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NW PA Pride 2017 Pride Logo Design Contest - Win \$100!

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance will be accepting design entries through March 1 for the 2017 Pride logo. The theme for 2017 Pride is “25 Years of Pride!” We hope that your design will include the official Pride theme. This year’s Pride Picnic will be the 25th anniversary

There is no limit to the number of entries per person that can be submitted, nor is there an age limit. The design we select will receive a free shirt and a \$100 Visa gift card.

Please visit www.nwpapride.org for information on how designs are to be submitted. Please email your entry to president@nwpapride.org on or before March 1, 2017. Questions may also be sent to the same email address.

NW PA Pride Alliance Thanks 2016 Donors & Supporters

from NW PA Pride Alliance

This year was a year of firsts for NW PA Pride Alliance. This was our first full year of being a 501c3. Many things remained the same, but together with the support of our donors and the Erie community, we added even more visibility to the LGBTQIA community. In addition to our Pride Picnic on June 4 and our PrideFest and March on August 27, we added Painting with Pride nights in the spring and early winter, partnered with the Erie Seawolves for our 3rd annual Pride Night, partnered with the Zone Dance Club for a Pride Kickoff party the night before Pridefest, and also partnered with Waldameer Park and Water World for the first Pride Day at the Park the day after PrideFest.

As we worked in conjunction with local businesses and organizations to host many events throughout the Erie region, we kept our mission of LGBTQIA visibility our number one goal. Not only did we have a float in the Millcreek 4th of July Parade but we also partnered with Identity—Edinboro University gay-



WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT AT ZONE: On Thursday, December 1, 2016, Erie Awareness Outreach organized a World AIDS Day event at The Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. The event included performances by Michelle Michaels, Misty Michaels Kall, Jill Jamison, Twerkzilla, and Shun. Special guest DJ was BlackCat from Toronto. There was also a twerking competition. In addition, Erie County Department of Health provided free, rapid HIV and syphilis testing. Photo gallery on our website. Photo Mike Mahler

straight alliance—to march in that school’s homecoming parade. Finally, Pridefest was also covered by Mic Media from New York City. This coverage led to a news piece that has been viewed almost half a million times.

Although 2016 was a year of many successes in the Erie LGBTQIA community, we also had our fair share of tough times. The June attack on Pulse night

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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

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club in Orlando strongly affected us going into all the events in which we participated. Together with Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and Community United Church, we held a candle light vigil the evening after the Pulse Night club shooting. The events in Orlando have unified the Erie LGBT Community and motivated us to keep working to make it known that the Erie LGBT Community is strong and we will be around for years to come.

Moving forward, we are excited to continue to expand our work in Erie and the surrounding areas in 2017. We have already planned some changes for our season next year and are looking forward to announcing them shortly. We know that we are an organization that couldn't do anything without the support of our donors and our community. We are always looking for new ways to be visible and to partner with organizations to give the LGBTQIA community a voice in NWP. Our work is far from done, and we look forward to making 2017 our best year yet.

17th Annual Lake Erie Gala a Success!

from Erie Sisters and Brothers Transgender Support Group

The Erie Sisters and Brothers Transgender Support Group held their 17th Annual Lake Erie Gala on Wednesday, November 16 through Sunday, November 20 at the Bel Aire/Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie PA. About 70 people attended the event.

The weekend included a vendor mart, visits to few wineries and the Lucille Ball Museum, the Glitter Ball, talent show, karaoke and a candlelight vigil for Transgender Day of Remembrance on Sunday, November 20.

The Gala Management Team wish to thank all of their sponsors and contributors and everyone who helped make this year's Gala a success!

AA Meeting Live & Let Live is an LGBTQIA-friendly AA meeting that meets every Sunday, at 7PM, at Community United Church, 1011 West 38th St., Erie, PA. For more information, visit www.aaeriepa.org

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Calendar

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Dec 24 & 25 (Fri & Sat) - Zone Open for Christmas Eve & Christmas Night (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM - 2 AM. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Dec 31 (Sat) - Zone New Year's Eve Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM - 2 AM. Food buffet and champagne toast at midnight. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Dec 31 (Sat) - New Year's Eve Bash (Erie Playhouse 13 W. 10th, Erie PA) "A salute to 100 years of Broadway." www.erieplayhouse.org

Jan 6 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 8 PM.

Jan 8 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie Annual Holiday Dinner (The Colony Pub & Grille, 2670 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 2 - 4 PM. RSVP by 12/31/16 Also food bank donations (food and/or \$\$), optional gift exchange. (gift around \$15) Contact: Kim (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol.com.

aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

Jan 8 (Sun) - TransFamily Youth Transgender Support Group meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 2 - 5 PM. PLEASE NOTE: Date change for this month only due to New Year's. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. caitlynxpress@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/groups/TransFamilyYouth/. FB: Lake Erie Counseling Inc.

Jan 8 (Sun) - Aging With Pride meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 - 6 PM. "Safe, comfortable space for the older LGBT individual." (814) 455-4009. daleallgeier@outlook.com. www.lakeeriecounseling.com/

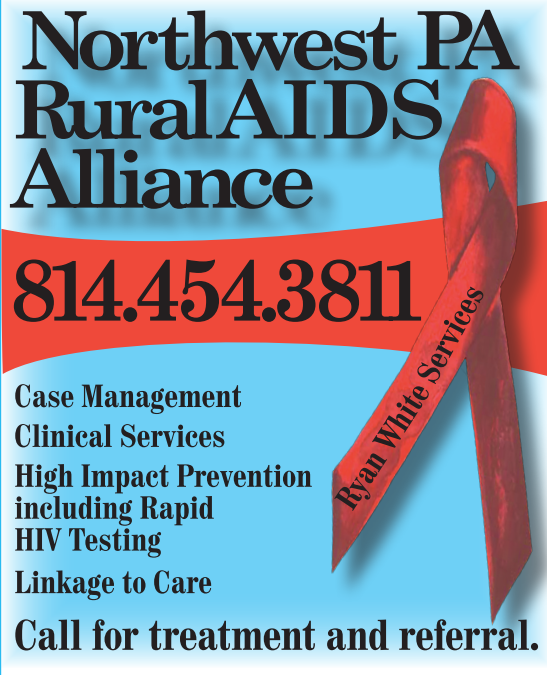
Jan 10 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. Contact: Marguerite youngstownareapflag@gmail.com. www.youngstownpflag.org/.

Jan 11 (Wed) - Bears Do Dinner #43 (Cloud 9 Wine Bar, 25 E 10th St, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. Food and conversation! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Jan 14 (Sat) - Erie LGBT Rainbow Alliance meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 1 - 3 PM. Co-facilitators: Chelsea Nicole, Dale Allgeier, LCSW. (814) 455-4009. ErieLGBTRainbowAlliance@gmail.com

Jan 14 (Sat) TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group (CHAPS Building, first floor, 944 Liberty Street, Meadville, PA - NOTE NEW LOCATION) 2-5 PM. Contact: Richelle Kohler. richellekohler@hotmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA.

Jan 14 (Sat) - Veronyca's Showgirls benefit for



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Jan 17 (Tue) - PFLAG Meadville meets (Stone United Methodist Church, 956 S Main St, Meadville, PA) 7 PM. Contact: Randy Herbert-Weed. (814) 724-6736. meadvillepflag@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGMeadville/.

Jan 19 (Thu) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork/.

Jan 20 (Fri) - "Art, Jewels & Jazz: A Tribute to Nina Simone" (Erie Movie House, 3424 W Lake Rd, , Erie PA) www.eriemoviehouse.com/

Jan 24 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Lake Erie Counseling, 301 W 10th St,

Erie, PA 7 PM. Contact: Mike (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Jan 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 2 - 5 PM. Contact: Caitlyn (814) 823-1969. Caitlynxpress@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA.

Jan 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group meets (Unitarian-Universalist Cong. of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. eriesisters.ning.com

Jan 29 (Sun) - Crime Victim Center Annual Cornhole Tournament (Maennerchor Club 1607 State Street, Erie, PA) "Sessions at 12 and 4pm. Registration on our website at cvcerie.org and \$50/2 person team includes food."

Feb 15 (Wed) - "Moonlight" (2016) FILM at the Erie Art Museum, (10 E. 5th, Erie PA.) moonlight-movie.com

Feb 15 (Wed) - "Doubt" Series Premiere CBS 9PM. Katherine Heigl, LaVerne Cox in new legal drama series.



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Feb 23-26 (Thu - Sun) "A Man of No Importance" Mercyhurst, Taylor Little Theatre, Erie PA "When Alfie Byrne attempts to put on an amateur production of Oscar Wilde's *Salome* in the local church hall in 1964, he confronts the forces of bigotry and shame over a love "that dare not speak its name."". miac.mercyhurst.edu

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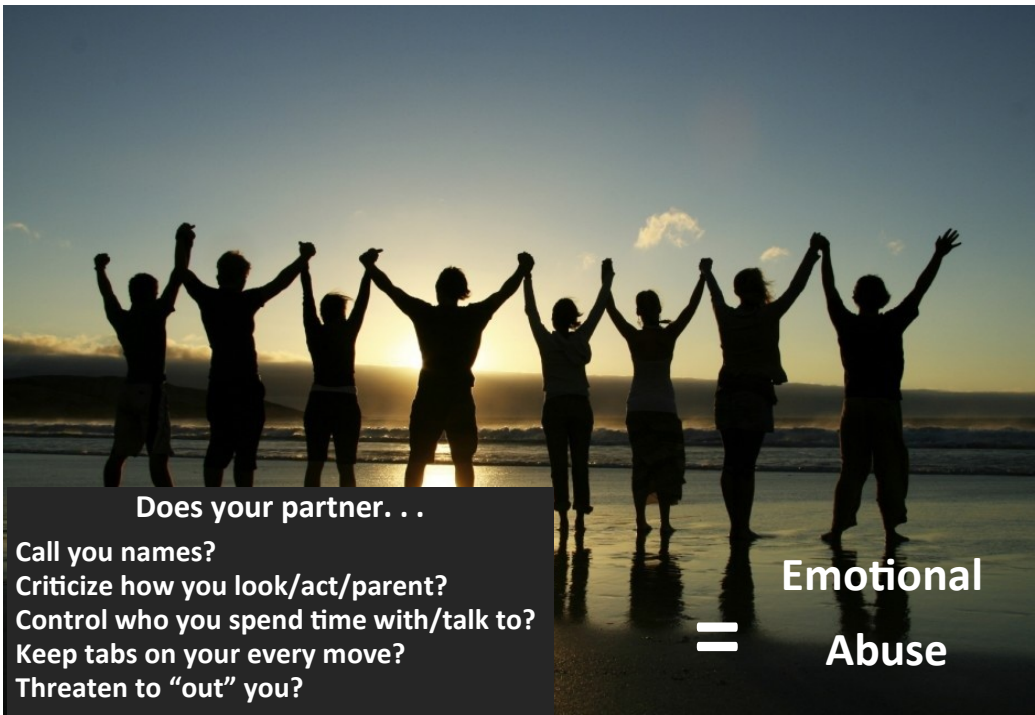


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