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# PositiveVIEWS

Newsletter

## October

### Programming! Events You've Been Waiting For!

**October 4<sup>th</sup> 7 – 9 p.m. - Wine Tasting at Captain's Walk Winery** in Downtown Green Bay. Charge will be \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 p.m. – National Coming Out Day through the Generations** at Harmony Café in Green Bay.

**October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Costume Dance** in Appleton (place and time to be announced).

**November 8<sup>th</sup> Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals exhibition in Madison.** Join us for a chartered bus trip to Madison to see this exhibit sponsored by GSA for Safe Schools.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Cricket Jacob book discussion** at Harmony café in Green Bay.

**December 13<sup>th</sup> Our Annual Holiday Party.** We are looking into locations at this time. Join us for another year of cheer and a funny white elephant gift exchange.

**December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve party at the home of Lynn Nash and Joanie Dovekas.** This will be an event for patron level members and above as a way to thank you for

your generous donation. This event will also be for people who have helped with events this past year.

**February 28<sup>th</sup> Wicked in Appleton.** The first 20 members to pay the special group rate of \$85 will be attending this wonderful Broadway show. This will be a first come first serve basis. So get your order in now! These will go fast.

**March 14<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day dinner** with MCC church.

We look forward to being able to provide programming for our members and interested community members. This is going to be a year full of programming. If you have ideas please email our program committees chair **L y n n J o h n s o n** at [ljohnson@pvinc.org](mailto:ljohnson@pvinc.org).

### Message from the President

Mark your calendars for new PositiveVOICE programming. We are very excited to offer some new and old programming to our membership this fall and winter. Please check your mail and website for upcoming information. Space is limited on some events.

The board of directors had our Annual Strategic Planning meeting September 13, 2008. This is where we map out what this year has in

store for PositiveVOICE. We took a look at our priorities we set at last years meeting and how well we did as an organization. We felt as if we did a lot of things we set out to do. The main thing was maintaining and increasing our membership. We also increased the attendance at our holiday party and our annual meeting. We raised money with fundraisers such as Octoberfest, Seroogy's, and Pride Alive. All in all, last year was a great year for PositiveVOICE.

This year the focus of PositiveVOICE will be getting feedback from our membership in order to give our members what they are looking for in our organization by sending out a survey in the next few months.

We are looking at increasing our programming to at least one activity a month alternating between Green Bay and Appleton. We will be redeveloping our Speakers Bureau.

Look for "The Day of Self Discovery" to return in the spring of 2009. We will also continue to be involved with Pride Alive 2009 as well as being a sponsor again. We are extremely excited to hear from all of you on any ideas you have for programming in 2008, 2009, *and* beyond.

Fall brings our annual fundraiser (for

PositiveVOICE, Angels of Hope, and PFLAG) during Octoberfest in Appleton. Octoberfest takes place on Saturday, September 27<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. Also come and look at our new Banner. If you are interested in helping at our booth, please email us at [info@pvinc.org](mailto:info@pvinc.org).

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](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.

Warmest regards,  
*Lynn Nash*

### **PositiveVOICE Drop in Nights – Come Join Us!**

Drop in Nights are now held at the new Harmony Café in Green Bay. Harmony Café is located at 1660 West Mason Street near the corner of Military and Mason Streets (the old Best Buy Building). We meet in the Green Room (in the back of the café) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone enjoys these nights as a way to meet new people and see old friends. Please join us as often as you can.



### **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.

### **Editorial Policy**

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### **PositiveVOICE Board of Directors**

President: Lynn N., Vice President: Michael N., Treasurer: Jennifer S., Secretary: E-Ben G. Members: Lloyd S., Bob G., Lynn J., Mary Kay W., & Susan A.

### **Thank You**

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### **Membership Levels**

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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!

### **Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a New Partner with United Way of Greater Milwaukee!**

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Community Center is a newly funded United Way Community Partner. After receiving two short-term grants from United Way of Greater Milwaukee, the Center was recently notified it was awarded Community Partner status in July 2008.

The United Way process includes rigorous review by staff and volunteers to determine financial standing, past service record, and compliance with grant guidelines. Most importantly, agencies are evaluated on their capacity to deliver quality programming and services to those in need, and to achieve positive outcomes.

In order to determine eligibility, Community Impact staff meets with the appropriate Advisory Committee, followed by the Community Impact Division. Once the Division approves, the agency is reviewed by the Board of Directors, who makes the final determination.

The Community Center will now be listed as a donor designation in the United Way public sector combined and federal campaigns. This enables

donors to designate the Center in their United Way workplace campaigns.

“We are honored to be part of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee”, said Dr. Maggi Cage, Executive Director of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. “This opportunity will bring greater awareness to the larger community about the important concerns in the LGBT community.”

**Captains Walk Winery**  
345 South Adams Street  
Green Bay, WI  
54301



Looking for a way to unwind after a long work-week? Crave lighthearted fun and frolic?

Come join the PositiveVOICE folks at our first wine tasting event. It will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 pm at the Captains Walk Winery.

A professional at the Captains Walk Winery will take us through the wonderful tastes and smells of up to seven of their most popular wines.

You then have the option of purchasing your favorite with 15% of all wine sales proceeds going to PositiveVOICE. There will be a non-alcoholic selection. There will also be some free snacks.

Please come and join the fun and learn about the wonderful world of wine. Cost is \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members, payable at the door. Please contact Lynn Johnson to reserve your seat at [ljohnson@pvinc.org](mailto:ljohnson@pvinc.org).

### **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Exhibition *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945* Coming to Madison**

Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) is proud to host the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum traveling exhibition, *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945*. The exhibition, coming to Wisconsin for the first time, will be co-sponsored by the UW-Madison General Library System.

*Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945* is made up of more than 200 reproductions of photographs, documents and artwork that examine the Nazi regime's efforts to eradicate homosexuality and the devastating effects the regime had on the gay community. The exhibition explores the Nazi racial and social ideals and policies that were the basis for the persecution.

In addition, an exhibition of books, photos, and documents from library and private collections will be on display.

The exhibition will be on display at **UW Memorial Library, 728 State St., Madison from October 10 to December 10, 2008**. An Opening Reception will be held on October 18. The exhibition is free and open to the public during library hours; a driver's license or other photo ID is required.

The theme of the program of events associated with the exhibition is ***From Hate to Hope***. The following events are free and open to the public:

Saturday, October 18, 5:00 p.m., UW Pyle Center (702 Langdon St.)  
Opening Reception: Neal Guthrie, historian from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will introduce the exhibition. U. S. Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and State Representative Mark Pocan will

also speak. San Francisco-based Pianist Adrienne Torf will perform original music written in response to the ***From Hate to Hope*** theme. Proud Theater, a Madison-based youth theater group that focuses on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues, will also perform original work.

Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.  
(Room L 160 Chazen Museum of Art  
(800 Univ. Ave)

Panel of Scholars:

- The Homosexual Emancipation Movement in Pre-Nazi Germany, Jim Steakley, Department of German, UW-Madison
- Nazi Uses of Homophobia, Dagmar Herzog, Department of History, CUNY Graduate Center
- Gay Memories of Nazi Persecution in a Transnational Perspective, Erik Jensen, Department of History, Miami University

Friday, October 24, noon, Wisconsin Historical Society Auditorium (816 State St.)

Presentation: *Sex in Crisis: Sex, Politics & the Religious Right in the Bush Years*. Dagmar Herzog, Professor of History at CUNY Graduate Center. Co-sponsored by GSAFE and the George L. Mosse Fund for LGBT History.

Sunday, October 26 (time and location TBA)

Presentation: *Lavender Songs: Weimar Cabaret and Beyond*.

Alan Lareau, Department of Foreign Languages, UW-Oshkosh, Jeremy Lawrence, New York-based actor and playwright, and Pianist Ariela Bohrod, student at O'Keeffe Middle School. This lecture and performance highlight the cultural scene in Germany before the Nazis seized power, focusing on the Berlin cabaret culture, the presentation of sexuality in popular and literary songs of the time, and the fates of several homo-

sexual men and lesbian artists of that era who were later persecuted under the Third Reich.

Saturday, November 15, 4:00 p.m., Memorial Library (UW-Madison), Room 126

Presentation: They Wore the Pink Triangle. Historian Andreas Pretzel, Technical University, Berlin, will present the biographies of individual gay prisoners based on his research in the police and court archives in Berlin, and the memorialization of gay victims that has been carried out in Germany in the past decade.

Film Series:

*Paragraph 175* (2000, 81 min), Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m., Chazen Museum of Art (800 University Ave), Room L140.

*...But I Was A Girl: The Story of Frieda Belinfante* (1999, 69 min),

Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m., UW Memorial Union Play Circle (800 Langdon Dr), 2nd Floor.

*Out of the Past* (1998, 97 min), Friday, November 14, (location and time TBA). Part of Fall GSA Student Leadership Conference.

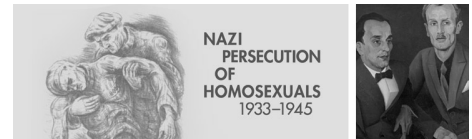
*Love Story: Berlin 1942* (1997, 47 min), Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., Edgewood College, Predolin Humanities Center (1000 Edgewood College Dr), Anderson Auditorium.

*Bent* (1997, 105 min), Thursday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (227 State St), Lecture Hall.

Each film will be followed by remarks from a moderator and audience discussion.

More information about the films is

available on the GSAFE website at [www.gsaforsafeschools.org](http://www.gsaforsafeschools.org). For more information about the exhibition, visit [http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/traveling/details/index.php?type=current&content=nazi\\_persecution\\_homosexuals](http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/traveling/details/index.php?type=current&content=nazi_persecution_homosexuals).



**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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**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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## Dane County: Legal Protections For All Families

The Dane County Board of Supervisors voted 25-9 to create a county-wide domestic partner registry and to require that county contractors offer the same health and other benefits to domestic partners of their employees, as they offer to spouses.

Ordinance Amendment 13, introduced by Supervisors Chuck Erickson and Kyle Richmond and Board Chair Scott McDonell, makes Dane County the first county in Wisconsin to enact such an ordinance. This ordinance covers all qualified domestic partners, but is particularly important to many lesbian and gay couples who could not otherwise obtain health coverage for their loved one.

This ordinance sends a strong signal because it moves our state in the right direction in recognizing the need for legal protections of all families.

In addition to covering the domestic partner of employees of county contractors, it also provides the governmental registration required by many other employers who already offer domestic partner coverage (Madison's registry applies to Madison residents only).

It is important to note that this ordinance only requires equal treatment. It does not mandate domestic partner coverage if an employer does not offer spousal benefits. It doesn't increase benefits, it only includes in an

existing plan those who have been unfairly left out in the past.

In addition to health benefits, the ordinance also covers any other plan, program or policy offered as part of the employer's total compensation package, including bereavement leave, family medical leave, sick leave, disability insurance, life insurance, membership discounts, moving expenses, pension and retirement benefits and travel benefits. An employer also has the option to provide a "cash equivalent" if it is practically unable to provide the actual benefit.

### Zoetrek : A Journey Into Sound

A 5 year mission? I don't think so. The journey continues from thousands of days ago into the future.

Where am I now?

I don't know but I do know the answer is 42.

The place somewhere in cyberspace. We don't know where it came from. We don't know where it goes. What a vast ethereal this place can be.

It connects us and beckons even when we are no where near. Live and in color. Journey to the loneliness until a laser lighthouse is seen on the horizon. A transmission tower casting its wave and beacons of ones and zeros.

What am I writing about? Relaxing, mesmerizing moments on the internet provided by audio streaming with emphasis on lounge music, aka ambi-

ent electronic chill. It makes for something similar to what Mozart did called chamber music. Also described as musical wallpaper.

All this in most any flavor you want. You just have to know where to look. One of my favorite places to look is [www.shoutcast.com](http://www.shoutcast.com). Followed by my favorite audio player called Winamp at [www.winamp.com](http://www.winamp.com). Winamp makes it easy to find and play the music of your life.

Yeah, I'm kinda ranting about "quiet personal electronics...until" Actually that's the name of a artist and song title that just scrolled while writing this article. I hope I don't sound like an ad for winamp or shoutcast. There are many other choices of media players available.

So, what does this medium do for Zoey? It gives me a relaxing and often uplifting mindset. Something important in this world of not so good news often and such.

I don't have time to read books or magazines. Hardly much less to watch TV even or play some exciting, enticing computer games. Although I do make time for certain programs and read many articles online with an emphasis on transgender.

All this and a ambient-electronique-chilled glass of wine and ethereal incense. Sit back, relax, close you eyes and enjoy the music.

Til zen my friends, enjoy the zounds. Zoey



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## Calendar of Events – 2008

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

### Meeting & Event Calendar:

**Saturday, October 4, 7-9 p.m.:** PositiveVOICE Programming Event! Wine tasting at the Captains Walk in Green Bay.

**Monday, October 6, 7-9 p.m.:** PositiveVOICE Board meeting. See website for more information.

**Saturday, October 11, 4-6 p.m.:** National Coming Out Day. Harmony Café in Green Bay.

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

**Tuesday Evenings:** GLBT Partnership A weekly support and youth development group for teens ages 14-18 who identify as GLBT or allied. Call Rebecca 734-2233 for details. Website: [www.harmonycafe.org](http://www.harmonycafe.org). Email: [harmonycafe@gwicc.org](mailto:harmonycafe@gwicc.org)

**Thursday Evenings: Drop-In-Night in Green Bay:** Harmony Café at 1660 W. Mason Street, Green Bay, is the home for Drop In Night from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Third Monday of Every Month: Fox Valley Transgender 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/](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)

**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.

**PFLAG of Oshkosh:** Meets second Tuesday of the month, First Congregational Church in Oshkosh at 6:30pm

**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.

**Toward Community:** Unity in Diversity is an organization *promoting unity, diversity, understanding and justice in the Fox Valley*  
Contact information: President Kamal Varma at: [kvarma@new.rr.com](mailto:kvarma@new.rr.com) or visit the website at [www.towardcommunity.org](http://www.towardcommunity.org)

**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 Saturdays, and 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 AM Sundays, September through May. Call for summer service times. Nursery care available. We are an open, accepting congregation. Rev Roger Bertschausen, Sr. Minister; Rev. Dottie Mathews, Assoc. Minister; 2600 E. Philip Lane, Appleton, WI 54915; 920-731-0849.

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

**We are looking for GLBTQ 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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