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PositiveVOICE, Inc News



A NEW YEAR OF POSSIBILITIES

Positive Voice secures office space with the help of generous donors

Come see the new digs!

Join **POSITIVE VOICE** Friday, January 28th, for an open house and tour of our new office space. The open house runs from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The **Positive Voice** office space is the first ever for our organization, and a bit THANK YOU to the cleaning, repair and painting volunteers who are working to create a wonderful home for **PV**.

Directions: Take US-41 toward GREEN BAY and merge onto WI-172 East toward I-43 or the Fox River. Take the WI-57/RIVERSIDE DR exit just past the Fox River. Turn RIGHT (North) onto WI-57 N/RIVERSIDE DR. Continue to follow WI-57 North along the East shore of the Fox River for 2.9 miles (it will become Monroe St). Turn RIGHT onto STUART ST. The office is **618 Stuart Street**, next to the Green Bay Multicultural Center.

All are invited to attend. Bring your friends! For more information about this event please call (920) 435-4404 or e-mail: pvnew4glbt@aol.com.

Letter From the President

Happy New Year! As many others, I think I have finally recovered from the busy election and holiday seasons. The **PV** Holiday Party was well attended and a great time. The **PV** New Years Eve Dinner Dance was highlighted by excellent food, great music by the Fun Factory and a lot fun people. However, it is now time to roll up the sleeves and dig into projects placed on the back burner by all of us in the community.

After 16 years of business and community involvement within the Northeast Wisconsin, the owner of the Historic West Theater and the former ZA's dance club has closed normal business operations at the West. One final party for those 18 and over will be held on Friday evening, January 14th. Thank you, Mark, for all that you have contributed on so many levels to the GLBT community.

Lobby Day to Stop the Constitutional Ban on Civil Unions and Marriage will be held on Thursday January 27, 2005, 10am-4pm, Madison, Wisconsin. Their "goal is to reach legislators in person with a diverse cross-section of gay and non-

gay Wisconsinites before they take up this issue again." To register: call Lindsey Saunders at 608-441-0143 ext. 311, or send your name, address, and phone number to:

Lindsey.Saunders@ActionWisconsin.org. Online registration will soon be available at www.actionwisconsin.org.

Friday evening, January 28th, **Positive Voice** is planning an open house at our Green Bay office space at 618 and our shared space at 620 Stuart street from 6 to 8:00pm. It will be an opportunity for our membership and other interested folks to see the modest space, the progress made in fixing it up and share our hopes for what new services **PV** might be able to offer in the future.

Saturday, January 29th from 10:30am to 1:30pm, the Green Bay Activist Network (GBAN) will provide a "Speakers Training" in 1965 room, University Union, UW-Green Bay. Attendees will learn talking points on how to address the Anti-Gay proposed Constitutional Amendment. Please register by calling Saad Akbar-Khan of Action Wisconsin at: **608-441-0143 x307** or Email Saad at: saad.akbar_khan@actionwisconsin.org

Saturday, February 12th, the 14th Annual *Have a Heart* Dinner benefit for ARCW will be held at the Atrium. **Positive Voice** has sponsored a table for 10. If you are interested in joining us at our table, please contact us. Tickets will be \$50 each. Tickets to this open event can be acquired by contacting ARCW staffer Joseph Brooks at 1.800.359.9272 ext. 1545 to register over the phone or go to their registration website <http://www.kintera.org/autogen/home/default.asp?ievent=89956>.

The Day of Self Discovery will be February 26 and will feature *Out Front Minnesota's* Scott Fearing. Friday evening February 25, a special session intended for leaders of both GLBT and non-GLBT multicultural agencies will be held to explore collaborative activities and venues. More information will be forth coming on both events, with admission free to registrants.

Please consider taking time out of your schedule to support some of the events planned for our community for the next 2 months. By working together, we can speak loudly in a **Positive Voice** and have our opinions heard. Take care, Dennis

Call to Action

Calling All GLBT and Allies To Help & Action!!!

Action Wisconsin and the Green Bay Action Network joined forces November 20, 2004 to provide a "Speakers Training" to address the Anti-Gay proposed Constitutional Amendment. This amendment will ban legal protections for gay and lesbian couples. 45 people signed up, and 65 attended. There were many who were unable to attend, and asked for additional training.

Action Wisconsin and GBAN will conduct another Speakers Training on Saturday, January 29 from 10:30am to 1:30pm at 1965 room, University Union, UW-GB (map: <http://www.uwgb.edu/>).

Action Wisconsin states it is critical that we all get our selves and voices on the same page to teach the general voting public what this proposed amendment is really about. This amendment could come up for vote as early as April 2005 and the groups urge that we do everything we can to defeat it.

At the Speakers Training on January 29th, "talking points" will be shared that can be used when conversing with neighbors, friends, family, colleagues, and/or for more formal speaking to community and civic groups.

Please register in one of the following:
Call Saad Akbar-Khan of Action Wisconsin at: **608-441-0143 x307** or
Email Saad at: saad.akbar_khan@actionwisconsin.org

Reggie White Dies at 43

By Cheryl Myers, PV Editor

I imagine most of you know that Reggie White died last week at the early age of 43 years of age. Much of the media coverage has been praising his achievements, not only as a great football player, but as a man of faith and social activist.

I agree he was a superb football player, and I am very sorry he died when he did, because now he will have no opportunity to open his heart and mind to the true message of God—one of acceptance, love, and celebration.

For whatever reason, (and maybe Freud can dig into this in the afterlife) Reggie felt the need to vilify the gay community, despite his lack of interaction with or knowledge about us. Attempts by the gay community to open a dialog with him, to discuss, learn and enlighten, were rebuffed.

Some years ago, Urban Hope helped a friend of mine. A Native American, he was assisted by this organization in starting a minority-owned business. This was a great opportunity for him that pays off even

to this day. I was impressed with Reggie's generosity and image as a big man with an even bigger heart.

How disappointed I was with his speech to the Wisconsin legislature. I don't write to celebrities, but I felt moved to share my thoughts with him.

In a simple one page letter, I asked who would shelter my family were housing discrimination laws reversed; who would feed and clothe my family if employment discrimination laws in Wisconsin were reversed. I didn't ask him to agree with my life, anymore than I expected him to seek my approval for his. I told him of my years in nursing and wondered how my care of the sick was somehow less meaningful because I am a gay woman. I asked him about compassion and justice.

Well, of course I received no answer, nor did I really expect to. And I am not so arrogant to think that a message from an unknown local like me would make any difference to his beliefs. But I felt compelled to try.

Not long after, I was contacted by a national sportswriter for CBS' Sportsline on-line magazine. I was president of **Positive Voice** at the time and he wanted my reaction to the Reggie White controversy in Green Bay. I told him about the unanswered letter and the disappointment that Reggie was using his bully pulpit as a sports star to fuel the flames of hatred and bigotry instead of encouraging new levels of respect and acceptance for all kinds of diversity. The modest article was published, we all moved on with our lives, and Reggie left Green Bay.

And now the man is dead at 43 years of age. I can't buy into the sentiment that he got what was coming to him, because many good people die young and many rotten apples live to a very ripe old age. And I can't be relieved he is dead, because now he is being lionized by much of the press.

All I can be is sad—because of the fall from grace by a great athlete who

purported to hear God's voice—when I fear it was only the darkest regions of his prejudiced heart whispering to him.

Here is some other more enlightened coverage of his death (edited for space):

Tributes to Reggie White Show Incomplete Picture

By Richard Sandomir New York Times

Reggie White's death on Sunday prompted a case of one-sided history on the CBS and Fox pregame shows, which remembered him as a great football player but an even greater man, and a man loved by everyone.

White might have deserved much of the praise, but it was the type of unabashed admiration that prompts concern that the stars and producers of the programs forgot or, worse, ignored how White denounced homosexuality and traded in ethnic stereotypes in a speech to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1998.

ABC's "Monday Night Football," with an extra day to contemplate his death at age 43, produced a three-minute halftime segment that chronicled his life, called him a "special man," focused on his strength, dominance and "love of mankind" and how his "unabashed relationship with God" led him to be called the Minister of Defense. No mention of the infamous speech.

"We decided in the short amount of time to keep it to his football career," said Mark Mandel, a spokesman for ABC Sports. All three networks accentuated the positive and offered the idealized, saintly view of a man in a violent sport reaching out to those he sacked as well as to the downtrodden. That may be the way football folk want to remember White - and the safe path taken by CBS, Fox and ABC - but it failed to acknowledge the considerable controversy he caused when he labeled homosexuality a sin.

"It's not a race" that can be compared with being black, he added.

And under the guise of discussing how races can work together, White described whites, blacks, Asians, Hispanics and Indians in that speech in Madison, Wis., in stereotypes that clergy members, of all people, should avoid uttering.

It was surprising that CBS made a decision to omit what White had said to Wisconsin legislators. He had, around that time, auditioned to be a football analyst for CBS, although no deal was made. White and his wife, Sara, said the speech had kept the network from hiring him. In an interview on ABC's "20/20," Sara White said that CBS was "too scared of the Sodomite community" to hire her husband. CBS denied that it had been influenced by outside pressures.

Only ESPN's "Sunday N.F.L. Countdown" offered a little balance, in a 13-minute tribute to White. In Jeremy Schaap's taped feature, he referred to White's making "several disparaging remarks about minorities." Later on, the reporter Andrea Kremer said in a panel discussion that White had told her recently that making those remarks "was one of the biggest regrets he had." She also said that White had turned away from being a Christian minister and was recently studying Hebrew to understand the Scriptures better and "learn what religion is all about."

White had apologized for the awkwardness of the ethnic remarks but not for those about homosexuality. A few months after the speech, he appeared in his Packers uniform in newspaper advertisements by several Christian groups promoting his opposition to homosexuality. The unauthorized use of the Green Bay uniform prompted the Packers' president to apologize to the Human Rights Campaign, a gay advocacy group. The ads featured the headline "In defense of free speech," and quoted White as saying, "I've been called homophobic. I've been called stupid," adding that "so-called gay

activists" had insulted him with an ethnic slur.

White left a complex legacy. Alan J. Borsuk of The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel wrote an article yesterday that detailed how one of White's community projects, Urban Hope, had helped people in the Green Bay area start new businesses but had been criticized for "shifting more to helping middle-class people" rather than poor ones. Other ventures, the article said, never came to fruition.

White's good deeds and discordant rhetoric were part of a life abundantly and unrepentantly lived. Both were self-generated and unforced, and must coexist in assessing what he left behind. There should have been no reason to ignore what some might feel is unsettling in order to focus only on the harmonious.

Tsunami Relief Efforts Underway

[Editor's note: IndUS is a Fox Valley organization dedicated to strengthening the relationship between U.S., Indian and other Asian cultures.]

The devastation over the last weekend in Asia has taken a massive toll on humanity. The tsunami has claimed thousands of lives. Over one third of the victims were children. The need of the hour is relief. **Donations are urgently needed** to provide medicines, food, water, temporary shelter materials and clothing

We need your help. Time is of the essence. IndUS has set a target of collecting \$ 50,000 toward relief funds. Given the enormity of the tragedy and the generosity of the citizens in the Fox Valley, let us pull together to achieve this target. IndUS is collaborating with a number of organizations such as India Association N.E.W. to achieve the goal. Here are a few important points to note as you open your heart and wallet

IndUS will channel 100% of your donations to victims who have the

greatest need. Nationality, religion or creed will play no role in allocation.

IndUS has identified following charities that have received the highest ratings from American Institute of Philanthropy. This will ensure that victims receive the greatest proportion of your contributions

Would you like to know about these charitable organizations?



<http://www.americares.org/>
Tel: 800-486-HELP

Catholic Relief Services

<http://www.catholicrelief.org>
Tel: 410-625-2220



<http://www.lwr.org/>
Tel: 410-230-2700



<http://www.savethechildren.org/>
Tel: 800-728-3843

IndUS is a non-profit organization per Section 501 (c) (3) of IRS Code. [EIN:33-1023766]

We appeal to your generosity. Please complete the attached form to indicate your preference charity as also where we can mail your receipt. Please make your check payable to "IndUS of Fox Valley". Write "**Asia Relief**" in the memo section. Please mail your checks to

IndUS of Fox Valley
3600 North Shawnee Avenue
Appleton WI 54914

For more information, e-mail to indusfoxvalley@yahoo.com Please share this appeal with your family and friends and help us make the New Year meaningful to all.

Sincerely, Sridhar (President of IndUS)

Lobby Day in Madison

Join HRC and Action Wisconsin for Lobby Day to Stop the Constitutional Ban on Civil Unions and Marriage: Thursday January 27, 2005, 10am-4pm, Madison, Wisconsin

Register NOW to join with hundreds of people in the state Capitol to urge your legislators to vote NO on the constitutional amendment that would ban civil unions, domestic partnerships, and marriage for gay couples.

Lobby Day will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, on **Thursday January 27th** and will include training sessions on the basics of the legislative process and how to talk to your legislator about the amendment. We are working hard to bring people from across the state to meet in constituent groups with each and every Senator and Assemblyperson. This could be our last chance to stop the amendment in the state Legislature. The amendment was already passed once in March 2004, and it will probably return for a second vote in the Legislature as soon as February 2005. If passed again, it would go to a statewide referendum vote, perhaps as soon as April 2005.

Our goal is to reach legislators in person with a diverse cross-section of gay and non-gay Wisconsinites before they take up this issue again. To register: please send your name, address, and phone number to: Lindsey.Saunders@ActionWisconsin.org or call Lindsey Saunders at 608-441-0143 ext. 311. (Online registration at www.actionwisconsin.org will soon be available). Please also consider signing up to be a District Point Person to help coordinate participation in your district. Point persons assist in setting up meetings with their legislators, organizing and signing-up participants, and helping coordinate transportation. Assistance with transportation and accommodations in Madison may be available. Let us know if you will need either. Organizations that would like to co-

sponsor Lobby Day, please contact Lindsey. For more information and details on the amendment and the legislative process, visit <http://www.actionwisconsin.org/amendment>

Tentative Schedule for Lobby Day 2005
9:45am Check In (location TBA)
10:30am Trainings 12:30pm Lunch
1:30pm Constituent Meetings with Assemblyperson in Capitol Building
2:30pm Constituent Meetings with Senator
3:30pm Rally at the Capitol 4:30pm Informal Celebration

Day of Self Discovery Planned

Positive Voice to Host a Free Two-Day Conference Featuring Scott Fearing from OutFront Minnesota

Liberty Hall in Kimberly will be the site of the free two-day conference on Friday, February 25th and Saturday, February 26th. The keynote speaker for both days will be Scott Fearing, a Senior Director with OutFront Minnesota. Scott spoke at our Day of Self-Discovery 6 years ago and we are pleased to have him come back to speak on new issues affecting the GLBT community.

The Friday night session is for those individuals in leadership roles in GLBT and other community organizations. Hors d'ouerves will be served at 6:00 pm and the program will run from 6:30 to 9:00pm.

The Saturday session is more general in nature and will deal with coming out issues. This session is open to the public. There will be a complimentary continental breakfast at 8:00am and the program will begin at 8:30am. We will break for a complimentary lunch at 11:30am and then reconvene around 12:00 noon and conclude around 1:30pm

There is no charge for either session but we do ask that you pre-register so that we know how many people to expect. Please indicate which day or days you wish to attend. More information and a registration

form will be forthcoming. Check our website for more information at www.PVINC.org.

From Scott Fearing, describing the event:

From gay marriage to Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, it sometimes seems that the world has gone GLBT crazy. All gay all day. If that is so, then why are people still living in the closet? Why are people afraid to come out at work? Why do people shy away from discussions of GLBT issues?

It is a fact that when GLBT issues come up, many GLBT and allied people go silent. The roots of this silence are many, but the primary one is that most people do not feel competent talking about many of the issues, or answering the difficult questions. This session is based on a longer training developed by OutFront Minnesota for its own Speakers Bureau volunteers who, for nearly 20 years, have been at the front lines of providing education in schools, workplaces and churches. After this session a participant will feel more comfortable and competent addressing issues at the intersections of GLBT issues with sex, politics and religion

From the organizers of the Friday evening Leadership program:

GLBT Community organizations often operate in self-imposed isolation. A legacy of second-class treatment coupled with a community history of limited resources combine to make the isolation understandable. Yet we live in a time when the entire future of the GLBT community could rely upon the ability to build strong coalitions and encourage cooperation across a wide spectrum of progressive constituencies.

This session is intended for leaders of both GLBT and non-GLBT multicultural agencies to explore how our various organizational missions and strengths can be used together to the benefit of the GLBT community

as a whole as well as the GLBT issues and needs that exist in every agency. This will be done by leading participants through discussions of priorities, creating partners, and brainstorming ways to enhance the strategic community value of each organization.

After the session participants will have re-evaluated each agency's goals, mission and vision and looked for new ways to enhance cooperation within the GLBT community and with other efforts that are working to build a stronger, more inclusive Community.

Funding for this program has been made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation For The Fox Valley Region, Inc. The Community Foundation generously gave Positive Voice \$2,000 from their Opportunity Fund to cover all of the speaker costs for the two day program.

Creating Change Conference

By Bruce Moran, **PV** Treasurer

“Disappointment” and “determination” are some words that might describe the feelings of 2,500 attendees at the 17th annual Creating Change Conference held in St Louis, MO, November 10-14, 2004. This conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, came only 8 days after the November 2, 2004, election when 11 states overwhelmingly approved amendments to their constitutions banning gay and lesbian marriages.

Although in a somber mood, the attendees seemed determined as ever to continue the struggle for LGBT rights. To hone participants' skills, the Creating Change Conference offered some 150 sessions, including workshops, caucus and networking sessions, skills sessions, and all-day institutes.

Some all-day institutes were on dismantling racism; organizing with and among communities of faith; economic justice and class issues in the

LGBT community; outing age; and others.

Topics ranged from the weighty, as mentioned above, to the lighter side, such as queer aspects of the 1904 St Louis World's Fair. Also offered was an evening of cabaret with singers, comedienne, and other performers.

Also very valuable for attendees was the ability to network and discuss the issues further during breakfasts and long lunch hours. Besides myself, other representatives or groups from Wisconsin included Action Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin—Madison, the La Crosse Community Center, 8 members of the Milwaukee GLBT Community Center, and others.

This conference was the second highest attended conference in The Task Force's seventeen-year history of conferences. Only higher in attendance was the 1999 conference in Oakland, California. Many attribute the high attendance in Oakland as due to its close proximity to San Francisco. The 2005 Creating Change conference will be held once again in Oakland.

**Have a Heart Dinner for
ARCW**

**Plan to spend "An Evening Among
Angels" at Have A Heart 2005**



Mark your calendars today to join us at the 14th annual **Have A Heart** on Saturday, February 12th at historical Lambeau Field in Green Bay. We will come together with a wonderful dinner, fine entertainment and a premier silent auction to celebrate and renew our commitment in the fight against AIDS in Wisconsin.

We will share our affection for the angels among us who together have

donated \$200,000 to complete our campaign to pay for the renovation of the AIDS Resource Center Of Wisconsin's new office building in downtown Green Bay.

Proceeds from **Have A Heart** support the aggressive prevention and treatment services of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Please join us at this wonderful event to help raise needed funds to provide the life saving programs and services to those battling HIV/ AIDS. **REGISTER today for Have A Heart on line at <https://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/Register/ECReg.asp?ievent=89956&en=hvLRI4OOJjKVJ4OQKbJRJbMZL tK6JmM0LmJ5IfONLfJ1IfNSK mI5J mMaH>. You can also call Joseph Brooks at 1.800.359.9272 ext. 1545 to register over the phone.**

Note: **Positive Voice** has committed to a table for 10. If you would like be at this table, please let us know. We are planning for the standard pricing of \$50 each **instead** of the VIP seating. Contact us at numbers listed at bottom of each newsletter page.

The Best Tasting Eggs in Green Bay



Editor's Note: I am acquainted with these two **PV** members and

have become entirely hooked on their eggs. These chickens have a more cozy life than I do! They are free range, and also fed extremely nutritious food, resulting in eggs like you've never seen before. The grocery store egg yolk is a lemon yellow; these yolks are a rich marigold. And since they have a wide variety of hens (talk about diversity!) the egg shells themselves are beautiful—brown, coffee, tan, speckled, pale pink—even a pale green variety. So all you health nuts who care about protein and nutrition and all you gourmets who care about exquisite taste, give the guys a call. And by the way—I was not in any way bribed for this endorsement—though if a dozen or so eggs mysteriously came my way . . . (just kidding, guys. Wouldn't want to ruin my credibility with the **PV** folks). Cheryl

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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 2005:

Upcoming Events at Harmony Cafe

Tsunami Relief Open Mic Nights: in collaboration with IndUS and the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center, our 4 regularly scheduled Thursday night open mic nights will become a series of 4 events to help raise funds and awareness for the struggles of our world neighbors. Our hosts are planning special activities and **IndUS** will be providing additional dance, music, food, henna and other cultural activities traditional to India. Proceeds from food and drink sales (as well as personal donations) will go towards relief efforts. As always, open mic nights are open to ALL - if you are interested in performing, sharing or participating, please come!

Jan 12: Night of Remembrance: Martin Luther King, Jr. - Local residents **Anderson Dotson** and **Bob Pedersen** share their experiences of marching with MLK Jr. History teacher **Jason Dreier** hosts. Gospel singing from Lawrence students. (7pm)

Jan 13: TSUNAMI RELIEF OPEN MIC: Pita and his friends from the reggae band Unity will lead this open mic night. Pita and his band always share the positive messages of world unity through their music, and tonight will be no exception. Co-sponsored and additional programming provided by **IndUS** (7pm)

Jan 14: Ezell's Entertainment Presents "Hip Hop @ Harmony": performers share their positive hip hop styles (8pm)

Jan 17: Senior Shakedown: Free Osteoporosis Screenings and professional readings of your test results (5:30-7:30pm)

Jan 19: Gay Families in the Fox Valley: panel discussion about life in the Fox Valley as a gay teen or gay parent. Includes live music by **Mike Macdonald**. Co-sponsored by **P-FLAG** (7pm)

Jan 20: TSUNAMI RELIEF OPEN MIC: Pita is back to host another open mic, with more musical friends and traditional Fijian dance and other dances from around the world. Co-sponsored and additional programming provided by **IndUS** (7pm)

Jan 21: Goys & Dolls: a local Klezmer band sharing this lively and evocative music from Eastern Europe (7:30pm)

Jan 24: Book club: "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (7pm)

Jan 27: TSUNAMI RELIEF OPEN MIC: **Galynne Goodwill** and her friends from the music world host this open mic night. Galynne is a strong believer in the gifts of diversity - tonight will showcase people of many diverse talents coming together for a common cause. Co-sponsored and additional programming provided by **IndUS** (7pm)

Jan 28: Family night at Harmony - Slimy, Zany and Wild Science: hands on science experiments to "make and take" - all ages welcome! Hosted by **Dr. Gross (Jenny Neumann)** and followed by the **Flat Valley Jug Band:** a washboard, jug and old style instrument band playing an eclectic mix of old and new music (6:30)

Ongoing Weekly Programs

***GLBT Partnership:** A weekly support and youth development group for teens ages 14-18 who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning (GLBT). Call Rebecca at 734-2233 for details.

***Free basic computer skills training** offered in English and Spanish Saturdays from 10am-noon

***NAMI Teen Support Group:** NAMI Fox Valley (www.namifoxvalley.org) offers a weekly teen support group at Harmony Cafe for youth ages 14-18 (call 954-1550 for details)

***Parent-Child Playgroup:** Wednesdays from 10am-noon, free coffee for parents!!

***Youth Worker Coalition:** networking, resource-sharing and education for professionals who work with youth ages 6-25 (meets second Wednesdays from 8-9:30am).

Happenings at the Harmony Café ~a peaceful place to celebrate diversity of people, ideas and activities~ **Harmony**

Cafe regular hours of operation: Mon-Thu: 7:30am-9pm. Fri: 7:30am-11pm; Sat: 9am-2pm at 124 North Oneida Street, Appleton, WI Contact info: www.harmonycafe.org 920.734.CAFE): All Activities at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Rainbow Gathering Youth Group Calendar:

The Rainbow Gathering Youth Group always meets at Angels of Hope, MCC located at 3607 Libal St. in Green Bay. ALL meeting times are from 7pm - 9pm For more information, contact: RainbowGathering1@yahoo.com

JAN 17th - an interactive discussion - "Who WE are"

JAN 24th - Kathy Leadley - guest speaker - KATHY will be discussing how having a gay son has motivated her involvement in the fight for equal rights for the GLBT Community, both in the adult Community and in YOUR SCHOOLS

JAN 31st - MOVIE night - "FRIENDS & FAMILY" - "Stephen & Danny are a hip Manhattan Gay couple who have it all, until a surprise visit from Stephen's parents threatens to blow the boys' secret. Not that they're gay, but that they are hit men for the Mafia! (This movie is well-paced and full of offbeat surprises, as you can imagine!)

Meeting and Event Calendar

Jan 27 – Lobby Day in Madison (see article in Newsletter—Please try to attend!!!)

Jan 28 – Positive Voice Open House! (see article in Newsletter)

Feb 12 – Have A Heart Dinner (see article in Newsletter)

Feb 25 – Day of Self Discovery Community Leadership evening program

Feb 26 - Day of Self Discover Day program (open to the general public) Details elsewhere in Newsletter.

For a more complete calendar listing, see our website at www.pvinc.org.

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. In Green Bay, Sunday 9:30am and Wednesday 6:30pm at Angels of Hope-MCC; Mondays 8:00pm at UWGB Campus Ecumenical Center. For more information, call 920-336-2868 or 920-954-9169.

Angels of Hope M.C.C.: Services every Sunday (11:00AM) at 3607 Libal St., **Allouez**. Call 920-983-7453. Services every Sunday (6:00 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: Lesbian gay teen support group in Appleton & Green Bay. Call 920-731-4847.

The Lavender Salon: Lesbian gay 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.

Positive Voice Education Committee: Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. Working for safer schools. Contact: Kathy Leadley 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.

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. odd months; 6:30 p.m. even months at the Harmony Café. Contact number is 731-6602 ext. 1242.

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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