5656 or (800) 628-0190
 Saint Vincent 452-5151
 Family Crisis 456-2014
 Hamot 877-6136
 Victims of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes 1-800-259-1536

Accommodations, Bed & Breakfasts, Campgrounds

- Camp Davis (412) 637-2402
 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers PA. Campground
 DunDonald House (800) 260-7227 or (416) 961-9888
 35 DunDonald St, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Bed & breakfast
 In the Woods Bed & Breakfast 436-7798/7343
 1 hr Se of Erie in Grand Volley PA. Gay-friendly
 Jones Pond Campground (716)567-8100
 9836 Old State Rd, Angelica NY. Adult male camping, 135 sites, water & electric, camp store, pool, DJ weekends, theme events
 Rocking Duck Inn (716)968-3335
 28 Genesee Parkway, Cuba NY. Near Olean, 100 miles from Erie. Gay-owned Bed & Breakfast.
 Whistle Stop Weekends for Women (905)871-1265
 2583 Thompson Rd, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. \$125 Canadian/women includes accommodations and meals

Bars

- The Embers ▼ 454-9171
 1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 8 pm - 2 am. Live DJ music Wed thru Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Pool table.
 Leeward Lounge ▼ (216)964-9935
 1022 Bridge St, Ashtabula OH. Open 7 days, 7 p.m. - 2:30 am, food til 1:30 am. 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.
 Lizzy Bordon's Part II ▼ 833-4059
 3412 W 12th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat. 9pm-2am. DJ Music. Wed. Country Line Dancing. Fri & Sat-90's Dance Music. Shows on some Fridays.
 Nite Spot ▼
 201 Winsor, Jamestown, NY. 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.
 Sneakers ▼ (716)484-8816
 100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Tues.-Sun. 2 pm to 2 am. DJ Fri & Sat 10-2.

Coffeehouses and Restaurants

- la bella bistro 454-3616
 556 W 4th St, Erie PA
 Cup-a-Ccino's ▼ 456-1511

18 North Park Row, Erie PA. Mon-Wed 7:30 am - 11 pm, Thurs-Fri. 7:30 am - 12 mid., Sat 9 am-midnight. Sun 10am-5pm. 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.

Community-Building Organizations

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

Counseling

- Chautauqua Co. Gay Infoline (716)679-3560
 Counseling Center ▼ 898 Park Ave Suite 12, Meadville PA
 David J Johnson MA MS 838-9408
 Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971
 Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
 Christine L Gagliano LSW 836-9622
 Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 p.m.- 11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.) 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
 Great Lakes Counseling-Ashtabula (216)992-5995
 Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
 Family Medical (Warren PA) 726-3310
 Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Erotica/Adult Bookstores

- Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330
 3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH
 Filmore News ▼ 2757 W 12th St, Erie
 Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Financial Advice

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

Funding and Fund-raising

- Lambda Foundation (412)521-5444
 P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206
 Imperial Court 266 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo NY

Health

- PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833
 Patrick McNamara, Lic. Massage Therapist (716)679-3430

Info-Lines

- Buffalo (716)883-4750
 Chautauqua County (North) (716)679-3560
 Chautauqua County (South) (716)484-8434
 Cleveland (216) 522-1999
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 Erie 456-9833
 Pittsburgh (412) 422-0114 (M-F 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat 3-6 pm)
 Toronto (416)964-6600 (M-S 7-10 pm)

Legal

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

Miscellaneous

Avenue Gifts & Collectibles 454-1629
1027 East Ave, Erie PA
Barnes & Noble ▼ 864-6300
5909 Peach St, Erie PA
Karen A. McLoughlin 838-4802
Licensed Esthetician, skin care specialist, facials & body treatment
Movie Stop 453-7696
1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City
Pal Prescription Pharmacy 455-8597
1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
Poppa Ropp's Home Video ▼ 734-3014
Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA
Poster Annex 455-1999
717 Liberty St, Erie PA Poster, prints, cards, ceramic tiles
Roadhouse Theatre ▼ 456-5656
145 W 12th St, Erie PA
Roses & Lace Floral & Gifts 838-8518
3424 W Lake Rd Erie PA
Talking Leaves ▼ (716) 837-8554
3158 Main St, Buffalo NY

Political/Advocacy Organizations

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 898-4210 (Dave Mulholland)
Nonpartisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for elections, voter registration/education, lobbying, advocacy. Meets first Sun. Call for location. Write to LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. Email to lglverie@ncinter.net

Publications

Erie Gay Community News 456-9833
PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email egcn@ncinter.net

Religious Organizations

Integrity 774-0903 (Dorothy)
..... or 452-3779 (Rev. Kay Johnson, Chaplain)
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.
Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie ▼ 864-9300
7180 New Perry Highway. For Commitment Vows, ask for Terry Kime.

Social Organizations

10% Network ▼ (716)484-8434 (John)
Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 3rd Saturday of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol.
Chautauqua N County Support Grp (NY) (716) 673-3192 (Vince)
..... or N County Infoline 716-679-3560
Support for lesbians in northern half of county. Meets 4th Mon 7 - 9 pm, also fish fry 2nd Friday of the month.
Menspace 456-9833 (Michael) or 835-6712 (Larry)
Rainbow Connection Fred or Marshall at 726-1808

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. Write to 220 Onondaga Avenue, Warren PA 16365.

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

Student Organizations/Youth

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville) ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
..... or 332-4375 (Erny)
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. Email to csglbp@alleg.edu

Closet Culture 899-6528 (Mark)
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 ClosetCtr@aol.com

Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999
Identity & 732-3779 (Christie Hudson)
..... or 732-2555 (Dr. Dave Herendeen)

Student group for lesbigay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Meets every Wed at 8:30pm in 125 Hendricks Hall. Write to Identity, c/o Dr. Herendeen, Edinboro Univ, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440

Informal Lesbigan Student Group of Erie
Email to ILSGErie@aol.com

Jamestown Comm. College Grp ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204
..... or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)

Peer counseling & support attempting to live fulfilling, open, integrated lives as lesbigan people in W NY & NW PA. Open to college & non-college people. Meeting date, time & place vary. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email to Greg at rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjcc.edu.

National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-621-4000

SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD (716)673-3424

Teen Hotline (412)771-8336

Trigon (Penn State Behrend) (Al & Ginny) 825-8211
..... or (Sue Daley) 898-6164

Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. 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

Support Groups

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.

Lambda Group—Gay AA ▼ & 452-2675

Alcoholics Anon for Lesbigans. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Open to all Lesbigans who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.

Northcoast Rainbow Families 868-0069 (Christopher)

..... (716) 366-1453 (Judy)

Support, advocacy, and education group for lesbigan parents and their families;

play group for kids in western NY, northeast OH, and northwest PA. Affiliated with Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Write to: NCRF, PO Box 254, Fredonia, NY 14063. Email to: glp_cierie@aol.com

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Gays) see below

PFLAG-Ashtabula OH (216)964-3350

Meets the last Friday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room at Donahoe Center, Rt 20 East. Email: ssimmen@interlaced.net

PFLAG-DuBois PA Karen or John Kressley at 371-8962

Meets 7 pm on 2nd Tues of month. Write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 Email: peanutx@aol.com

PFLAG-Erie Elaine 864-0184

Meets last Sun of month 2:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie. Write to PFLAG-Erie c/a Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508.

PFLAG-Jamestown (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529

Meets last Tues of the month, call for site.

PFLAG-New Castle PA Lais at (412)652-6893

Meets 7-9 pm on 3rd Thurs of month at Human Svcs Ctr, 130 West North St, New Castle.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)

Meets Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at 1505 State Street, 2nd Floor, Erie

Violence and Domestic Abuse (Women & Men)

Erie Hospitality House (814)454-8161

Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence

..... Daytime (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.

Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties 24 hour Hotline

(Sexual Assault as well) 800-338-3460 or (814)726-1030

National Domestic Violence Hotline (800)799-SAFE (7233)

HIV/AIDS Directory

National

AIDS Fatline 1-800-324-AIDS

National AIDS Hotline 1-800-662-6080

Spanish AIDS Hotline 1-800-344-7432

Ashtabula OH/Ashtabula County

HIV+ Support Grp (216)350-2554

Erie PA/Erie County

Case Manager - Sharon Cooper 456-8849

Case Manager - Cheryl Weber 825-1085 or 455-3786

AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233

AIDS Bereavement Support Group 452-3779 (Kay Johnson)

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

AIDS Network Information 451-6700

Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help. Donations greatly appreciated.

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie Ofc) ▼ 456-8849/(800)400-AIDS

1001 State St, Suite 808, Erie PA

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group &

..... Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 455-3786

Open to people of all faiths. Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:30-9:00 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd.

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

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)764-6066

HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Programs (free):

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

HIV/AIDS Anonymous Testing Sites

(Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30) (216)992-5953

Painesville OH (216)354-AIDS

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (412)242-2500

E-Mail

To get on our 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".

Our Web Site has the Calendar of Events, Latebreaking News, pointers to area lesbigay resources and web searchers the complete text of this issue and lots more!.

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



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