



ACLU of PA files lawsuit for marriage equality

from ACLU of Pennsylvania

The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, the American Civil Liberties Union, and volunteer counsel from the law firm of Hanglely Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller filed a federal lawsuit on July 9, 2013, on behalf of 21 Pennsylvanians who wish to marry in Pennsylvania or want the commonwealth to recognize their out-of-state marriages.

The lawsuit alleges that Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act and refusal to marry lesbian and gay couples or recognize their out-of-state marriages violates the fundamental right to marry as well as the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. This lawsuit comes in the wake of the ACLU's victory before the U.S. Supreme Court in *U.S. v. Windsor*, which requires federal recognition for lesbian and gay couples who are married in their home states. Plaintiffs argue that the court should closely scrutinize this discriminatory treatment because the state's Defense of Marriage Act burdens the fundamental right to marry and because it discriminates based on sex and sexual orientation.



Clients in the suit brought by ACLU of Pennsylvania (Whitewood v. Corbett), Deb and Susan Whitewood, and their three children. More on the suit and other clients at www.aclupa.org

Photo: American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania

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Supreme Court Victories Celebrated in Erie

by Michael Mahler

Two landmark victories for marriage equality were celebrated in Perry Square on the evening of June 26.

Earlier that day, the US Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in a 5-4 decision, which prohibited same-sex couples legally married in their own state from receiving federal benefits. Also, Prop 8 in California was dismissed for lack of standing, effectively setting the stage for marriage equality to return to California.

The Supreme Court did not rule on the substance of whether same-sex couples could be singled out by state law.

About 30-35 people assembled in Perry Square in Erie that evening, joining countless others across the country who celebrated the victories. In Erie, both local TV news crews and also a photographer from the Erie Times-News stopped by to cover the event.

See photos of the Perry Square event at www.eriegaynews.com

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Community News

Pride Parade and Rally Participation for Groups and Organizations

from NW PA Pride Alliance

Groups and organizations have several ways that they can participate in the Pride Parade and Rally being put on by NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc. on **August 24**. We encourage groups to form **parade units**. The parade begins to assemble at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA at noon, and steps off at 1 PM down State Street to Perry Square. Please let us know by **August 10** if you will have a parade unit or float. You can contact us at president@nwpapride.org or (814) 456-9833.

If your group or organization would like to have an **info table** at the rally in Perry Square which begins at 2 PM, the cost is \$10, which includes a table and two chairs. If you will be **venting**, the cost is \$25, which includes 1 table and 2 chairs. Additional tables are \$10 each. The deadline to request a table is also **August 10** and please use the same contact info as for parade units. For the day of the rally, please be set up in Perry Square

by 12:30-1 PM. Our table coordinator is Chris Dye.

Additionally, if your group has a small item, such as a coupon or giveaway that you would like to have included in the goodie bag that we will be giving to registrants when they arrive at the Rally in Perry Square. You will need to get us at least 250 items by no later than **August 10**. Please use the contact info above to let us know.

New directors at Craze

from Anthony J. Gressley via Facebook

The torches and helms of the Craze Night Club shows were passed on to the new generation!

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Erie Pride 2013 Parade & Rally Aug 24

by Michael Mahler

On Saturday, August 24, NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc. will put on the Pride Parade & Rally. You can register for the Pride Parade and Rally at <http://www.nwpapride.org>.

To get involved with Pride events or for any other questions, please contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or president@nwpapride.org. The cell phone for the day of the event is (814) 746-9281. You can also sign up for the Pride Planning Committee email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>

We will assemble at 12:00 at The Zone Dance Club, 133 W. 18th St for the Pride March. We will step off at 1:00 PM and proceed down State Street to Perry Square at 6th and State Street for the rally. People marching unaffiliated with any particular group are also very much welcome! If you want to march, but aren't up for marching the entire route, join us anywhere along the State Street route.

The rally in Perry Square begins at 2 PM and will include speakers and performers. Please check in at the registration table when you arrive in Perry Square. The rally will include a variety of vendors and information booths. We will also have a Dunk a Drag Queen game. Be sure to get your goodie bag when you check in at the registration table at the Rally in Perry Square!

As for other Pride events, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA. You may either bring your items with you to the Zone and drop them off before you march, or bring them directly to Perry Square for the rally.

Opinion: Is equality just around the corner?

by Gary Maas

Recent victories have put the LGBT community on track for finally getting all the rights that married people enjoy without any struggles.

Those of us who have been "in the life" for over 40 years remember what it used to be like and what the youth of today takes for granted. We had to hide ourselves, we were the subject to ridicule and physical harm, but we continued on the path for equality and freedom.

Even in these times the prejudice continues when someone who is your partner dies and the state treats you like strangers and taxes you at the highest rate. Funny we didn't pay our taxes at a reduced rate because we were considered second rate citizens!

I think it is high time that these youth recognized what my generation sacrificed and continue to sacrifice for their benefit. I also think they need to step up and spread equality throughout our segment of society, instead of casting us "old folks" aside because we are not what they like and have no worth to them. Grow up and realize what you are saying/doing and become more humane and spread equality in our own population. We all have so much knowledge and experience that we should be treasured for what we have, not be criticized for it.

We might be "old creepers" or whatever other name you may have for us, but we have honesty and courage and the knowledge that our fights made your lives easier and better.

So the next time you see a lonely old guy sitting by himself, why not go over and say hi and see how he's dealing with life? We all don't want to get into your pants, ya know!

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PFLAG Erie Announces New Speakers Bureau

by Jayne May, President PFLAG Erie

Looking for a Speaker?

Working to be a resource for organizations, businesses, schools and the community, PFLAG Erie is excited to announce our newly created Speakers Bureau. For your next meeting, PFLAG Erie would be happy to provide speakers to lead discussions and educational programs for groups in the northwest Pennsylvania region.

What is PFLAG?

PFLAG stands for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. PFLAG was formed more than 40 years ago when Jeanne Manford, a school teacher and mother, stood up to support her gay son. Since then PFLAG has grown to be an international, non-profit organization with more than 300 chapters around the world.

Our mission is three-fold. We provide:

SUPPORT for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals and their families and friends.

EDUCATION, knowledge and resources to help eradicate myths and misconceptions about the LGBT community

ADVOCACY to end discrimination against our family and friends

Why a Speakers Bureau?

LGBT issues are in the news like never before and our Speakers Bureau gives people a chance to ask the questions they have never felt comfortable asking and provide a forum for people to examine their own feelings and thoughts on these issues. When there is confusion and misunderstanding we can sometimes find fear and anger. We know that there has been plenty of shouting but little useful information. It is our goal to provide thoughtful discussion and engaged dialogue.

PFLAG estimates that one out of four families has an LGBT member and we believe those families are part of your organization.

How Does the PFLAG Speakers Bureau Work?

Typically, a PFLAG speaking engagement is a panel discussion with PFLAG Erie members. The presentation, held at your organization's meeting place, will be conducted by a combination of parents, allies and members of the LGBT community. While PFLAG Erie is certainly happy to accept any donation you would care to offer, our Speakers Bureau offers a PFLAG speaking engagement **free** to any interested group.

Where Do We Speak?

PFLAG Erie's Speakers Bureau offers speaking engagements in many settings: Religious organizations; Schools, Colleges, Universities Civic Organizations; Businesses; Neighborhood Community Centers

How Can I Get More Information?

If you are interested in learning more about PFLAG Erie's Speaks Bureau, please contact us at: **(814) 367-3311 or pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com**. Also find us on Facebook.

We look forward to hearing from you.

15 ride with LGBT Float in Millcreek 4th of July Parade

from Mike Mabler for NW PA Pride Alliance

About 15 people rode on the float that NW PA Pride Alliance had in the Millcreek 4th of July Parade, which drew around 20,000 people. Although there has been an LGBT contingent for a total now of 8 years, this is the first year that we were all on a float. Many thanks to Ben Heggy from Seven Springs for bringing up his truck and driving it, as well as for help in decorating. Many thanks to Season Crannell for float design and to Season, Chris, Alex, Preston, Melanie, Julie and others for setup and tear down. We had a wonderful time, and the crowd was incredibly supportive and friendly!

Check out photos of the float and folks who rode on it: www.eriegaynews.com

Calendar

Jul 23 - 28 (Tue - Sun) - Hotter than July Detroit (Detroit, MI) Celebration of African American LGBT culture. www.hotterthanjuly.org.

Jul 26 - 28 (Fri - Sun) - Beach, Blenders & Buns Weekend - 600 Block Party! (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jul 25-Aug 4 - Buffalo Infringement Festival Provides artists and audiences of all backgrounds the chance to come together, take chances, push boundaries, and explore uncharted territory because exciting art can happen anywhere, anytime, without a blockbuster budget. <http://infringebuffalo.org/>

Jul 27 (Sat) - Christmas in July Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Gift Exchange 8 pm. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

Jul 27 (Sat) - The Beans go to Discover Presque Isle Pancake Breakfast at the Rotary Pavilion (Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Drv#1, Erie, PA) 9 AM. Afterwards we will head to the craft show and check

out the vendors and more! LFinch003@neo.rr.com.
Jul 27 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets 2 - 5pm at Mental Health Association of NW PA (1101 Peach St. Erie, PA) Contact: Caitlyn Stroh-meyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net.

Jul 27 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Phone: (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. Browse to <http://erisesisters.ning.com/>.

Jul 28 (Sun) - Third Annual Afternoon for Equality (21 la rue dix, 21 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 - 6 PM. GEAE is an LGBT and straight ally non-profit organization, focusing on education, service, and social opportunities. Phone: (866) 229-1974. Email: GEAEinfo@gmail.com. Browse to <http://greatereriealliance.com/>.

Jul 28 (Sun) - Lughnassadh by Whispering Lake Grove (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 4 PM. Door open at 4:00pm - Games and Ritual to begin at 5:00pm with potluck to follow. Whispering Lake Grove, A.D.F. exists as a chartered subsidiary, branch and/or divi-

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Jul 30 (Tue) - Beans on the Bay go to 8 Great Tuesdays Liberty Park, Lawrence Pier, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Jake's Blues. Bring blankets, chairs, sodas and snacks, and claim a spot. No alcohol can be brought into the park, but you can purchase it there. Get there early as it gets crowded fast. The Beans (Kim and Andrea) usually hang out towards the top of the hill and on the east side. Contact: Laurie Finch. LFinch003@neo.rr.com

Aug 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, 55 West Bay Drive, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 8 PM. We will be heading to our bay front this August. Will start in the lobby bar and if the weather is nice, some can enjoy the view from the deck. Hopefully you will be able to join our August

Event. See you soon. G2H2/Erie 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. You can also sign up for the email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>.

Aug 2 - 4 (Fri - Sun) - Leather Weekend- Mr Jones Leather Contest & More (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Mr. Jones Pond Leather Contest on Saturday night plus a day filled with leather themed events. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 3 (Sat) - Veronyca's Showgirls Drag Roulette Show Rock'n Rick's 543 Spittler Lane, Limestone, NY 10pm \$6 cover.

Aug 3 (Sat) - Jocks & Socks Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

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Aug 4 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler Monthly Meeting (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) 5 PM. Persad Center's Community

Safe Zone coordinator discusses the legal landscape for the LGBTQ community; what the law does (and doesn't) say about discrimination and hate crime protection. Contact: Joshua Crawford. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: president@pflagbutler.com. Browse to www.pflagbutler.com.

Aug 5 (Mon) - Real Time (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 6-8 PM. *Real Time is for LGBTQ friends and allies (ages 14-21) who reject negative labels and want to overcome difficulties in a positive way. Everyone faces tough situations at home, at school and around town. But no one should ever be bullied or harassed for who they are. Real Time is about finding ways to deal with tough times. Real Time is about taking care of yourself and standing up for others. Fun, food, friends, free!* Check it out at Persad-Erie, 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Contact: Leann Romitti. (412) 538-7862. lromitti@persadcenter.org.

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Aug 6 (Tue) - LBT Women go to 8 Great Tuesdays (Liberty Park, Lawrence Pier, Erie, PA) 5 - 8 PM. "Beans on the Bay" - Thump Daddy. Bring blankets, chairs, sodas and snacks. No alcohol can be brought into the park, but you can purchase it there. The Beans usually hang out towards the top of the hill and on the east side. Contact: Laurie LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Aug 8 (Thu) - GEAE Sponsored LGBT Night at the Erie SeaWolves (Erie SeaWolves, 110 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16501) GEAE has reserved two suites - Tickets \$32.50. Includes: All you can eat food, beverages, and ice cream bars; air conditioned seating and balcony outdoor seats. Only 40 spots available, tickets going fast! Email geaeinfo@gmail.com and/or call 1-866-229-1974 Phone: (866) 229-1974. http://greatereriealliance.com/.

Aug 9 (Fri) - LBT Women go to St. Paul's Italian

Festival (St. Paul's R.C. Church, 1617 Walnut St, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM. Meet Laurie and Janice 5:30 in food line for the Pasta Fagioli Dinner. Afterwards we will stroll around the festival grounds for a bit. If you are coming, please e-mail Laurie at LFinch003@neo.rr.com so we can find you before we get in the food line. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Aug 9 - 11 (Fri - Sun) - Bears in the Woods Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) The Steel Valley Bears 2nd Annual Bear Run at Camp Davis! Make your plans early! Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicampground.com.

Aug 9 - 11 (Fri - Sun) - Mardi Gras Weekend & Masquerade Ball - 100 Block Party (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) The 100 Block will be hosting its Beads and Boys block party. Golf cart parade with prizes for the best golf cart decorations. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

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Aug 11 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Zodiac Dinor, 2516 State, Erie.) LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Aug 12 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News September 2013 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. This issue released evening of August 20. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

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Aug 12 (Mon) - Bears Do Dinner (Colony Pub & Grille, 2670 W 8th St Erie, PA 16505) 7 PM. This month instead of a bar night outing, come join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and fun! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. Browse to www.drenchedfur.com.

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- Aug 30-Sep 2 Labor Day Weekend
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Aug 16 - 18 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Olympics- Let The Games Begin (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 17 (Sat) - Leather Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicampground.com

Aug 17 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Field of Dreams movie on the Big Green Screen (Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 9 PM. \$5. Come and help us celebrate Dee Dee Foll's Birthday! Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Aug 18 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 11 PM. Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests the third Sunday (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

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Aug 20 (Tue) - Erie Gay News Folding/Distribution Work Party (Mental Health Association of Northwestern PA, 1011 Peach St, Erie, PA) Help us get out the print edition of Erie Gay News. All ages welcome! It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Aug 21 (Wed) - GEAE 3rd Wednesday Hppy Hour (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry, Erie) 5-8PM. The 3rd Wed. of every month, GEAE hosts happy hour at Craze GEAE will provide a cheese or vegetable tray, as well as a case of water bottles. (866) 229-1974. info@gmail.com. <http://greatereriealliance.com/>.

Aug 23 (Fri) - LBT Women go to The Zabawa Polish Festival (Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church,

2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM. Meet Laurie and Janice at 5:30 in the food line for some great home cooked polish food. Afterwards we will stroll around the festival grounds for a bit. If you are coming, please e-mail Laurie at LFinch003@neo.rr.com so we can find you before we get in the food line.

Aug 23 (Fri) - Pride Weekend Kickoff Drag Show (PACA - Performing Arts Center & Theater, 1505 State St, Erie, PA) 8 PM. Join Lovin Heart for the Pride Weekend Kick Off Drag Show at PACA! Lovin will be joined by Albany, New York's Eva Destruction and Erie's icon Michelle Michaels and many more fierce queens! Doors open at 8 show time is 9. \$3 cover is a donation to NWPA Pride Alliance! Contact: Lovin Heart. Phone: (814) 434-0687 . Email: director@papa1505.com. Browse to www.paca1505.com.

Aug 23 - 25 (Fri - Sun) - Cowboys & Indians- 400 Block Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Extended line dancing on Friday and Saturday nights! Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 24 (Sat) - Underwear Night II (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavis-campground.com.

Aug 24 (Sat) - 2013 Erie Pride Parade & Rally Perry Square, Erie PA. www.nwpapride.org

Aug 24 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets 2 - 5pm at Mental Health Association of NW PA (1101 Peach St. Erie, PA) Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net.

Aug 24 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Phone: (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. Browse to <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

Aug 27 (Tue) - LBT Women go to 8 Great Tuesdays (Liberty Park, Lawrence Pier, Erie, PA) 5 - 8 PM. The Stickers / Country. Bring blankets, chairs, sodas, snacks. No alcohol can be brought into the park, but you can buy it there. Get there early as it gets crowded fast. The Beans (Kim and Andrea) usually hang out towards the top of the hillo on east side. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Aug 30 - Sep 2 (Fri - Mon) - Labor Day Weekend- Under The Big Top (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Saturday afternoon Tea Dance by the pool and Aggie Dunne's Sunday evening show. Three



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great dances! Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 31 (Sat) - Holiday Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Dance Saturday and Sunday Night. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. www.campdaviccampground.com.

Sep 6 (Fri) - Moonlight on the Bay Perry Monument, Presque Isle State Park Crime Victim Center's signature fundraising event, a black-tie optional gala, the event will feature lavish hors d'oeuvres, local wines and custom beers, fine scenery.. Individual tickets on sale now for \$100 a person, although there are some tables still available. Contact Martine Holquist for reservations at martine@cvccerie.org or 814-455-9414. Proceeds benefit Crime Victim Center and the Vision of Hope Fund of PCAR, dedicated to ending child sexual abuse.

Sep 7 (Sat) - "The Black Party" At Sky Bar. 108 Fairmount, Jamestown NY. \$5 cover. Wear black, wear glow, and party! Hosts Liza Summers and Anita Waistline. With Starz cast members Jill Jamison, Anita Mandalay, Miss Gay Jamestown Newcomer Anna Lee and welcoming back to the cast, Buffy Lynn Hayes Arthur Dailey Hayes). With special guests from Erie, PA and Buffalo NY such as your current reigning Miss Gay Pride Buffalo Angelique SanRoman.

Sep 14 (Sat) - Rainbow Pride Connection Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Conference Bellinger Hall, Chautauqua Institution. 1-11 P.M. Workshops, wine and cheese reception, keynote speaker - Dr Richard McCarty, Film: *Gen Silent* - discussion to follow, Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus. Detailed information at www.rainbowprideconnection.net

Sep 14 (Sat) - The 6th Annual LBT Women Potluck Picnic At Kim and Andrea's home 2PM till ?. 4114 McClelland Ave., Erie. Please RSVP to Kim at Kimmytoes@gmail.com or call at 814-452-3628. Bring a dish to share and your drinks. Smokers are asked to only smoke in front of house next to the street as we have several girls who have health issues such as COPD, or asthma etc. Thanks. .

Nov 2 (Sat) - Miss Gay Chautauqua County. Sky Bar, 108 Fairmount, Jamestown NY. Details in our online calendar and on Facebook event page.



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Pennsylvania's Atty General Kane refuses to defend DOMA

HARRISBURG, July 11, 2013 - Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane today announced that the Office of Attorney General will not defend Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act in a recently filed lawsuit (Whitewood, et al vs Corbett, et al). The lawsuit challenges Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act, based on the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution.

The law, commonly referred to as DOMA, prohibits marriage between people of the same sex. In addition, under DOMA, same-sex marriages that are legally made in other states are void in Pennsylvania.

"I cannot ethically defend the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's version of DOMA where I believe it to be wholly unconstitutional," Kane said.

"It is my duty under the Commonwealth Attorneys Act whenever I determine it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth to authorize the Office of General Counsel to defend the state in litigation."

"Additionally, it is a lawyer's ethical obligation under Pennsylvania's Rules of Professional Conduct to withdraw from a case in which the lawyer has a fundamental disagreement with the client," said Kane.

Kane made the following points about DOMA:

- Pennsylvania's DOMA, like the federal DOMA, imposes a disadvantage, a separate status, and a stigma on those who enter into same-sex marriages.
- Pennsylvania's DOMA wrongly denies same-sex couples the fundamental right to marry in Pennsylvania; and for those same-sex couples who legally marry

outside Pennsylvania, it denies them the fundamental right to have their lawful marriage recognized in our state.

- Pennsylvania's DOMA has no legitimate purpose other than to disparage and injure same-sex couples by placing them in a less respected position than others.
- The discriminatory treatment explicitly authorized by DOMA violates both the US and Pennsylvania Constitution.

"I know that in this state there are people who don't believe in what we are doing, and I'm not asking them to believe in it. I'm asking them to believe in the constitution," Kane said.

The issue of same-sex marriage is squarely in the tradition of the struggle for civil rights in the U.S.

"We have always stood strong in the face of discrimination, which in its various forms has never withstood the test of time," Kane said.

"It is our duty, each and every one of us, to protect the constitutionality, to protect the rights and dignity of others, and to protect the equality of all men and women in this Commonwealth."

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<i>Star Trek FAQ 2.0;</i> Karmin - <i>Acapella</i>	July 26
<i>Accalia</i>	July 30
<i>Amelia's 25th, I'm So Excited!</i> Prize Pack	August 2
<i>Show-Offs: Gay Erotic Stories</i>	August 6
<i>Wild Girls Wild Nights: True Lesbian Sex Stories</i>	August 9
<i>The Hardest Thing</i> by James Lear	August 13
<i>Beach Bums</i> edited by Neil Plakcy	August 16
<i>Bashment DVD</i>	August 20

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
John Grant - <i>Pale Green Ghosts</i> ; Iggy Azalea - <i>Work</i>	July 26
<i>Come & Get It</i> remix CD from Selena Gomez; Bridgit Mendler - <i>Hurricane Remixes</i> ; Franki Amour - <i>Fashion Girl</i>	July 30
<i>Sing To The Moon</i> from Laura Mvula; Pet Shop Boys - <i>Electric</i> ; Sara Bareilles - <i>The Blessed Unrest</i>	August 2
<i>The Adored DVD</i> ; <i>The Dark Side of Love</i> ; <i>White Frog</i>	August 6
<i>Cowboys, Armageddon, and The Truth</i>	August 9
<i>Monarch Season</i> ; Selena Gomez - <i>Stars Dance</i>	August 13

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