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Erie Gay News



Michelle Michaels Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend breaks record

from Michelle Michaels

The 6th annual Breast Cancer Awareness weekend held at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA October 5 -7 set an all time record of about \$3,400, which is almost twice last year's total. Donors included David and Mama Reese, Jared, Grace Watson, Michelle Michaels, Annelle (Brenda's mom), Sherry Edkin, Lorie's Wildwood Restaurant, Shawn Coverdale, Brenda Dugan, NWPAPride Alliance, Erie Gay News, Fuhman's, Robert Eckendorf, Gene Seigworth, Mom Crandall (Elaine), Watson Family, Derek McCance/ Celine DaShawn, Josh and Marty, respectively), Melissa Irwin, Drenched Fur, Season Crannell, Karen from Cookie Lee, Rich Hayford, and Kevin Schultz. Volunteers included TJ Knight, Wendy, Rich, Chris Dye and Josh Atkinson, Josh Maleno and Timmy Crandall. Performers at the show on Sunday included Michelle Michaels, Celine Dashawn, Rhiannon Angelina, Taylor Morgan, Misty Kall, Damone, Velvet Lace, T J Knight + Bodyguard, Buffy Lynn Hayes, Jill Jameson, Destiny Divine and Jade Jette (in from Buffalo.)

Thanks to the volunteers, performers, donors and attendees who made this success possible!

Candidate Forum

by Erie Gay News and NW PA Pride Alliance

About 40 people attended the candidate forum co-sponsored by Erie Gay News and NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc on Sunday, October 14 at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Joshua Atkinson moderated the presentation. Candidates present included Pat Harkins, PA State Rep - 3 (D); Sean Wiley, candidate for PA State Senate 49 (D); Missa Eaton, candidate for US Congress PA-3 (D); Jason Owen, candidate for PA State Rep District 3 (R) & Kathy Fatica, representing Ryan Bizzarro, candidate for PA State Rep District 3 (D); and Jason White, candidate for PA State Rep District 5 (D). Both local news crews covered the event. Thanks



The Dreams of Hope performance troupe appears in Butler PA on Nov 1. See page 6 for details.

to Joe Totleben, VJ for the Zone, Michael Morrill of Keystone Progress who took video of the event, Michael Coleman for taking photos and NW PA Pride Alliance board members Season, Chris, Amy and Erin.

Video of the foun is on www.eriegaynews.com

Richard Baer back at Evergreen Health Services

from Kimberly Lombard

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

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Community News

Erie Sisters upcoming events

from Erie Sisters

The Erie Sisters will hold their monthly meeting for October at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 7180 Perry Highway (Route 97) in Erie on Saturday October 27th. Halloween costumes are encouraged but not required. Dinner and night out will follow the meeting. For more information, go to <http://eriesisters.ning.com>

The Erie Sisters will host the 13th annual Lake Erie Gala beginning Wednesday November 14th and concluding on Sunday November 18th at the Avalon Hotel, 16 West 10th Street in Erie. The event includes tours, vendors, raffles, themed dinners and entertainment, and attracts members of the transgender community from all across North America. Scholarship for the Gala is also available. For registration or more information, go to the Erie Sisters website, <http://eriesisters.ning.com> or contact Melanie Shubitowski at shub1@suite224.net

The Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and Persad

Center in partnership with the Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group will hold a Trans awareness film screening and discussion on Saturday, Nov. 17th at 3 pm in the Avalon Hotel, 16 West 10th Street in Erie. The film, entitled *Gender Redesigner*, will be open to all members of the community and general public. Discussion will follow the film. For more information, call Caitlyn Strohmeyer at (814) 828-1969.



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Dreams of Hope at Butler County Community College on Nov 1

by Mitch

The creative and performing arts group “Dreams of Hope” will be performing their first performance in Butler County, Pennsylvania at the Butler County Community College on November 1st beginning at 6:30pm in the Succop Theater.

The group will be presenting the season finale of their original program titled, “Being In, Being Out.” This program is about the struggles of LGBTQA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and allied) youth and the coming out process. Their message is one based on belonging with a message of acceptance and equality.

The show will feature skits, music, and other various forms of expression. After the group completes their performance, there will be a time of Q&A where the audience can ask questions. Ted Hoover of Persad Center describes this aspect as important.

“This (Question and Answer) period is where the education happens. A person can learn a lot about themselves and the youth by listening to what they have to say,” said Hoover.

Dreams of Hope is the region’s foremost leader in being Pittsburgh’s only arts-focused LGBTQA youth (13-21) organization. The group was founded in 2003 by Susan Haugh, the current Artistic Director for Dreams of Hope. Since its creation, the group has performed at various locations across the country. One exciting performance was done in October of 2012 where they were guest performers for LGBT History Month at the United States Department of

Education, performing for the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan!

Their mission is: “Through the arts, Dreams of Hope develops lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied youth leaders who promote social change by educating audiences.”

The group is funded by The Heinz Endowment, Direct Energy, the MUKTI Fund, The John J. McDonnell Margaret T. O’Brien Foundation, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. For more information about Dreams of Hope and this event, please visit the organization’s website at: <http://www.dreamsofhope.org/>.

This presentation of Dreams of Hope is being brought to the Butler County community by Butler County Community College’s Campus Safe-Zone program. Safe-Zone is a program designed to improve visibility and support for LGBTQA students and employees. Each program member has a placard placed in his/hers office showcasing that they are a member. These members have undergone training specifically for LGBTQA related knowledge and issues. The emphasis is that they are trained listeners, not therapists; however, they can provide assistance, including referrals to outside organizations/programs. For more information on the Safe-Zone program or Butler County Community College, please visit their website at: <http://www.BC3.edu>.

Prior to, during, and after the event, there will be booths set up for various community organizations that support LGBTQA causes. Some of these include PFLAG Butler County (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), The Butler County LGBTQ Interfaith Network, Persad Center, VOICE (Victim Outreach Intervention Center), Slippery Rock University’s RockOUT, and BC3’s Safe-Zone program.

This event is free and open to the public. It is being presented at Butler County Community College’s Succop Theater. The address for this event is 107 College Drive, Butler, PA, 16001. For more information please contact Morgan Rizzardi at Morgan.Rizzardi@BC3.edu or 724-287-8711 ext. 8274 or Mitchell Hortert at mrhortert@gmail.com.

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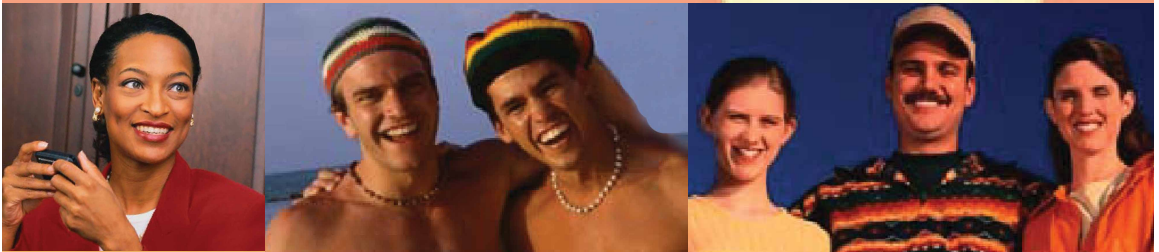
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Oct 6-27 - "Tru" at Buffalo United Artists Adapted from the words and works of Truman Capote www.buffalobua.org

Oct 25 (Thu) - Halloween Identity's annual Halloween party, held in the Off Campus Resource Center in College Park at 8:00 PM. Part of the Edinboro LGBTQIA Heritage Month celebration. dburdick@edinboro.edu

Oct 25 (Thu) - Screening of FAGBUG with documentary filmmaker Erin Davies (Jamestown Community College - Carnahan Theater, 525 Calconer St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 6:30 PM. To celebrate LGBTQIA History Month in October, Interweave/Gay-Straight Alliance at Jamestown Community College is hosting/participating in 3 events. Come and meet Erin Davies, documentary film maker. Erin was the victim of harassment at a Pride event in Albany. She embraced the opportunity, and painted her car in rainbow colors, christening it "Fagbug." Erin will appear with her car outside of Carnahan at 6:30 p.m., and then host a screening of her documentary FAGBUG, starting at

7:00 in Carnahan Theater. Free and open to the public. Contact: Sharon Bissette. Browse to www.facebook.com/pages/Interweave-Gay-Straight-Alliance-at-Jamestown-Community-College/106641762733121. Browse to venue web site www.sunyjc.edu/.

Oct 26 (Fri) - Beans go to Presque Isle After Dark - Myths and Legends of Presque Isle (Presque Isle State Park - Pine Tree Pavilion, 301 Peninsula Drv #1, Erie, PA 16505) 7 PM - 9 PM. Meet park naturalists at the Pine Tree pavilion for a Halloween themed hike on the interior trails of Presque Isle. Enjoy stories on ghosts, owls, bats, and spiders on this 2 mile guided hike along Pond B Trail, Dead Pond Trail, and A Trail and the multipurpose trail Ages 6 and up. Dress for the weather. No fee, no registration. LBT Women ("Beans") is a social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Oct 26 (Fri) - Zone Divas Halloween Show 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Come see all your favorite Zone

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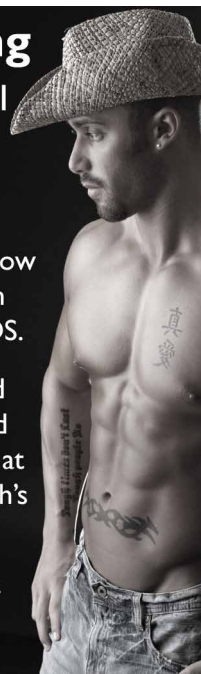
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Oct 27 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group (Mental Health Association of NWPA) serving the transgender community in western PA and eastern Ohio and their loved ones. It provides a safe space for all who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or are searching. This includes all transgender subcategories (e.g. FTM, MTF, cross dresser, genderqueer, questioning, etc.). Family members of all ages, friends, parents and spouses are welcome at the meetings. Meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month, and consist of group discussion around some topic of interest, followed by time for social interaction. Please bring some type of snack to share. Parking in the MHA parking lot is free. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. Phone: (814) 823-1969. Venue Phone: (814) 452-4462 ext 117. Email: caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net.

Oct 27 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16508) 7 PM. Halloween costumes are encouraged but not required. Erie Sisters is a local transgender support group that provides support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. The group meets for discussion the fourth Saturday of each month at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church; 7180 Perry Highway, Erie PA, followed by dinner at a local restaurant and dancing at The Zone Dance Club. Phone: (440) 265-8191. Email: shub1@suite224.net. Browse to <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

Oct 27 (Sat) - The Annual Craze Ghouls and Goblins Ball 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Join all your friends for a ghoulish good time! There will be snacks, cash prizes for best costume...and *no* cover charge! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Oct 27 (Sat) - Zone Halloween Party 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Don't miss Erie's biggest Gay Halloween party! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. www.thezonedanceclub.com

Oct 28 (Sun) - Diversity Worship Service (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 11 AM. Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty will be preaching. All are welcome! Contact: Rev. Richard A Moyer. Phone:

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Oct 29 (Mon) - A special Halloween Spooktacular Entertainment Series Show 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Oct 31 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke... Halloween Style! 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 1 - Dreams of Hope concert in Butler Butler County Community College www.dreamsofhope.org

Nov 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Location TBA). 6-8 PM. Takes place every month in a new location around town, providing GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month. Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>.

Nov 2 (Fri) - Beans go to Ladies Night Out at Burch Farms (Burch Farms Country Market, 9210 Sidehill Rd, North East, PA) Free! Meet us at 6 PM for

Wine and snack tasting at Burch Farms in North East. www.burchfarm.com/ Always a good time! Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 2 (Fri) - VortexX - Halloween Never Ends 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 9 PM. . One last Halloween Party with Erie's Premiere Goth/Industrial Music Night. Come dance with DJ Lunchbox, Lily Rex, and Mr. Hardluck from Cleveland! No cover! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 3 (Sat) - TRANS – the movie screening (Andy Warhol Museum, 117 Sandusky St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5850) 7 PM. The Initiative for Transgender Leadership will be holding a screening of the film TRANS - the movie. The opening is being co-sponsored by Persad and The Andy Warhol Museum. An opening reception will be held at 7:00 pm with silkscreen concessions and a cash bar. The film will begin at 8:00 pm followed by a Q&A session with the producer of the film Mark Shoen of Sex Smart Films.

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Nov 4 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Every Sunday night! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 5 (Mon) - Entertainment Series - Diva's Anniversary Show (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. Help us celebrate the 5th year anniversary of Diva D'Vyne performing in Erie! Headliners from across the Tri-states are lined-up to show their love for Diva! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 6 (Tue) - Election Day! 7 AM - 8 PM. Please remember to vote!

Nov 10 (Sat) - ACLU NW PA Chapter meets (Erie, PA) Contact for meeting details. Email: northwest-chapter@aclupa.org. Browse to www.aclupa.org/chapters/northwestpa/.

Nov 10 - Cause for Mass Appeal The Church at Evergreen, 262 Georgia St., Buffalo NY . A NYC-style fashion event, features Buffalo's top designers, artists and performers., showcasing a grand church venue and the highest level of artistic production, collaborative fundraising event supporting the programs and services of Evergreen Health Services and the Elmwood Village Association. www.evergreenhs.org

Nov 7 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Every Wednesday night! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.



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<i>A Wedding Most Strange</i> DVD	Oct 26
<i>King of Style: Dressing Michael Jackson; Desperate Housewives: The Complete Eighth and Final Season</i>	October 30
<i>An Askew View 2: The Films of Kevin Smith</i>	November 2
<i>Fall To Grace by Paloma Faith; The Truth About Love</i> from P!nk	November 6
<i>Doubling Up</i> by Paul Verity	November 9
<i>The Emerson Gospel</i> by Robbyn Burger; ONOMIX	November 13
Bob Mould <i>Silver Age</i>	November 16

Contest	Ends
<i>Revenge: The Complete First Season</i> on DVD	October 26
<i>Third You Die</i> by Scott Sherman, Barbra Streisand <i>Release Me</i>	October 30
<i>If I Told You So</i> by Timothy Woodward	November 2
<i>October Mourning</i> , Elton John vs. Pnau <i>Good Morning to the Night</i>	November 6
<i>Becoming Blond</i> DVD	November 9
<i>KATY PERRY: Part of Me, Pines</i> by A Fine Frenzy	November 13

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Nov 9 (Fri) - Flashback Friday at Craze (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Come enjoy the hottest music from the last 5 decades. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 10 (Sat) - Beans go to Gannon Lady Golden Knights Volleyball VS. Mercyhurst (Gannon University - Hammermill Center, 109 University Square, Erie, PA) 7:30 PM. Free event. Look for us down low, near center court on the west side of the gym. If you let us know you are coming, we'll save you a seat! Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 10 (Sat) - Nick's Hollywood Birthday (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Lights. Camera. *Action!* We're rolling out the red carpet for our own Nick! Drink specials, shooters, performances by the most royal queens in Erie and no Hollywood party would be complete without some paparazzi! Glitz and Glamour! Doors open 9pm. No cover! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 10 (Sat) - Miss Gay Jamestown Newcomer Pageant 2012-13 (Skybar, 108 Fairmount Pkwy Jamestown, NY) 8 PM. Featuring fierce competition in the following categories: Walk-on, Creative Presentation, Evening Gown/ On-stage Question and Talent in the theme "Shooting Starz". Featuring the step down of Anita Waistline. Hosted by Liza Summers and Anita. Welcoming back our first crowned Tasha Brooks. With

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Nov 11 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Help us plan events! Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Nov 11 (Sun) - Craze Wish Day Karaoke (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 12 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy Erie, PA) 7 PM - 8:30 PM. PFLAG is a support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. Contact: Jayne May. Phone: (814) 397-7133. Email: pflagerie.crawford@gmail.com.

Nov 12 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News December 2012 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released the evening of November 20. For complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Nov 12 (Mon) - Craze College Night 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. After three weeks of back to back



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Nov 14 - 18 (Wed - Sun) - 13th Annual Lake Erie Gala (Avalon Hotel & Conference Center, 16 W 10th St, Erie, PA 16501) The Erie Sisters will host the 13th annual Lake Erie Gala. The event includes tours, vendors, raffles, themed dinners and entertainment, and attracts members of the transgender community from all across North America. Scholarship for the Gala is also available. For registration or more information, go to the Erie Sisters website, <http://eriesisters.ning.com> or contact Melanie Shubitowski at shub1@suite224.net Phone: (440) 265-8191. Email: shub1@suite224.net. Browse to <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

Nov 14 (Wed) - A New Definition of Religious Freedom: the Fraud of Fundamentalism (Jefferson Educational Society of Erie, 3207 State St, Erie, PA 16508) 12 PM. A talk by Rev. Barry Lynn, JD, Exec. Di-

rector of Americans United for Separation of Church & State (<http://au.org>), at Jefferson Educational Society's Global Futures Summit, 3207 State St., Erie Advance registration and payment are required. Cost is \$20 (including lunch served at 11:30). To register, call 459-8000 or www.jeserie.org (click on "JES Summit / Civic Forum"). Phone: (814)-459-8000. Email: info@jeserie.org. Browse to <http://www.jeserie.org>.

Nov 14 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke with the singing Bartender (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) With the new songs in the library, his possibilities are endless! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 16 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night at Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. 11 PM. Join the Bears for a night of fun! Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Nov 16 (Fri) - Craze Flashback Friday 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Britney, Backstreet Boys, Whitney, Madonna, Tina, Donna and so much more! Relive the good ol' days of music! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 17 (Sat) - Film and Discussion: Gender Redesigner (Avalon Hotel & Conference Center, 16 W 10th St, Erie, PA 16501) 3 PM. The Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and Persad Center in partnership with the Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group will hold a Trans awareness film screening and discussion. The film entitled Gender Redesigner and discussion will be open to all members of the community and general public. For more information, call Caitlyn Strohmeyer at (814) 828-1969. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeyer. Phone: (814) 828-1969. Venue Phone: (814) 459-2220. Browse to <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>. Browse to venue web site www.avalonerie.com.


Nov 18 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens

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and special guests the third Sunday of the month at 11 PM. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Nov 19 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. Grab your cocktails, your mocktails, your dollar bills, and your friends, gather around the crazy stage and enjoy another sick performance by the best performers in Erie! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 20 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Mike Kohler's, 614 Cherry St, Erie PA) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of Erie Gay News. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. All ages welcome! It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! You can also sign up for the Erie GLBT News and Events list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/>. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Venue Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: info@eriegaynews.com.

Nov 20 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Every 3rd Tuesday of the month (September - May), the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty facilitates a discussion group on spirituality and sexuality at Community United Church (an open and affirming congregation). This group provides LGBTQA people the confidential opportunity to share questions, stories, and experiences about what it means to be both a sexual and spiritual person. Contact: Rich McCarty. Phone: 1-866-229-1974 (toll free). Venue Phone: (814) 864-4429. Email: richmccarty@msn.com.

Nov 21-22 (Wed) - Zone Thanksgiving hours: *Open Thanksgiving Eve* (11/21) and *Open regular hours for Thanksgiving Day* (11/22) Zone Dance Club, 133 W

18th St, Erie, PA1) Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/

Nov 21 (Wed) - Thanksgiving Eve Karaoke at Craze (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Before the family, let loose with us! Happy Hour 9-10 pm, Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 23 (Fri) - Black Flashback Friday at Craze 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Keep the party going at Craze all weekend long! The hottest music from the last 5 decades! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 24 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets (Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania, 1011 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2 - 5 PM. TransFamily of Erie is a support group created to serve the transgender community in western PA and eastern OH and their loved ones. It provides a safe space for all who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or are searching. This includes all transgender subcategories



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(e.g. FTM, MTF, cross dresser, genderqueer, questioning, etc.). Family members of all ages, friends, parents and spouses are welcome at the meetings. Meetings are held from 2 - 5pm on the 4th Saturday of each month at Mental Health Association of Northwest PA (MHA - 1101 Peach St. Erie, PA, 16501) Group discussion around some topic of interest, followed by time for social interaction. Please bring some type of snack to share. Parking in the MHA parking lot is free. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. Phone: (814) 823-1969. Venue Phone: (814) 452-4462 ext 117. Email: caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net.

Nov 24 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16508) 7 PM. Erie Sisters is a local transgender support group that provides support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. The group meets for discussion the fourth Saturday of each month followed by dinner at a lo-

cal restaurant and dancing at The Zone Dance Club. Phone: (440) 265-8191. Venue Phone: (814) 864-9300. Email: shub1@suite224.net. Browse to <http://eriesters.ning.com/>. **Nov 26 (Mon) - Craze College Night** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 29 (Thu) - Trigon Annual Drag Show: International (Penn State-Erie, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Free and open to public. There will also be a photo booth (Brian Fijal) will be doing his Made in America project here at 5:00PM, the Drag Show will follow. The theme this year for the show is "International" Phone: (814) 898-7162. Email: behrend.trigon@gmail.com. Browse to <https://orgsync.com/22531/chapter>.

Nov 30 (Fri) - Beans go to Mercyhurst Lady Lakers Ice Hockey VS Penn State (Mercyhurst University, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Cost \$6. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Dec 1 (Sat) - 4th Annual LBT Women of Erie Holiday Dinner (Calamari's Squid Row, 1317 State St, Erie, PA) 3 PM. Once again the Bean's will be holding their Annual Holiday Dinner at Calamari's. Dinner will be from a limited menu. Each woman is asked to bring a nice \$10. exchange gift. In lieu of the white elephant gift we would like everyone to bring a canned good or monetary donation for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Exchange gifts and food donations are not necessary. If you bring a gift, you will go home with a gift. Reservations will be mandatory as there is a cut-off on how many women can attend. **TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT, PLEASE CALL ROBIN AT 455-3127.** If we fill up the dinner again this year, we will move to a bigger venue next year. Contact: Robin. Phone: (814) 455-3127. Venue Phone: (814) 459-4276. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

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Pennsylvania candidates for US Senate, US Congress (PA-3), Governor and PA State Assembly were asked about their positions on GLBT issues. Their responses appear on the next few pages.

US Senate

Not Responding: **Tom Smith (R)**

Anti-Discrimination

What is your stance on legislation, such as the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for civilian nonreligious employers with over 15 employees?

Bob Casey (D-Incumbent)

I am an original cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in the Senate.

Other

What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?

Bob Casey (D-Incumbent)

While in the Senate I have worked with the LGBT community for equal rights. I have a 100% voting record with the Human Rights Campaign. I was a cosponsor of and voted for the *Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act* that was signed into law and ensures that any qualified American willing to risk his or her life for our country will be permitted to serve free of discriminatory treatment. To fight bullying in schools, I introduced the *Safe Schools Improvement Act* to require school districts that receive federal funding to adopt codes of conduct that specifically prohibit bullying and harassment based on a student's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. To crack down on hate crimes, I was an original cosponsor of the *Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act* that was signed into law. This law imposes criminal penalties for causing (or attempting to cause) bodily injury because of the

actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability of such person. I have also adopted a policy in my Senate offices barring discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

US Congress (PA-3)

Not Responding: **Mike Kelly (R-Incumbent)**

Anti-Discrimination

What is your stance on legislation, such as the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for civilian nonreligious employers with over 15 employees?

Missa Eaton (D)

I am in favor of legislation that prohibits discrimination against employees based on any demographic characteristics including sexual orientation and gender identity.

Mike Kelly (R-Incumbent)

Editors' Note: Mike Kelly did not respond to the questionnaire, but did respond to a question about ENDA at a townhall meeting in Vernon Township in July 2011. A constituent asked Rep. Kelly if he supported ENDA and Kelly responded by talking about his support for DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) which bans same-sex marriage. He then quickly changing the subject. You can view his entire response on our website, link to it from this article on our website.

Ted Malanowski (I)

I believe the ENDA legislation is long overdue to become 'Law-of-the-Land' in the United States. I find it troubling we are having this discussion on GLBL rights in America. In our U.S. Constitution, the preamble starts with these seven words, "We the People of the



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United States”. It doesn’t start with ‘We the People of the United States who are NOT Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender’. We in America, must put our phobias aside and become the United and Inclusionary Nation millions of American Military Personnel (including Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual) have given their lives to protect.

Steve Porter (I)

I am opposed to any form of discrimination based on one’s sexual orientation. My opposition is strong and guided by two principles. The first is personal. Anyone’s sexual behavior, as long as it is not coercive, directed toward a minor, or engaged in with an intent to cause physical harm, is no one’s business but that of the participating adults. This is my position whether the participants are heterosexual or homosexual. But beyond that, it is a violation of the precepts of our Constitution to discriminate in any way on the basis of sexual orientation. I hold that position not only because of the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, but because the Ninth Amendment gives adult citizens the right to choose their own sexual behavior. It does not do this specifically, but it says, and I quote, “The enumeration of certain rights in the Constitution shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

If people deny the equal treatment of an adult on the basis of sexual orientation, they are violating the tenets of the Ninth Amendment and should be prevented from doing so. They should also be liable for any damages caused by their denial of those tenets because they are acting illegally.

These Constitutional precepts are, for me, more important than my own personal principles in this election because I am running for Congress, and it will be my sworn duty to uphold the principles of the Constitution. Personal positions are, of course, important to the individual, but for those who hold public office, particularly federal office, they pale before an adherence to the Constitution. In any event, in this instance, my personal position and the Constitution are in harmony.

Other

What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?

Missa Eaton (D)

I am a long-time supporter of equal rights. I have GLBT family, friends, and students. I care about the issues that affect them. At Penn State, I advised the GLBT Student group, studied to become an Ally, helped to bring Judy Shepard to our campus, and brought the film *Out in the Silence* with a panel discussion with the filmmakers, a GLSEN representative, and Stephen Glassman. I teach gender classes exploring the antecedents and concomitants that create and sustain our experience of gender. Further, my office is a Safe Space on campus.

Ted Malanowski (I)

I am an Air Force/Army disabled Veteran. I have been speaking out against the injustices in America, including the uneven ‘Distribution of Wealth’ and ‘Social Phobias’ for thirty years. I am an outspoken critic of our Worldwide Military Expansionism over the past fifty years, especially our unwarranted Preemptive War with Iraq in 2003. I believe we should be strengthening our Diplomatic presence around the world NOT our Military presence. I’m against any group who imposes their religious or man-made laws that are based on outdated traditional ideological beliefs that are biased and exclusive toward another group.

Steve Porter (I)

Please visit my web site: porter4congress.com

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US Congress (PA-5)

Not Responding: **Glenn Thompson (R-Incumbent)**

Anti-Discrimination

Charles Dumas (D)

Yes, strong belief in equal opportunity for all!

Other

Charles Dumas (D)

I honor the freedom and courage of all, including GLBT voters, and their families to live truthfully without discrimination and with justice. I am an ally and GLBT family member.

PA State Senate District 49

Not Responding: **Janet Anderson (R)**

Anti Discrimination

Do you support legislation that would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the commonwealth's civil rights law, to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes?

Sean Wiley (D)

Yes, I would generally support such legislation. I am dedicated to the principal that regardless of a person's background, financial status, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity, we are all created equally and deserve the same treatment and protections under the law. HB300, as introduced last year, provides the protections needed, and I will support similar legislation should it come up again.

Hate Crimes

Do you support legislation that would amend the Title 18 Ethnic Intimidations Act to define crimes against individuals based on "actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation,

gender or gender identity" as ethnic intimidation, or hate crimes.

Sean Wiley (D)

Yes, I would support legislation such as the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act and would further support any anti-bullying legislation that is legal under the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Other

What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?

Sean Wiley (D)

It is my hope that soon everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, will be able to enjoy the same protections and rights under the law. It is my belief that very soon members of the GLBT community will no longer be treated as second-class citizens. I am proud of the fact that the first endorsement my campaign received was from Equality PA. I pledge to you that I will be a staunch advocate for the GLBT community in Harrisburg, as I have been for years here in my hometown of Erie.

Videos of candidates responses

We have videos of candidates discussing GLBT issues on our website www.eriegaynews.com These include:

Candidates Forum sponsored by NW PA Pride Alliance and Erie Gay News

Mike Kelly responding to a question at a Town Hall in Vernon Township in 2011

Missa Eaton at the 2012 Pride Picnic

Charles Dumas at 2012 Pride March & Rally



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PA State Assembly

Anti-Discrimination

Do you support legislation that would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the commonwealth's civil rights law, to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes?

Hate Crimes

Do you support HB 745 which would amend the Title 18 Ethnic Intimidations Act to define crimes against individuals based on "actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity" as ethnic intimidation, or hate crimes.

Other

What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?

District 1

Anti Discrimination

Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I was a proud sponsor of HB 300 and was instrumental with Rep. Flo Fabrizio to have a public hearing here in Erie on the legislation.

Hate Crimes

Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I co sponsored and also proudly supported HB 745 which would amend the title 18 "Ethnic Intimidation Act".

Other

Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

As I am sure you are aware I am a open minded legislator who looks at all sides of the issues before I make a decision.

District 2

Anti Discrimination

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)

Yes In my former position as Erie County Clerk, I was directly involved in amending the Erie County Human Relations Charter to include similar language.

Hate Crimes

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)

Yes

Other

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)

I have always supported the GLBT community, and I will continue to do so.

District 3

Anti Discrimination

Ryan Bizzarro (D)

Yes.

Jason Owen (R)

Yes, I would co-sponsor such legislation.

Hate Crimes

Ryan Bizzarro (D)

Yes.

Jason Owen (R)

Yes, I would co-sponsor such legislation.

Other

Ryan Bizzarro (D)

For more information on Ryan Bizzarro for State Representative, please visit us online at www.PaStateRep.com and "LIKE" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RyanForPA or follow @RyanBizzarro on Twitter.

Jason Owen (R)

I am proud to be the only Republican candidate in Pennsylvania endorsed by EqualityPA. I would be honored to have the votes of GLBT voters and their



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allies in the 3rd Legislative District. For more information, please visit my website at www.VoteJasonOwen.com

District 4

Not Responding: **Curt Sonney (R-Incumbent)**

District 5

Not Responding: **Jason White (D), Greg Lucas (R)**

Editors' Note: Jason White attended the Oct 14 Candidate Forum, and supports the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender orientation/expression in the state's hate crimes law as well as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. The video of his remarks is on our website.

Also...

Although not part of the EGN questionnaire, we are providing on our website links to these features that will inform you about the positions of the presidential candidates on the Pennsylvania ballot:

- **Barack Obama (D)** at HRC dinner 2011(video)
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