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Erie Gay News

Calendar

Dec 1—World AIDS Day See last issue for details on area events.

Dec 2—Christmas in Rockefeller Center (NBC) Scheduled performers include Garth Brooks and Cyndi Lauper. 8 PM.

Dec 2—Drop Dead Gorgeous: Power of HIV-Positive Thinking (HBO) 1:50 AM. Performance by openly gay, openly HIV-positive comedian Steve Moore.

Dec 3—"Reflections on a Commitment Service" PFLAG-Erie meets "Two of our members, Roger and Lois, will share the joy and excitement of their son's and his partner's Commitment Service which they attended in September in Provincetown, RI. They will share their experience highlighted with pictures from the occasion. Hope to see you there!" 7:00 PM Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Dec 5—Womynspace: Holiday Party "We will be meeting at the UU as usual at 7:30 PM. All Womyn welcome! Please bring a holiday snack or beverage to share, and your favorite tapes or CD's (well-marked with your name). We'll be playing music, dancing if you want, snacking, visiting, etc. Please come out and play! For further info, call Helen at 451-0359 or email me at aichess@hotmail.com."

Dec 5—"An evening of Poetry and song with Hazel Chapman accompanied by Bobbie" (Cleveland) 8 PM - 12 Midnight. 3rd Annual Holiday Dinner at the Inn on Coventry, 2785 Euclid Hts Blvd., Cleveland Hts. \$20/person for dinner, coffee, dessert and entertainment. Cash bar, smoke free. For more info, contact Oven Productions at (216) 321-7799.

Dec 5—Austin City Limits: Indigo Girls (PBS)

Dec 5—My Best Friend's Wedding (Showtime) 8 PM. Openly gay actor Rupert Everett portrays the openly gay friend of Julia Roberts' character.

Dec 6—Patti LaBelle-Live (PBS) 9:30 PM and rerun at 1 AM. WNED & WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17 & 23). The legendary diva takes to the stage and sings a range of hits that span three decades. Taped live in New York's Hammerstein Ballroom, this electrifying performance features duets with Grammy Award winners Mariah Carey and Luther Vandross.

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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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 by Micheal A. Miller

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Thanks!

Items to send us in December

Dec 15— Deadline for info related to January and early February events:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Beginning of New Year stuff, Winter stuff.



Thanks for the November issue collators!

Thanks to Jerry McCumber, Brian Skelly, Paul Grubbs, Gary Yugas, Dave Mulholland, Bernie Bright, Amy Terrizzi, Ro, and Richard Mentz for helping us to collate the most recent 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!*

Dec 6—VH1 behind The Music: R.E.M. (VH-1)

Dec 6—The Children's Hour (TCM) 2 AM. Schoolgirl ruins 2 teachers' lives by lying about their supposed lesbian relationship.

Dec 7—Itzhak Perlman at Severance Hall (Cleveland) 8 PM. Benefits AIDS Council, 11001 Euclid Ave. Call (216) 651-0518 for info.

Dec 7—VH1 Legends: Queen (VH-1)

Dec 7—Hard Rock Live (VH-1) Includes Natalie Merchant.

Dec 7—Rosie O'Donnell: Garth Brooks See local listings for details.

Dec 7—The View: Garth Brooks (ABC)

Dec 8—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Dec 8—Danny Kaye (AMC) 10 PM. Film clips, photos trace the closeted comedian's career.

Dec 10—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-3959.

Dec 10-12—"Passion for Life" AIDS drama/fundraiser at the Directors Circle Theatre. See details page 10.

Dec 10—2 girls alone at Aroma's 7-9:30 PM. Will feature new original songs from their upcoming CD. 2164 W 8th St, phone 456-5282.

Dec 10—David Letterman: Whitney Houston (CBS)

Dec 11—All Over Me (HBO) 1:30 AM. A teen finds lesbianism in Hell's Kitchen.

Dec 12—Menspace 7:30 PM. Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

Dec 12—Christmas Party at Coon and Fox Club (Reno PA)

8 PM to 1 AM. Call (814) 678-5243 and talk to Patti or Peg or (814) 677-0020 about getting tickets. Advance tickets are REQUIRED! Because we do not have a license, we are not permitted to sell tickets at the door.

Also email clmiller@usachoice.net to get specifics. The Coon & Fox Club is in Reno (between Franklin and Oil City). The Halloween party had a turnout of around 175 people, so we're looking to top that number this time!

Dec 12—14th Annual Renaissance City Choirs Holiday Concert (Pittsburgh) 8 PM at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Call 412-362-9484 or email rcchoirs@aol.com for more info.

Dec 13—Cruising (Encore) 9:55 PM. Controversial when it came out story about undercover cop in the rough trade/S&M gay scene.

Dec 14—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123.

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Dec 14—Biography-Montgomery Clift: The Hidden Star (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight.

Dec 14—FANatic: Whitney Houston (MTV) Check local listings for details.

Dec 18—"Village HIV/AIDS Fundraiser" See details in HIV/AIDS news page 10.

Dec 18—My So-Called Life: So-Called Angels (MTV) Richie is kicked out of his home on Christmas eve for being gay. The actor portraying Rickie, Wilson Cruz, faced a similar situation.

Dec 18—Serial Mom (HBO) 1:30 AM. Openly gay director John Waters directs Kathleen Turner as a suburban housewife turned serial killer.

Dec 19—10% Network Holiday Party (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. Holiday Party. "We will be having a cookie exchange and a gift exchange. For the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift priced under \$10.00 for the exchange. This will be run like a Chinese auction. Gifts are chosen and exchanged between group members before being opened. Who knows which one you'll get! For the cookie exchange, bring as many cookies as you plan on taking, wrapped with a half-dozen cookies in each bag. For example, if you bring 4 half-dozen bags, you may take 4 half-dozen bags of assorted cookies. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285."

Dec 20—Nobel Peace Concert (Fox Family Network) Scheduled performers include Elton John and Alanis Morissette. 8 PM.

Dec 21—Larry Sanders Show: I Was A Teen-Age Lesbian (HBO) 9 PM.

Dec 21—My Best Friend's Wedding (Showtime) 8 PM. See December 5.

Dec 21—Cruising (Encore) 11:45 PM. See December 13.

Dec 22—Yule at UU 7:30 PM. Pagan holiday celebrated by GLBT-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear black, bring a drinking vessel for the ritual and a dish to pass for the potluck feast following. Info: Contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net

Dec 22—Biography-Roddy McDowall: Hollywood's Best Friend (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight.

Dec 22—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Dec 24—Auntie Mame (Cinemax) 8 AM. Everyone's favorite aunt, based on the book by gay author Patrick Dennis.

Dec 25—Merry Christmas

Dec 25—Inside the Actors Studio (Bravo) 11 AM & 6 PM. Features Nathan Lane.

Dec 26—BYKOTA worship meeting Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-3959.

Dec 26—Potluck Christmas Party and Useless Gift Exchange (Mentor OH) 5-9 PM. Sponsored by HUGS-East. 8521 East Ave, Mentor OH. Call 440-974-8909 for more info.

Dec 27—Frankie and Johnny (USA) 2 PM. Out-but-not-out Nathan Lane plays the openly gay best friend of Michelle Pfeiffer's character.

Dec 28—One Night Stand: Paula Poundstone (Comedy Central) 2:30 PM.

Dec 28—Orlando (Showtime) 9:15 AM. Tilda Swinton lives for 400 years as both man and woman in adaptation of lesbian author Virginia Wolff's novel, written as a love story to her lover, Vita Sackville-West.

Dec 30—Great Performances: A Streetcar Named Desire (PBS) 8:30 PM (PBS-Erie, Ch. 54) 9:30 PM WNET (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17). Composer Andre Previn adapted this San Francisco Opera production of gay playwright Tennessee Williams classic play about a destitute Southern belle (Blanche DuBois) pushed to the brink of madness by her brutish brother-in-law. Blanche's late husband had an affair with another man.

Dec 30—Michael Feinstein: Sing a Song of Hollywood (AMC) 5:30 AM. Openly gay performer.

Dec 30—The Real Ellen Story (Bravo) 8 PM and 12 midnight. Profiles the famous "Puppy" episode of Ellen DeGeneres' show, *Ellen*.

Dec 31—New Years Eve See details page 8.

Dec 31—Rocky Horror Picture Show (Comedy Central) 2 AM.

Dec 31—Nureyev: Sleeping Beauty (Bravo) 10:15 PM.

Jan 1—Happy New Year

Jan 1—Paula Poundstone: Live from Harvard Yard (Comedy Central) 11 PM.

Jan 1—Biography-Judy Garland: Beyond the Rainbow (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight

Jan 2—Womynspace For more info, call Helen 451-0359 or email achesst@hotmail.com

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Jan 2—Personal goal setting and New Years Resolutions (Mentor OH) 7-9 PM. Coffee and bring dessert to share. Sponsored by HUGS-East. 8521 East Ave, Mentor OH. Call 440-974-8909 for more info.

Jan 3—*In The Life* 11 PM WQLN (PBS-Erie, Ch. 54). See details page 19.

Jan 6—*In The Life* 9 PM WNED (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17). See details page 19.

Jan 7—"School policy" (pending) PFLAG-Erie meets "We are talking with a representative from the Erie School District about the possibility of a program concerning their policy for providing a safe, supportive learning environment for our gay, lesbian bisexual and transgendered children." 7:00 PM Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Jan 7—*In The Life* 11 PM WQED (PBS-Pittsburgh, Ch. 13). See details page 19.

Jan 9—Menspace Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9333 or email egca@ncinter.net for more info.

Jan 9—10% Network Men's Video and Magazine Exchange (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at John's house. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285."

Jan 11—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123.

Jan 11—*Biography-Anthony Perkins: A Life in the Shadows* (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight. Includes material on his life as a closeted gay man.

Jan 12—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Jan 12—*In The Life* 12 Midnight WNEO/WEAO (PBS-Cleveland, Ch. 45/49). See details page 19.

Jan 14—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-3959.

Jan 16—10% Network Women's Dance (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285."

Jan 18—Martin Luther King Day

Jan 20—*Biography-Roy Cohn: Joe McCarthy's Right-Hand Man* (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight.

Jan 26—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Jan 28—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-3959.

Jan 29—"Kids in the Hall" Marathon (Comedy Central) 11:30 PM - 4 AM. Includes out gay comedian Scott Thompson and his over the top character, Buddy Cole.

Jan 31—"Absolutely Fabulous" Marathon (Comedy Central) 2 - 8 PM.

Feb 20—1999 Womyn's Variety Show (Cleveland) More details next month. For more info, contact Oven Productions at (216) 321-7799.

Feb 27—"Cause for Celebration" (Jamestown & Buffalo) Annual AIDS fundraiser with activities in both Jamestown and Buffalo. More details next month

Repeating Programs

The First Wives Club Includes lesbian daughter and brief cameo by Lea DeLaria. HBO 12/2 2:45 PM, 12/6 4 PM, 12/11 1:45 PM, 12/22 6 PM, 12/31 9:45 AM & 8:30 PM

Friends for Life: Living With AIDS Disney, 12/1 8 PM, 12/4 10:05 PM, 12/6 8 PM, 12/8 10:15 PM, 12/10 10:10 PM, 12/29 10:20 PM.

In & Out Cinemax, 12/2 8 PM, 12/13 10 PM, 12/16, 12 noon, 12/19 6:30 PM, 12/22 6:30 PM, 12/25 10 PM, 12/31 11:30 AM

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil HBO 12/26 8 PM, 12/27 4:25 AM, 12/29 8 PM.

Women's Sports

Basketball (College) 12/6 ESPN 3:30 PM 12/19 ESPN-2 Noon and 2 PM.

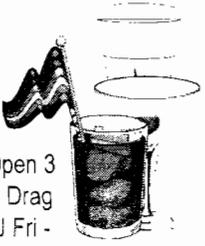
Golf Wendy's Three Tour Challenge 12/19-20 On ABC Dec. 19 and Dec. 20 3:30 - 6:00 PM.

Soccer (NCAA Tournament Final) 12/6 ESPN 1 PM
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Changes at EGN

by Deb

This issue marks a change in editorship at EGN.

Since January 1993, I have been the main writer and editor for the publication.

It has been a rewarding six years (and 71 issues!), but there are other projects that I want to work on, and it was just time for a change.

At this point, Mike Mahler and Mike Miller, the publication's other co-editors, have agreed to step in and take over. I say "step in" because they are both experiencing some trepidation over the task—both of these guys already do a lot of work for the publication in their respective areas of skill and expertise. We have had a system that works, with each of us having our own areas of competence—Mike Miller and his wonderful art and design work, Mike Mahler, and his excellent administrative and fiscal skills, and Deb and writing/info collecting.

One way that you can help take some of the burden off the co-editors is by offering to help with some of the tasks: writing articles, helping look up certain resources etc. Contact the editors if you're interested. They can offer guidance if you feel you need it.

We also have always appreciated people who do the support work that has made our job so much easier—the people who collate EGN every month, the people who help distribute the issues and do other important work.

At any rate, with this issue, Mike and Mike become solely responsible for EGN. I will do some writing and (nonbinding) advising for the publication, but these are the guys you want to deal with from now on regarding all issues—editorial, fiscal, resources, etc.

This issue looks great, and I love the fact that the co-editors were able to get so many different local people to write for it.

Best of luck, Mike and Mike!

Correction

Last month's feature about Native gay persons gave the old address for the 2-Spirited Peoples organization for GLBT people. They have moved to 14 College Street 4th, in Toronto.



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First Night Erie This has always been a popular event that doesn't focus on alcohol. The event schedule will be printed in Showcase; check it for the two weeks preceding New Year's Eve.

Bars Both of Erie's gay bars are within walking distance of each other. The Zone (formerly Embers) is at 1711 State Street and the phone is 454-9171. The Village is at 133 W 18th St and their phone is 452-0125. Both bars are planning New Year's Eve parties.

Accommodations near bars If you plan to spend your evening at the bars and don't have a designated driver, please consider spending the night at a hotel or motel. Nearest to the bars are Holiday Inn Downtown (18th & State, 456-2961), The Downtowner (456-6251) and the Avalon (459-2220). We mention these because of the proximity to the bars; we don't know about gay-friendliness, cost or quality. Remember to reserve early. For other accommodations in the area, check the phone book or call the Erie Chamber of Commerce at 454-7191.

Taxi & Care Cab You can call Yellow Cab at 455-4441. We don't know where the free Care Cab service will be in effect, so check Showcase for more info.

Jamestown

Bars Rascals is at 701 N Main St (716) 484-3220, Sneakers is at 100 Harrison (716) 484-8816 and the Nite spot is at 201 Winsor. All three will probably have some kind of New Year's event, but information was unavailable as of this writing.

Accommodations The local Holiday Inn is within walking distance of all three bars. Again, it is very important to make reservations early. Call (716) 664-3400. To find others, call the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce at (716) 484-1101 and ask for accommodations near downtown.

Other stuff

House party Have some friends over or go to one of their houses, maybe play First Night Erie coverage in the background, play games, serve dinner, have a pot luck, show some videos. (Poppa Ropp's Videos will be open until 8 PM New Year's Eve.) If anyone plans on drinking, plan on having a space where people can crash for the evening instead of driving home.

Romantic evening What better way to start the New Year than doing something special with your sweetie? Take the phone off the hook, play soft music, serve a candle lit dinner, light a warm fire, talk about what's really important to each of you for the coming year. Make the last moments of this year and the first moments of next year into real quality time with someone you love.

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Scapers looking to expand

By Ross M. Berrier of Scapers

In efforts to provide more resources for Erie's GLBT community, Scapers Limited is interested in dedicating a section of the store to a community resource section. But, we need your help to make this happen. Our basic intention is this: the resource section would be a comfortable, inviting place for people to stop in to and it would be open during the regular business hours that we currently have (at present Thurs-Fri 5pm-9pm and Sat-Sun Noon-5pm). We believe that the diversity within our community should be reflected in the resources available. That's where we need your assistance!

We can't supply/stock everything that could be used in a resource section, and we'd also like to make this as much of a community effort as possible. Therefore, we're hoping that some of you may have things you'd like to donate to this kind of an area. It would be our intention that, should a community center of sorts be developed in Erie, these items would be given to that center.

Tremendous thanks go out to the donor of a computer (M. Marshall). This computer will be set up and usable in the resource area; at this time there is not a phone line to connect to the Internet, but maybe donations could help pay for a dedicated phone line. There is also a laser printer attached, so if you need to work on a resume, etc., this could be the place!

Other items on a wish list include: educational software for the computer; a ream (or two) of paper for the printer; a bookshelf (or two); a coffeepot; a cozy comfy chair (in OK shape, not buggy); a cozy comfy couch (in OK shape, not buggy); end tables and/or coffee table; a file cabinet; books, magazines (maybe old issues?), maga-

zine subscriptions; videos; posterity books about our community (a pictorial history?); and other items that would be at home in a resource section for GLBTs (my mind is a little mushy right now, so I'm sure there are other things I can't think of - such as ideas for how to pay for a phone line for Internet access)

Your help with this is greatly appreciated! The support we receive from the community is what keeps us going, and we're happy to be able to offer things back to the community in this way! We would also like to recognize that Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO) has been very helpful in helping us find some support for the resource section. If you have things to donate and/or ideas, feel free to email us at scapers@scapers.com or stop by the store! We couldn't do what we do without you.

Editor's note: This represents a great opportunity for us. As we move into a period where area GLBT feel more comfortable in being active or out, we need a way that people can find the many wonderful resources in our area.



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"Passion for Life" drama at Directors Circle

Heather M. Malobisky

"Passion for Life: A Journey from Tragedy to Hope" an original drama revolving around the lives of characters affected and infected with HIV/AIDS will be performed at the Director's Circle Theatre, 652 W. 16th, Erie, on Dec. 10, 11, 12.

Profits from the show will benefit Friends from the Heart, a grass roots organization that assists infected and affected individuals.

The drama is actually five one-acts written by playwright Rita Kilbane of Erie compiled into one full length show.

A good drama transports the audience from their seats into the story. The viewer becomes an involved part of what is happening instead of a mere bystander. With the help of the actors, "Passion" will attempt to accomplish this.

"I create realistic and endearing characters, illustrate their lives and present a resolution. I am usually optimistic so I try to create hope from tragedy," said Kilbane.

The idea for the show came after a partial reading of "Silent Inequity," one of the one acts in the show, was very positively received at the recent Erie Pride Rally. Michael Weiss, owner of the Director's Circle, donated the theater space.

The director, Gary Snyder of Erie, became involved because he "believes in the integrity of the playwright. I chose to follow the clamor from the Rally."

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Some of the stories are based on actual occurrences and others were gathered from research, but all are down to earth. The characters, including the Greek gods, are very accessible.

"The purpose of this production is to educate and enlighten the audience through entertainment. I am only one person, but I can make a difference by sharing my works and hoping that the audience derives from the experience a positive outlook on those living with AIDS," said Kilbane, "If one person hears my voice and comprehends my message, then the endeavor is worth the effort."

Snyder has set a goal of 350 people attending the show. This would mean Friends from the Heart would receive approximately \$1,000. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For reservations call the Director's Circle at 454-0636 and leave a message. Otherwise, just pay at the door.

Benefit at the Village

by Bobbi B.

The Village will be hosting a Christmas AIDS benefit on Friday, December 18th, at approximately 11 PM. Your hostesses for the evening will be Erie's own Miss Ginger and Miss Bobbi B. All proceeds and donations raised by the entertainers will go to the Friends from the Heart group from Erie, meaning all monies raised here will stay in our community. The \$2.00 cover will also be donated to the cause. Anyone wishing to make a donation, whether it be money (checks can be made out to Friends from the Heart) or a door prize can get in touch with Bobbi B. at The Village (452-0125) or stop in. We appreciate your support in the fight against AIDS.

*Keep us updated on
what your group has been up to!*

Local news

Times article & Pinski's apology

On Thursday, October 22, the Erie Daily Times published an opinion piece entitled "From Lewinsky to homosexuals, Clinton undermines family values" The article was written by Steven A. Schwalm, a senior writer/analyst at the Family Research Council. It was placed with the balanced news stories which brought criticism from some readers, including Elaine Hill, PFLAG-Erie coordinator and Elizabeth Beckman. Both women had letters to the editors published which criticized the placement and tone of the article. Beckman's ran on Thursday, October 29 in the Erie Daily Times and Hill's ran on Sunday, November 29 in the Times News. Readers Advo- cates Jeff Pinski apologized for the placement and labeling in the Sunday, November 1 edition of the Times News.

"Always Our Children" group

There is a new support group for the Catholic parents of gay children. The group is called "Always Our Children" (after the US Catholic Bishop's recent supportive letter) and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, 329 West Tenth Street. Call 456-2091 for more information. This group is only for parents.

Separately, Pax Christi USA and New Ways Ministry will be printing "A Catholic Pledge To End Violence Against Gay and Lesbian People." Donations (\$25 is suggested) to support running the ad in *The New York Times* or another national publication should be postmarked

by December 14 and should be sent to New Ways Ministry, 4012 29th St, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712. From their pledge "We call on all Catholics and people of goodwill to look into their hearts and weed out violent perceptions and behaviors. We ask our bishops and Church leaders to speak boldly when the rights of gay and lesbian people are destroyed and when they are maligned by politicians and other religious leaders."

Klan rally on Courthouse steps

A demonstration by the Ku Klux Klan took place on Saturday, November 28 on the steps of the Erie County Courthouse. About 400 people attended, in addition to the 25 or so KKK members. Most of the attendees disagreed with the KKK's message of hatred. Local Unity group Citizens Against Racism in Erie (CARE) held a counter event, "Unity in Our Community", which included speakers, events and activities. This occurred on the same day at Mercyhurst College. Among the speakers was Michael Mahler. Over 1,000 people attended this four hour event that celebrated unity and diversity.

Embers becomes The Zone with new owner

Local bar Embers, 1711 State St, Erie, has changed owners and names. The bar is now The Zone and the new owner is Bob Regan, who has stated that the bar will remain a gay space. They are still open the same hours and there is country line dancing Wednesdays from 8 - 11 PM.

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Election results

Local/Pennsylvania Results

by Abby B. Conley

As some of you may know, I am "filling in" as organizer for the local LGLV chapter. It is sad to note that all State Candidates who were sent a questionnaire did not bother to respond. So I am at a loss as to how I can judge what their thoughts and plans are for legislation that effect the Gay and Lesbian community. However, these elected officials are all incumbents. I will provide a quick profile on each of them based on what I know.

Starting with the State Representatives, reelected from the first District was Linda Bebko Jones. The illness of Linda's beloved husband Tommy has made this election very hard on Linda. She has rightfully put family first. Linda is a very hard working legislator and has been a strong advocate for human rights. This is LBJ's 4th term. [D]

Italo Cappabianca from the 2nd District won an 11th term. Some of the issues most important to Mr. Cappabianca in his term to come is local tax reform, equitable

funding distribution for all school districts and completion of the eastside connector highway. [D]

Karl Boyes from the 3rd District. Some of Mr. Boyes' projects have included securing money for highway projects and focused on volunteer fire departments and charitable institutions. [R]

Tom Scrimenti from the 4th District won his 5th term. Issues that Mr. Scrimenti will be working on in the term ahead will be school vouchers, campaign finance reform and assuring that the state budget surplus go back to the citizenry for property tax relief. [D]

Tracey Seyfert from the 5th District was elected to her second term. She has been involved in bringing in policy makers to her district and involving her constituents with those policy makers, thereby creating a team effort. [R]

U.S. Rep Phil English was reelected to his third term to Congress. It was wonderful of Mr. English to send a representative from his office to the recent Gay Rally at Perry square. Thank you, Mr. English, for being involved. This is how legislators learn about all of their constituency. [R]

Tom Ridge won his second term to Governor. There is a lot of talk about Mr. Ridge running on the GOP ticket in the year 2000 as a candidate for Vice-President. Mr. Ridge has made promises to address crimes of hate and discrimination in our State. I pray that since this did not happen in his first term that he will remember to do so in his second. [R]

The legislative process is so very important to your community. these people are the ones who create the laws that protect you and insure your rights. The only way they will know what your needs are is that every single one of us hold them accountable but even more importantly need people to get involved in the LGLV organization. I have agreed to fill in temporarily. If people do not step forward, this organization will fail. If you are good at organizing and have spare time, please contact me and let's keep this vital service alive! You can contact me by phone at 72-0045 or Email me at abbycat@email.com.

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National/New York Results

by Greg Rabb

In this year's election, Tammy Baldwin in Wisconsin became the first openly gay or lesbian non-incumbent elected to Congress. "This is history-making," said Daniel McGlinchey, interim executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats. "We look forward to having Tammy Baldwin in the House taking a lead in the fight for fairness for gay and lesbian Americans."

Two other open lesbians Chris Kehoe (CA) and Greta Cammermeyer (WA) ran first-rate campaigns but lost their races to incumbents, and both of them could come back as formidable candidates in the future. Openly gay candidate Paul Barby ran a tough campaign in Oklahoma, but lost his race to the incumbent in a heavily Republican district.

In New York, Chuck Schumer took the U.S. Senate seat away from Republican Alfonse D'Amato. Michael Perez, co-chair of National Stonewall Democratic Federation, said, "We were the only national gay organization to endorse Chuck Schumer, and we're glad that a majority of New Yorkers agreed with us and voted for the candidate who was not only pro-choice, but also the more consistently and reliably pro-gay." The Empire State Pride Agenda, New York's gay and lesbian political organization, also endorsed Chuck Schumer.

On the west coast, two Senators endorsed by the National Stonewall Democratic federation retained their seats. In California, voters rejected Republican Matt Fong, the state treasurer linked to the ultraconservative Traditional Values Coalition, in favor of Senator Barbara Boxer, who has been one of the strongest allies in the Senate for gay and lesbian Americans. In Washington, Senator Patty Murray won handily over Republican conservative maverick

Linda Smith. Moreover, in North Carolina, anti-gay Republican Launch Faircloth, the junior senator to Jesse Helms, lost his Senate seat to Democratic John Edwards.

"We picked up some pro-gay Democratic seats in the House," said Roger Lee, vice-chair of National Stonewall Democrats, "and overall gay and lesbian Americans did very well yesterday. Unfortunately, we lost a staunch ally with the loss of Senator Moseley-Braun, but the race was close and we're glad we endorsed her. We're also very glad to have pro-gay Democratic Senator Russ Feingold retain his seat in Wisconsin."

National Stonewall Democrats backed Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) and note that her reelection blocked Republican homophobe Bob Dornan's attempt to regain his seat in the House. Also, incumbent John Fox (R-PA) was replaced by Stonewall-endorsed Democrat Joe Hoeffel, who lost to Fox by 84 votes in 1996, but won this year by over 9,000 votes.

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"Creating Change" in Pittsburgh

by Elaine Hill

Linda Chavez-Thompson, Executive Vice President of the AFL-CIO; Virginia Apuzzo, Assistant to the President (yes, Clinton) for Management and Administration; Patricia Ireland, President N.O.W.; Byron Rushing, member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Kate Clinton, Comedian and writer; Sarah Schulman, writer and activist; Dr. Marjorie Hill, National President of the Unity Fellowship Movement, New York City; and Felicia Park-Rogers, Director of COLAGE (Children OF Lesbians and Gays Everywhere).

What does the outstanding group of people listed above have in common? They were just some of the Plenary Speakers at the "Creating Change" Conference sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) in Pittsburgh November 11-15.

Wednesday and Thursday were comprised of day-long Institutes. We arrived early Thursday morning and joined in the "Safe Schools" Institute led by Kate Frankfurt from GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network) and Rae Carey, NYAC (National Youth Advocacy

coalition). (There were lots of initials floating around at this conference!)

Also present at this Institute was Carolyn Wagner, PFLAG Regional Director from Arkansas, whose son, Willie, successfully sued the School board there for failing to protect his civil rights according to Title IX.

They also reported that the next target of the religious political extremists is to get their ex-gay movements introduced into our nation's high schools. Pretty scary stuff!

Friday-Sunday, there were a series of 9 workshops with over 150 to choose from and several tracks one could follow: Aging/Ageism, AIDS/HIV & Health, Anti-Violence, Campus, Domestic Partnership, Elections/Campaigns, Families, Fighting the Right, Fundraising, International, Leadership, Legislative, Marriage, Media, Movement Building, Organizational Development, Organizing, Sexual Politics, Schools, Spirituality/Faith, Technology, Transgender Workplace and Youth.

As might be expected, I chose to jump all over the map, taking in a little Technology, led by Digital Queens,

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some Media, a couple Fighting the Right, and several faith-based workshops.

One of the faith-based presenters was Dr. Daniel Helminiak, a priest, psychologist, and author of several books including "What the Bible Really Says about Homosexuality." What a great mind and dynamic speaker. If you have the opportunity to hear him, don't miss it!

Of special interest to me was the workshop where a Winnie Stachelberg, Political Dir. of the Human Rights Campaign, tried to explain why they endorsed Sen. Alphonse D'Amato (R-NY) for reelection. Then Rich Tafel, Executive Director of the Log Cabin Republicans tried to tell us why the Republicans are our friends, even though it often fails to show in their votes. But, maybe there's something to be said for fighting for change from within.

Another interesting workshop for me was the Organizing for Civil Rights in PA which was presented by members of SPARC (Statewide PA Rights Coalition). They told us that although PA is the 5th most populated state, it is also the most rural and very conservative (there's a surprise). They are seeking to have sexual orientation added to already existing civil rights laws, each of which has to be done on a one by one basis—one for each group represented—because of the way PA's system is set up. They are willing to go anyway and talk to any group(s) to explain and discuss their strategy and goals. (If anyone is interested in joining PFLAG to co-sponsor a local forum, please let me know, 864-0184).

Dignity Pittsburgh held a very special mass on Sunday morning which I was pleased to take part in.

Throughout the conference it was impossible to miss the dissension in the movement, particularly in regards to issues with Human Rights Campaign and the Millennium March on Washington. I mentioned HRC's D'Amato endorsement and there were other gripes in the air. As for the March, it appears that the organizers were less than inclusive in their original planning and discussions. There is a possibility it could go back to the drawing boards for revision. Watch your local web sites.

In addition to the workshops and plenaries, there were also opportunities for socializing (which yours truly was too tired to take part in). Friday night there was a Prom and a concert on Saturday night.

I was thrilled to have the conference close enough to home to be able to take part. I'm sorry more locals were not able to attend a most worthwhile event.

Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

I just got back from the "Unity in Our Community" Rally that was held in response to the KKK Rally, also held on November 28th. At the Unity event I saw black, white, male, female, a wide range of ages, many different religious traditions and commitment levels, students, disabled people, and many more. And that was just the queers that I saw at Mercyhurst! I think we can all be proud of how the people in our city responded to this hateful and divisive message. It felt good that so many different people joined together to express love and mutual support.

This was particularly nice because I had gotten some anonymous, annoying, anti-gay email about a month ago from a *brave* soul who was too much of a wimp to even send along an address that could be responded to. It's pretty much the same deal as the KKK - any twit can be brave when they are hiding behind an anonymous email address, or a mask, or the cover of night. I am so proud that when we had our rally downtown 7 weeks before the KKK that folks stood up proudly in the light of day and showed their smiling faces.

In the Erie Times-News coverage of the event, one protester at the KKK rally drew parallels between their rally and ours and noted that *our* rally didn't require the city to shell out taxpayer monies to supply record amounts of police protection. Okay, so being nicer than the Klan is hardly the ultimate compliment, but it does show that people are moving towards greater understanding.

Happy holidays! I plan on celebrating Yule with my fellow Pagans and we wish everyone a joyous holiday of the appropriate spiritual tradition!

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Q-List

by Mike Miller

The EGN Q-List is intended as a brief listing of upcoming or recent entertainment events like speakers, concerts or shows; book, movie, video or product releases; as well as brief commentary on issues of potential interest to GLBT people, family and friends. Since this can in no way ever claim to be a complete list of such events, things and issues, Q-list will tend to favor inclusion of items local to the greater Erie area and items that specifically target a GLBT sensibility, although some "mainstream" or non-local items may appear as well. If there's an item that you feel should be mentioned in an upcoming Q-List, please send in a brief written description of the item to EGN along with your contact information.

Theatre

An emerging theatre troupe called **Players for Small Change** will be presenting **The Eight: Reindeer Monologues** by Jeff Goode, a comedy out of Chicago that gives us a funny reindeer's-eye view of their boss, the holidays, and some broader issue—Cupid is an openly gay reindeer, and Blitzen and Vixen are rumored to be lesbians. Sounds like a fun break from holiday shopping. Performances will be Sunday, December 13th and December 20th at 7 PM in the theatre on the second floor of the Art Works Building at 1505 State Street, the location once held by Directors Circle and the Roadhouse Theatre for Contemporary Art. For reservations call the Players for Small Change at 459-1957.

Speaking of **the Roadhouse**, they will be presenting the campy, vampy, gender-bending spoof of all B-movies **The Rocky Horror Show** Fridays at 8 PM and Saturdays at 8 PM and midnight through December 19th, and may possibly continue to run it in January. See the review on page 18.

If you were at the Pride Rally in October and enjoyed the theatrical reading by Heather Malobisky and **Rita Kilbane**, you have a chance to hear more and support a good cause. Five of Kilbane's moving one-acts have been compiled into a full length show entitled **Passion for Life: A Journey from Tragedy to Hope** which will be

presented Dec 10-12 at the Directors Circle Theatre, 652 West 16th. The show is directed by Gary Snyder and proceeds will benefit **Friends from the Heart**. See article on page 10.

If you can't make it to the *Passion for Life* benefit, you'll have another chance to support a good cause the following weekend. **The Village** is throwing a **Christmas AIDS Benefit** Friday, December 18th, at 11 PM featuring **Miss Ginger** and **Bobbi B.** proceeds from which, including bar cover and monetary donations, will go to Friends from the Heart. See article page 10.

Cleveland's **Dobama Theatre** will be running **Tony Kushner's** Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning gay themed Broadway play **Angels in America** in repertory through December 20th. For info or to reserve tickets contact Dobama Theatre at 1846 Coventry Road in Cleveland Heights 216-932-6838.

In the spirit of the season, gay playwright and movie screenwriter Paul Rudnick will be opening **The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told** this month at the New York Theater Workshop in which the greatest Bible stories are camped up with Adam and Eve replaced by Adam and Steve, Cain and Able replaced with Jane and Mabel. Rudnick's satirical wit is, naturally, already being reviled by the Family Defense Council.

Books

Fairly new out on the shelves is **Family Outing**, (Little, Brown & Co. \$24), by **Chastity Bono** and Billie Fitzpatrick (contributor) in which Bono describes the trials of her own coming out to her famous parents while interspersing the coming out stories of other young GLBT people. A good read not only for those interested in biographical details of the Bono family, but also for families dealing with the coming out process themselves.

Open Secret: Gay Hollywood 1928-1998, by David Ehrenstein (William Morrow & Co. \$25), is more than an expose of who's gay and who's not in the showbiz industry. It's an engrossing study of Hollywood's behind the scenes political machinery especially in regards to the gay question, and ultimately how that all affects pop culture and the average American's concept of what it means to be a GLBT person.

Film

Psycho is scheduled to open Friday December 4 to general audiences everywhere. With **Gus Van Sant** directing and **Anne Heche** starring, you might expect this to be a pretty queer remake of the Hitch classic. Truth is that once you get past the titillation of Vince Vaughn in Mother drag and Anne Heche in the shower scene, the only gay content you're likely to find is from straight actress Julianne Moore. According to Moore, in an interview with *Out* magazine, she decided to give the character of Lila Crane, (sister to Heche's character), a subtle Lesbian sensibility. Otherwise, the movie is touted to be a rather faithful homage to the original.

TV and Video

If you've been enjoying the campy antics of **Sean Hayes** as Jack in the sitcom *Will and Grace*, then you'll want to check him out starring in the gay romantic comedy *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss* which is just out on video.

Also out on video is *Ma Vie En Rose*, the Golden Globe winning account of a six year old boy who is convinced that he should be a girl. *Wilde* recounts the events surrounding the jailing and eventual demise of Oscar Wilde to great dramatic effect with a very believable portrayal of the great gay wit. *Some Prefer Cake* centers around the intrigues of a lesbian comic's dating life. *More Tales of the City*, the sequel to the acclaimed PBS-produced *Tales of the City* which finally was picked up and aired by Showtime after much controversy, continues to faithfully follow the Armistead Maupin series and features **Olympia Dukakis** as the delightful, if slightly fried, Mrs. Madrigal.

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On the Serious Side

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If you are being abused, are wondering how you're going to pay your bills, or are contemplating suicide, you need to take the time for yourself to get help before the hectic holiday swirl makes matters worse. Contact one of the counselors listed in our resource directory, or call one of the hotlines. For financial problems you might also consider the Consumer Credit Counseling Service at 866-4500 or Credit Counseling Centers of America at 800-493-2222. They *can* help you.

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Theater

The Rocky Horror Show
Roadhouse Theatre
Reviewed by Mike Miller

Great Scott! [fling].

Aliens have once again landed in E(e?)rie and audiences at the Roadhouse will have a chance to dress up, yell things like "Slut" and "Asshole", throw toilet paper and confetti and do the Time Warp again.

Directors Scott McClelland and Kim Mc have taken on the challenge of staging *The Rocky Horror Show*, the bawdy B-movie inspired cult classic that every fan knows every line and movement of. They've kept just enough that's the same so that the audience can participate, but they've also cleverly managed to give it a fresh new Roadhouse personality all its own.

The show is perfectly cast with fun portrayals and singing performances all around. John Champagne, in Frankenstein heels and Louis XIV wig delivers an energetic, if morally depraved Frank N Furter. ["What morals?"]. Jeff Rodland is a very convincing Brad [Whistle!], Krista Perry Lamb a delightfully squeaky Columbia, Joe Thornton, a muscular Rocky [Whistle!]. Janelle Dumbrowski is a lucky addition as Magenta. "You're lucky! He's lucky! We're all lucky!" ["The Coke machine's lucky!"]. Chris Wloch hits notes you shouldn't try at home as Riff Raff. The band, The Travelling Pallbearers, is right and tight, and rocks the joint when it needs to. And the cast is well rounded out with Lance Thrustwell as Dr. Scott, Buck Adams as Eddie and Jerry Brace as the Narrator ["Where's your f---ing neck?"].

No, I didn't forget. The show is also perfectly mis(s?)-cast with Bobbi B. in drag as Janet ["Slut!"] to great comedic effect. Interestingly enough, Scott McClelland observed that, while a very few members of the audience seemed offput or startled by some of the scenes with two men having simulated sex, no one seemed to have the slightest problem with the sex scenes between Rocky and Janet or Frank and Janet, even though Janet was also played by a man. I guess a little drag illusion goes a long way.

If you're a "virgin", that is if you've never seen a *Rocky Horror Show*, gather up a bunch of your friends, dress as though it were Halloween, bring a lighter, some confetti, and a newspaper and get ready to have a great time. Watch what your neighbors are doing and listen to what the alternate cast is shouting from the back of the theater as well as to what the actors are doing and saying on the stage and you'll pick things up. If you're a Rocky Horror veteran, you may think you know what to expect, but, if you pay attention, you may pick up a few unexpected belly laughs.

Performances are Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 8 and at midnight. Tickets are \$10 available at the Roadhouse Theatre, 145 West 11th, 456-5656. Scott McClelland says the show will run through December 19th, after which a decision will be made, based on audience response, whether to close the show or continue its run in January after the holiday break.

One thing. Whether you're a virgin or a veteran, remember that **this Rocky Horror** is not a film on a screen that you can just throw things at and the Roadhouse is not some decrepit movie house that you can just trash. While the directors very actively encourage audience participation, there are live actors and musicians, good ones, trying to perform, deliver lines and sing and dance on a semi-lit stage. If you're going to throw something keep it in the audience and AWAY from the stage. Don't bring 10 loaves of toast or a supersoaker watergun, and don't just scream inappropriate or untimely insults. What the audience does at a *Rocky Horror Show* is as much a performance as the show itself. It's not an excuse to be a rowdy mob.

So if you want to come to a show where you're also part of the show, then "Come up to the lab" [band strikes], "And see what's on the slab" ["Cum stains!"].

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WQLN will be continuing to bring this important series to our area, so it is **very important** that they get positive feedback and financial support for this. Please consider becoming a member and letting them know that you are supporting because of programming like "In the Life". You can write to them at WQLN, 8425 Peach St, Erie PA 16509. The phone is (814) 864-3001 and their web site is <http://www.wqln.org>.

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Gay Games V A wrap-up of Gay Games V held in Amsterdam last summer.

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Life", "Rent"), Mitchell Anderson ("Party of Five"), Everett Quinton ("Mystery of Irma Vep"), and Lisa Kron ("The Five Lesbian Brothers").

IN THE LIFE is produced by In the Life Media Inc., a not-for-profit, member-supported organization, and is presented by Thirteen/WNET in New York. It is distributed by the American Program Service. A bi-monthly newsmagazine series, IN THE LIFE chronicles the history and contemporary experience of the lesbian and gay community, and airs on nearly 120 public television stations nationwide. A complete list of airdates and more information can be found on the Internet at www.inthelife.org.

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This month in GLBT history

1995

A copy of a special edition of the then *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* was placed into the Time Capsule that was buried in commemoration of Erie's Bicentennial. That issue included an overview of Erie's GLBT history and Erie's first GLBT "Family Portrait" as well as special commemorative ads where people expressed their pride and love for posterity to read.

1993

Attorney General Janet Reno issued a statement opposing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the US Justice Department and, by extension, the 721.

1973

After many years of inertia, the American Psychiatric Association yielded to the preponderance of evidence and voted to no longer list homosexuality as an illness.

What are

GLBT and LGBT?

Because there are people who prefer to be called gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgender, and because this can be a little unwieldy in talking about our community, more organizations and publications are abbreviating the term to GLBT or sometimes LGBT. You will be seeing this abbreviation more often in this publication.

"You used to go to the Gay Pride Parade. Now you go to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual... By the time you're done saying it the parade's over!"

Lea DeLana from her album Box Lunch

Resource Directory

This is an abbreviated version! The full version is on our web site. You may also request a complete version by mail. 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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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	
Jones Pond Campground	(716) 567-8100
9836 Old State Rd, Angelica NY. Adult male camping. http://www.jonespond.com	
Josiah Manor	(440) 599-8010
810 Main St, US Rt. 20, Conneaut OH 44030 B&B	

Bars

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2164 W 8th St, Erie. M-Thurs 7am-11pm Fri 7am-1am. Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-4pm. <http://www.goerie.com/aromas/>

Cup-a-Cocoa's ▼ 456-1511

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Tapas ▼ 454-8797

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Books, Gifts, Retail

- Disc-Go-Round 864-1844
6825 Peach St, Erie between Taco Bells & Fridays
- Earthsongs ▼ 796-6255
210 High Street, Waterford PA, Metaphysical shop.
- Lavender Loafer Cards 333-6282
PO Box 1458, Meadville PA. Julia@alltel.net. Specializing in cards for gay women.
- Pal Prescription Pharmacy 455-8597
1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
- 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.
- Scapers Limited ▼ 456-7002
2508 Peach, Erie PA scapers@scapers.com Lesbigoay/pride gifts, gallery. http://www.scapers.com/
- Talking Leaves ▼ (716) 837-8554
3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. talklvbk@fcs-net.com

Counseling

- Louanne Barton, Ph.D. 871-7682
- Counseling Center 898 Park Ave Suite 12, Meadville PA
- David J Johnson MA MS 838-9408
Lic. psychologist. Private & consulting svcs. 4845 West Lake Rd, Erie
- 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 PM.- 11 PM. Mon.-Fri)
1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
- Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
Individual, family & couples counseling; psychological evals; psychiatric evaluations & medication management
- Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Entertainment

- Directors Circle Theatre ▼ 454-0636
652 W 17th St, Erie PA
- Movie Stop 453-7696
1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. http://www.moviesstop.com/
- Poppa Ropp's Video ▼ 734-3014
Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA http://www.angelfire.com/biz/prv/
- Roadhouse Theatre ▼ 456-5656
145 W 11th St, Erie PA. Roadhous@erie.net http://www.njloro.com/rhca

Erotica/Adult Bookstores

- Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330
3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. bodylang@en.com http://www.body-language.com
- Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Health

- The Angel & Eagle 459-7412
11 W 33rd St, Erie PA. lucas@erie.net. Therapeutic & Swedish massage, stress management, crystals, jewelry, research library

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833

Info-Lines

- Cleveland (216) 781-6736
- Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 PM.- 11 PM. Mon.-Fri)
1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
- 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/Housing

- Howard Hanna/Spiegel Realtors 864-3200/866-8881 Home)
5100 Peach St, Erie PA Contact Linda Fall-Johnson.
- John Cooper, Esq. 455-3436

Political/Advocacy Organizations

- NWPA Chapter of ACLU 734-3458 (Bob Cogan)
PO Box 1413 Erie PA 16512.
- League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 452-6643 (Abby Conley)
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Email to AbbyConley@hotmail.com

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- Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal)** 452-3779
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- ConsumerCasket USA** 451-1180 or 888-480-9675
Palace Centre, 915 State St., Erie, PA 16501.
- Suite 204 Le Salon** 454-4691
233 W 8th St, Erie PA
- Victorian City Salon** (814) 437-3361
1215 Liberty St, Franklin PA. Lesbian/gay and Trans-friendly

Social Organizations

- 100% Network** ▼ (716)484-7285 (John)
Chautauque 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 egen@ncinter.net
- Pittsburgh Frontrunners** (412) 687-6055
Runners and walkers of all speeds and capabilities.
- Womynspace Coffeehouse** ▼ 451-0359 (Helen)
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. cichess@hotmail.com.

Student Organizations/Youth

- Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville)** ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. csglbp@alleg.edu
- Closest Culture** 899-6528 (Mark)
Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 529, Edinboro PA 16412. ClosestCltr@aol.com
- Covenant House Teen Hotline** 1-800-999-9999
- Identity** &

- Student group for lesbian/gay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Meets every Wednesday in Hendricks Hall 101 @8:00 PM. email: dburdick@edinboro.edu
- Jamestown Comm. College Grp** ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204
..... or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
Open to college & non-college people. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email Greg at rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjc.edu
- Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance** ▼ 824-2700 (Tara)
Write to Mercyhurst GSA, 501 W 38th St Box 145, Erie PA 16546-0001. Email to Tara at tsamios@hotmail.com or Barbara at bwoters@mercyhurst.edu
- National Runway Switchboard** 1-800-621-4000
- SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU** (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
Meets Tuesdays at 10 PM in Williams Center. All welcome. Email to glbsu0000@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. trigon_behrend@hotmail.com <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/trigon>

Support Groups

- Erie Sisters**
Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter. Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505. esc@conline.net <http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614/>
- 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 Hwy. Open to all Lesbians who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.
- Partners** (814) 664-7090 (Luella)
Support group for lesbian/gay people and their supporters in Corry PA area. Call for meeting time and place.
- PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** see below
- 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 pflagdubois@key-net.net
- 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. Email Elaine Hill at loislane@velocity.net
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)** 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)
Meets Tuesdays 8:00 PM. Call Erie Hotline for location. 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)** 800-338-3466 or (814)726-1030
- Women's Services of Crawford County (24 hour)** ▼ (314)333-9766
- National Domestic Violence Hotline** (800)799-SAFE (7253)

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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 - Andrea Cathcart 814-764-6066
 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. Donations greatly appreciated. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont.

GEGASHI 451-6784 (Caryn) or 451-6727 (Fran)

Gay/Lesbians Educating Gays/Lesbians About Sexual Health Issues. Sponsored by Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). Email 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 806, Erie PA. nwpaaids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group ☺
 Cheryl Weber at 455-3786, if no answer 825-1085

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

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

Case Manager - Margaret Geer, RN (800) 743-1940

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 Gindy Chase, 1115 Prendergost 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 - Andrea Cathcart (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

Case Manager-Deb Monohon 838-0123

Case Manager-Andrea Cathcart. 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 451-6727

Call for info on CD4 and Viral Load Testing 451-6727

(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

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