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April showers  
bring  
MAY FLOWERS

The spring has come along  
with the jolly good sun  
It's time to sing and dance  
go out and have some fun

*Happy Spring!*



Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
Group

The word 'ALCOHOLISM' is rendered in large, 3D blue block letters. A heavy metal ball, suspended by a chain, is positioned above the letters, appearing to crush them. The letters are broken and fragmented, particularly in the middle section.

**Mondays 7 PM**

THE GREATER DAYTON LGBT  
CENTER

24 N. Jefferson Street, STE 200  
Dayton, OH 45402  
(937) 274-1776

# Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Description	Venue - O=Online, C=Center
<i>April is STI Awareness Month</i>			
1	6 PM	LGBT Center Board Meeting	C/O
1	7 PM	Yoga at the Center	C
2		<b>Good Friday</b>	
4		<b>Happy Easter</b>	
5	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	C/O
8	7 PM	Yoga at the Center	C
10		<b>National Youth HIV Awareness Day</b>	
12	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	C/O
13	7 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	O
14	7 PM	Positive Attitudes	C/O
15	7 PM	Yoga at the Center	C
17	6:30 PM	Spring Community Dinner	C
18	5:30 PM	PRIDE Planning Meeting	C/O
19	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	C/O
20	7 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	C/O
22	7 PM	Yoga at the Center	C
25	7 PM	TDOR Planning Meeting	C/O
26		<b>International Lesbian Visibility Day</b>	
26	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	C/O
28	7 PM	Positive Attitudes	C/O

**For information and links to attend the online groups call (937) 274-1776 or email: [info@daytonlgbtcenter.org](mailto:info@daytonlgbtcenter.org)**

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# Book Reviews

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"Let's Get Back to the Party: A Novel" by Zak Salih c.2021, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill \$25.95 / higher in Canada 288 pages



The place is filled with balloons. They're floating near the ceiling, strings just out of reach for now, some on the floor. The lights seem to be on a "twinkle" setting and there are candles carefully nestled in centerpieces, so the entire room sparkles from corner to corner. The guest of honor isn't there yet, but *you* are and in "**Let's Get Back to the Party**" by **Zak Salih**, you already wish you hadn't come.

Sebastian Mote hadn't seen Oscar Burnham in a decade, not since they were kids, but the guy across the room at the wedding reception sure *looked* like Oscar. If it *was*, Sebastian wondered if Oscar would he remember him, or their once-close friendship, or afternoons together in the basement and the things they did to one another?

Oscar Burnham was truthfully more interested in a cruising app than he was in rekindling a boyhood friendship. Sebastian was every bit as boring as Oscar remembered; he was probably one of those queens whose only focus, now that gay marriage was legal, was to have a husband and a bunch of obnoxious kids. It irritated Oscar that he was forced to exchange phone numbers with Sebastian, and lame promises to hang out soon. Soon. More like not-soon, since Oscar was busy with someone he met when an app-date didn't show up. Sean Stokes was an older man, a writer, and though Oscar professed to dislike reading, he was captivated by Sean's explicit tales of queer life before Oscar was even born. He couldn't get enough of Sean – and vice versa, apparently, because Sean asked for Oscar's stories and it eventually became clear that Sean's next book would be about Oscar.

There was no denying that Oscar's ghosting hurt Sebastian, but he rather expected it. Instead, he threw himself into a friendship with a young student at his school, daring to let himself become obsessed with seventeen-year-old Arthur. It was painful, hopeful, and something he could never admit to anyone else.

Least of all, his boyhood pal, Oscar...

At first browse, "Let's Get Back to the Party" can seem long and very wordy. It hangs on the lives of two men who are mostly not very likable, to themselves or to one another, and how they hold on to their history with fingernails on one hand, pushing each other away with the other hand. You'll want to shake them, but the thing is, it's hard *not* to want to watch them make their own lives worse: this novel is a little schadenfreudey, but with a degree of sympathy.

The sympathy wins, as author Zak Salih shows sides of both Sebastian and Oscar that neither character would admit, and reasons why each becomes contemptuous with the other. The truth, for one of them, is a devastating shocker that slams the brakes on the tale but alas, getting there takes awhile; you'll want to ride that wave to this book's fitting end. And in that end, "Let's Get Back to the Party" really pops.

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*Community Picnic & Drive-In Movie*

*We will provide the Chicken*

*You provide your Drinks*

*Feature Movie - TBA*

*Saturday, April 17, @ 6:30 PM*

*(parking lot behind The Stage Door)*

*Join us at 44 N. Jefferson St - [info@daytonLGBTcenter.org](mailto:info@daytonLGBTcenter.org)*

*[www.daytonLGBTcenter.org](http://www.daytonLGBTcenter.org)*

## Spring Fling Picnic

We are all anxiously awaiting when we can gather together again. Since the vaccinations have opened up to all, it seems it is only a matter of time that it will be safe for us all to gather once again.

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center is pleased to continue our spring time tradition of the Spring Fling Community Dinner. To insure everyone's safety, we will family picnic with all food pre packaged for you. You provide you own drinks, and we will provided the Chicken Dinners. This will be served Drive-In style where you eat in your own car or bring a lawn chair and eat in front of your vehicle. After everyone has enjoyed their food, we will start up the projector and show a classic movie. (Movie TBA) Just adjust your vehicle's stereo to 99.1 FM and sit back and enjoy the show.

So come out and see old friends, enjoy a social distanced dinner and a movie picnic/drive-in style. The Picnic dinner will take place in the parking lot behind The Stage Door Musical Bar at 44 N. Jefferson Street, Dayton, 45402. Just bring a friend and tune in, you will be happy you did. For more information, call (937) 274-1776 or email, [info@daytonlgbtcenter.org](mailto:info@daytonlgbtcenter.org)





It seems the lovable Josh Stuckey is not finished re-inventing himself. We all know him as a school teacher, one of the owners of Square One Salon, Agnes and Orson's gift and goods, and of course one of the founders of The Rubi Girls, and now has added one more item to the resume, virtual show co-host. That's right, Josh Stuckey, aka. Dana Sintell, along with Tim Farquar, aka Fonda Peters, another founding member of The Rubi Girls has teamed up once again to present: "The FonDana Show." As Tim describes the show; "It's a little bit "The View" mixed with a touch of "The Price is Right" wrapped in a Sunday Afternoon infomercial. There will be some laughs, some learning...oh and some great cocktails!"



Photo credit: Josh Stuckey

The show is filmed at The Mudlick Tap House and features signature drinks by Mudlick own mixologist, Thomas Morris. The first shows featured guests were Darryl Demure (Bazzarrow World) , Amelia Robinson (Columbus Dispatch) , Michelle Kaye (PNC), Kevin Tunstall (Arcade), Alexis Larsen (DAI), Eva Buttacavoli (The CO) & Philip Drennen (D2D).

Ideas for the show began when two of the Rubi Girls were on vacation and received a phone call pitching an idea for a business make-over show with Dana and India Summer. The COVID pandemic sort of put that idea on hold and from there, in walks Andrew and Lauren White of Indigo Life Media and the new show was born. Of course, other Rubi Girls will appear from time to time with Minnie Skirt and India Summer having regular recurring roles.



Photo credit: Josh Stuckey

The show allows guests to talk about their contributions to the Dayton community and the chance to win some funds for their favorite charity through games. "This is the kind of crazy I love!" says Sintell. "To know we are helping people is the RubiGirl Way! We have had very successful virtual events, and with the professionalism of this production team, we are PUMPed! It's exciting to know something good came out of the last year...and I think this show

will be good for our community!"



# THE RIGHT CORNER

105 E. Third Street,  
Dayton, OH 45402  
Phone (937) 228-2033

*Open Daily 1 pm to 2:30 am*



Dana



Wayne



Bill



Amanda Kayne



Dwight

## *In Memorial*



Terry



Bruce

**FREE**

# Yoga

Led by Matt Turner

*Judgment Free  
Atmosphere*

(Classes limited to 15 people ~ masks & social distancing is required!)

**Thursday's**  
**7 Pm**  
(Beginners  
& Intermediates)



**Beginning  
In April**

## Greater Dayton LGBT Center

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*An event for people living with HIV*

# Stop Stigma. Start Healing.

**MAR 5 | 6 PM | Virtual**

Join us for a virtual dinner with Odalys Martin from Gilead Sciences. Odalys will speak about the effects of stigma on HIV.

All attendees receive a \$25 Visa gift card!

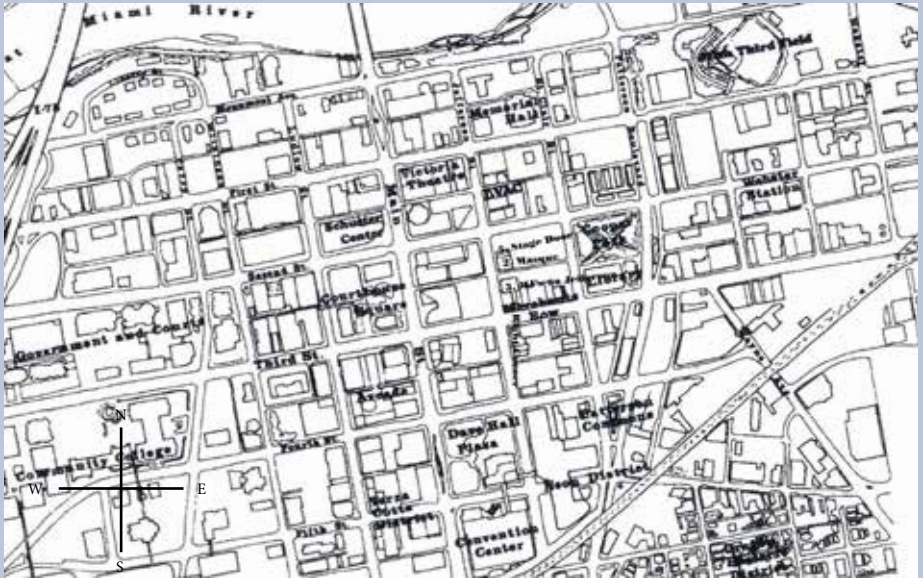
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# Gay Dayton Map



18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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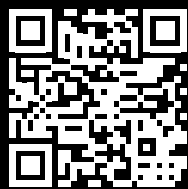
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**MASKS REQUIRED**

Open Daily @ 3 pm



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu