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Celebrations & Shock

Each year we gather to celebrate Pride with music, entertainers and speakers. We celebrate our individuality and Pride in how far we have come. As each individual comes out, we further the cause of acceptance and equality. 2016 has certainly been a tumultuous year of celebrations and shocks.

This year at Pride we celebrated our 40th year as the Greater Dayton LGBT Center, advancing acceptance and equality for all sexual minorities. Over 5,000 people came out to celebrate with us even in the rain. We celebrated by parading through the streets; we celebrated with song and entertainers; we celebrated how far we have come since the days of continued persecutions and harassments like in days leading up to the Stonewall Riots in 1969.

Our celebrations turned into shock and horror as we learned of 49 of our LGBT brothers and sisters lost in a senseless act of terror in the morning hours of June 12. We have lost family members to prejudice before, beaten in alleys, shot in their homes, or left to waste away in hospital beds. This attack was different. It was directed into one of our clubs, one of the bastions of safety for us, a place to be ourselves without fear of ridicule or harassment or being beaten or attacked. We did not seek or provoke the attack by a shooter in Orlando. We did not expect or invite the evil words of preachers and politicians that confronted us, suggesting it was our fault or our just deserts. We could reduce ourselves to that level, but we will rise instead. We will master this moment. We will remember the names of our brothers and sisters in Orlando. The dead and the injured. The scarred and the scared.

Our capacity to meet this challenge is limitless and is expanded by our working together, standing together, believing together. When we work together, we ensure

everyone has a chance to be free, to live their lives, to love whom they love, and to not to lose their jobs, their homes, their family or their lives for doing so. The LGBT family is one big family, open to everyone and welcoming ALL. To strike at our brothers and sisters in Orlando was certainly a strike at us all.

Yet out of the ashes of this destruction and carnage rose a hope and unity unlike we have seen in many years. There is unity in community. Our community came out on Thursday June 16 to memorialize and mourn our losses. 2,000 people crowded onto Courthouse Square to talk quietly about people lost. We saw all of our bars band together and in solidarity walk to the vigil carrying a large Pride Flag to commemorate our loss and work together unlike never before to create a raffle for which all funds go to the victims of Orlando.

We recognize that our fight for equal rights and equal status is still very far from over. Currently a bill before our Ohio House, HB 286 "The Ohio Pastor's Protection Act" extends these protections to "religious societies." This term remains undefined in the legislation, so it could grant the right to legally discriminate very broadly. Instead of legalizing further discrimination, Ohio's legislators should protect their LGBT constituents who can be fired from their jobs, kicked out of their homes, and denied public services instead of focusing on further discrimination.

I urge ALL our community to contact our state legislators and let them know that further discrimination will not be tolerated and that equality is demanded for us ALL. Together we can, united in one accord. We are a Community!

Informational Expo



The Holiday Inn – Dayton/Fairborn, the Greater Dayton LGBT Center and the Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus have partnered to bring a selection of guest speakers to form the LGBT Informational Expo on August 18, 2016.

Topics will include family law, adoption, parenting, guardianship, estates, trusts, accounting/financial planning and other topics. The evening’s registration will commence at 5:30 with sessions beginning at 6:30 and ending with a post-event mixer at 8:45.

While seating is limited to 100 guests, reservations are required by calling the Holiday Inn or the Greater Dayton LGBT Center. There is no cost to attend, but donations are welcome for the Great Dayton LGBT Center or Dayton or the Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus.

Presenters include:


Dalma C. Grandjean, attorney from Altick & Corwin, Adam H. Krumholz, of Krumholz Law Office, Michael Menninger of Gudorf Law Group, and Matt Scarr of Matthew Scarr, CPA, LLC.

Calendar of Events

- July 7 6:30 pm Greater Dayton LGBT Center Board Meeting at Miami Valley Fair Housing Center 505 Riverside Dr.
- July 10 3:00 pm Pride wrap up meeting at Miami Valley Fair Housing Center 505 Riverside Dr., Dayton 45405
- July 12 7:00 pm PFLAG monthly meeting at Cross Creek Church
- July 19 7:00 pm Transgender/Allie Support Group Gatlyn Dame Group for more info: www.gatlyndamegroup.com
- July 24 2:00 pm Transgender Support Group Social at Spaghetti Warehouse 36 W. 5th Street, Dayton 45402
- Aug 5 6:30 pm Greater Dayton LGBT Center Board Meeting at Miami Valley Fair Housing Center 505 Riverside Dr.
- Aug 9 7:00 pm PFLAG monthly meeting at Cross Creek Church
- Aug 16 7:00 pm Transgender/Allie Support Group Gatlyn Dame Group for more info: www.gatlyndamegroup.com
- Aug 18 Informational Expo on Marriage, family and the law. at The Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn. Cocktail hour 5:30 pm
- Aug 21 2:00 pm Transgender Support Group Social at Cold Stone Creamery 135 Jasper Street, Dayton OH 45409



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We especially wish to offer a special thank you to our title sponsor, PNC Bank for their unwavering support through their donations of time, money and support for our LGBTQA community.



We also want to thank Equitas Health Care as our parade sponsor for your continued support for our community each day.



Other sponsors such as the AIDS Foundation, Liberty Collision Center, Wright State Physicians, Kroger, Varicose to Perfection, Mj's on Jefferson, Outlook Media, GayDayton, Heidelberg, Svedka, and the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus all of whom donated time and money towards Pride 2016.

Of course I would be remiss if I did not thank all of our wonderful partners and exhibitor who also put so much time and energy into making PRIDE the event of the year. If I listed each person and group we would be here all day, so suffice it to say: **Thank you!**

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The Greater Dayton LGBT Center's Mission is to create programs that enhance the lives of sexual minorities in the Miami Valley. The Center is an association run entirely by volunteers and receives support from area business, other non profit organizations and from annual memberships.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Have Fun and Raise Funds For Your Center



Have you ever wanted to float across the floor or grind out a sexy dance with a partner?

Ballroom group dance lessons at Dayton Dance Center specifically for the LGBTQA Community. Meets weekly on Wednesday nights. 2 group classes from 6:30-7:15 and 7:15-8, No partner needed and you can start at any time.

A social dance will be held on every 4th Friday. 7:30-8 group class 8-10 social. First evening of attendance at group class or social free. Ballroom is great for partnering skills, cardio, fun and Alzheimer's prevention. 10% of profit will be donated to the Dayton LGBT Center. 7 E Central Ave, Miamisburg, Ohio 3rd Floor. Contact Laura 513 655 3022.

To succeed, you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you.
Tony Dorsett

2016 Greater Dayton LGBT Center Inc. Membership Form

1. ANNUAL * MEMBERSHIP DUES & CATEGORIES (check your selection)

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|---|----|---|----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student/Senior* | OR | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Individual/Single | OR | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Household/Family |
| <small>*Seniors = 55+</small> | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Non Profit Org. | OR | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Business | OR | <input type="checkbox"/> \$120 Founder's Club |
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*A new policy began in January 2012 making all membership run from January 1st of each year and will expire on December 31st of each year.

2. Add an operating donation: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$200 \$_____ other

3. Center Endowment Fund \$1-99 Bronze \$100-499 Silver \$500-999 Gold \$1000 Platinum

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