

## Spring Community Dinner



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#### The Annual Spring Community Dinner

presented by: The Greater Dayton LGBT Center
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### Calendar of Events

May 1	6:00 PM	LGBT Center Monthly Board Meeting	Center					
May 1	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center					
May 3	2:00 PM	Annual Spring Dinner	Center					
May 4	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center					
May 4	2: 00 PM	Rally for Trans Rights (Meet at Center at Noon)						
Rally at Court House Square								
May 5		Cinco De Mayo						
May 5	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group Meets	Center					
May 7	7:00 PM	Rainbow Elder Care Meets	Center					
May 8	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center					
May 10	2:00 PM	Zine Making with TransOhio Downtown Metro	Library					
May 11	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center					
May 12	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group Meets	Center					
May 13	6:30 PM	PFLAG Meets	Center					
May 14	Contact for Info	Q-Youth Center Activities	Center					
May 15	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center					
May 16	7:00 PM	Dungeons and Dragons at the Center	Center					
May 17	11:00 AM	PRIDE ROCKS Levitt	Pavilion					
May 19	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group Meets	Center					
May 20	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center					
May 22 - 26 The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Is Closed for NATO								
May 29	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center					
May 31	11:30 AM	Coffee and Conversations	Center					

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."

#### - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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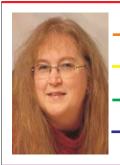
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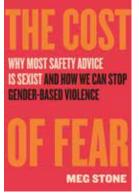
## Book Reviews

by: Terri Schlichenmeyer

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"The Cost of Fear: Why Most Safety Advice is Sexist and How We Can Stop Gender-Based Violence" by Meg Stone c.2025, Beacon Press \$26.95 232 pages



The footsteps fell behind you, keeping pace. They were loud as an airplane, a few decibels below the beat of your heart. Yes, someone was following you, and you shouldn't have let it happen. You're no dummy. You're no wimp. Read the new book, "The Cost of Fear" by Meg Stone, and you're no statistic. Ask around.

Query young women, older women, grandmothers and teenagers. Ask gay men, lesbians, and trans individuals, and chances are that every one of them

has a story of being scared of another person in a public place. Scared – *or worse*.

Says Meg Stone, nearly half of the women in a recent survey reported having "experienced... unwanted sexual contact" of some sort. Almost a quarter of the men surveyed said the same. Nearly thirty percent of men in another survey admitted to having "perpetrated some form of sexual assault."

We focus on these statistics, says Stone, but we advise ineffectual safety measures.

"Victim blame is rampant," she says, and women and LGBTQ individuals are taught avoidance methods that may not work. If someone's in the "early stages of their careers," perpetrators may still hold all the cards through threats and career blackmail. Stone cites cases in which someone who was assaulted reported the crime, but police dropped the ball. Old tropes still exist and repeating or relying on them may be downright dangerous.

As a result of such ineffectiveness, fear keeps frightened individuals from

normal activities, leaving the house, shopping, going out with friends for an evening.

So how can you stay safe?

Says Stone, learn how to fight back by using your whole body, not just your hands. Be willing to record what's happening. Don't abandon your activism, she says; in fact, join a group that helps give people tools to protect themselves. Learn the right way to stand up for someone who's uncomfortable or endangered. Remember that you can't be blamed for another person's bad behavior, and it shouldn't mean you can't react. If you pick up "The Cost of Fear," hoping to learn ways to protect yourself, there are two things to keep in mind.

First, though most of this book is written for women, it doesn't take much of a leap to see how its advice could translate to any other world. Author Meg Stone, in fact, includes people of all ages, genders, and all races in her case studies and lessons, and she clearly explains a bit of what she teaches in her classes. That width is helpful, and welcome.

Secondly, she asks readers to do something potentially controversial: she requests changes in sentencing laws for certain former and rehabilitated abusers, particularly for offenders who were teens when sentenced. Stone lays out her reasoning and begs for understanding; still, some readers may be resistant and some may be triggered.

Keep that in mind, and "The Cost of Fear" is a great book for a young adult or anyone who needs to increase alertness, adopt careful practices, and stay safe. Take steps to have it soon.

"True abundance isn't based on our net worth, it's based on our self-worth."

— Gabrielle Bernstein







Blurryvisions Paperback – March 21, 2025 - 15.00 - 153 pages by True Rivir Newland (Author)



Blurryvisions is a visceral collection of poetry and prose that delves into disillusionment, identity, and the contradictions of modern America. Through striking imagery and raw emotion, the book explores societal decay, political corruption, media manipulation, and the fragile line between myth and reality.

At its heart, blurryvisions is also a deeply personal exploration of sexuality, gender, and the universal need for love and acceptance. It challenges rigid societal norms, embracing the truth that everyone deserves to be seen and loved for who they truly are.

Interwoven with themes of immigration, religion, climate catastrophe, and memory, the collection forces readers to confront both the world's horrors and its lingering beauty. In the blurred spaces between hope and despair, between past and future, blurryvisions finds its voice—one that demands to be heard.

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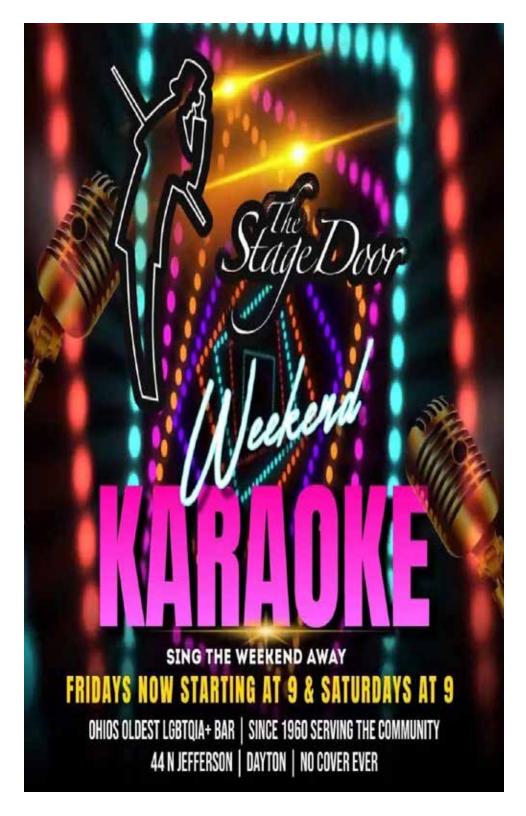
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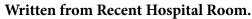
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"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by

a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

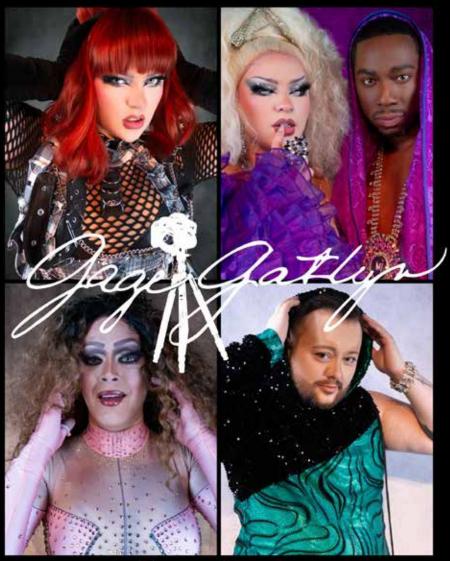
Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

—Pope Francis

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D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men		Young
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- 1. Daddy's Den and Patio, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
- 2. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
- 3. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
- 4. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
- 5. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
- 6. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 136 N. St Clair 274-1776

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