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# PositiveVOICE, Inc. News

## October

**“Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.” Walt Whitman**

### Message from the President

Fall is here already – where did our summer go? I hope you all enjoyed your summer vacations and time with your families.

Our recent membership drive is going well. Thank all of you who have recently renewed your membership. It has been great to see the positive response from you to our renewal letters. We have heard from long time members and new ones as well. *An additional thank you* to those of you who renewed your membership and gave an additional donation. We truly appreciate all of your support and generosity. For those of you that have not yet renewed, it is not too late. Just complete the form and send it in or visit our website and renew online.

Fall brings our annual fundraiser (for Positive Voice, Angels of Hope, and PFLAG) during Octoberfest in Appleton. Octoberfest takes place on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. You can support us in several ways. You can stop by our booth and purchase the famous cheesecake on a stick and/or you can help us sell the cheesecake. If you are interested in helping at our booth, please email us at [info@pvinc.org](mailto:info@pvinc.org).

Take a moment to revisit our website [www.pvinc.org](http://www.pvinc.org) which has changed its look and added new features. Please let us know if you have anything that you would like to see on our website. We would be happy to have your input.

Remember that serving on a committee is open to our members. If you are inter-

ested in serving on a committee, please contact us at [info@pvinc.org](mailto:info@pvinc.org). We would be happy to have your experience and energy on our new committees.

Thank you all for your continued support.

*Lynn Nash*

### Rainbow Over Wisconsin Fundraiser Set

The Positive Voice Board of Directors would like you to consider attending the ROW 4th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 17 at the Liberty Hall Banquet and Convention Center in Kimberly.

In the past, ROW has been there for PV when we sought out funding for specific projects. This would be a great time to return that support.

There will be a cocktail hour starting at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. during which time attendees can bid on donated items. A live auction and entertainment follows at 8:30 p.m.

Get your tickets early and save. Tickets purchased before October 10 are only \$30, but are \$35 until the night of the event, November 17. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting individual ROW members and businesses.

For more information call Mike at 920 437 0994 or by email at [rainbowoverwi@aol.com](mailto:rainbowoverwi@aol.com).

Bring a couple of friends and have a wonderful evening.

### New Mission Statement

Positive Voice's mission is to support all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning individuals, their families and allies through community outreach and education, as well as, collaborative and social activities.

### Membership Levels

Sponsors Circle - \$1000 or more  
Founders Circle - \$500 to \$999  
Director's Circle - \$250 to \$499  
Patrons Circle - \$ 75 to \$249  
Families Circle - \$35 to \$74  
Members Circle - \$25 to \$34  
Students Circle - \$10 to \$24

Your contribution goes a long way to our being able to continue to offer unique programs, safe spaces and positive change through community engagement. Thank you!

Visit <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/PositiveVoice/OnlineDonation.html> or mail your check donation to: Positive Voice, PO Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1318.

### PV Board of Directors

President: Lynn N., Vice President: Michael N.; Treasurer: Jennifer S., Secretary: Lloyd S. Members: Dale W., Dave Y., Kathy L., Mary Kay W., Bob G. Alternative: Susan A.

**Transgender Transformation  
Support Group  
CHANGE IN MEETING SPACE  
AND TIME**

As of October 15, 2007, the Transgender Transformation Support Group will be meeting in the conference room in the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center (connected to Harmony Café) from 6:45 – 8:45pm. For the past 18 months the group has met in the Harmony Café Green Room. Harmony Café is in the process of a major remodeling project that will change the Green Room into a kitchen in order to provide customers with a food menu.

Positive Voice offers a Transgender Transformation Support Group. This group is for individuals who identify as transgender, metrosexual, and transsexual, two-spirited, inter-sex, cross dresser, or are questioning their gender identity. The group is also open to significant others.

If you have questions please contact the facilitator, Lynn Nash at [lnash@pvinc.org](mailto:lnash@pvinc.org).

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**Newsletter Ad Rates**

Prices are for three months. Sizes are only approximate:

- 1/8 page (business card 4.25x 2.75) is \$15.00
- 1/4 page (4.25x5.5) is \$25.00
- 1/2 page (4.25x11 or 8.5x5.5) is \$40.00
- Full page (8.5x11) is \$70.00

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 PV, PO Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381. We can also be reached by email at [info@pvinc.org](mailto:info@pvinc.org).

**Drop-In-Night**

Many people ask, "What is Drop-In-Night?" It is a time to gather with both new and old friends and discuss issues going on in the world. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly! We hope you will join us!

The Green Bay Drop-In-Night is every Thursday night at Angels of Hope MCC church at 3607 Libal Street. Refreshments are provided.

Appleton's Drop-In-Night takes place on the fourth Friday of every month at Harmony Café.

**United Way Donations**

Did you know that the Fox Cities United Way and the Brown County United Way allow designations to your favorite nonprofit organization. Therefore, please remember Positive Voice this year!

**GBAN Kickball!**

The Green Bay Action Network (GBAN) has formed a gay kickball team as a fun way to help support its mission of bringing attention to the LGBT community in Northeast Wisconsin. The team is part of the Green Bay City adult kickball league, which plays Monday nights alternating between Colburn Park and Bay Beach Park. Games run August 20 through October 8.

The team is sponsored by XS Night Club with the following schedule:

- August 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:15pm – Bay Beach
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:15pm – Colburn
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:15pm – Bay Beach
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:15pm – Colburn
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:15pm – Bay Beach
- October 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:15pm – Colburn
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – TBD – Bay Beach

*GBAN is a group of individuals actively working for the improvement of the lives of the LGBT community in Northeast Wisconsin. Our primary goal is to re-energize an annual Northeast Wisconsin*

*Pride Event beginning summer 2008. Everyone is welcome to join us at a Town Hall session on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the auditorium at the downtown Green Bay public library. We will discuss what people would like to see in a Pride Event and get the ball rolling. Our secondary goal is to put together activities and events throughout the year to bring attention to the LGBT community.*

Visit us at [www.myspace.com/lgbtgban](http://www.myspace.com/lgbtgban) or email us at [lgbtgban@hotmail.com](mailto:lgbtgban@hotmail.com).

**World AIDS Day: AIDS Vigil & Awareness Forum**

Angels of Hope MCC, ARCW and Positive Voice will be observing World AIDS Day with a day of events on Saturday, December 1 at Angels of Hope at 3607 Libal Street in Green Bay from noon to 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend one or all of the day's events!

The day will begin with a worship service at 12:00 p.m. The vigil itself will continue after the worship service until 7:00 p.m. Throughout the day, there will be areas for mediation and prayer and informational booths.

The forums will begin at 3:00 p.m. with speakers from ARCW, the church and the community. After the forum, pizza and refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. Please stay for a reflection of the day and the worship service at 7:00 p.m.

**2007 Annual Meeting Minutes**

In accordance to the Bylaws of Positive Voice, printed are the minutes from the Annual Meeting:

The 2007 POSITIVE VOICE Annual Meeting was called to order following social hour and dinner at Liberty Hall, Kimberly, WI at 7:30pm. There were 15 attendees including 8 or 9 board members: Dennis K., (presiding), Lloyd S. (recording), Dale W., Kathy L., Jennifer S., Lynn N., Mary Kay W., and Susan A. Michael N. was excused.

President Krenn gave the opening welcome, a brief list of PV's accomplish-

ments over the past year, and the profit and loss statement.

Following the distribution of last year's Annual Meeting Minutes and review: VOTE 1: to approve the minutes. DW/Allen B/AU.

DK mentioned the PV opportunities on-line as well as our valiant, but failed, effort with Action Wisconsin last Fall to defeat the Marriage Amendment Ban.

Question: 1 from the audience:

- Did Action Wisconsin pay their fair share towards our previous meeting place on Libal and Greene? DK: "Overall, PV has come out OK".

Question 2:

- What is the balance in PV's books? DW: "Approximately \$2,530. Fiscal year 2006-2007 saw an incredible amount of revenues coming in and going out of the organization, but PV is still financially stable." DK further went on to explain the storage situation of the office equipment, audio-visual and computer components, and the archives.

VOTE 2: to accept treasurer's report. Richard D/JS/AU.

DK gave us the PV website report (via MN). See attached. Hits continue to rise. People are finding us across the nation and the world.

DW acknowledged the work of all the board members and then reiterated the accomplishments of the organization including:

- the new Thursday night drop-in site at MCC
- the new monthly meeting site at Harmony Cafe in Appleton whose mission is to increase inter-generational mix of our community
- the on-going success of the Transgender group that meets in Appleton under the direction of Kathy F. Lynn has volunteered to facilitate the group. The group meets on the third Monday of each month. Topic nights are scheduled. As many as 18 people have attended at one time or another. Thank you Lynn!
- coalition building continues among area GLBT friendly organizations, but a lot

more needs to be done to assure growth and success of PV. Chambers of Commerce, St. Vincent's Hospital (diversity circles), GBAN, Harmony Cafe, MCC, UCC, UU, and other interested church and non-religious organizations should be approached for support

- PV and GBAN met with WI State Senator David Hansen who continues to be an important, new ally.

- together all of the above is making an impact on local governance awareness.

Goals for 2007-2008:

- find new affordable office space
- find new funding via increased membership, grants or elsewhere
- increase liaisons with the public
- diversity programming

Committee Work:

- maintain the website
- expand the efforts of the education committee to further GLBT understanding in area schools, social work, and other professional offices
- continue to work with the Fox Valley Multi-Culture Center in Appleton (MN has been our contact person)
- outreach to the GB Multi-Culture Center although it is currently struggling with leadership and direction
- continue to keep our membership informed of programming, educational, and social opportunities via the PV newsletter or email

Positive Voice can be supported by direct contributions via mail or email, or by designating your gift through the United Way. Remember all contributions are tax deductible as PV is a 501(c)(3) organization. In lieu of a financial gift, PV is always in need of volunteers to help on various committees for one-time projects or for on-going ones.

2007 Election for PV board members:

- 11 names were placed in nomination. After the nominees were given an opportunity to speak, paper votes were tallied by two non-nominated PV members (DK and AB)
- the results (in no particular order)
  - Susan A
  - Dale W
  - Kathy L
  - Dave Y

Michael N  
Lloyd S  
Mary Kay W  
Lynn N  
Jennifer S

- Congratulations to the new board of directors. The executive officers will be announced following the next PV board meeting on Monday, June 4, 2007. Site to be determined.

To conclude the evening's festivities, SA and KL gave a presentation on their work with area GSAs and school administration/faculty. Their talk included empowering kids and a report on the NEA. The annual meeting concluded with an award presentation to out-going President Krenn for his 15+ years of service to PV. Thank you Dennis and thanks to those who made his award a reality.

Finally, PV would like to thank Liberty Hall for the delicious dinner and wonderful hospitality at this year's annual meeting. Thank you Mike and staff!!

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lloyd Schaefer (recording)  
June 3, 2007

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LGBTQ Spring Conference

Do you feel you have a lot to offer the LGBT community? Is there an issue you are passionate about you would like to share? Maybe a chance to be part of a dynamic discussion of today's current issues is more your style?

The University Of Green Bay and the Inclusively Initiative for LGBTQ people is calling for proposals from all disciplines to present at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LGBTQ Spring Conference. This year the Conference will be combining with the Woman's Studies Department Conference April 4-5, 2008.

Possible themes for workshops/panels/presentations include but not limited to:

- Queer theory / literary
- To be born gay or not to be born gay
- Environmental/biological influences
- Legal Issues
- Spiritual spaces and queer identities
- Hate crimes on campuses
- Using aesthetic spaces to express gay identities
- LGBTQ healthcare

Deadline for proposals October 15.

For questions contact Lisa Beckstrand at lbeckstand@uwsa.edu

#### National Coming Out Day October 11, 2007

This is an international event which gives the LGBTQ community the opportunity to "come out" to others regarding their sexuality or gender identity. This is also a way to increase visibility of LGBTQ individuals.

The following article is taken from the Human Rights Campaign Website:

#### HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCES NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY 2007 'TALK ABOUT IT'

Celebration of Coming Out and Living Openly Is Also 20th Anniversary of 1987 March on Washington, AIDS Quilt

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization, announced today that the theme for National Coming Out Day 2007 will be "Talk About It," continuing the slogan and branding that the national program has been building since 2005.

This year will also mark an important hallmark, as National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11, 2007, falls on the 20th anniversary of the 1987 Gay and Lesbian March on Washington, and the unfurling of the AIDS Quilt on the National Mall. National Coming Out Day was celebrated a year to the day later as a way of continuing the spirit of openness, honesty and visibility that the march and the AIDS Quilt presentation inspired.

"Twenty years ago, as the AIDS crisis was raging, coming out was literally a matter of life and death," said Mark Shields, director of HRC's Coming Out Project. "In many ways, we have come a very long way in a relatively short time, and yet that lesson still resonates deeply today. Coming out and living openly is the most important thing that gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight-supportive Americans can do to build lasting understanding and equality."

Today, nearly three-quarters (72 percent) of Americans say they personally know or work with someone who identifies as gay or lesbian, according to Peter D. Hart Research Associates Inc. In 1987, only 11 percent claimed that they associated with a "male ho-

mosexual" on a regular basis, according to ABC News and The Washington Post.

For more information on coming out as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, please visit [www.hrc.org/comingout](http://www.hrc.org/comingout). Additional plans for a national project celebrating National Coming Out Day this year will be announced in mid-September.

Individuals and organizations interested in ordering free Coming Out Kits, which include resource guides, balloons, posters and other materials, can do so at [www.hrc.org/comingoutkits](http://www.hrc.org/comingoutkits).

*The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against GLBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.*



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**Become a Member of Positive Voice or Renew your Membership:**

Thinking about becoming a member of *Northeast Wisconsin's largest LGBTQ organization* or renewing your annual membership? Memberships are \$25-\$34 for members and \$35-\$74 for families. There is a special student membership available for \$10-\$24 per year. Members receive the PV Inc. News, discounts on PV events and help support the organization in reaching its goals and enriching everyone's lives. Use the following coupon to send in your membership fee. Remember that **additional donations are always welcome** to help support the work to fulfill the mission statement. THANK YOU!

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I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my individual PV Membership for one year (July 1-June 30).

We are enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for our family PV Membership for one year (July 1-June 30).

Enclosed is an additional amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help support the mission statement of Positive Voice.

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_** (make checks payable to Positive Voice, Inc.)

**You can also donate and/or become a member or renew your membership online at [www.pvinc.org](http://www.pvinc.org)!**

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## Calendar of Events – 2007

Visit [www.pvinc.org](http://www.pvinc.org) for a more complete listing of happens and events!

### Meeting & Event Calendar:

**Thursday Evenings: Drop-In-Night in Green Bay:** Angels of Hope MCC Church, 3607 Libal Street, Green Bay is the home for Drop-In-Night from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**4th Friday of Every Month: Drop-In-Night in Appleton:** Harmony Café is the place for Drop-In-Night in Appleton from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 22: Food of All Nations:** The 10th annual Food of Nations at the corner of Oneida and Washington Streets in Appleton

**September 27-29: Octoberfest:** For 26 years, Octoberfest has been the place to be in Appleton! Please join everyone for its 27th year!

### 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 2600 E. Phillip Lane off of the Calumet Exit (441) . Call 920-991-0128.

**AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Green Bay:** 445 S. Adams 920-437-7400 or 800-675-9400. Appleton: 103 E. Washington 920-733-2068 or 800-773-2068.

**Fair Wisconsin:** Statewide organization working to end GLBT discrimination in our state. Visit [www.fairwisconsin.com/](http://www.fairwisconsin.com/)

**GLBT Partnership:** Lesbigan teen support group in Appleton & Green Bay. Call 920-731-4847.

**Harmony Café:** For the extensive listing of Upcoming Events at Harmony Café, check the website <http://www.focol.org/harmonycafe/>

**The Lavender Salon:** Lesbigan reading group meets fourth Sunday of the month. The Salon's website is: [www.lavendersalon.org](http://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](http://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. 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.

We are looking for GBLTQ events going on in the community! Please send new events, updates, or corrections to [info@pvinc.org](mailto:info@pvinc.org).

Positive Voice is always looking for *your articles* for our monthly newsletter! Please email your article to [articles@pvinc.org](mailto:articles@pvinc.org)!



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