



The Lavender Salon Reader

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Welcome to the *Lavender Salon Reader*.

In the *Lavender Salon Reader*, I'll try to keep us informed of events of the Lavender Salon.

We have a name!

May 16th, at the third meeting of the reading salon (graciously held at Tom & Fred's house), we discussed over dinner the idea of giving our reading group a name. The seven members in attendance elected to call ourselves The Lavender Salon! To my knowledge we are the only gay & lesbian reading group in the Fox Valley. If there are other gay reading salons in the Fox Valley, we would like to hear from them.

Behind the Mask generates discussion

The Lavender Salon's first actual book discussion was of Dave Pallone's autobiography *Behind the Mask*. Pallone was a National League umpire for some 10 years. He moved up from the minors to the majors as a scab during the Umpire's Strike of 1979. Pallone's career was fraught with controversy throughout those 10 years. Ultimately, he was forced out of the game for being gay. Pallone's book spawned quite a lot of controversy in our group too. At issue was the effect of his ego and braggadocio on the events of his life.

June Meeting

The Lavender Salon will next meet Saturday, June 19th at 6 pm at Marge's home. (Call 738-0497 for more information.) Marge has requested that the pot luck have an Italian theme. *Vital Ties* by Karen Kringle will be discussed. Copies can be ordered through Conkeys, or checked out from the Appleton Public Library. The book costs \$10.95.

July & August Meetings

July's meeting will be a discussion of the film *The Children's Hour* by William Wyler, based on the play by Lillian Hellman. August's meeting will be a discussion of Paul Russell's book *Boys of Life*. 📖

