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KICK-OFF MEETING WITH NEW GREEN BAY MAYOR

Mayor James Schmitt will be guest in Open Forum Meeting

Fall kickoff meeting in on Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm at the downtown Green Bay Public Library.

All are invited to attend the **POSITIVE VOICE** monthly meeting in the lower level of the downtown Green Bay public library. Newly elected as Mayor this past April 1st, James Schmitt will be our guest speaker in an open format meeting.

Mayor Schmitt run on a platform that included three key areas: strengthening neighborhood communities, continuing revitalization of the downtown with specific emphasis on the waterfront and developing businesses.



Mayor Schmitt's Community and Business involvement includes:

- ▼ Brown Co. Supervisor 1998-2003
- ▼ Vice-Chair of GB/Brown Co. Prof. Football Stadium District Board
- ▼ Past President of Astor Neighborhood Association
- ▼ Chair, Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council
- ▼ Member of: Lambeau Field Renovation Sub-Committee
- ▼ Green Bay Traffic Committee
- ▼ Green Bay Planning Commission
- ▼ Neighborhood Resource Board
- ▼ Howe Neighborhood Resource Cntr.

- ▼ Brown County Planning Commission
- ▼ Public Safety; Planning & Development
- ▼ St. Vincent Hospital Advisory Board
- ▼ Silver Lake College Board of Directors
- ▼ Legatus International
- ▼ Advance Business Development Center, Advisory Board
- ▼ Prior Pres of Famis Manufacturing, Inc

Make plans to attend and meet our Mayor. Share your visions and concerns for GLBT's with the leader of the largest city in Wisconsin North of Milwaukee.

Please contact **POSITIVE VOICE** at 920-435-4404 or email pvnew4gibt@aol.com for information.

Action Wisconsin Update

Editor's note: By your reading this assembly committee will have voted. Find out how the individual members voted. Contact your legislator and be heard! Also, AW urges attendance on Sept 30th in Madison to show GLBT unity. PV is a non-political organization but we do urge that you educate yourself and take Action for GLBT's. Dennis K.

Wisconsin's opponents of equality have chosen Thursday -- Sept. 11th -- for an Assembly committee vote on AB 475, the anti-marriage bill. On the day that our country united against the threat of terrorism, committee members will vote on a bill that declares LGBT people a

threat. Had enough? Here's what you can do:

1. If you live in one of the committee member's districts... contact them before next Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003. Ask them to oppose AB 475. It is an unnecessary and mean-spirited bill.

2. No matter where you live in Wisconsin, make plans to come to Madison the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 30th for LEAD: Legal Action Equality Day. That is the day to tell our representatives to stop legislative attacks on lesbian and gay families, to legalize civil marriage for same-sex couples, and to say that it's time for the state government to follow the example of leading private employers by providing health insurance to the same-sex partners of its employees. Go to www.actionwisconsin.org for more details about LEAD on Sept. 30th and to make an appointment with your representatives. If you can help us publicize the event in your area, email info@actionwisconsin.org.

3. Tell us (AW) if you or any of your friends and relatives are members of these unions: AFSCME Council 24, the Wisconsin Federation of Teachers, and the Wisconsin Education Association Council. Identifying members of these unions will help in the push for domestic

partner benefits. We'll explain how. Thanks again for your support and interest.

If you or your friends and family live in one of these legislators' districts, please contact them before Sept. 11 and ask them to vote no on AB 475: To find who your legislators are, visit www.legis.state.wi.us/waml/ or call Action Wisconsin at 608.441.0143 or visit www.actionwisconsin.org.

Gay Activist to Speak at PV

By Bruce Moran

Eldon Murray, winner of the 2003 Pridefest's Lifetime Achievement Award, will speak at **POSITIVE VOICE** at our November 17th meeting, to be held at Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI.

Eldon, a gay activist since the Stonewall Riots of the late 1960s, has been mostly based in Milwaukee, WI,



throughout his life. Though Milwaukee in Pridefest's 2003 parade based, Eldon is nationally recognized as one of 31 pioneer GLBT activists.

In 1971 Eldon founded Gay People's Union (GPU), a GLBT organization. He also founded GPU News, an influential publication that attracted national GLBT writers. He helped found the GPU Examination Center for VD, still going strong and now known as BESTD (Brady East STD) Clinic. Eldon also founded SAGE-Milwaukee, an acronym for Senior Action in a Gay Environment,

an active and successful GLBT organization in Milwaukee.

So please mark your calendars to meet Eldon Murray on November 17th. Eldon is a very knowledgeable and personable man and would welcome any question you may have.

We shall have more to say about Eldon in our newsletter and website as the time of his visit draws nearer.

PV/PFLAG Fox Cities Team Up for Appleton's Octoberfest

By Bruce Moran

Come join us at Appleton's Octoberfest on Saturday, 9/27/03, from 9am to 6pm. The event takes place on College avenue and our **POSITIVE VOICE/PFLAG** booth will be located in front of the Heid Music store on the eastern end of College avenue, somewhat near Lawrence University.

We will be offering the famous "cheesecake on a stick", a crowd favorite that continues to sell out of each year. Also offered will be various pride stickers and jewelry.

This year we have added a new item. We are selling a packet of discount coupons to Younkers Department Stores at \$5 per packet. Included in the packet is an entry form for a chance to win a trip to Walt Disney World. The prize winner will receive roundtrip airfare for 4 people for 5 nights' lodging at Disney World and an Ultimate Park Hopper Pass. It has a retail value of \$5,000. Some restrictions do apply.

The discount packet of coupons can be used at Younkers a special date only, Saturday, 11/22/03. The packet consists of a \$5 off the first item and six 20% off coupons on a single item purchased with some restrictions. Your \$5 packet purchase is considered a donation to **POSITIVE VOICE** and **PFLAG**.

Last year our booth was quite busy with many **POSITIVE VOICE** and **PFLAG** members stopping by. In case you have not previously attended Octoberfest, why not come out to see what it is all about.

A lot of people enjoy the day by slowly walking down the avenue taking in the live entertainment, food vendors, informational booths, and the wares of artisans and craftsmen. If you have not seen College avenue since its renovation, this would be a good time to see all the improvements.

Focus Group for Women Held

Editor's note: At the annual meeting it was determined that a special outreach effort would be made to the women in our organization. Invitations were sent out to all accordingly to attend a focus group to explore concerns specific to the Woman's community and membership. Sincere thanks to all that attended and for the ideas that they shared. Dennis K.

by John Olski

A **POSITIVE VOICE** focus group for women convened at the Brown County Library on Monday, August 18. The group provided an all-male governing board with ideas for better serving the organization's female membership, which comprises a 55 percent majority.

Nine women and five board members attended the meeting, which began at 6:35 PM. President Dennis Krenn introduced **POSITIVE VOICE** and explained the need for the focus group, noting that the **PV** Annual Meeting drew only one woman out of some 22 attendees.

A survey distributed at the Annual Meeting was handed out to focus group participants. Dennis reviewed the issues and interest areas listed on the survey, elaborating on **POSITIVE VOICE's** role in addressing the next level of GLBT rights and countering anti-gay backlash.

Dennis then asked for feedback on issues not addressed by the survey.

The first suggestion was for improved networking and the development of a guide to gay-friendly professional resources in the community, such as doctors and lawyers. Dennis noted that **PV**, Northern Womyn and GLEEDA (groups no longer in existence) had developed a professional guide at one time, but it took a large amount of work. Another woman suggested that it would be helpful to just bring a book containing business cards to a general meeting. It

was also noted that a social-networking period at the end of a general meeting could be helpful.

Asking what **POSITIVE VOICE** could do differently for women, Dennis found that it was inconvenient for most focus group participants to attend monthly meetings on Monday nights. Participants and board members mentioned the problem of kids and homework, as well as the need to prepare for a Tuesday workday. When asked what day of the week would be better, two women said it didn't matter, one suggested Friday, and five others expressed a preference for weekends. It was noted later in the meeting that **PV** social events tended to draw women, and those events were generally held on weekends or holidays. Board members reflected that the Monday meeting time might have been a convenience for previous **PV** organizers.

One focus group participant asked about **POSITIVE VOICE** advertising, noting that she had to phone another group to learn about **PV**. Suggestions for improving visibility included offering additional Web site services, such as a professional resource guide, and working with the Chamber of Commerce. The latter idea led one participant and a board member to envision a gay welcome wagon, or at least some form of representation in the current welcoming service.

Support groups were a concern for one woman who had tried, with some friends, to maintain a women's group devoted to issues of same-sex assault. Dennis mentioned that at least one other group has expressed interest in meeting under the auspices of **POSITIVE VOICE**, and that **PV** would be interested in supporting smaller GLBT groups.

Dennis noted that participants could e-mail **POSITIVE VOICE** with additional outreach ideas. This prompted one woman to say she appreciated the forwarded list-serve e-mails she received from him. Another woman suggested that informal activities, such as getting together for a hike, could also be publicized through a list-serve notice. **PV** board members added that the Web

site and newsletter could help as well, with appropriate confidentiality observed.

Dennis concluded the focus group by asking if the meeting had been helpful. The participating women were pleased with the effort, though still unsure as to how more women might assume leadership roles in the GLBT community. Dennis asked whether women tended to form more personal social connections instead, as through gatherings of friends. One participant suggested that long-established friendship circles were common among GLBT people regardless of sex, which is a problem for new people in a community. As for women, she noted that many formed connections through their kids but not through other interests. Another participant added that such a case was problematic for single people. Dennis offered that, even at **POSITIVE VOICE** events, some friendship groups seem like complete, nuclear-type families, and are hard to break into.

Following summary remarks by Dennis, the focus group adjourned at 7:35 PM. A period for refreshments and socializing followed.

HRC Comments on Proposed Anti-Gay Amendment

by Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

"Civil marriage is entirely separate from religious marriage. No one is trying to change the beliefs or traditions of churches. Same-sex couples are simply seeking the same rights and protections under the law that most Americans take for granted."

The General Accounting Office found in a 1997 study that there are more than 1,000 federal rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities that same-sex couples are currently denied as they are not permitted civil marriage licenses. Those rights include protections as fundamental as being able to visit a partner in the hospital and make decisions for them should they be unable to, the ability to inherit property without

a will or tax penalties, and access to Social Security survivor benefits.

"In our society, government benefits for couples and their children are available only through a civil, secular 'marriage license.' Until state and federal governments administer benefits on some other basis, tax paying gay couples and their families should have access to such safeguards on an equal basis," said Birch.

In the statement, the USCCB voiced its strong opposition to "any legislative and judicial attempts, both at state and federal levels, to grant same-sex unions the equivalent status and rights of marriage –by naming them marriage, civil unions or by other means."

The Constitution has only been amended 17 times since the Bill of Rights. Passage of the anti-gay Federal Marriage Amendment would mark the first time in U.S. history that the Constitution was amended to specifically deny rights and protections to a single group of Americans.

"Gay Americans are whole and complete human beings, they are parents, children, brothers, sisters, friends, workers, church goers and make important contributions in every community in the country each day," said Birch. "It is difficult to imagine that with all of the problems and challenges facing the country today, the USCCB would spend time and energy trying to deny rights and protections to same-sex couples and their families."

PFLAG 2003 Central Region Conference Sept 19-21

During the weekend of September 19-21, 2003 the Madison chapter of PFLAG will host the 2003 Central Region Conference. The event will include members and friends from Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois for a weekend filled with opportunities to learn and participate in workshops.

Early Registration Deadline and Hotel Reservation cutoff is August 19th. See the PFLAG Madison website for more details. www.pflag-madison.org

Keynote speakers include:

▼ **Tammy Baldwin**, U. S. Representative, (D) WI, is the first woman to serve in the House of Representatives from Wisconsin. She was elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000 and 2002.



▼ **Paul Wesselmann**, will envelop us with his motivational presentation as a keynote speaker. Be challenged and comforted by Paul's message which he presents to business and education circles across the United States and to us in the PFLAG family.



▼ **Sam Thoron**, PFLAG National President, will present a talk entitled "Stand Up and Be Counted". Mr Thoron is a highly-respected leader in both PFLAG nationwide and the Greater San Francisco Bay Area in which he resides, Sam Thoron and wife Julia are the parents of two straight sons and a lesbian daughter.



PFLAG Madison looks forward to seeing you at this wonderful event.

Letters from Madison City

Given my view that AB 475 and SB 233 should not become law in our state for reasons obvious to "thinking people", I wrote both my State Representative and State Senator to voice my opinion and

ask that they vote discriminatory legislation. I submitted respectfully the usual arguments, stressing my community involvement and family and the following are their responses. Karl Van Roy's response demonstrated that he and many other politicians just do NOT get it... and instead felt he was educating me on my options... Please consider writing, calling and/or visiting your political officials to give voice to our concerns against this continued discrimination. And, remember their vote when re-election comes up... Thanks, Dennis - PV Pres...

September 8, 2003
"Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to AB 475 and SB 233 which specify that marriage is a civil contract between one man and one woman and that only marriage between one man and one woman will be recognized as valid in this state.

I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this issue. In your letter, you detailed your leadership and civic involvement in your community. I commend you for your investment of time to make Green Bay a better place in which to live and work. Your contributions and commitment are admirable.

You may be interested to know that in 1996, former President Bill Clinton signed similar legislation into federal law. AB 475 and SB 233 merely codify the current federal law into our state statutes. Based on all the input I have received, it is clear that the vast majority of my constituents in the 90th Assembly District are in favor of this legislation. As the representative of that majority, I feel it is appropriate to be supportive of these proposals.

You expressed concerns that same sex couples do not have the ability to receive Social Security Survivor benefits. I thought you should be aware that even if Wisconsin legalized same-sex marriage, federal Social Security survivor benefits would not be paid to a surviving same-sex partner because the federal government expressly does not recognize

same-sex marriage due to the bill that President Clinton signed into law.

You also had concerns that same-sex couples could not make medical decisions for a dying partner. However, under current law, a same-sex partner can fill out a health care power of attorney giving his or her partner the authority to make health care decisions when physically or mentally incapable of doing so on his or her own. Same-sex couples do not need to be legally recognized as married to exercise the right to make health decisions for their partner.

Same-sex partners can also protect the distribution of their assets and possessions at death by designating his or her surviving partner as the heir in a legally drafted will or as the beneficiary on insurance policies and bank accounts. Everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation, is at risk of their will being contested unless they have a "no-contest clause" which immediately disowns anyone who would attempt to contest the will.

I have noticed that those who seek to legalize gay marriage only mention financial benefits. I have yet to hear anyone bring up the issue of personal responsibility and the willingness to suffer through the financial hardship of divorce, spousal support, child support, division of pensions, deferred compensation plans, homes, and other assets.

I hope this information has been helpful. Again, I appreciate your input on this issue. I hope that we can agree to disagree on this issue. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or concerns on this or any other state issue.

Your Representative, Karl Van Roy"
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(608)282-3690. Rep.vanRoy@legis.state.wi.us
District Office: 1010 Coggins Court . Green Bay,
WI 54313. Phone: (920)491-2579

August 20, 2003
Thank you for contacting my office regarding the introduction of the Defense of Marriage Act. I appreciate you taking the time to contact me.

At this time I have not yet had the opportunity to examine all sides of this legislation. I understand that this is an issue of great importance to many Wisconsinites, and I promise to keep your informed comments in mind should this bill come before the State Senate for a vote.

Thanks again for contacting me. If you have any additional concerns regarding this or any other issue related to state governance please call me, toll-free, at (866) 221-9395.

Sincerely, Dave Hansen
Wisconsin State Senator - 30th District
608-266-5670
State Capitol, PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882
sen.hansen@legis.state.wi.us

How Giving to United Way can Benefit PV and GLBT's

By Bruce Moran

This month the United Ways kick off their fall campaigns. You may give to **POSITIVE VOICE** by giving to your United Way. This can be achieved through "Specific Donor Giving."

United Way's pledge card has an area where you may write in the charity of your choice. This is the area where you would need to write in the name and address of **Positive Voice**, designating your gift specifically to **POSITIVE VOICE**.

PV is an IRS code 501.c.3 non-profit organization. We have received donations through "Specific Donor Giving" from the 2002 campaigns of United Way of Brown County and United Way Fox Cities. We greatly appreciate your past support and thank you in advance for your 2003 contributions that will be used by **PV** to support the GLBT community.

Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival

Save the dates and spread the word! The 2003 Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Film/Video

Festival is set to unfurl an unprecedented 50+ films and videos (okay, some of them are short) in our nevertheless largest outpouring of the finest in new work by, about, and around the LGBT community. Always and also one of Milwaukee's finest and longest-running international film festivals, the LGBT Film/Video Festival offers a richly packed selection of the best of recent features, documentaries, shorts, and experimental work.

This year's Festival will unspool from October 2-5 and October 8-12, with Opening Night once again at the fabulous Oriental Theatre. The rest of the events will illuminate the generous screen at UWM's Union Theatre. And we have a couple of pre-festival screenings, to boot!

While recent Supreme landmark and litigious events may have prompted some to suggest a necessary codification of heterosexual unions, the LGBT Festival strives to un-codify any fixed notion of LGBT -- heck, we lost the manual! -- with our diverse array of stories, celebrations, investigations, representations, and boundary-crossings.

This year's Festival will open at the Oriental Theatre on Thursday, October 2, 7:30pm with Charles Busch's *Die Mommie Die!*, a delectable puree of Joan Crawford/Bette Davis potboilers, Jacqueline Susann, and all things soap. The series closes Sunday, October 12 at the Union Theatre with *Suddenly*, the celebrated new film from the Argentinean New Wave.

So again: save the dates: October 2-5 and October 8-12. and checkout the Union Theatre website www.aux.uwm.edu/UnionTheatre where, eventually, the schedule will be posted. and pick up a Festival brochure - starting next Tuesday! -- at various venues around town (Milwaukee). or: drop me a line and I can mail you one! Or I can email you the schedule if you like; just let me know.

Thanks for reading all of this and I hope you find it and future postings of interest! Thanks for your time and later on - Carl Bogner

Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival

Film Department / UW-Milwaukee
crlebog@uwm.edu / 414 229 4758

Newsletter Ad Rates

Prices are for three months, and sizes are only approximate:

1/8 Page (Business card 4.25" X 2.75") \$15.; **1/4 Page** (4.25" X 5.5") \$25; **1/2 Page** (4.25" X 11" OR 8.5" X 5.5") \$40; **Full Page** (8.5" X 11") \$70. To inquire about placing an ad or the rates for running an ad for longer than three months, please contact **PV** at (920) 435-4404 OR write to **POSITIVE VOICE** PO Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381. We can also be reached via e-mail at pvnew4glbt@aol.com.

Our Mission Statement:

We believe all gay people, their families, and friends have the right to come together and treat each other with respect, dignity and friendship. We must work together as a unified group to create a positive atmosphere that allows us to share our viewpoints and feelings, to grow, and to gain a greater sense of fulfillment in our lives.

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Calendar of Events 2003:

September

- 15.....**POSITIVE VOICE General Membership Meeting - 6:30-9:00pm** Meet & Greet the new Mayor of Green Bay, Jim Schmitt. Brown County Public Library in downtown Green Bay; lower level meeting room.
- 15.....**PFLAG Appleton/Fox Cities general membership meeting. 7 pm.** Christ the King Lutheran Church, Combined Locks.
- 27.....**Oktoberfest – Downtown Appleton on College Avenue** - Look for our booth that will be shared with PFLAG Fox Cities. We will be featuring Cheesecake on a Stick.
- 28.....**ARCW AIDS Walk in Milwaukee** – see <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/> for more information.
- 28.....**The Lavendar Salon** - Book Discussion: Going the Other Way by Bill Bean. Call 920-738-0497 for info..
- 30.....**Action Wisconsin Lobby Day for LGBT Equality** Come to Madison and ask your legislators, face-to-face, to support marriage equality for same-sex couples and domestic partner benefits for state employees. If you can attend or need more information, contact Action Wisconsin at: info@actionwisconsin.org or 608-441-0143. Citizen Lobby Training begins at noon.

October

- 6.....**POSITIVE VOICE Board Meeting.** 7 pm Appleton site. Call for directions. All PV members welcomed.
- 2-5 and 8-12..... **Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival** – See article in this issue for more information.
- 19.....**POSITIVE VOICE General Membership Meeting – 6:30pm to 8:45pm.** We'll meet at the Appleton Public Library meeting room in the lower level. **POSITIVE VOICE** webmaster will introduce **POSITIVE VOICE**'s new website. We'll also give a review of Cooler by the Lake, a great index to reliable information sites on the Internet.

Organizations and Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Action Wisconsin:** GLBT political action group. For more info., call Mike Fitzpatrick at 920-437-7400 (days).
- Alcoholic's Anonymous (Gay Meetings):** Five open meetings each week in Appleton and Green Bay. Call 920-336-2868 or 920-954-9169 for info.
- Angels of Hope M.C.C.:** Services every Sunday (11:00AM) at 3607 Libal St., **Allouez**. Call 920-983-7453. Services every Sunday (7:00 PM) at 815 North Richmond St., **Appleton**. Call 920-991-0128.
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW)** Green Bay: 824 S. Broadway 920-437-7400 or 800-675-9400. Appleton: 120 N. Morrison St. Suite 201 920-733-2068 or 800-773-2068.
- Support Groups:** Free, confidential open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Green Bay: 7:30-9:00pm, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month at Renaissance Healing Arts Center, 311 S. Jefferson, Green Bay, WI 54301, 920-437-4325. Fox Cities: 7:00-8:30pm, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month at Family Resource Association of Fox Valley, Midway Road, 1488 Kenwood Drive, Menasha, WI 54952, 920-739-4226. For information, contact the numbers above or Sylvia at AIDS Resource Center of WI at 1-800-675-9400 or 920-437-7400.
- Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance, Inc.** PO Box 390, Steven's Point, WI 54481. For more information, you can phone (715) 592-6245 and then enter voicemail #5920200 when prompted or visit us online at www.racwinc.org or email: racwinc@hotmail.com.
- GLBT Partnership:** Lesbigan teen support group in Appleton & Green Bay. Call 920-731-4847.
- GLSEN:** Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. Working for safer schools. Contact: Carrie Beno at: 217-7990 or Paul "Cricket" Jacob at: 437-7400 or at paul.jacob@arcw.org Meetings variable—announced in newsletter. You do not have to be a teacher to become a member—you need only care for all our schoolchildren's well being.
- The Lavender Salon:** Lesbigan reading group meets fourth Sunday of the month. Call Michael Nitz at 920-738-0497. The Salon's website is: www.lavendersalon.org
- Lawrence University PRIDE:** Meets every Thursday at 9:00pm PM in the Diversity Center. Contact: PRIDE, Diversity Center, 207 S. Meade St., Appleton, WI 54911; phone: 920-832-7051 – e-mail: www.lawrence.edu/org/pride

PFLAG Appleton/ Fox Cities: Meets third Tuesday of the month. For more info, write PFLAG, P.O. Box 9178, Appleton, WI 54911-9178; Helpline assistance phone is 920/735-1025.

PFLAG of Door County: Meets third Sunday of the month, Hope Church at 12th and Michigan Streets, Sturgeon Bay, WI. Contact Sandy at 920-743-8146.

Preble Park Presbyterian Church: Open and Accepting. Sunday Service at 10:15am, 607 Ravenswood Drive, Green Bay, WI. Phone: 920-468-7125.

Rainbow Over Wisconsin, Inc.: Northeast Wisconsin charitable foundation. For more info., contact Mark at 920-433-9821.

Sheboygan Lesbian and Gay Potluck- Meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 6pm at Unity Church of Sheboygan 2409 N. 8th street. Call 920-452-5447 for more information. Spend a Saturday evening making new friends, eating good food, having good conversation and playing cards, board games, etc. (over 18 years old please)

Toward Community: Unity In Diversity Racial/ethnic unity group supportive of gay rights. Meets third Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. on odd months, 6:00 p.m. on even months, at the Appleton Public Schools Community Room, Avenue Mall, Appleton. Contact Chairperson: Rev. Roger Bertschausen, (920) 731-0849.

Union Congregational Church-UCC: Open and Affirming . Sunday Service at 10am, 716 S Madison Ave, Green Bay, WI. 920-437-9266.

Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship: Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: Services at 4:30 PM Saturday, and 9:00 and 11:00 AM on Sundays, September through May, and at 9:00 AM June through August. We are a congregation that welcomes all people and invite them to come as they are. Rev Roger Bertschausen, 2600 E. Philip Lane, Appleton, WI: 920-731-0849.

Womyn's Fox Valley Potluck/Social Group. 920-727-1444.

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To become a member of POSITIVE VOICE or renew your membership:

Think about becoming a member of **Northeast Wisconsin's largest GLBT organization** or renewing your annual membership. Memberships are in effect for one year from payment date, \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families. There is a special full-time student membership available for \$10 per year. Members receive the **PV Inc. News**, discounts on **PV** events and help support our organization in reaching our goals and enriching our lives. Use the following coupon to send in your membership fee. Remember that **additional donations are always welcome** to help support our work to fulfill our mission statement. THANK YOU!

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