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Calendar of Events

Repeating: LGBTQ AA Group each Monday at 7 pm
LGBTQ Zumba each Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Center Events: LGBTQ Yoga each Thursday at 7 pm

4-Dec	6:30 PM	LGBT Center Monthly Board Meeting	LGBT Center
7-Dec	6:00 PM	Holiday Concert - DGMC at Westminster Church	
10-Dec	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting-Harmony Creek Church	
11-Dec	7:00 PM	Sexual Assault Support Group -	LGBT Center
13-Dec	7:00 PM	Reception for Quilts	LGBT Center
13-Dec	5:30 PM	LGBTQ Dayton Professionals	Rubi House
14-Dec	8-1 am	HIV/STI Testing & Quilts	LGBT Center
17-Dec	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	LGBT Center
18-Dec	7:00 PM	Project Identify Movie Night	LGBT Center
24-Dec		Christmas Eve	
25-Dec	1-5 pm	Center open for Christmas	LGBT Center
28-Dec	8:00 PM	Q-munity Group	LGBT Center
31-Dec		New Year Eve	
1-Jan		Happy New Year	

“Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance — each beautiful, unique, and too soon gone.” “The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving.” “Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.” “I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.”

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Featuring 6 AIDS Quilts

In Honor Of World AIDS Day

Excerpts from...

QUILT **A MUSICAL** **CELEBRATION**

Dec 14 9 PM

**Stories For, From
And About The NAMES Project
AIDS Memorial Quilt**

Dec 14th 8 pm to Midnight
FREE HIV-STI Testing

Greater Dayton LGBT Center
24 N. Jefferson St. STE 200, Dayton, OH 45402

See the QUILTS: meet & greet the cast December 13, 2019 8 pm
At MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson St, Dayton



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In Honor of World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day, designated on 1 December of each year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of the HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. So in honor of the 35 million people who have succumbed to HIV/AIDS across the globe the Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center along with our partners, Innova Theatre Company, Dayton & Montgomery County Health, and Equitas Health proudly present excerpts from “Quilt - A Musical Celebration” on December 14th at 9 pm.

The Innova Theatre Company will present the FULL production of “Quilt - A Musical Celebration” November 29th - December 1st at 8 pm at the Stuart Sebastian Auditorium of the Pontecoryo Ballet Studio at 20 Commercial Way in Springboro, Ohio. They will mount the production again December 6th - 8th at the Baum Opera House, 15 S. 1st Street in Miamisburg, Ohio. Tickets are available for both full productions via their website at: <https://innovatheatre.com/>

We will open our doors at The Center, 24 N. Jefferson St, Dayton at 8 pm for the excerpts presentation, in honor of World AIDS DAY. To help insure we never see such a pandemic again we will offer FREE HIV-STI screenings from 8 pm to midnight on December 14th. Additionally we will feature 6 of the AIDS Quilts that were made to honor individuals lost during the AIDS Crisis and share a video of the making of some of the local quilts that were made and transported to Washington D.C. and displayed on the mall to honor our local brothers and sisters lost to this terrible disease.

We will hold a reception or meet and greet on December 13th at 8 pm at MJ's on Jefferson St for the Quilts and the cast of the production. So join Drink and perhaps grab some food while there. MJ's will donate 15% of all food sales to the Greater Dayton LGBT Center in your honor.

So please come out, grab a meal and meet the cast, then return on the 14th for testing and excerpts from the show. See you then...

Come Home FOR THE Holidays

Weekly - In December

Holiday Drawing

"Win some Holiday Swag"

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Come Home For The Holidays

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center and our entire gay district invite you to come home for the holidays. In this electronic age of Amazon, home delivery, Grinder and Netflix, so many folk are staying home rather than going out and enjoying the interaction with other people. We seem to have lost that community and feeling of saying hello to a new acquaintance, sharing a drink and forming lasting bonds, and perhaps intimate friendship. Or have we truly become so cynical that we would rather sit at home and swipe left or swipe right on a filtered picture rather than get off the couch and go out and meet someone in person. It's really not a real menu.

I guess we all get a little nostalgic during the holidays as we remember how things were and how things could be again. Do you remember how you used to go out each weekend to dance and visit with friends? Or even those relationships that were hot for a while, then became oh so cold? Lol, I guess we all have a few of those. But that was a part of the excitement. So do you REALLY like just sitting at home? Or is it just easier?

For this season the entire gay district has gotten together to create "*Come Home For The Holidays*" where each week in December we will ask you to share this ad on your social media. The person who gets the most shares each week will receive a gift basket filled with swag from all of us here in the gay district. You may also drop an entry card at each of our sponsoring bars where we will pick one winner from them for our final grand prize basket winner for our final weeks winner.

So we all, Masque, MJ's on Jefferson, Stage Door, The Right Corner, and the LGBTQ Center invite you to come out during the holidays and spend some time with us. Visit and get to know us again. You may walk away with some fond memories and lasting friendships.

See YOU in the District

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

Looking Back on 2019 - Dayton Strong!

by Randy Phillips

As this year quickly comes to a close we are ever mindful of what this year has wrought. We began 2019 with hopeful hearts ushering in all the hopes and dreams for a better time as we do with each New Year. We did see and experience some wonderful things in 2019. We saw the most diverse class of lawmakers ever elected and sworn in to the 116th congress. This includes the most women ever, such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez who came out swinging right out of the gate. We saw great strides in movies and music in 2019 with director Spike Lee finally winning his first Oscar after years of nominations. Remember when a 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thurnberg and the rest of the youths around the world who walked out of school in May in protest of climate change? Whitney Houston was right on the money when she sang "I believe the children are our future." Or when billionaire Robert F. Smith announced he would pay off every Morehouse student's debt in his touching commencement speech? So 2019 has had its positive notes!

2019 also had its challenges. Early on we learned of an affiliated KKK group that wanted to come to Dayton. As true believers in free speech, Dayton allowed them to come. Yet, we saw a whole town rally together in meeting after meeting to show just how much our city exemplifies our acceptance of diversity and our non-tolerance of hate filled speech. Thirteen KKK members came to Dayton, and thousands showed up to protest their hate filled speech.

Just days later on Memorial Day, fifteen tornados came through our area leaving behind a huge path of destruction. Thousands of people would be impacted by this storm. Many without electric and utilities for days and weeks, other homes were wiped out completely and lives forever changed.

In this dark time, Dayton's humanity and compassion shown bright as the whole community rallied together to aid those affected by the storm. With this massive destruction the re-building will be slow, but the re-building has begun as we continue to rally together, Dayton Strong.

The following week we celebrated PRIDE, with "50 years since Stonewall." And a true celebration it was with a record number of people participating in the parade and over 70 information booths at Courthouse Square. Almost 5,000 people crowded onto the square as we celebrated PRIDE in how far our LGBTQ community has come since Stonewall, and pride in who we are. Our Washington elected officials may continue to attack our community, especially our transgender brothers and sisters, but we are resilient and strong and we will not be erased nor will we go quietly into the night. Dayton PRIDE was certainly a high point of the year for our community. We are out, we are proud, we are Dayton Strong and we are Dayton PROUD! Of course just after PRIDE in the morning hours of August 4th a gunman killed 9 victims and injured many others in the Historic

Oregon District. Not only was our community in shock and grief for the loss, but the every presents of menace held on in the minds of many for such an extended period of time. But again Dayton is strong, Dayton is proud and the whole city rallied around our own to hold our community together. Many celebrities offered their support and even the orange baby man came to Toledo, and mean came town to extend his support. Springfield's John Legend and Dayton's Dave Chappelle led in the healing by doing a free concerts for the city headlined by Stevie Wonder.

It has taken some time for the healing. Many of our bars and establishments are still feeling the effect as people are not going out as they once did, choosing to stay in the safety of their own homes. Our confidence has been shaken but it is time to step out and enjoy the city again.

This year is coming to a close and while we have indeed been challenged this year, we will forever step out and embrace the joys. Happy Holidays! Let's ring in the New Year with Style!!!

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The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Announces

PRIDE ART CONTEST

The Theme For PRIDE 2020 “Rise Up”

The winner's art work will be used as the logo and artwork for PRIDE 2020

Artwork should be presented as a vector graphic at 300 dpi or higher. .psp, .ai, .png will be accepted.

Winning Artist will be awarded a stipend and small gift card along with seeing your artwork through out the PRIDE Season!

Please submit ART work by December 21st
to: info@daytonlgbtcenter.org

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20 N Jefferson St - Dayton, OH - 45402

Hours

3 pm - 2:30 am
7 days

Happy Hour

3 pm - 9 pm
Monday - Saturday

M J's Kitchen Hours:

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7 pm to Midnight

Friday & Saturday 7 pm to 2 am

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