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PV Steps Out to see "Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo"

POSITIVE VOICE Social Outing at the Weidner Center, April 23rd at 7:30pm.

Although all the pre-announced, discounted tickets have been spoken for, you can still join **POSITIVE VOICE** at the Weidner Center next Saturday evening, April 23 for a memorable show. "Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo" is an all-male, professionally trained, world renowned ballet troupe that mixes classical and contemporary pieces. The twist is these guys dance both the female and male roles with precision, grace, and a distinct flair.



Several PV members are gathering for dinner before the 7:30 pm and you can join us for a meal or just to car-pool. Contact Lloyd at 433-9810 for more information. Tickets for the show can be obtained by calling the Weidner Center at 920-465-2217.

Letter from the President

As Spring temperatures and the greening of the landscape begin to renew our spirits, why not plan sometime to meet new friends by checking out the various offerings listed within our newsletter by area organizations.

Our **POSITIVE VOICE** weekly Thursday evening 6-9pm "Drop in Nights" at the **PV** Office are proving to be successful. In fact, when 9pm rolls around, we find it difficult to break for the evening. If you would like to visit, simply drop by our 618 Stuart St location on Thursday evenings (just off Monroe downtown Green Bay/2 blocks South of Monroe and Walnut St intersection).

Please review the following updated wish list of items includes the following:

- 4 Folding Tables (6 foot length)
- Kitchen Supplies
- Microwave Cooking Dishes
- 3 Unit Wireless Portable Phone system with Answering Machine
- LCD Projection Unit
- Miscellaneous Office Supplies
- Monetary Donations for "office" to purchase some of the above items.
- Donation of time/Expertise (cleaning, painting, carpeting, carpentry, etc)
- GLBT Literature for our Library

Please contact **PV** or a board member if you would like to contribute items, time or money. As you will find throughout this issue, together, we are all building a stronger GLBT community in NE WI!

Thanks! Dennis

POSITIVE VOICE Office Pictures



Main Meeting Area



Reception Desk and Front Entrance



Office Area in Rear of Space



Library Reading Room

Fox Cities Multicultural Center Has Open House

Ceremonies mark marriage of cultures, Center promotes working together in harmony

By Kara Patterson Post-Crescent staff writer

APPLETON — The Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center’s open house and dedication ceremony Thursday was more like a wedding celebration than a housewarming party.

“It is a stronger commitment,” said B.S. Sridhar just before he offered a Sanskrit-language benediction on behalf of IndUS of Fox Valley, one of the center’s 20-plus member organizations. “This will be a marriage of multiple cultures and together we are committing to work for harmony and peace.”

The office and program space at 128 N. Oneida St. - sandwiched in between Harmony Cafe and the American Indian Center of the Fox Valley in downtown Appleton - was packed Thurs with more than 100 people from all walks of life.

Appleton Rotary clubs established the center, both for a service project in honor of Rotary International’s 2005 centennial and to fill an obvious

community need, said Bob Underhill, Rotary Club of Appleton president.

Underhill joked during his welcoming remarks that the center already appears to be outgrowing its space.

“I hope the organization will go on for years and burst through these walls,” Underhill said. “The Fox Cities is changing and this is contributing to that positive change.”

During the dedication ceremony, Sridhar chanted a goodwill invocation. On a table nearby were symbols of Indian culture, including a lit lamp and a coconut. “The light is to dispel the darkness ... much of prejudice in the world comes from ignorance,” Sridhar said. “Every part of the coconut tree is useful. It symbolizes all that is good in us and that can be good to the community.”

Tony Awofeso of African Heritage Inc., recognized as a traditional chief in his native Nigeria, asked everyone to call on ancestors who opened the door for mutual respect.

“We want to thank you,” Awofeso said, pouring a libation of bottled water three times into a bucket on the floor. “We want to thank you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

Executive Director Nancy Heykes, who came on board last spring, said new visitors continue to drop by the center.

Lisa Hurst, an instructor for Goodwill Industries’ General Educational Development/High School Equivalency Diploma programs, said her students have been using the center’s meeting room for at least two weeks.

“It’s a perfect fit,” Hurst said, mentioning that 40 percent of her students are of ethnic minority backgrounds.

Today, Heykes said, center representatives will take their mission on the road, educating paraprofessionals from Neenah schools on different cultures.

Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center
128 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911
920-428-2875; nnheykes@msn.com

Contact: Executive Director Nancy Heykes

Hours: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; Open weekends and evenings by program schedule and appointment

Nonprofit organization members:

- African Heritage Inc.
- Appleton Downtown Inc.
- City of Appleton
- Appleton Public Library
- The ARC of Outagamie County
- Fox Cities Children’s Museum
- Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
- Fox Valley Peace Coalition
- Fox Valley Technical College

Harmony Cafe

- Hispanic Cultural Coalition
- India Association of Northeastern Wisconsin
- IndUS of the Fox Valley Inc.
- Intertribal Community Center
- Latino Link Inc.

The Lavender Salon

NAMI Fox Valley Inc.

Positive Voice Inc.

- Reach Counseling Services
- Rotary Club of Appleton
- ThedaCare Inc.
- Toward Community: Unity in Diversity
- United Way Fox Cities

Founding donors:

- Rotary Club of Appleton
- Affinity Health System
- Community First Credit Union
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region Inc.
- Gannett Foundation/The Post-Crescent
- Georgia-Pacific Foundation
- Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin Inc.
- Kimberly-Clark Corp.
- ThedaCare Inc.
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- United Way Fox Cities
- Dr. Michael & Stephanie Vrabec
- Boldt Construction (general contracting)
- Bassett Mechanical (HV/AC and plumbing)
- Town & Country Electric (electrical/cabling)
- Arketype (identity design)
- Manpower (furniture)
- Wells Fargo (furniture)

Reverend Ken Hull and Harry Hinkle to Visit the Area

By Bob Gulig

On Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday April 24th, retired Pastor Ken Hull and his life partner Harry Hinkle will be visiting Green Bay and Appleton.

Also on Sunday, April 24th, Angels of Hope Metropolitan Church in Green Bay will be dedicating their basement fellowship hall, at 3607 Libal St., in honor of Reverend Ken's service to the Green Bay Church. They will officially name the gathering space "Hull Hall" in a ceremony after 11am church service.

Reverend Hull and Harry will also be attending the 6:00 pm evening church service in Appleton on that same day to say hello to their friends from the Appleton area. The Appleton Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church is located at 815 Richmond St. Please try to attend one of the church services on April 24th to see Reverend Ken and Harry and to wish them well.

Visit to the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library

By Bob Gulig

Last November I had the honor of being invited to Little Rock Arkansas for the dedication of the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library. My oldest daughter and I took a bus from Madison (where she lives) to O'Hara and then flew to Little Rock. Thursday, November 18, 2004 was the dedication ceremony which lasted for about 4 hours. It was one of the most memorable experiences of my 51+ years here on Earth. There were over 20,000 people in attendance from all over United States and even throughout the world. As you saw on TV, it rained during the entire ceremony and since it was an outdoor ceremony we were all soaked to the bone. It did not dampen our spirits however because we were paying tribute to a President that accomplished great things for our nation during his 8 years in the White House.

On Friday morning we were able to go through the new Presidential Library. It was really something to see built mainly of glass and steel. There were three floors of exhibits including an exact replica of the Oval Office. They

even had an exhibit about racism and discrimination that Mathew Shepard's story in pictures and news articles. The exhibit also showed President Clinton with his "out" White staff members and there must have been about 15 of them in the photo. There was also a picture of President Clinton attending an HRC dinner (we'll never see that with GW Bush).

The city of Little Rock underwent a major renewal to prepare for the "Arkansas Globecoming". New hotels, restaurants and shops were built or renovated in the downtown area. An old railroad station was converted into a "restaurant mall" which contained many authentic ethnic cafes. I did not get a chance to visit any gay bars but we did enjoy their very unique "straight" bars. Most had live entertainment and the rage now is dueling pianos. Instead of Karaoke it is a "sing-a-long" concept. I would strongly encourage you to visit Little Rock and the Presidential Library if you get the opportunity. It is well worth the trip.

Election of Pope Benedict XVI Portents Further Conflict Between Church and GLBT's

"We hope that Pope Benedict XVI will follow the biblical tradition of expressing love and compassion for all," said HRC president Joe Solmonese.- April 19, 2005

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign pointed to years of statements by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the newly elected pope, in expressing concern about the Catholic Church's future treatment of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

"We hope that Pope Benedict XVI will follow the biblical tradition of expressing love and compassion for all," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "In the past, he has made deeply disturbing comments regarding gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people so his selection as the 265th pope is distressing. It's imperative that there be a positive conversation with the Catholic Church

about GLBT people of faith and we welcome that discourse." "The selection of a new pope is a time of hope and anticipation," said John Mattras, member of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan and President of the Scriptorium. "While we welcome the opportunity for open dialogue with the new pope and church leaders, we're deeply concerned by a pattern of homophobic and uninformed statements and opinions relayed by Pope Benedict XVI that fall wholly outside modern western norms."

In 1986 as Cardinal, Joseph Ratzinger delivered a Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons. He said, "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil."

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith website, directed by Cardinal Ratzinger, includes the following statement: "Those who would move from tolerance to the legitimization of specific rights for cohabiting homosexual persons need to be reminded that the approval or legalization of evil is something far different from the toleration of evil."

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that LGBT Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

UW FOX THEATER PRESENTS: Equus

by Kathy Flores

This play explores questions about what is Normal and to what extent society will go to normalize people (or to lock them away somewhere if they can't be normalized).

By Peter Shafer, the acclaimed author of "Amadeus," "Equus" is an intriguing drama exploring a psychiatrist's attempt to understand a young stable boy, who

has committed a shocking act of violence. Part detective story, part psychological thriller, "Equus" is a theatrically strong creation that you are sure to enjoy.

Show dates: April 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 at 7pm and April 23 at 2pm Cost: \$9.00 Get a group of 10 or more and pay only \$7.00! Call 832-2857 or 832-2646 for tickets.

HRC Expresses Alarm Over Recent Spate of Apparent hate Crimes

"Hate crimes are a scourge across our nation," said HRC President Joe Solmonese.- March 23, 2005

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign expressed concern over recent violent crimes against gay and transgender victims in New Mexico, North Carolina, Virginia, New York and California. These crimes underscore the need for laws that protect gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans from bias-motivated crimes.

"Hate crimes are a scourge across our nation," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "Violence in any form is appalling, but the damage done when a hate crime is committed goes far beyond the individual. The entire community is left feeling open to attack and at risk. We should honor the lives of all hate crimes victims by passing strong and meaningful laws that ensure hate violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans will be investigated and prosecuted."

Rashawn Brazell, an African-American gay man in Brooklyn, N.Y., went missing Feb. 14. Over the next two weeks, investigators found Brazell's severed limbs, torso and pelvis. While the case is ongoing and the motive of the killer is unknown, the youth GLBT community in Brooklyn is concerned for their safety following this grisly crime. New York's hate crimes law covers bias crimes where sexual orientation was a factor, but not gender identity.

James Maestas and Joshua Stockham were assaulted in Santa Fe, N.M., Feb

27, by six men who began yelling anti-gay comments after seeing the two men kiss. The group physically assaulted the two, knocking Maestas unconscious and breaking his nose. New Mexico's hate crimes law covers bias crimes based on gender identity and sexual orientation. Prosecutors are seeking hate crimes penalties against the men.

On March 1, Thomas Stockwell, a 21-year-old student was assaulted, suffering broken bones, by a dozen men who had been following him and making anti-gay comments. North Carolina has a hate crimes law, but it does not include sexual orientation or gender identity as protected categories.

In early March, Eddie Chung Chou Lee was found stabbed to death in Daly City, Calif. Lee, who was a biological male, was wearing woman's clothing and police are investigating the murder as a hate crime. California's hate crimes law includes both gender identity and sexual orientation as protected categories.

On March 5, Marvin Jackson, an African-American 18-year-old, was assaulted at a party by guests who targeted him because he is gay. Although the police in Suffolk, Va., have called the crime a hate crime, Virginia's hate crimes law does not include sexual orientation or gender identity as protected categories, meaning the perpetrators in the case will not be charged with a hate crime.

"There's an insufficient and narrow patchwork of laws now that leave millions of GLBT Americans unprotected," added Solmonese. "It's past time for a meaningful and comprehensive hate crimes law at the federal level."

The New Face of AIDS by David Ollier Weber

From 04/04-05 HHN Magazine online site

The New Face of AIDS, Part 2 Until women are empowered with education, property rights, accessible health care and prophylactics, the epidemic will continue expanding by millions of victims each year.

"I truly believe that for the first time there is a real chance that we will get ahead of the epidemic."

That was the encouraging report by UNAIDS executive director Peter Piot, M.D., at the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok last July. However, he warned, "without a greatly expanded prevention effort, treatment is simply not sustainable."

Stemming the Spread - Easy-to-remember slogans have encapsulated world health authorities' strategy for stemming the tidal wave of sickness and death caused by HIV--20 million corpses across the globe since 1981. For treatment, the mnemonic has been "three by five"--a goal of providing antiretroviral therapy to 3 million people in "developing and middle income countries" by the end of this year, 2005. For prevention it has been "ABC"--"Abstain and delay sexual initiation; Be safer by being faithful or reducing the number of sexual partners; use Condoms correctly and consistently."

But Piot, co-discoverer of a pathogen even more lethal but fortunately far rarer than HIV, the Ebola virus, notes that HIV infects up to 6 million new victims every year.

Three by five, while it would represent a tremendous achievement, is simply inadequate. And ABC, a public health strategy that has proved particularly effective in Uganda, for example, ignores the reality confronting millions of women in patriarchal societies as well as the "enlightened" West. Refusing sex is seldom a viable long-term option for a woman in a relationship; no matter how faithful a woman may be to her partner, he is often likely to be unfaithful to her; although women may urge their partners to use condoms, those men frequently and sometimes violently balk.

Women now account for nearly half of the 14,000 new HIV infections occurring around the world every day. In Africa, they constitute almost 60 percent of the HIV-positive cohort--up to 15 million women. Studies indicate that nine out of 10 of them were infected through sexual intercourse.

Which is why Piot now trumpets the message: "We will not be able to stop this epidemic unless we put women at the heart of the response."

Empowering Women - HIV poses a grave menace to the world's women. In fact, they are physiologically more vulnerable to the virus than men. Since 2002, the number of women infected has increased in every region of the globe, led by a 56 percent rise in East Asia and a 48 percent rise in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. (The rate of HIV infection has grown 15 percent in the United States, where AIDS is now the leading cause of death for African-American women between the ages of 25 and 34, and for all women aged 35 to 44.)

Reversing that ominous trend will require that every society tackle five tough issues, notes Kathleen Cravero, deputy director of the Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS. They are domestic violence, property rights, access to health care, availability of female-controlled HIV prevention methods and educational opportunity.

"Women who live in fear for their lives or the well-being of their children are in no position to negotiate anything, much less condom use," Cravero points out. And "protecting property and inheritance rights of women reduces the need to engage in risky behaviors to meet their basic needs."

But until millennial social changes occur, she adds, physical protections against HIV infection that women can deploy with or without the cooperation of their male partners must play a pivotal role. Those include female condoms--available throughout much of the world since the mid-1990s--vaginal microbicides and even a vaccine against HIV. In fact, given renewed emphasis by UNAIDS and its Global Initiative on Women and AIDS, research is advancing quickly on the latter two key fronts.

Prophylactics - Late-stage clinical trials are in progress on five promising HIV-killing topical preparations, according to Polly Harrison, director of the Alliance for Microbicide Development in Silver Spring, Md. No

fewer than 16 others are in the testing pipeline.

"In the next three years, it is probable that we will have readings from all of these trials," she says. "But we're being careful [about specifying a time frame to market for a microbicide] because we don't want to overpromise. What we're saying now is that it's not unreasonable that there will be [a viable product] by the end of the decade."

Whetting the appetite of pharmaceutical companies for development of an effective HIV microbicide is the likelihood that it would have simultaneous potency against other sexually transmitted disease vectors. A microbicide gel would have to be roughly equivalent in cost to a condom (and thus a kind of pro bono mass-distribution write-off for its manufacturer) to make a dent on AIDS in the Third World. "But," says Harrison, "if we're talking about the prevention of genital herpes at the same time, then it becomes very interesting to the U.S. pharmaceutical industry."

An important driver of research in this area has been the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which donated \$60 million in 2003 to the International Partnership for Microbicides and \$126.5 million last year to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. But despite two decades of scientific effort, progress has been halting toward development of an anti-HIV serum.

Nevertheless, Mitchell Warren, executive director of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition in New York, remains optimistic. "It's a remarkably interesting time in the vaccine field," he says. "The horizon is not as bright as I'd want it to be, but it's not hopeless." Scientific interest is high, he notes; there is "a glimmer of more pots of money available to answer questions and certainly there is momentum."

The Price Tag - World funding for vaccine and microbicide research should be doubled, to at least \$1 billion and \$300 million respectively each year, according to the Global HIV Prevention Working Group, a panel of leading public health experts, clinicians,

biomedical and behavioral health researchers and people affected by AIDS assembled by the Gates and Henry J. Kaiser Family foundations. And annual spending to expand access to the full range of HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment options should be raised to \$15 billion annually, they urge.

HIV testing programs should be greatly expanded, and all health care settings should deliver HIV prevention services. Reproductive health and maternal-child health clinics are particularly important in this effort, the Working Group adds.

"AIDS is far from being a chronic disease like any other," Piot reminded his colleagues in Bangkok. "We barely understand how fundamentally AIDS is changing the very fabric of societies, and how the worst affected societies will handle challenges such as millions of orphans, children taking care of families, schools without teachers, states without fiscal revenues, fields without farmers and rising numbers of people living in extreme poverty.

"The world," he continued, "must finally accept the exceptionalism of AIDS. There simply is no precedent in history for this crisis. And please let's not have an illusion that in a few years the world will return to what [it] was before AIDS! AIDS has rewritten the rules. To prevail, we too must rewrite the rules. Above all, every community needs to rewrite the rules of how it deals with those sensitive issues at the heart of the epidemic--sex, homosexuality, commercial sex, drug use, rape, gender, masculinity.

"Are we ready," he demanded, "to radically take on these challenges? If we are not willing, we will massively fail."

WANTED PV Board Nominees

The **POSITIVE VOICE** Annual Membership Meeting will be scheduled soon for the month of May. At that time, Board Members will be elected to serve a one year term.

PV is entering a new phase of exciting development as an organization. If you are interested in serving on the

PV Board of Directors or know someone that would be a great candidate, please let us know by: contacting one of the current board members, emailing us at info@pvinc.org or sending us a note at **POSITIVE VOICE, INC.** PO Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381.

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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

- Fri, April 1 Drumming Circle** (7pm). All ages, all skill levels, extra drums available (7pm). **John Statz's One Man Band:** Acoustic folk mandolin & guitar w/ looping (8:30).
- Mon, April 4 Karaoke w/ Candy** (7pm). Be the star of the night singing your favorite hits!
- Tues, April 5 Justice Coalition meeting** (5:30-7pm). This month's presentation: "Businesses that drive social change, justice and environmental stability will have long-term success" by **Paul Linzmeyer**, President of Bay Towel. For more information about the Justice Coalition, contact Shannon (213-8688 or shanjean@athenet.net)
- Wed, April 6 Project Self-Help and Awareness:** Scott Peeples will speak about this non-profit program that connects African American children from the Delta with host families in Wisconsin (6pm).
- Thurs, April 7 Open Mic**, hosted by the **WeisMeyer Fusion**. Bob Weis (piano) and Bill Meyer (flute) (7pm).
- Fri, April 8 Left @ Atlantic**-local group playing acoustic rock/pop jams. A House favorite!! (7pm).
- Wed, April 13 Breaking the Silence.** Come join us as local High School GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) Members break their day-long vow of silence in recognition of violence against all students. Participants will share their experiences from this National event (7pm). (visit <http://www.dayofsilence.org/> for more information).
- Thurs, April 14 Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center GRAND OPENING!!** (next door from 5:30-8pm). Also, **Open Mic**, hosted by Reggae singer and member of Unity the Band, **Pita Kotobalavu** (7pm).
- Fri, April 15 David Drake:** This Milwaukee-based, award-winning folk artist performs original folk tunes. He has been called a "gentle troubadour" and an "elemental folksinger". (7pm).
- Wed, April 20 PRO/CON: Vaccinations.** Join us for a **PROactive CONversation** about the safety and efficacy of immunizations. Presented by **Jill Coulter**, Certified Professional Midwife (PRO) and **Karl Heyerman**, M.D. with Affinity Health System (PRO) at 7pm.
- Thurs, April 21 Open Mic**, hosted by the Goddess of Song, **Galyne Goodwill** (7pm).
- Fri, April 22 LIVE MUSIC.** 3 Punk Bands rock the house: **Next 2 Nothing**, **Loss of One** and **Livid** (7pm, Cover Charge: \$3)
- Mon, April 25 Harmony Cafe Book Club.** Lemony Snicket, *The Bad Beginning*, *Book the First* (A Series of Unfortunate Events), Discussion starts 7pm.
- Wed, April 27 Blue Tones:** Original and covers of blues and light jazz (7pm).
- Thurs, April 28 Open Mic**, hosted by local musician, **Kevin Byrne** (7pm). This event is part of the Kevin J. Kendall Memorial Turn Off the TV Week series of events.
- Fri, April 29 Opening reception** presenting the latest work of Lawrence University art major, **Sandra Schwert**. Please join us for crackers, cheese, interactive sculpture and soft jazz (7pm). The work will be shown through the month of May.

Ongoing Groups & Programs at Harmony Cafe

- NEW: *Parent-Child Playgroup:** Wednesdays from 10am-noon. Also 10am-noon Mondays next door at the Multicultural Center the PARENT CONNECTION **SPANISH-SPEAKING** PLAYGROU**P** is starting. The group is open to all and will be led by a bi-lingual parent educator from Family Services of NE Wisconsin. Call Cathie at 831-1127 for more info.
- NEW: *Free HSED/GED Preparation Classes** are re-starting - Mondays through Thursdays from 9am-1pm. Call Lisa (882-4059) for more information.
- *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 offers a weekly teen support group at Harmony Cafe for youth ages 14-18 (call 954-1550 for details)
- *Youth Worker Coalition:** networking, resource-sharing and education for professionals who work with youth ages 6-25 (meets second Wednesdays from 8-9:30am).
- *Fox Valley Liberals:** meet at 7pm every third Tuesday and are a nonpartisan, politically active group of individuals who work towards promoting fair and just government in the Fox Valley and the nation as a whole. Call Lori at 831-0611 for more info
- *Fox Valley Democracy for America:** meets at 7pm every first Wednesday with a mission of fostering the human dignity of all peoples by promoting public discussion, multi-issue education, and active involvement in the democratic process. Call Roger or Connie Kanitz for more info (722-6438)

Rainbow Gathering Youth Group Calendar (Angels of Hope/MCC Church):

- Monday, MARCH 21: 6:30pm - 9:00pm - MOVIE NIGHT "TORCH SONG TRILOGY" - "**
- Monday, MARCH 28th: 7:00pm - 9pm** Reverend Elaine Thomas from MCC in Green Bay, WI will be returning to the Rainbow Gathering for a positive discussion on homosexuality and the Bible.
- 04/18 - Movie night--Zorro the Gay Blade**
- 04/25- Guest Speaker -** Tina Baeten of Family Services of NE WI. She will be discussing Alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA).
- 04/30 - The Rainbow Gathering Drag Show.** All are invited to see the Boys be Girls and the Girls be Boys! There will be a \$1.00 cover charge. Let us all support these GLTB youth and enjoy this fun event.

Positive Voice Meeting and Event Calendar

- Thursday Evenings: Drop In – Meet and Greet Night 6-9pm- POSITIVE VOICE, 618 Stuart St, Green Bay, Wi –** Regular weekly drop in night from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the PV Office. All are welcome. Free Refreshments. Contact PV for info.
- Saturday, April 23rd, POSITIVE VOICE** Social Outing at the Weidner Center, April 23rd at 7:30pm. See front page article.
- Sunday, April 24 : Lavender Salon Meeting at 5:30pm** The next meeting will be film classic “Stonewall” starring Guillermo Diaz. The film dramatizes the police crackdown of the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village. For more information, contact Michael Nitz at 920-738-0497 or visit www.lavendersalon.org for more information.
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: Lesbigan teen support group in Appleton & Green Bay. Call 920-731-4847.

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.

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

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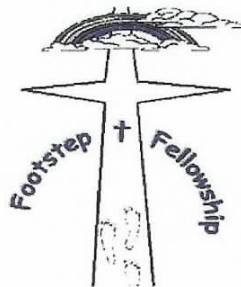
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