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Message from the President



Greetings,
Ok, let's face it, the holidays can be a drag. We spend way too much money, eat way too much food and let's not forget all the empty calories in those Appletinis. We also are subjected to Secret Santa at work, and visiting relatives we have abso-

lutely nothing in common to talk about. I am here to give you some practical holiday advice and a few suggestions.

Leave the country. Sure, it might be expensive, but you will be saving money by not buying presents, using gas to visit random relatives, and I understand if

you go all inclusive, there are no calories in the Appletinis!

Claim you religion does not allow you to participate in Secret Santa. I did this last year, worked like a charm. Although, I did miss out on a new coffee cup. Black Friday. I for one would rather lose an eye than shop on that day. However, my daughter swears by this method of shopping. She is one tough cookie, last year she pushed over an old lady for the last GPS. I did raise her better, but I do love that GPS.

Family Drama. Now this can be tricky. I know not everyone has the ability to be out and proud. So if you are not out to your family, bring a puppy. They will be so busy telling you why you could never raise a puppy; they will forget to drill you about your social activities. I suggest borrowing the puppy; I mean,

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Save The Dates: PositiveVOICE Events

- Dec 1 World AIDS Day programs at both Harmony Cafes from 6-9pm
- Dec 4 18th Annual Holiday Party Sierra Hotel 5-10pm
- Dec 12 Tour Green Bay Botanical Gardens 6pm
- Jan 8 Paper Valley Roller Girls Skaters Edge, Appleton

PositiveViews Newsletter is looking for your voice! We know you have thoughts on the local topics of the day. Or you may have comments about the articles in each issue? Or you write poems or short stories you'd care to share. Or share upcoming activities of other organizations you are involved with!

Send your thoughts, letters, comments, poems and stories to info@pvinc.org!



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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.

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Upcoming fabulous fun-filled activities from PositiveVOICE

Upcoming Winter Programs

December 1 World AIDS Day. Programs are being held at both Appleton and Green Bay Harmony Cafes from 6-9pm.

December 4 18th Annual Holiday Party. Sierra Hotel. \$30 members / \$35 non-members. Includes dinner, special holiday music provided by Southwest High School Choir. You must register and pay in advance. Clip form on page 6.

December 12 Car tour of Green Bay Botanical Gardens Holiday Display. Meet at 5:00pm at Chili's (Green Bay) for dinner first.

January 8 PositiveVoice sponsors a Girls Night Out with the Fox Valley Roller Girls at Skaters Edge! This is a fundraiser, so you can either join the PV Board to man the parking lot or sell food and drink, etc. or just come for the fun!! Tickets are \$10 at the door. Skaters Edge is located at 5714 Integrity Way, Appleton.

February 12 Wine tasting party at Lloyd Schaffer's house. More information to follow.

March 17 St. Patricks Dinner at MCC in Green Bay. More information to follow.

Please check our website and community calendar and our Facebook page for details on other events.

For information on these events or suggestion for future events, please contact Julie at jpayout@pvinc.org.

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Thank You

Positive Voice Board Members share their Favorite Holiday Recipes

Sweet Potato Soufflé

2 cups cooked sweet potato
1 cup melted butter
1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 tablespoon grated lemon or orange peel
1/4 cup Brandy
6 eggs well beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place a 9 X 13 inch pan with 1 inch boiling water in oven. In blender, combine sweet potato, butter, sugar, nutmeg, peel and brandy. Add eggs. Blend until smooth. Pour into a soufflé pan. Put soufflé into pan of water in oven. Bake for one hour until knife comes out clean.

Susan

While having family around you at the holiday season is a must (and sometimes not such a pleasant experience), we can always pick and choose what we make to go around our tables. A lot of us go with tradition, things passed on from our grandparents/parents for a lot of our dishes, to others who are more non traditional. If you're daring and wild and making a completely new recipe for the holidays we're hoping it turns out o.k. for you! Here are some tried and true recipes that have been used with lots of friends and family around to let you know just how well they turned out.

Portuguese dressing:

Ingredients:

-2 French bread loaves
-12 onions
-2 pkg of crumbled sausage
-1/4 c olive oil
-2 TBSP cumin
-1 TBSP dill weed
-1 TBSP pepper
-1 1/2 TBSP salt
-2 TBSP garlic powder
-1 TBSP onion salt

In a hot pan heat up the olive oil, and put in the onions finely chopped. Once browned, add the sausage and brown. Next, add the French bread soaked in warm water for 2-3 minutes (squeeze lightly so it's not so filled with water) break it up into smaller manageable pieces and stir it in a piece at a time. Add the seasonings and let it cook down for about 20 minutes.

Julie

Lynn's Favorite Holiday Recipe

A glass, or two, of wine

You will need one (or two) bottles of your favorite wine
One wine opener
One glass (or more, if you have to share!)

Remove the top of foil by cutting around the rim of the bottle with the sharp point of the corkscrew. The arms of the cork-screw will have to be raised for this step. You can also make a slit in the foil and remove the whole foil before beginning.

Stand the bottle on a flat, hard surface at mid-chest level or lower. I find when doing this at work the counter in the ladies room will work fine. However, locking the door is a must!! Lower the arms of the corkscrew. Holding the corkscrew as vertically and straight as possible, place the sharp end directly into the middle of the cork.

Securely grasp the top of the bottle and the lower end of the corkscrew with one hand. Make sure your hands are dry! Remember....slippery when wet!

With the other hand, begin turning the handle of the corkscrew clockwise, applying an even, constant downward pressure into the cork. As the corkscrew goes into the cork, its arms will begin to rise. It really is kind of cool how it works.

Apply more pressure if the corkscrew will not penetrate (LOL "penetrate") the cork.

Keep turning the handle until the arms of the corkscrew are completely raised and the screw (I said screw and penetrate, I crack myself up) is well into the cork. Maybe I should not be drinking wine while I write this.....

With one hand on each arm of the corkscrew, press the arms down. This will lift the cork out of the bottle. Now there could be the case that the cork will break apart and you will have cork in the wine. No fear you can strain it through your teeth when drinking or think of it as added fiber.

Wrap your hand around the base of the corkscrew and lift straight up. Ok, this part can be tricky.....you might have to wiggle back and forth, not you silly.....the corkscrew! Geezzz

Twist the cork off the corkscrew. (I usually wait until I need the corkscrew again.)

Pour the wine into your glass and enjoy!

Of course, if you buy a screw top bottle of wine ignore steps 1-9, and if you bought a box of wine.....well, it is the holidays, live a little!

Next Month: The Art of Re-gifting.



Zoetrek-A Journey Into Sound
What's in the Name?

Or

Will the real Zoë please stand up!

This is the one, short version about the full name.

Zonya_jo Rio Gradenko and how it came to be.

This is how and what the name means.

One of the fun things about being transgender is that you get to choose your name. Albeit a slight variation or something completely different. Despite the fun it is serious business.

So choose wisely, grasshopper.

The first time I thought of a new name, a female name. I looked to the internet and physical things around me. Eventually I looked at my computer and seen a logo for the cooling system called Cool-Max. (Actually it was a sticker from some garment meant for helping one keep cool during the summer) From there I started using the name Maxine. It was quick think, but not what I really had in mind, but for the moment it worked. I used it sparingly on some forms on the internet. But, I knew I wanted something more and also I should develop a full name. So how did this name come about? A lot of sources, mostly music driven are what developed into this. To do this I have vast library of music. I decided that was how I would find my new name.

Carefully, thought out.

In profound meditation

The reason, I tell you, is always the same

My mind is engaged in rapt contemplation

Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of my name

The naming of Zoë is a difficult matter

It isn't just one of your holiday games

You may think at first I'm mad as a hatter

When I tell you that I must have three different names

First there's the legal name needed for everyday necessities.

Second is the chosen name, the next legal name.

Finally. The third name. My ineffable,effanineffable

Deep and inscrutable singular name. "Zoë"

Some parts just fell into place as you will see.

So the production went as you'd see the name.

My first carefully thought out name was "Jolene" by Dolly Parton.

This was one of Dolly's first number one hits.

The song tells the story of a married woman and another woman taking her man. *Now what if...* this other woman were transgendered? i.e.

Her husband becoming female. If you read the lyrics to Jolene you may see this idea.

First name: Jolene

So, how do we get to the next stage of the 1st name?

I like Xena: Warrior Princess. But I didn't think I could be a full blown Xena. However I borrowed the X and tried Xolene for about a month. It was unique but to difficult, despite my phonic understanding of Asian language. Cool, but not useable as people don't know how the first letter would be pronounced. Thereby I changed "X" to "Z". Thus Zolene.

Now, I wasn't quite happy yet with name. I listened, heard a few others when I heard Sonya. Aha! I thought. I like the "Z" and also this name. So I combined them to make Zonya. Simple. no?

Now the "Jo" part

There is a song by Gary Numan called "Jo the Waiter".

It relates to me in the way that nearly all the lyrics speak of similar wanton feelings and happens to speak of a place to I used to live at a back street upper flat apartment.

Many of the songs lyrics speak of a somewhat dark side which if you look carefully you could see how any of the LGBT could relate.

Also, the "jo" was borrowed from a female patron where I used to work that I liked a lot. She had this awesome hair style that only she could pull off. (but, I'm gonna try ☺)

On to the middle name.

♪*Her name is Rio. She don't need to understand.*

And I might find her if I'm looking like I can ♪

♪*With a step to your left and a flick to the right you catch that mirror way out west*

You know you're something special and you look like you're the best!

The song is about simple hot positive beauty.

The fun of being attractive and the tune is very catchy ☺

Finally, Ms. Gradenko by The Police

"Miss Gradenko" is a two-minute song about a woman in the middle of the Soviet bureaucracy.

In an interview with Stewart Copeland.

Interview copy: **Question:** What is "Ms. Gradenko" about?

Stewart: Forbidden love and a totalitarian regime.

My take on this song is that it tells of someone with a special secret that despite the fact that everyone is wearing the same uniform. This person is alive and well and happy because of her special secret.

**His ineffable, effable, effanineffable
Deep and inscrutable singular name**

Sources:

"Z" taken from Xena

Dolly Parton: "Jolene"

Gary Numan and the Tubeway Army "First Album" Song "Jo the Waiter"

Duran Duran *Debut*: "Rio"

Police Synchronicity "Ms. Gradenko"

Other sources:

Cats: The musical Broadway play

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synchronicity_\(album\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synchronicity_(album))

<http://stingetc.com/stewchat.shtml>

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=95520570>

(Dolly Parton)

Various Lyric sites and my LPs. Yes I still have a large LP collection.
33-1/3 baby

Now the question you've been wanting to ask. Is it Zoey or Zoë? As Jack Palance once said... "That... is for you to decide. Choose wisely!"



American Library Association adds GLBT youth literature award

As the publishing industry prepares for the announcement of the American Library Association's (ALA) Youth Media Awards, authors and illustrators of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) literature for youth will have their fingers crossed in hopes of receiving the coveted Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award.

The Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award joins the ALA Youth Media Award announcements, which include such prominent literary prizes as the Coretta Scott King Book Award, John Newbery Medal, Michael Printz Award, Randolph Caldecott Medal, Schneider Family Book Awards and 13 other distinguished awards for youth literature.

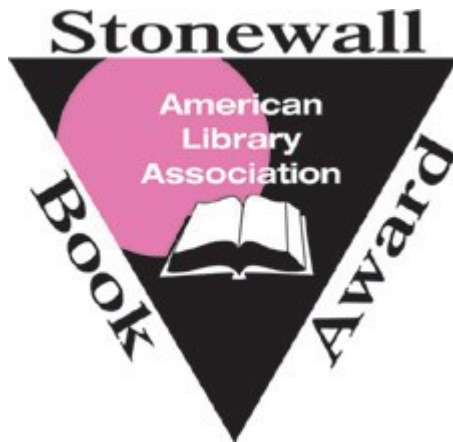
The award is administered by the ALA's Stonewall Book Awards Committee of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Round Table and is awarded annually to English-language works for children and teens of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered experience.

"Children's books regarding the GLBT experience are critical tools in teaching tolerance, acceptance and the importance of diversity," said ALA President Roberta Stevens. "Our nation is one of diverse cultures and lifestyles and it is important for parents, educators and librarians to have access to quality children's books that represent a spectrum of cultures."

The demand for quality GLBT children's books continues to grow as the nation becomes more diverse. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services an estimated 14 million children have a gay or lesbian parent, and the most current U.S. Census data shows that more than 56 percent of same-sex households have at least one child under the age of 18.

Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, the ALA Youth Media Awards guide parents, educators, librarians and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by committees composed of librarians and other literature and media experts, the awards encourage original and creative work in the field of children's and young adult literature and media.

The members of the 2011 Stonewall Book Awards Committee are: Chair Lisa Johnston, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va.; W. Stephen Breedlove, Connelly Library, La Salle University, Philadelphia; Amanda Clay, Lakeview Elementary School, Norman, Okla.; Dave Combe, Ventura County Library, Ventura, Calif.; Lewis Day, Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Sharon Flesher-Duffy, Nashua High School Media Center, Nashua, N.H.; Roland Hansen, Columbia College Library, Chicago.; Analisa Ornelas, Inno-



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For information on the Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award and other ALA Youth Media Awards, please visit www.ala.org/yma.

Launch of Wisconsin Division of Public Health LGBT Health website

The Wisconsin Division of Public Health recently launched a website dedicated to increasing knowledge about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) health disparities and health resources in Wisconsin.

The website is congruent with Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, a plan for the decade to improve health across the life span, and eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity.

LGBT people have many of the same health concerns as heterosexual men, women and youth—they should maintain a healthy diet, exercise regularly, limit alcohol consumption, and avoid exposure to cigarette smoke.

The LGBT website emphasizes the diversity the LGBT population in Wisconsin, highlights health issues facing particular populations, and provides links to resources, both in Wisconsin and on the Internet. The site addresses health issues, including alcohol and drug use, cancer, HIV/AIDS, mental health, tobacco, and violence and safety.

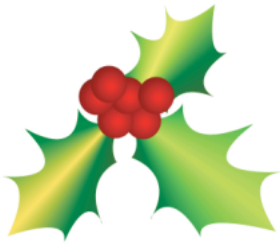
The LGBT Health website can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lgbthealth>

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really, could you honestly take care of a dog, when you can't even get a date! Just saying.

My final suggestion. Attend the Positive Voice Holiday Party. Where the food is excellent, the drinks are cold, and the people will not care if you have a partner or own a dog! Don't forget to bring a gift for the white elephant gift exchange. You could even get rid of the knick-knack from last year's Secret Santa.

Lynn Johnson



18th Annual PositiveVOICE Holiday Dinner

Saturday Evening, December 4th 2010

I/we will be attending the Holiday Dinner

Name/s _____

Dinner Choice:

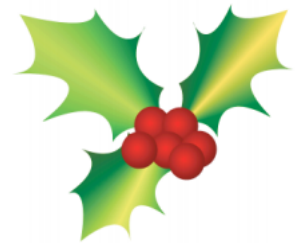
_____ Mistletoe - *Chicken Versurvio: Lightly breaded chicken breast*

_____ Evergreen - *Tender sliced Roast Sirloin*

_____ Snow Flake - *Teriyaki Apricot Vegetable Kabobs*

Additional Donation: _____

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

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Community Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Events:

Monday Evenings: Spectrum Meeting: Harmony Café from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Harmony Café, 233 E College, Appleton, WI
Courage to BE GLBT Narcotics Anonymous meeting 6:30-8:30pm Harmony Café, Appleton, WI
Tuesday Evenings: GLBT Partnership A weekly support and youth development group for teens ages 14-18 who identify as GLBT or allied. Call Jesse 734-2233 for details. Website: www.harmonycafe.org. Email: harmonycafe@gwicc.org
Spectrum—Green Bay: Harmony Café at 1660 W. Mason St., Green Bay, 7-9pm
Thursday Evenings: Drop-In-Night in Green Bay: Harmony Café at 1660 W. Mason St., Green Bay, is on hiatus until fall.
Friday Afternoons: Conversation Cafe! 11:30a-1:00p. Harmony Café, Green Bay

Third Monday of every month: Fox Valley Transgender Group: Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center (126 N Oneida St—across from the Appleton Public Library and the Appleton Transit Center) from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday of every month: PFLAG/Oshkosh 6:30-9 p.m.

Organizations

Fair Wisconsin: GLBT political action group. For more info, call Mike Fitzpatrick at 920-437-7400 (days).

Alcoholic's Anonymous (Gay Meetings): 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). 1st Sunday of every month at Harmony Café, Green Bay at 11am and at Harmony Café, Appleton at 6pm. 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: Lesbian gay teen support group in Appleton & Green Bay. Call 920-734-2233, ask for Jesse .

Harmony Café: For the extensive listing of Upcoming Events at Harmony Café, check the website www.harmonycafe.org

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 or e-mail Sandy at sbrown@itol.com .

PFLAG of Manitowoc: Meets first third Monday each month at St. James Episcopal Church at 434 N. 8th St., Manitowoc.

PFLAG of Oshkosh: Meetings are held at 6:30 pm the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh. Email: joe.wiedenmeier@oshkosh-pflag.org

PFLAG of Sheboygan: Meetings are held 4th Monday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 708 Erie Ave, Sheboygan. Contact Kelly Stone (stonek@lakeland.edu) for information.

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. www.rainbowoverwisconsin.org

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 or visit the website at 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.

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