

## Calendar

- ☛ **Dec 1—World AIDS Day** See last month's issue.
- ☛ **Dec 2—10 Most Fascinating People of 1997** ABC 10 p.m. Includes Elton John.
- ☛ **Dec 2—"Eroticizing Safer Sex" Cabaret** Sponsored by Trigon at Penn State Behrend. See page 9 for details.
- ☛ **Dec 4—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.
- ☛ **Dec 4—PFLAG-Erie: Please note that PFLAG-Erie is now meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7pm!!** 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.
- ☛ **Dec 6—Womynspace: "Holiday Party!!!"** "Music will be available for dancing and/or listening. Come socialize, party dance, celebrate the holidays with wonderful wimmin! Bring refreshments if you wish. Bring a friend. Newcomers always welcome! For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713, Helen 451-0359 or Carolyn at 456-1315."
- ☛ **Dec 6—Partners (Corry PA): Movie Get Together** Location to be announced. Call 814-664-7090 for details.
- ☛ **Dec 6—Leeward Lounge: 10th Anniversary** Celebrating 10 years as a gay bar. 1022 Bridge St, Ashtabula OH 440-964-9935
- ☛ **Dec 7—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.
- ☛ **Dec 7—Partners (Corry PA): Meeting** Discuss next year's plans, upcoming Christmas party. Call 814-664-7090 for details.
- ☛ **Dec 8—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.
- ☛ **Dec 9—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.
- ☛ **Dec 9—Saturday Night Live** rerun Tracy Chapman, Morrissey 11am, Comedy Central.
- ☛ **Dec 10—Gift of Song Benefit Concert** TNT 8 p.m. With Mary Chapin Carpenter, Garth Brooks, George Michael,

Shawn Colvin, Celine Dion, Fugees, Steve Winwood, others. Benefit for UNICEF and UN Children's Fund.

☛ **Dec 11—The Soul of Christmas: A Celtic Music Celebration with Thomas More** Country music favorite Kathy Mattea, actor Martin Sheen, others. 10 p.m. WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch.17).

☛ **Dec 12—Lizzy Bordon's: Xmas Party** Featuring Rozz, Lady Octavia, Marilyn Powers, and several others. 3412 W 12th St, Erie PA

☛ **Dec 12—In The Life** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54) 10 pm. National hour-long program on gay and lesbian culture, events and issues. Details on this episode, page 15.

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*Lighting the Yule Tree*  
by Micheal A. Miller

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## Items to send us in December



Dec. 15— Deadline for January and early February events, Martin Luther King Day, etc.

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The *Erie Gay 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.

We **STRONGLY** recommend sending SASE for writers' guidelines or at least inquiring of the EGN staff before submitting articles! Please include contact information with any submissions (name, phone, email address, etc.) so we can contact you if we have questions.

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## Thanks for the November issue collators!

Thanks to Paul Grubbs, Jerry McCumber, Lynne, Jim, Jeff M., Greg Knowles, Dave Muhlolland, and Dearick Lafferman for helping us to collate the November issue of *EGN*!

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

**Dec 13—Menspace: Pre-Holiday Festivities** "Let your hair down before celebrating Christmas / Hanukkah / Kwanzaa / Yule / whatever. For information, call Michael at 456-9833."

☛ **Dec 13—Partners (Corry PA): Christmas Shopping Trip** Location to be announced. Call 814-664-7090 for details.

☛ **Dec 13—People of All Colors Together /Youngstown Christmas Party (Youngstown OH)** 7 p.m. Details and directions 330-799-1756.

☛ **Dec 13—North Coast Men's Chorus concert: "Good Things for the Holidays"** \$12/adv/\$15 door. Euclid Ave. Congregational Church. Tickets/info 1-216-241-6000 or 1-800-766-6048.

☛ **Dec 16—Bjork on *David Letterman*** CBS.

☛ **Dec 16—HIV/AIDS Pennsylvania Prevention Planning Committee meets** 6-8 pm. Info & location: Tracey Thomas at 459-4775 or Michael Mahler at 456-9833

**Dec 17—HIV/AIDS Service Network Meets** 4-6 pm at the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul, 134 W 7th St, Erie. Call 452-3779 for more info.

☛ **Dec 17—Biography: "Truman Capote: Tiny Terror"** A&E 8pm, midnight. Profiles the witty and very out gay author who wrote such classics as *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *In Cold Blood*.

**Dec 18—Laura at Aromas** 2174 W. 8th, 456-5282.

☛ **Dec 19 —Mary Chapin Carpenter on *Austin City Limits*** 9 p.m. on WNEQ (PBS-Buff./Ch.23).

**Dec 20—10% Network: Christmas Party (Jamestown NY)** "Bring drinks and munchies to share. Christmas carols and socializing." 7 pm at Unitarian Church 1255 Prendergast Avenue. Info: John at 716-484-7285.

☛ **Dec 20—The Embers: "Christmas Extravaganza"** With new Miss Embers, Martika DeVaine. 1711 State St, 454-9171.

☛ **Dec 20—Partners: Christmas Dinner/Party (Corry PA)** RSVP Required. Call 814-664-7090 for details.

☛ **Dec 20—The Human Experience: "Sexual Identity"** The Learning Channel 9pm and midnight. Segments on transgender issues and sexual addiction.

**Dec 23—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

☛ **Dec 23 —Sessions on West 54th** Jane Siberry and k.d. lang. WNEQ (PBS-Buff./Ch.23). 9 p.m.

**Dec 24—Happy Hanukkah**

☛ **Dec 24—Biography "Leonardo da Vinci: Renaissance Master"** A&E 8pm, midnight. Profiles the gay 15th century scientist, artist, architect and mathematician who painted Mona Lisa and envisioned flying machines.

**Dec 25—Merry Christmas**

☛ **Dec 30 —Sessions on West 54th** Ani DiFranco. 9 p.m. WNEQ (PBS-Buff./Ch.23).

**Dec 26—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

☛ **Dec 31—New Year's Eve—See pages 6 - 7 for events**

☛ **Jan 1+++—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.

☛ **Jan 3—Womynspace: "Relax and UNWIND from the hectic holiday season"** "Come & swap holiday stories, talk about your weirdest gift (given or received), make some New Year's Resolutions with your lesbian community, if desired—or just come and socialize! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENTS & CLEAN-UP. New-

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**Jan 3—Gay Men's Swap Fest #3 (Jamestown NY)** "We will collect \$5 at the door for pizza and beverages. Bring magazines, books and videos and swap for new ones. Call John at 716/484-7285 for more information, to get directions, or to drop off your wares before the event." 7 pm till ?

☛ **Jan 4—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

☛ **Jan 4—Science Frontiers: Deadly Minds—Wood & Graham** The Learning Channel 2-3pm. More fitting for the Halloween issue, this is the true and disturbing account of two women who were lovers and serial killers.

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☛ **Jan 9—ABC in Concert w/ Elton John** Also, Sister Hazel, Aaron Neville On WJET at 3 a.m.(3:08 a.m.?)

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☛ **Feb 15—la bella bistro : Gay Valentine's Day** Info/reservations 454-3616. Specify "Gay Valentine's Day" when making reservations. BYOB.

## Festivals & conferences

**Feb 12-15—11th annual conference of National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum (Washington DC area)** 202-483-6786 email [Confrence98@aol.com](mailto:Confrence98@aol.com)

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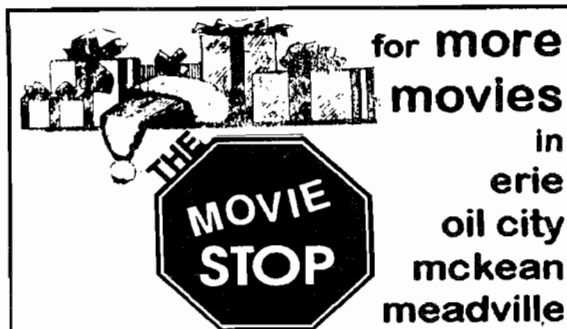
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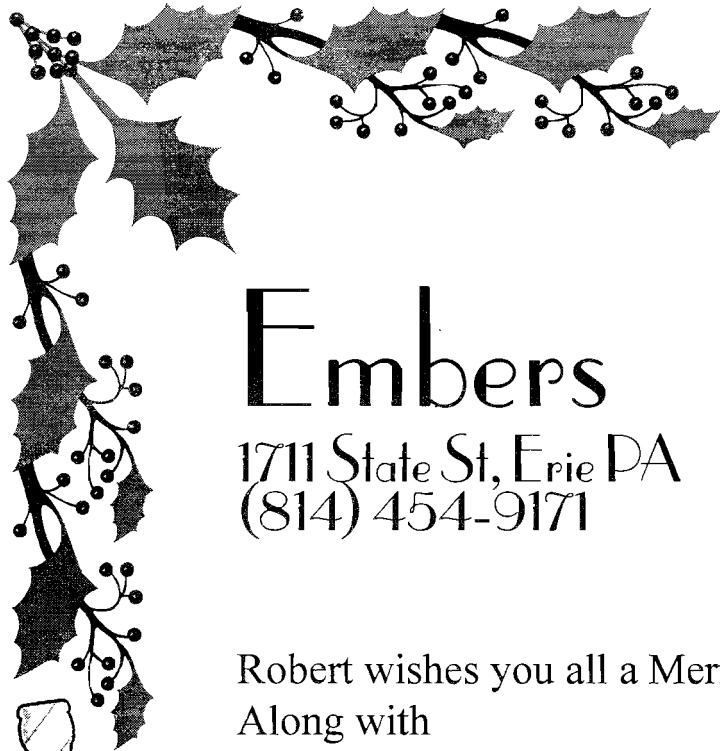
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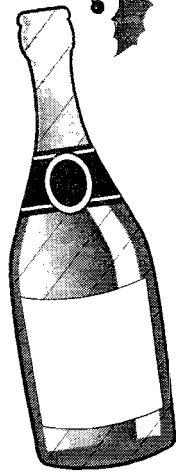




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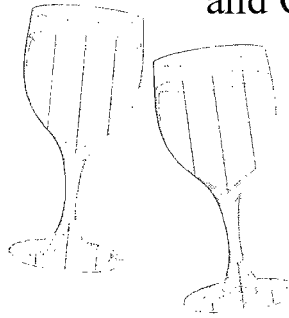
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# New Year's Eve

## Erie

### First Night Erie/Downtown Erie

Event schedule will be printed in *Showcase*; check it the two weeks preceding New Year's Eve. Here are a few things of interest:

**Tapas** 17 W. 9th "Open all day till 4am...serving a phenomenal breakfast from midnight until 4am." BYOB. Reservations recommended, walk-ins accepted as available."

**Laura** at Palace Center lobby, 915 State 9-10 p.m.  
**Cup-A-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row

**Aromas** Gay-friendly coffeehouse at 2174 W. 8th.

**la bella bistro** Two events on New Year's Eve. The restaurant (at 4th & Cherry) will be open till after midnight, BYOB. Reservations required. Also, they will be hosting a very posh party at the *Watson-Curtze Museum* (formerly the Erie Historical Museum) on W. 6th & Chestnut. Reservations required. Details and reservations: stop by the restaurant, Tapas, or Aromas. Benefit for the Museum.

**The Embers** 1711 State St, 454-9171. Grand Buffet New Years Eve Bash—buffet and champagne.

**Lizzy's** 3412 W. 12th, 833-4059. Champagne (midnite toast), party favors, free buffet.

**Accommodations near bars** If you plan to spend your whole evening at one bar, and you don't have a designated driver, you might want to consider spending the night at a nearby hotel or motel. Nearest to The Embers is Holiday Inn Downtown (at 18th & State, 456-2961), The Downtowner (456-6251) and the Avalon (459-2220—may be booked already). Near Lizzy's is the Golden Triangle (838-2572), Linn-Lee (833-5235), and the Hampton Inn (835-4200). Reserve early, though. Note that the accommodation mentioned here are included only because of their proximity to one of the bars; we can't comment on gay-friendliness, cost, or quality of accommodations. For other nearby accommodations check phone book or call the Erie Chamber of Commerce 454-7191.

**Taxi & Care Cab** Taxi service 455-4441. We weren't able to tell if the free Care Cab would be in service; info should be in *Showcase*.

## Jamestown

**Sneakers** 100 Harrison, 484-8816.

**Nite Spot** 201 Winsor.

**Rascals** 701 North Main.

**Accommodations** The local Holiday Inn is within walking distance of all three bars. Make reservations early: 716-664-3400. Other nearby accommodations: call Jamestown Chamber of Commerce 716-484-1101 and ask for accommodations near downtown.

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## Ashtabula

Leeward Lounge New Year's celebration. 1022 Bridge Street.

## Mentor OH

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## Buffalo NY

If you like the idea of being able to walk or make short trips from one gay bar or gay-friendly coffeehouse to the next, you might like to do New Year's Eve in Buffalo's Elmwood Village. If you're unfamiliar with Buffalo, you could start off at Buddies (31 Johnson Park) and visit the Rainbow Pride "branch" store located inside the bar—they'll have a map and brochure of Buffalo gay nightlife.

## On TV & radio

**First Night Erie Coverage** On WQLN-FM 91.3 starting 5:30 p.m.

**Dick Clark's Rockin' Eve '98** ABC 11:35 p.m. Lineup includes KC & the Sunshine Band and Spice Girls.

**After New Year's Eve with David Sanborn** ABC, 1:06 am. Included in lineup is Me'Shell Ndegeocello.

## Video

**The Movie Stop** Open till midnight New Year's Eve.

**Poppa Ropp's Home Video** Edinboro Mall, Edinboro. Open till 8 p.m.

## Other activities

**Quiet party with friends** Invite a few friends over, have First Night Erie coverage in the background, play games, serve dinner or have a pot luck.

**Romantic evening** Candles, soft music...and your own fireworks.

**Reflect on past year/plan for the new**

**Start a project** Start the new year on a constructive note.

Because what goes up comes down somewhere...  
Please don't greet the New Year with a bullet.

# Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

Oodles of neat stuff happening recently: I am very excited about all the groups that are coming into existence or becoming revitalized. (Dignity, Christian group, Mercyhurst, etc.) In one night I ended up talking with people about the possible formation of a Dignity chapter, a senior lesbian card-playing group, and a Bears group. It makes me smile to know that we have such diversity in our local community. It also makes me glad that we are doing the Town Meeting on Jan 17th because we are entering a period of growth. The ad that ran on WQLN's *In The Life* was funded by PFLAG, Menspace, Womynspace, and several private donors. Such wonderful things we can accomplish when we all work together!

Micheal and I had a very nice time with some friends from PFLAG at the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre fund-raiser that was put on by Friends from the Heart. Kudos to them, Mayhem Inc, and all the people for putting on a pleasant event for a good cause.

I usually take my car in to the a local BP station for repairs and etc. I had developed with my windshield wipers and had dropped it off. Anyway, I happened to be standing back in the mechanics' area while calling in for a ride to work. While on hold, I looked up and saw that someone had posted a photocopy on the wall of an article about a race-car driver who had come out as gay. Truth to tell, I don't think anyone down there is gay, but it was a neat validation of my privately held belief that there is more goodness and fairness in our fellow human beings than we usually expect.

Here's wishing you a Happy Holiday season of the appropriate spirituality of your choice!



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# Local and area news

## Lizzy Bordon's sold; still gay

After several months of "bar wars," Nick Panos has sold Lizzy Bordon's. The new owner is Bill Kuzmin.

"We're definitely staying gay," says Kuzmin. "And we're making Lizzy's a really fun-oriented place to go. We're remodeling the place, upgrading bar equipment, and serving more updated drinks. And we'll have different specials every night."

Kuzmin stated that the employees who had been working Lizzy's will definitely be kept on.

"I have no problems with anyone coming here," he emphasizes. "Everyone is welcome."

## Greg Rabb campaign results

from Greg Rabb

Unfortunately we did not win a seat, but there were only 275 votes between me and victory. I received a total of 3,103 (not counting the absentee votes). Even though we didn't win a seat, we did so well that we will do it again. We did so well that people still think we in

even though we didn't. We created a beautiful ideas-only campaign and built up incredible name recognition. There were several factors not in our favor:

The four people who did better than me were all locals—born and raised—people voted for them because they knew them as kids. I'm not a local, even though I've lived here for 12 years. Each of the candidates who did better is Italian-American—an important factor in a heavily Italian community where many people vote based on ethnic ties. Also, each is or had been on the council, and none were openly gay. The 275 more votes I needed to win is less than 10% of the votes I received. If only 9 to 10 more people in each election district in Jamestown had voted for me we would have won. This was my first race in Jamestown and we came out of nowhere and almost won. My votes were because of issues and myself, so there is a depth of commitment that isn't there for the others. The local newspaper couldn't attack me, so they ignored me—my press release announcing my campaign never was printed.

The Democrats did very well county-wide and many admit that it was in part because of all the people who came to their help via my campaign. We have input into policy for the next two to four years.

And finally *there was not one overtly anti-gay incident* in the whole campaign. I'm proud to say that because I'm not sure that would happen in a lot of places.

I can go back now to dealing with my job, the local HIV crisis,

Thank you for your support and encouragement. I hope I haven't let you and other gay/lesbian/bisexual people down.

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# Community "Town Meeting"

by Mike Mahler

Erie region lesbigay people and their allies are invited to a community "Town Meeting" to be held at 2 PM on Saturday, January 17 at the Admiral Room in the Raymond Blasco Memorial Public Library. The purpose of this meeting is to brainstorm on projects we would like to work on as a community and to begin organizing to work on them. We are also hoping that this will help various groups and people network.

Some suggestions that have been brought up as potential projects include expanded Gay Pride events (beyond the picnic, possibly at other times of the year), a lending library, fund-raising for additional TV ads like that airing on *In The Life*, activist/interest subgroups, and a ride board. What sorts of projects would you be interested in working on? What needs do we have as a community and what do you want to do to fill them? We get calls from people who would like to volunteer, but don't know where they could be useful. This is our chance to join forces and benefit our community as a whole.

The Raymond Blasco Memorial Public Library is on the bayfront at the foot of French Street, along the Bayfront Highway. Entering through the main entrance, the Admiral Room is just off to the left the lobby, next to Coffeeright. The Library has asked that we try to give them a head count, so please RSVP to Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email to [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net). It would also be very much appreciated to submit ideas for projects in advance, as well as at the meeting.



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# Safer Sex Cabaret

by John


On December 2, 1997, Trigon—Penn State Behrend's Coalition for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people and their Allies—will present an Eroticizing Safer Sex Cabaret in the Studio Theater at 7:00 PM. The event will include a consumer report on lube, everything you always wanted to know about condoms but were afraid to ask, food for erotic thought, masturbation mania, and lots of other stuff. (Okay, we are still in the planning stages, but we wanted you to mark down the date on your calendars NOW.) We are hoping to make the event inclusive of many sexual persuasions—gay, straight, bi, male, female, trans. So come on out and celebrate World AIDS Day with us by sharing your secrets to eroticizing safer sex, and learning a few of ours. For more info, email me at [jgc4@psu.edu](mailto:jgc4@psu.edu). You can also call John at (814) 898-6331.

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# Opinion: Sex education after Nushawn

by Deb Spilko

There are some occasions when there is just no pleasure in being able to say, "I told you so."

Such is the case with the Nushawn Williams tragedy, in which one heterosexual man infected numerous girls with HIV, and put countless others at risk.

Media reports have had parents and columnists asking, "What can we do to get students to hear the AIDS message?" Over and over again, we read and hear about how teenagers just don't believe anything can happen to them...and what more can we do?

The thing is, unlike the drinking-and-driving message, adults are not in agreement about what students should hear about AIDS and safer sex. In many communities, some religious conservatives are very vocal about any sort of sex education, and fight against any but the most watered down messages (unless, of course, it is abstinence). AIDS education has been a particularly controversial target, since it is still seen as a gay disease that doesn't really affect heterosexuals. Kathleen Whitmore, AIDS educator at AIDS Community Services' Southern Tier office expressed anger about the sudden concern. She notes that in many classes she can't even use the word "condom." How much of an AIDS prevention message is that?

The fact is, many teens *are* sexually active. Two-thirds of American high school students have already had sex. There is an epidemic of sexually transmitted disease among U.S. teens of all sexual orientations. There is also an epidemic of teen pregnancy. Now, you can either deal with that reality or, like the anti-sex education types, pretend that if we say "Abstinence!" long enough, the kids will all cross their legs and wait for marriage.

## Friends From The Heart

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Founded for the purpose of assisting individuals, and their families, who are HIV+. The underlying foundation of this organization and the services it provides are caring, dignity, and respect.

Even though polls have shown that a majority of parents want the schools to teach comprehensive sex education, their will is often blocked by a vocal minority who seem to be afraid of what this information might do to children.

I'm not sure what these people imagine when they think about sex educators. I guess I think it's a good thing because, although there wasn't much sex education available at school when I was a teenager, I was counseled by two adults who gave me some pretty important advice. It happened when I was 16, and had become sexually active with my boyfriend Steve. His parents accepted our having a sexual relationship, but strongly advised we go for advice. Our first stop was the minister at the Unitarian Society, which his family belonged to. The minister gave out an exasperated sigh, and asked "You really can't wait on this?" When we explained that we'd already started having sex, he sat down and counseled us on having a responsible sexual relationship. He then suggested going to Planned Parenthood, which used to have an office in Erie. At the Planned Parenthood office, the counselor took me aside and asked me, "Are you sure this is something you want? You aren't just doing this to keep him? You don't have to have sex now, you know." I assured her it was something we both wanted, and she then gave both of us some information on how to avoid my becoming pregnant with a child that neither of us would have wanted or been ready for. If either of these adults had told us to abstain, we would have ignored them. They made it clear they had misgivings about it, but their tone was, Well, as long as you're going to have sex anyway, here's how to do it without getting hurt. (Compare this with the "If you drink, don't drive" ad campaign. This approach is successful in keeping at least *some* drunk drivers off the road. If they had said, "Just don't drink," who would have paid attention?).

The point I'm trying to make here is that sex educators don't urge kids on. Lord knows their own bodies do that. What sex educators *can* do is to help young people understand what's going on with their bodies and emotions, how to prevent becoming infected with any of a number of diseases (some permanent and/or fatal), how to avoid unwanted pregnancies, and how to successfully practice safer sex (and that last one needs a lot of discus-

sion and reinforcement). Dr. Peter Piot, who heads the Joint UN Program on AIDS states that scientific research shows sex education doesn't promote more sexual activity, but it does lower rates of pregnancy and STDs.

Most adults, regardless of their political beliefs or sexual orientation, believe teenagers would probably be better off if they put off sexual activity at least until they're out of high school. And, in fact, an inner-city Washington DC school has a program for girls that encourages abstinence, with excellent results. But the program has to work hard on issues like the girls' self-esteem, goals for their futures, peer pressure, and assertiveness. Also; it's important to note that these girls *chose* to be in the program; it's harder to promote abstinence to a general student population. And, not to be sexist, but it's questionable whether boys would be so enthusiastic about enrolling in a similar program.

In the meantime, what about all those other kids, in public schools and religious schools alike, who are going to go on boinking regardless of what their elders want, regardless of what's in the curriculum, regardless of what "traditional values" dictates?

Can we *deal* with that now?

There is a strand of thought in some people's religious beliefs which insists that if you have sex without marriage, you should suffer some negative consequences. We should ask those who work against providing frank sex education to please look into their hearts and ask if they really think a kid should suffer because s/he's ignorant of the consequences. Do they really want to organize to accomplish that?

A good part of the fight against good sex education comes from the religious conservatives' concern for morality. But much of their idea of morality heavily consists of telling kids that they shouldn't be using their naughty parts. Well, now it's time to repudiate their exclusive claim on sexual morality. Because when you know how to keep kids from getting sick, or dying, or having unwanted pregnancies, and you try to keep that knowledge from them, then THAT is deeply, deeply immoral.

The only truly moral response is to do whatever it takes to keep them well. And if some peoples' "moral" teachings clash with that, they need to decide what's more important—their version of morality, or the health of a generation.

## HIV/AIDS News

### One-third of HIV+ persons not aware they're infected

Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control estimate that about 275,000 Americans are infected with HIV and don't know it. Put another way, that means that one out of three of the people in this country who have HIV don't know they can infect their sexual partners, and aren't taking advantage of therapies that could help them. The CDC estimates approximately 775,000 Americans have HIV.

### Report: protease inhibitors fail in about half of patients

Although the new class of AIDS treatments called protease inhibitors has improved the health of many with HIV/AIDS, others have had more disappointing results.

A report reveals that the virus rebounded in about half of 163 patients at the AIDS Clinic of the University of California at San Francisco General Hospital. The drugs most often fail in the following types of patients: (1) Those who took other AIDS drugs before protease inhibitors were available, (2) Those who had low-T-cell counts before they started therapy, and (3) Those who don't keep up with the frustrating demands of the therapy.

Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City said that the main reason that the therapy doesn't work is the patient's failure to keep up with its excruciating demands. "Compliance is a major issue," said Dr. Ho, "There is so little margin for underdosing. In our experience, that's the most frustrating aspect."

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# Groups

## Dignity chapter forming

Dignity, a national support group for lesbian Catholics and their friends and families, now has a local chapter. Call Jerry at 451-0593 for more information.

## Ecumenical Christian group forming

Susan Laurie will be starting an ecumenical Christian spirituality group. At the present time, she would like to measure interest. This might be a covenant group or Bible study group, but it would definitely be welcoming and affirming to Christians of all denominations and sexual orientations. Call her at 734-3959

## NW PA ACLU Chapter established

After an absence of a number of years the Northwest Chapter of the ACLU has reestablished itself as of October 14, 1997. Officers were elected and by laws were

adopted. The chapter welcomes new members, inquiries and complaints as well.

The chapter's address is:  
Northwestern PA Chapter of ACLU of PA  
PO Box 1413  
Erie PA 16512  
Phone 814-734-3458

To illustrate the ACLU's commitment to gay and lesbian rights the following story is reprinted from the ACLU's current national newsletter:

### To be Young and Gay in Washington State

It began as a rumor among students that 15 year old Mark Iversen was gay. Those rumors soon turned into verbal bombshells, followed by threats of physical violence. Slurs were hurled at him daily, a student rammed him into a wall of lockers with a broomstick. In October of 1996, 30 students sat back and watched as he was beaten in a classroom.

Teachers did little to come to Mark's help. Two teachers witnessed the broomstick assault, but they did nothing to stop it. Another teacher told him: "I already have 20 girls in my class, I don't need another."

School administrators were of no help; in fact, the principal told Mark's parents that the young man had brought on the harassment himself.

In July 1997, one month after he graduated from Hentwood High in Seattle, Mark Iversen and his parents went into federal court against the school district for failing to stop the harassment.

Citing the school district's own anti-harassment policies, the lawsuit seeks to "make it crystal clear" that the policy includes all forms of harassment, including over sexual orientation. The lawsuit wants the district to require training for teachers in lesbian and gay issues, and seeks compensatory damages for violating Mark's equal protection and due process rights.

"Every student should be able to attend school without suffering verbal and physical abuse," said Kathleen Taylor, Washington State ACLU Executive Director. "We brought this lawsuit to prevent future students from being harassed because they are lesbian or gay."

—Submitted by Larry Sawdy,  
an officer in the local ACLU chapter.

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Clarion PA 16214

1001 State, Suite#808  
Baldwin Bldg  
Erie PA 16501  
nwpaids@erie.net

# Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

## Holiday

**RuPaul** has a new Christmas album out called *Ho Ho Ho* (Rhino), with his own versions of traditional favorites like "RuPaul the Red-Nosed Drag Queen" and "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus."

The holidays can be a rough time for a kid whose parents are down on their luck. If you're feeling charitable today, you might consider combining a kind deed with a statement by donating a new,

**Disney** toy to **Toys for Tots**. Disney is still being boycotted by the Southern Baptists and other meanies, so they're a good choice. Let Disney know you chose them (Contact Chairman Michael Eisner, 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank CA 91521 Phone 818-560-1000). Plus it's a really nice thing to do for some kid. For information on donating, call the Marine Corps Reserve office at 868-0847.

## Theater

**Director's Circle Theatre** has moved to a new location: 652 W 17th St. They will be presenting an evening of one-act plays, including *Suddenly Last Summer* by gay playwright Tennessee Williams through December 20. The Theatre will also be reprising the British farce *Run for Your Wife*, starring **Bobbi B.** Starts January 16. Call 454-0636 for info and reservations.

**Buffalo United Artists** will be presenting Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* from December 5-20 on Fri, Sat and Sundays at the Alleyway Theatre. For reservations and information call (716) 832-7320.

Individual tickets are now available for *A Chorus Line* (February 3) and *West Side Story* (April 21) at the Warner. The shows are part of the **1997-90 Erie Broadway Series**. Michael Bennett's *A Chorus Line* was a long-running musical hit which featured three gay characters (the film de-gayed the story quite a bit). *West Side Story* contains music by gay composer Leonard Bernstein, and lyrics by gay lyricist Stephen Sondheim. Although a straight love story, the theme of forbidden love appeals to many gay people, especially the beautiful "Somewhere." For tickets call 452-4857.

## Film & video

Out on video this month *My Best Friend's Wedding*, with Rupert Everett turning in a great performance as the Julia Roberts' pal. Also out, the *25th Anniversary of Cabaret*, celebrating the 1972 film based on gay writer Christopher Isherwood's writings about "decadent" 1930's Berlin.

New at **Poppa Ropp's Video**: The uncut version of *Everything Relative* (described as the "lesbian *Big Chill*") and *Love! Valour! Compassion!* (comedy-drama about several gay friends who spend three weekends together).

*The Jackal* marks the first time that GLAAD played a significant role in a prerelease of a major studio movie. In the movie, **Bruce Willis** plays an assassin who meets a gay man and then kills him. At test screenings of the original version, the audiences applauded and cheered the killing. GLAAD approached the studio with their concerns, and found that Universal Studios and one of the film's producers also were appalled at the applauding of the senseless killing of a gay man. The new version

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shows that the gay character is killed because the assassin's cover is blown. By the way, *Access Hollywood* reports that Universal wanted to completely cut the scene where Willis' character kisses the gay man, but Willis fought to keep it in.

**Robert Downey Jr.** plays a dying gay man in a straight movie romance called *One Night Stand*.

## Television

Although Erie is finally getting *In the Life*, Pittsburgh and western New York are losing it. I have contacted them for an explanation to pass along to our readers who are served by those affiliates, but I'd like to wait till communications are complete. Persons in those viewing areas should also contact the station with polite letters of concern.

You've probably heard that ABC has brought back the parental advisory for *Ellen*. On November 12, I happened to watch *Drew Carey* (which comes on a half hour before *Ellen*). That episode was about Drew and his pals as male strippers, contained visual humor about hard-ons, and closed with the five naked guy-butts (with cracks tastefully obscured). Anyway, no parental advisory for

Drew, but there was one for the *Ellen* episode—which was about Ellen fearing people's reactions to holding her girlfriend's hand in public.

## Etcetera

We received a brief note about a feminist bookstore opening up in Jamestown at the Commons Mall on 3rd Street. It's called the **Literary Tea Bookshop**. Open Mon.-Sat. 11am-7 p.m. We'll share more info when we get it. You can also call them at 716-665-5992.

Cool stuff for **la bella bistro**...the restaurant has been named one of the top 10 lesbian-friendly restaurants in the country by *Girlfriends* magazine, a national lesbian monthly. It has also been named one of the 20 best in Pennsylvania by the *Server/Foodservice News Magazine*.

**Rainbow Pride** in Buffalo has just added a second location. The new store is located inside Buddies, a large bar located at 31 Johnson Park in Buffalo, open 7 days a week. The phone at the new location is 814-855-0222; call for hours. A note for women visiting the gift shop at Buddies: Although Buddies welcomes men and women, it has a predominately male clientele, so the Buddies "branch" will reflect that somewhat. The main gift shop on Hodge Street has more of an equal male-female ratio. By the way, you can pick up a map and guide to Buffalo gay night life while at Rainbow Pride.

Our Pennsylvania "mountain region" readers might want to know that **Kim Kranich**, who has been hosting the gay/lesbian *Purple Rabbit* show on Penn State's public radio station will be leaving soon. Her partner was offered a position in Illinois and that's where the couple will be moving. Kim says the show will be taken over by a collective which she says will give it more variety. Best wishes to Kim and partner.

**Pittsburgh's Shepherd Wellness Center**, which serves the needs of people with HIV/AIDS, is selling a celebrity cookbook as a fundraiser. Called *Won from the Heart*, features dozens of recipes donated by celebrities like Jane Fonda, Johnny Mathis, Paula Poundstone, Alex Trebek, and Stephen King (Hmmm, do we really want to know how Stephen King makes his special spaghetti dish?). To order send \$19.95 plus \$3 shipping to *Won From the Heart*/SWC, PO Box 5619, Pittsburgh PA 15207-0619. By the way, Shepherd Wellness' Web site is <http://www.thelynx.com/www/>

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# In the Life's 1997 Year-in-Review

by In The Life Media, Inc.

*The next episode of In the Life airs on December 12 at 10 p.m. on WQLN PBS-Erie/Channel 54. It will contain these stories:*

## AIDS and Sex in 1997

The close of 1996 brought protease inhibitors and the hope that a cure was on its way. This hope, however, ushered in a year filled with debate and division, mostly between AIDS activists and academics, over AIDS prevention messages and methods. Some warn of a new increased spread of the disease, especially among young gay men who are practicing unsafe sex in the belief that with protease inhibitors, AIDS can be fended off; others, like the activist group called Sex Panic, warn that calls for monogamy by a gay male media elite, or "neo-cons," means the eventual "death of queer culture." This story will examine this debate to find out how the core of each message is playing to the general population, and how prevention messages are being crafted for 1998.

## A Day in the Life: Dr. Kate O'Hanlon:

IN THE LIFE spends the day with Dr. Kate O'Hanlon, a leading expert in the field of Gynecologic Oncology at Stanford Medical Center. O'Hanlon has authored many studies including "Homophobia as a Health Hazard" and "Lesbian Health and Homophobia," both published in national medical journals. During this day with Dr. O'Hanlon viewers are introduced to her wife of 11 years, attend a "Grand Rounds" with Stanford Medical Staff on the effects of homophobia, witness an operation, observe regular check-ups . . . and at some point, go home!

## 1997 Theater Year-in-Review

One theme that stood out among this year's plays that focused on gay issues in 1997 was history. This segment considers three productions which, taken together, outline a century of society's treatment of homosexuals, both on-stage and off. These shows include the musical *On the Town* with Lea DeLaria, the 30th anniversary star-studded reading of *The Boys in the Band*, and a major success of the theater season, *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*.

## The 1997 Year in Media

In 1997 stories about gay and lesbian people grabbed the attention of the national media. The good news and bad news of this phenomenon can be summed up in two names—Ellen DeGeneres and Andrew Cunanan. In the spring of 1997 gay people across America cheered the first "prime time lesbian," both the character and the actress, and Ellen's coming out party was a national event. But just a few months later a "homicidal homosexual" became the obsession of media outlets replete with stories of kept boys and gay sex. Put simply, "gay" sold in 1997—in major newspapers and newscasts. For this story In the Life asks gay men and lesbians how they felt about the coverage and the ride.

## "In the Line of Fire": The Promisekeepers

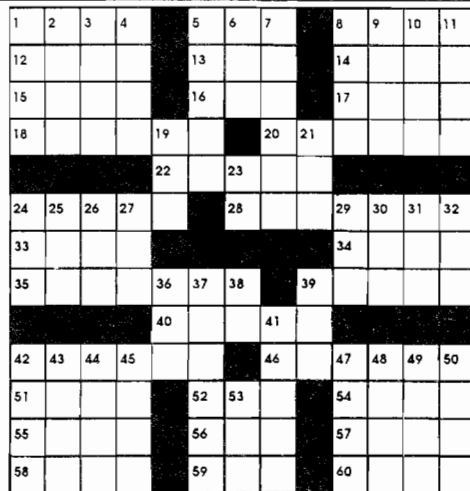
This season IN THE LIFE introduces a new regular feature called "In the Line of Fire," which will focus on the clash between the gay civil rights movement and anti-gay activity which works to resist its progress. This episode's "In the Line of Fire" segment will examine the connections between the Conservative Right and the Promise Keepers movement, and the possible future implications for the gay community. *In the Life* travels to Washington D.C. for the "Stand in the Gap" rally, to find out first hand how individual members and the leaders of the Promise Keepers regard gay men and lesbians, and whether a movement that has declared itself "non-political" should be of concern to gay rights activists.

## Documenting Gay History

In addition to theater, the 1997 season in music, photography and film also worked to examine and document gay history. This segment throws a spotlight on Germany by examining a 4-CD box set entitled *Club Verboten*, a photo exhibit called *100 Years of the Gay Rights Movement in Germany*, and the film *Bent*. Originally stage play, *Bent* follows the lives of two men in the 1930s as they are transported from gay Berlin to the concentration camps of Hitler's Nazi Germany.

## A Tribute

This episode ends with a tribute to role models of the gay community who passed away this year: Allen Ginsberg and Tom Stoddard. Their stories will be reflected through the eyes of their long term partners.



**Across:**

- 1 Gift for prospective partner?
- 5 'Safe' gift for lesbian?
- 8 Gift for PWA, and us all?
- 12 Pennsylvania port
- 13 Genetic material
- 14 Tree part
- 15 '96 Gwyneth Poltrow film
- 16 Navy rank, for short
- 17 Landed
- 18 Gift for Amazon?
- 20 Hers and Hers gifts?
- 22 Colorado ski resort
- 24 Gay doll
- 28 Gifts for budding gay artist?
- 33 Upon
- 34 Rental car agency
- 35 Gift for S&M/B&D lover?
- 39 Gift for gay rodeo performer?
- 40 Gift for lesbian dog owner?
- 42 Gifts for gay gadabouts?
- 46 'Safe' gift for gay man?
- 51 Employment Nondiscrim. Act
- 52 Hubbub
- 54 Londonderry \_\_\_\_
- 55 Proud manner
- 56 '83 hit *It's Raining* \_\_\_\_
- 57 Gay-friendly furniture maker
- 58 Homo-sexual party?
- 59 "...and I heard him exclaim \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight..."
- 60 Relaxation partner

**Down:**

- 1 Film unit
- 2 '63 Wilder flick \_\_\_\_ *La Douce*

- 3 Circle of light
- 4 Reverse or 2nd, for example
- 5 Gift for lipstick lesbian?
- 6 Advice columnist Landers
- 7 Gift for sex slave?
- 8 Talon
- 9 Zaire's river
- 10 Troin support
- 11 Newts, but *not* Gingrich's
- 19 Stadium sound
- 21 '58 Taylor classic *Cat* \_\_\_\_ *Hot Tin Roof*
- 23 Gift for gay 'geek'?
- 24 Comment from Scrooge
- 25 Call \_\_\_\_ day, (turn in)
- 26 Data's evil twin on *Star Trek*
- 27 Licensed Practical Nurse
- 29 Slangy affirmative
- 30 Eggs
- 31 Jack Frost does it to your nose
- 32 Snake sound
- 36 Element, for short
- 37 \_\_\_\_ Street
- 38 Salvation Army, for short
- 39 Comedienne Margret
- 41 Tea biscuit
- 42 Jewels
- 43 Single one
- 44 Brainstorm
- 45 Southern epithet
- 47 Gift for drag performer?
- 48 Water barrier, straight or not
- 49 Raw minerals
- 50 Murder, to some vegetarians
- 53 German Article

# 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

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**Accommodations, Bed & Breakfasts, Campgrounds**

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311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers PA. Campground
- DunDonald House ..... (800) 260-7227 or (416) 961-9888  
35 DunDonald St, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Bed & breakfast
- 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
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**Coqui's Gourmet Deli** ..... 835-2272  
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**Tapas** ..... 454-8797  
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1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)

Erie ..... 456-9833

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3119 Pine Ave, Erie PA. Contact Jill Wiggins and Mary Lynn Rate

Karen's Skin Care Studio ..... 833-3355 or 838-4802

2554 W 8th St, Erie PA. (Execu-Fit) Licensed Esthetician

The Light House ..... 453-6129

Website design and implementation service. Email [tlh@velocity.net](mailto:tlh@velocity.net). WWW: <http://www.velocity.net/~tlh>

Lavender Loafer Cards ..... 333-6282

PO Box 1458, Meadville PA. Email [Julia@alltel.net](mailto:Julia@alltel.net). Specializing in cards for gay women.

Movie Stop ..... 453-7696

1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. WWW: <http://www.moviestop.com/>

Pal Prescription Pharmacy ..... 455-8597

1238 W 6th St, Erie PA

Poppa Ropp's Video ▼ ..... 734-3014

Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA

Poster Annex/U Frame It ..... 455-1999

717 Liberty St, Erie PA Poster, prints, cards, ceramic tiles, creative custom framing

Rainbow Pride Gift Shop ▼ ..... (716) 881-6126

175 Hodge St (corner of Elmwood Ave), Buffalo NY. Also second location inside Buddies, 31 Johnson Park in Buffalo. Phone is (716) 855-0222.

Roadhouse Theatre ▼ ..... 456-5656

145 W 12th St, Erie PA. Email [Roadhaus@erie.net](mailto:Roadhaus@erie.net)

Talking Leaves ▼ ..... (716) 837-8554

3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. Email [talklvbk@fcs-net.com](mailto:talklvbk@fcs-net.com)

**Political/Advocacy Organizations**

- NWPA Chapter of ACLU ..... 734-3458 (Bob Cogan)  
 PO Box 1413 Erie PA 16512.  
 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 lgverie@ncinter.net

**Publications**

- Erie Gay News ..... 456-9833  
 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email egcn@ncinter.net  
 WWW: <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

**Religious Organizations**

- Dignity ..... 451-0593 (Jerry)  
 Support group for lesbian Catholics and their friends and family.  
 Ecumenical Christian group ..... 734-3959 (Susan Laurie)  
 Now forming. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations.  
 Temple Anshe Hased (Reform Congregation) ..... 454-2426  
 930 Liberty St, Erie PA. WWW: <http://www.shomosh.org/reform/uahtc/congs/pa/pa007/>  
 Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal) ..... 452-3779 (Rev. Kay Johnson,)  
 134 W 7th St, Erie PA  
 Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie ▼ ..... 864-9300  
 7180 New Perry Highway. For Commitment Vows, ask for Rev. Terry Kime.

**Social Organizations**

- 10% Network ▼ ..... (716)484-7285 (John)  
 Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 3rd Sat of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol.  
 Menspace ..... 456-9833 (Michael)  
 Social group for gay/bi men. Meets second Sat (unless otherwise noted), location varies. Call 456-9833 for more info or email egcn@ncinter.net  
 Rainbow Connection ..... 814-726-1808 (Fred Adams)  
 220 Onondaga Ave, Warren PA 16365. Social group for Warren PA area. Call for meeting time/place.  
 Womynspace Coffeehouse ▼ ..... 454-2713 (Sal)  
 An alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a theme, topic or activity for each month. Meet 1st Sat at 7:30pm. at Unitarian Univ Congreg of Erie. Email to aichess@hotmail.com.

**Student Organizations/Youth**

- Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP,

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**Crossword Solution:**

- Allegheny College, Meadville) ▼ ..... 332-4368 (Nancy)  
 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 529, Edinboro PA 16412. Email ClosetCltr@aol.com  
 Covenant House Teen Hotline ..... 1-800-999-9999  
 Identity & ..... 732-4357 (Amy)  
 Student group for lesbian/gay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Meets in the lobby of the University Center Wed 8 pm. Write to Identity, Edinboro Univ, 374 Dearborn Hall, Edinboro, PA 16412  
 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 lesbian/gay 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.sunyjc.edu.  
 Mercyhurst Gay/Straight Alliance ▼ ..... 824-2468 (Vivian)  
 Meets Tuesdays at 8:30 PM in Rm 213 Zurn. Mail to Mercyhurst GSA, 501 W 38th St Box S 1571, Erie PA 16546-0001. Email to Tara at tsamios@hotmail.com  
 National Runaway Switchboard ..... 1-800-621-4000  
 SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU ..... (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149  
 Meets Tuesdays at 8pm in Williams Center. All welcome. Email to gibs0000@fredonia.edu.  
 Teen Hotline ..... (412)771-8336  
 Trigon (Penn State Behrend) ..... 898-6030  
 ..... or (Sue Daley) 898-6164  
 Meeting open to the public. Write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. Email to coraballo@psu.edu WWW: <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/trigon>

**Support Groups**

- Erie Sisters  
 Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter, Interview with a club officer required before 1st mtg. Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505.  
 Lambda Group—Gay AA ▼ ..... 452-2675  
 Alcoholics Anon for Lesbians. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Open to all Lesbians 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 lesbian/gay 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: glpcierie@aol.com  
 Partners ..... (814) 664-7090 (Luella)  
 Support group for lesbian/gay people and their supporters in Corry PA area. Call or email for meeting time and place. Email to: partn5896@aol.com  
 PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) ..... see below

**PFLAG-Ashtabula OH** ..... (216)964-3350  
Meets the last Friday of each month, 7:00 pm., Conference Room at Donahoe Center, Rt 20 East.

**PFLAG-DuBois PA** ..... Karen or John Kressley at 371-8962  
Meets 7 pm on 2nd Tues of month at St. John's Oklahoma Lutheran Church at the corner of Maple Ave & Shaffer Road in DuBois. Write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 Email: jackk1pflag1pa@juno.com

**PFLAG-Erie** ..... Elaine 864-0184  
Meets 1st Thurs 7:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congreg of Erie. Write to PFLAG-Erie c/o 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** ..... Lois at (412)652-6893  
Meets 7-9 pm on 3rd Thurs at Human Svcs Ctr, 130 West North St, New Castle.

**Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)** ..... 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)  
Meets Tuesdays 8:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. WWW: <http://www.sca-recovery.org/>

**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

**Women's Services of Crawford County (24 hour)** ▼ (814)333-9766

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

**HIV/AIDS Directory**

**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 Grp** ..... (216)350-2554

**Erie PA/Erie County**

**Case Manager - Sandra Decker** ..... 456-8849

**Case Manager - Tami Shilling** ..... 456-8849

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

**AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon** ..... 871-7233

**AIDS Bereavement Support Group** ..... 452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)  
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. Call for info. Meets. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 134 W 7th St. "In our church there will be no outcasts"

**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. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont.

**GEGASHI** ..... 451-6784 (Caryn) or 451-6727 (Fran)  
Gays/Lesbians Educating Gays/Lesbians About Sexual Health Issues. Sponsored by Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). Email [gegashi@aol.com](mailto:gegashi@aol.com).

**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. Email them at [nwpaids@erie.net](mailto:nwpaids@erie.net)

**St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group** &  
..... Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113

Open to people of all faiths. Fax to: 459-7310 or email to: [cheryl1027@aol.com](mailto:cheryl1027@aol.com)  
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:00-8:30 pm at Catholic Chorities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance& follow signs for Support Group.

**Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.**

**AIDS Community Services** ▼ ..... (716)664-7855

**South County Support** ..... (716)488-1070  
For HIV infected and affected people. Meets 1st Thursday at the home of Hop and Cindy Chase, 1115 Prendergast Ave in Jamestown.

**Meadville PA/Crawford County**

**Case Manager - Sue Bobosky** ..... (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 - Sue Bobosky** ..... (800)359-AIDS

**Case Manager - Tami Shilling** ..... (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



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