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PositiveVOICE, Inc. News

March 2008

Message from the President

I don't know about all of you, but I am ready for spring. What a winter we are having. If we have much more snow, I won't know where to put it. I hope that everyone is staying safe and warm. Remember to check our website if a large snow accumulation is predicted for a Drop In Night. Please except our apologies for having to cancel past nights, but we want to keep everyone safe!

I recently attended a meeting with Shannon from Harmony Café. This was a meeting to discuss the plans to have Goodwill Industries bring Harmony Café to Green Bay.

Goodwill Industries has purchased the old Best Buy building on West Mason, off of Military. This was one of the many meetings Shannon is having with Green Bay area agencies. Shannon shared with the group the blue prints for the new Green Bay Harmony Café.

This café will have the same philosophy as the Appleton café. They will offer a coffee house, food, and entertainment. Harmony Café will have about a quarter of the building with drive through service.

At this time, there will not be any programming done by Harmony Café. The hope is to have commu-

nity agencies and programs utilize Harmony Café to hold programming and events. Harmony Café will open in Green Bay on June 18, 2008. This is a very exciting opportunity for our community as well as PositiveVOICE.

PositiveVOICE is looking to collaborate with Harmony Café and Goodwill Industries to enhance our programming.

The Board is currently working on updating the by-laws. These updates will be shared with current membership prior to our annual meeting on May 12th.

The Board continues to look for a permanent space. We continue to look at the business incubator as an option in addition to other possible options. If you know of any locations, please let us know.

We are planning on doing some educational events in the next several months. Keep watching the website and the monthly newsletters for details.

Remember that serving on a committee is open to our members. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact us at info@pvinc.org. We would be happy to have your experience and energy on our new committees.

Warmest regards,
Lynn Nash

A Special Thank You

By:Lynn Nash

I would like to extend a very special thank you Mary Kay Wagner for her dedication to Drop in Nights. Mary Kay has taken on the responsibility of organizing our weekly Thursday Drop in Nights. This means that she is there weekly greeting our guests, providing them with snacks and making them feel welcome. She continues to recruit members to assist her in hosting Drop in Nights. Thank you to all that have assisted Mary Kay since she took this on in January.

Mary Kay, you are an awesome woman with a lot of spirit and a special dedication to LGBTQ issues. I appreciate all you have done and continue to do for PositiveVOICE. Keep up the great work with our Drop in Nights.

Volunteers Needed

Want to meet new people? Facilitate fun conversations? Volunteer to co-host Drop In Night! Volunteers are needed Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Volunteers interested can contact Mary Kay Wagner at home: 469-8098, at work: 455-3594, or by email: MaryKay.Wagner@schreiberfoods.com.

Mission Statement:

PositiveVOICE'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!

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Transgender Couples, Queer Heterosexuals, and Marriage Rights Helen Boyd Speaks at Lawrence University



There was standing room only for this awesome event. The room was packed with people of all ages, gender, and stages of transitioning.

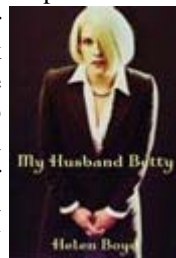
Helen Boyd (author of *She's Not the Man I Married* and *My Husband Betty*) and her partner Betty talked about their life as a visible trans couple.

Helen spoke about how she began to write her books and how their life journey together through this transitioning process impacted them both and how they have become a stronger couple from their experiences.



It was a wonderful experience to listen to the two presenters speak so openly about their life together and the journey they took with each other. All I can say is you had to be there to get the full impact of this incredible life story and wonderful love story.

Betty said at the end of the presentation as they opened the floor up for questions, "Ask anything you wish, we will say no if it is too personal". People asked all sorts of questions for about 45 -50 minutes and Helen and Betty answered each one.



When the program ended people were lined up to speak with both Helen and Betty. Helen was signing her books. If you want more information on Helen Boyd go to www.myhusbandbetty.com.

Keep posted for the possibility of Helen and Betty coming to a PositiveVOICE event in the near future.

Update: Transgender Transformation Group

By: Lynn Nash

At our February meeting, we attended a presentation by Helen Boyd and her partner Betty at Lawrence University. A special thank you to Zoe for arranging the details for the group.

PositiveVOICE 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.

This group has been running in Appleton at Harmony Café for the past 2 years. The group meets on the third Monday of the month at Harmony Café in Appleton. The group runs from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

PositiveVOICE Products

PositiveVOICE is selling t-shirts and sweatshirts with the logo of PositiveVOICE on them. The t-shirts sell for \$10.00 and the sweatshirts sell for \$20.00. If you are interested in purchasing any products please email us at info@pvinc.org. Please indicate the size and quantity you would like.

We have the opportunity to purchase other items such as mugs, water bottles, cozies, etc. Please let us know what other products you may be interested in.



Trans History Timeline

By: Helen Boyd

I've been putting together a Trans History Timeline for my Transgender Lives class. The idea was to give them an idea of the events that lead up to the modern Transgender Movement (such as it is).

- 1910 Magnus Hirschfeld coins “transvestite” and “transsexual”
- 1919 Hirschfeld’s Institute for Sexual Research given housing
- 1930 Lili Elbe undergoes five surgeries, the fifth of which kills her in 1931
- 1933 Institute for Sexual Research burned by Nazis
- 1939 – 1945 WWII
- 1945 Michael Dillon has first FTM surgeries
- 1951 Roberta Cowell transitions in the UK
- 1952 Christine Jorgensen headline, “Ex-GI Becomes Blonde Bombshell”
- 1959 Virginia Prince starts *Transvestia*
- 1961 VP starts Heels & Hose (12 crossdressers!)
- 1964 Reed Erickson founds the Erickson Institute
- 1966 Harry Benjamin publishes *The Transsexual Phenomenon*
- 1966 Compton’s Cafeteria Riots, SF
- 1969 1st Gender Symposia (becomes HBIGDA)
- 1969 Stonewall, NYC
- 1973 First Introduction of ENDA (US)
- 1975 Fantasia Fair starts in Provincetown, founded by Ariadne Kane
- 1976 Tri-Ess formed
- 1976 Crossdressing becomes legal in SF
- 1977 HBIGDA becomes an org
- 1979 Sandy Stone leaves Olivia Records due to attacks in Janice Raymond’s *The Transsexual Empire*
- 1980 Crossdressing becomes legal in Houston, TX (due to Phyllis Frye’s efforts)
- 1986 FTM Int’l started by Lou Sullivan
- 1987 IFGE formed
- 1990 AEGIS started by Dallas Denny
- 1993 Mosaic web browser
- 1994 Death of Brandon Teena / Netscape web browser
- 1995 “All FTM Conference of the Americas” organized by Jamison Green & Jason Cromwell (with grant from Dallas Denny)

I was teaching Jamison Green’s *Becoming a Visible Man* at the time, which is why it ends where it does, but I’ve been adding to it since, & will continue to do so.

Please visit www.myhusbandbetty.com. This entry was posted on Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 at 2:24 am.

Bush Underfunds Domestic HIV/AIDS Programs

By: Jennifer Schnabel

The Human Rights Campaign issued the following statement today on the Bush Administration's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 that largely level funds critical domestic HIV/AIDS programs:

"The president's proposed budget falls far short of providing those on the front lines of the HIV/AIDS epidemic with the resources they need to confront what remains a national crisis." said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"We call on Congress to reject the president's proposal to largely level fund these critical life-saving programs, and instead to provide adequate funding that meets the challenges of today's epidemic."

The president's budget requests a total of \$2.143 billion for the Ryan White CARE Act, a \$1 million (or 0.004%) increase over FY 2008. While the budget adds \$14 million for grants to states and territories (of which \$6 million is for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program), it offsets that increase with a \$8 million cut to programs serving metropolitan areas hit hardest by the epidemic, and a \$5 million (or 16%) cut to the AIDS Education Training Centers.

The president's proposed budget also increases funding for abstinence-only until marriage programs by \$27.7 million while providing level funding to the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and HIV/AIDS prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Last month, the New York Times reported that, following a period of decline of HIV/AIDS cases in men who have sex with men, New York City health officials estimate that diagnoses of HIV rose by 32% among gay men under 30 between 2001 and 2006, with the most staggering increases among gay men ages 13 to 19 and black and Hispanic gay men.

"We are deeply disappointed that, in light of recent reports of startling increases in HIV/AIDS cases in the U.S., particularly among young gay and bisexual men and in communities of color, the president is seeking even more money for anti-gay abstinence-only-until-marriage programs while neglecting so many domestic HIV/AIDS priorities," continued Solmonese.

The most ironic part of Bush's proposed program budget, is that while I was reading this article on HRC's web site, I kept seeing news segments about President Bush in Africa being saluted for the funding allocated to Africa for HIV/AIDS and malaria prevention and medication.

While I believe that everything possible needs to be done in the United States and Africa around HIV/AIDS prevention, education and medication, we need to keep in mind that funding in the United States at the federal and state levels continues to decrease. You and I both know that this cannot continue to happen, yet the Bush Administration pretends that the reality of HIV/AIDS isn't real.

Passing of Rep. Tom Lantos

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese released the following statement today on the passing of Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA). The Congressman died this morning at Bethesda Naval Medical Center at the age of 80.



"Congressman Lantos will be remembered as a tremendous advocate for all people, including the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. As the only survivor of the Holocaust to serve in Congress, he had a deep understanding of the consequences of hatred and discrimination. He was the founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, which has played a vital role in addressing human rights concerns in the U.S. Congress and in making human rights a more visible and important issue on Capitol Hill."

"Over his tenure in Congress, Rep. Lantos was a strong ally in our community's fight for equality. He voted against a constitutional amendment defining marriage between one man and one woman, but also took the rare and courageous step by voicing support for same-sex marriage. He believed GLBT people should be allowed to adopt, and supported worker employment protections and hate crime legislation."

"On behalf of the Human Rights Campaign we remember the work of Rep. Tom Lantos and say thank you."

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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- 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.

Register early for this conference to receive a discount registration cost.

32nd Annual University of Wisconsin System Women's Studies Conference

Women and the Environment: Literacy, Scientific, and Cultural Perspectives

3rd Annual University of Wisconsin System Spring Conference

LGBTQ Environments:

Academia and Beyond

April 4-5, 2008

UW-Green Bay: University Union

See conference details and register today!
<http://www.uwgb.edu/outreach/environment>
Vendors wanted. See website for details

PositiveVOICE's Transgender Transformation Group will be presenting at this conference on April 5, 2008. The title of our session is: **Transgender Transformation Support Group: How to make it work.** This will be a panel discussion of members of the Transgender Transformation Support Group who discuss the importance of the group and how to facilitate starting a group. This group is growing in demand and popularity. This presentation will discuss the need for the group as well as the structure of the group. Members from the group will speak in addition to the Facilitator. Members of the group will share the impact that the group has had on them and how it has helped them in their coming out process and/or transitioning process.

Become a Member of PositiveVOICE 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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Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (make checks payable to PositiveVOICE, Inc.)

You can also donate and/or become a member or renew your membership online at www.pvinc.org!

Please mail to PositiveVOICE, Inc. PO Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381.

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Calendar of Events – 2008

Visit www.pvinc.org for a more complete listing of happens and events!

Meeting & Event Calendar:

Monday, March 3, 7-9 p.m.: PositiveVOICE Board meeting in Appleton at the Harmony Café.

April 4-5: LGBTQ Conference at UWGB: The Transgender Transformation Group will hold a panel discussion. Please join the community for this conference.

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.

Monday Evenings: Spectrum Meeting: Harmony Café from 6:30-9:00. Sponsored by PositiveVOICE and Harmony Café.

Third Monday of Every Month: Transgender Transformation Support Group: Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center (connected to Harmony Café) from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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. Services every Sunday (6:00 PM) at UCC at 724 E South River Drive (south side of the river from Lawrence). Call 920-983-7453.

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/

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

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 920-882-4056.

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.

Positive Voice is always looking for *your articles* for our monthly newsletter! Please email your article to articles@pvinc.org!

Save The Date



PositiveVOICE

**Positive Voice
Annual Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2008
Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI
Time and Speaker to be Announced Soon!**



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