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Gay Bowling League

Excitement

**Bowling Begins,
Sunday, August 29th
1PM**

**Poelking Lanes
1403 Wilmington Ave
Dayton, OH**

For more info: GBLbowling@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

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| Aug 2 | 7 PM | LGBT AA Meeting | Online/Center |
| Aug 5 | 6 PM | Center Board Meeting | Online/Center |
| Aug 5 | 7 PM | Yoga At The Center | Center |
| Aug 9 | 7 PM | LGBT AA Meeting | Online/Center |
| Aug 10 | 7 PM | PFLAG Monthly Meeting | Harmony |
| Aug 11 | 7 PM | Pozitive Attitudes | Online/Center |
| Aug 12 | 7 PM | Yoga At The Center | Center |
| Aug 16 | 7 PM | LGBT AA Group | Online/Center |
| Aug 17 | 7 PM | Gatlyn Dame Group | Online/Center |
| Aug 19 | 7 PM | Yoga At The Center | Center |
| Aug 23 | 7 PM | LGBT AA Meeting | Online/Center |
| Aug 25 | 7 PM | Pozitive Attitudes | Online |
| Aug 26 | 7 PM | Yoga At The Center | Center |
| Aug 27 | | AA Ohio Roundup | Center |
| Aug 28 | | AA Ohio Roundup | Center |
| Aug 29 | | AA Ohio Roundup | Center |
| Aug 29 | 7 pm | TDOR Planning Meeting | Online |

Work hard for what you want because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive.

Leah LaBelle

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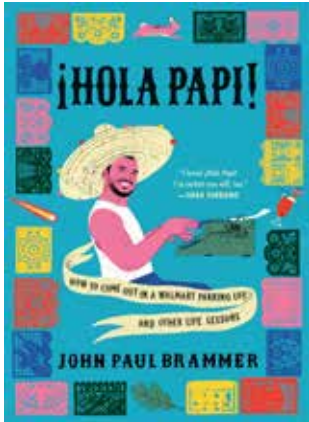
Book Reviews

by: Terri Schlichenmeyer

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**“¡Hola Papi! How to Come Out in a Walmart Parking Lot and Other Life Lessons” by John Paul Brammer c.2021, Simon & Schuster
\$26.00 / \$35.00 Canada 224 pages**



Your best friend definitely has an opinion. You need advice and she offers an answer, though it might not be the one you seek. You may get sound counsel but at the wrong time, with sentiments directly opposing what you were thinking. And yet, you have to be grateful. As in the new book **“¡Hola Papi!” by John Paul Brammer**, the words come from the heart. Growing up in a small Oklahoma town of Cache, John Paul Brammer knew nothing about being gay. He had little relationship experience, in fact,

and he didn't learn about hookup apps until he was a junior in college. Once he found those apps, though, he was “instantly hooked.” Much to his amusement, “some white guy” said “Hola papi” in greeting on an app one day and Brammer, “a mixed-race Mexican American with noodle arms” never forgot it – because hey, wouldn't that be a great name for an advice column? He pitched it, landed a gig in conjunction with Grindr and it was a landslide hit with users, even though Brammer felt like an imposter sometimes. Was he really qualified to do this? He wondered, then he remembered what *he'd* want if he needed advice...

When asked what one can do to let go of past hurts, Brammer answers with a tale of his middle-school years, of bullying, inadequacies, and teen angst, and of coming out, growing up, and not letting someone be defined by the worst of the past.

He writes of puppy-love with a girl when he was kinda sure he was attracted to boys, and how the experience wasn't a waste. He remembers

co-workers at a nearby taco stand who taught him to speak Spanish, to belong, and that “Lo siento” isn’t always necessary. He tells readers about releasing the love he thought was “the one”; about the oh-so-awkward night a childhood bully approached him on a dating app; and how to let go of a dream, and a nightmare situation.

You know this: Dear Emmy and Dear Posey can always be relied upon to present some poor schlub with drama worse than yours. You know they’ll offer snappy, sometimes snarky, maybe dismissive advice – but that might not be as applicable as what’s in “¡Hola Papi!”.

Agony Aunties don’t normally insert themselves into their answers quite like author John Paul Brammer does; nope, he makes his advice into a memoir that resonates. Each mini-chapter here begins with a question, followed by what feels like a personal answer written specifically to the forlorn rather than to the world – in a story, really, but one that’s relatable. It’s fun to read but, more importantly, it wraps advice-seekers (and not just the writer!) in a comfortable tale that might make them laugh but definitely makes them feel unalone. Another nice thing: this book is by a gay man, but the advice he offers is for anyone, of any age. If you can remember that there are some eyebrow-raisers snuggled amidst laughs and sighs, of “¡Hola Papi!”, you’ll have a high opinion.

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Whats New In PRIDE?

We often think of Dayton as a small city, yet we are surrounded by even smaller communities, towns, cities, and villages that have begun a genesis in support and PRIDE. From Middletown Pride, now in its 3rd year, to Black Pride, Huber Heights pride, and burgeoning Prides and Center in Greenville, and Yellow Springs/Springfield, all have new beginnings or laying plans for great things to come.

In a story by Alissa Paoella, of the Buckeye Flame, reports that founder Scott Snyder along with the Darke County Makers Cooperative's (DCMC) Center for Universal Artisans and Humanities Group, to form "Beyond The Rainbow." This Pride group is forming a non-profit organization in hopes of offering their first PRIDE event in 2022. You may discover more information about them at: <https://beyondtherainbow.dcmcuniversalarts.com>.

In 2021 we also saw the inaugural Pride festival in Huber Heights as a few folks got together to form this wonderful event. This event was so well received that it is sure to be around for many years to come.

Additionally, we saw the 1st Dayton Black PRIDE, led by organizer Chrisondra Goodwine and held in McIntosh Park in Dayton. While the day was a little damp, it did not dampen the spirits of all those in attendance. A day full of entertainment and food trucks keep everyone filled with glee as this event unfolded. All those in attendance openly agreed this was a successful event that is sure to return next year.

Yellow Springs once again hosted their annual Pride Celebration yet the organization has their eye on expanding their efforts into a full community center to serve Springfield, South Charleston, Wilberforce and Cedarville. The committee has procured a building in Yellow Springs to act as the hub for Springfield and these smaller communities to offer a safe space for our Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and non-conforming, Queer, Inter-sexed, and Asexual/Ally community. These organizers will be in offering a survey to determine the needs and wants of the community to then offer programs to fill those needs.

So thank you to a so many who are seeking to make changes for a brighter world for our LGBTQIA community at large.

YOGA AT THE CENTER

Thursday's at 7 PM

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center

24 N. Jefferson St., STE 200

Dayton, OH 45402

The only thing missing is You!

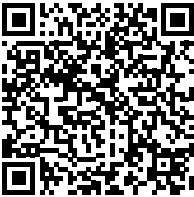
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HER/HIStory Awards

In 2019 we began our first Annual HER/HIStory Awards banquet to bring attention to our local Heros and Sheros who blazed the path, made a difference, and changed the face of life for all LGBTQ+ people in the Dayton area. These heros and sheros will forever bear our thankfulness for the work they have done to make our lives more accepted. Today, younger folks think nothing about going to the mall and walking hand in hand with their signifiant other, yet not that many years ago, folks would have not dared to do so. So we have come a long way and many of these trailblazers have pushed the envlope to make times possible.

Do you know someone who has historically made a difference in the LGBTQ community here in the Dayton Area? Please consider nominating them, just follow the QR code:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdn4m3bRj_WfC9HxAdN-4rqulKVGdVA3NUqR7bJGxUuDnhYvA/viewform

Do you have LGBTQ historical items that you would like to donate to our archive that we may preserve our history for years to come? If so, please email info@daytonLGBTcenter.org or lgbtdaytonhistory@gmail.com. It is our goal to preserve our LGBTQ history and histories for years to come, so when young people 50 to 60 years from now look back on this time period, they may get a real honest glimps at what queer life was like in 2021 and in our past.

Today we stand on the shoulder of those who have come before us, let us honor them, preserve their stories, learn from them, and build a stronger brighter future together.

Together we can.





Mark S. King ~ My Fabulous Disease ~ August 21, 2021, 7 pm

Kenyon Farrow ~ September 22, 2021m 7 PM





Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center

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Support Groups

Transgender Support = Gatlyn Dame Group
Soar = Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape
LGBTQ AA = Alcoholic's Anonymous
Positive Attitudes = HIV+ support
Men's Groups
Women's Groups
Youth Groups

Health Support

FREE: LGBT Yoga Classes
FREE: Health & Wellness Clinic

Blood Pressure & Glucose Testing
HRT Consulting
Adult Vaccines Screenings

Sexual Health

**FREE HIV & STI Testing
Offering**

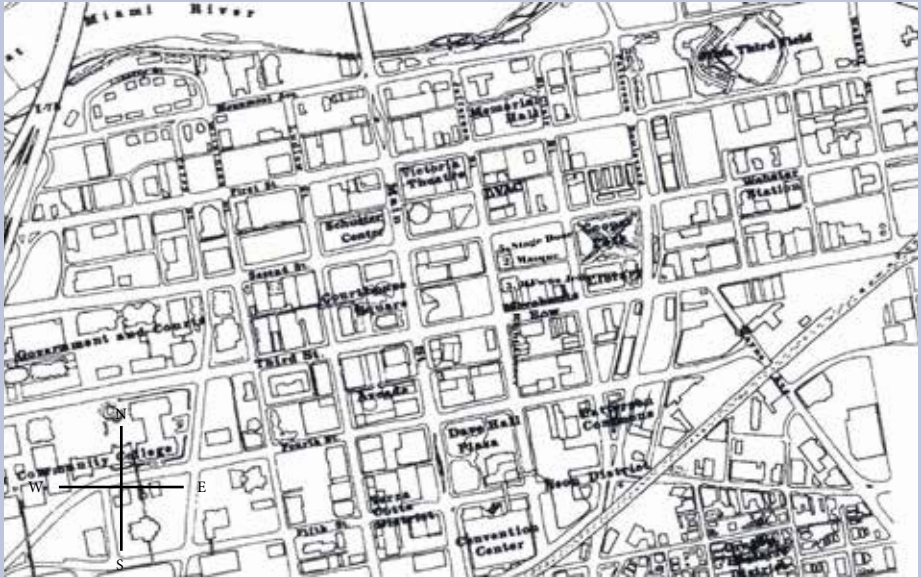
PrEP - A once-daily pill that prevents HIV
PAPI - A program that helps pay for the cost of PrEP

Education

We offer a lending Library
3,000 + Books
LGBT Historical Archive
LGBT History Classes
Special interest Classes

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GayDaytonMap



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|------|-------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------------|
| 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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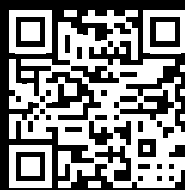
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Open Daily @ 3 pm



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu