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*Happy New Year!*

# The Annual Woman's Valentine's Dance

February 10, 2018

Doors open at 7 pm

Cost: \$10 For LGBT Members

\$15 For Non Members

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# Calendar of Events

- Jan 1 Happy New Year! AA - Group weekly Monday meetings at 7 pm
- Jan 3 6:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Monthly Board Meeting at the Center 24 N. Jefferson St, STE 200
- Jan 4 7:00 pm FREE Yoga class begin again held Thursdays weekly at The Center - 24 N. Jefferson St, STE 200
- Jan 9 6:30 pm PFLAG Holiday Party at Harmony Creek Church 5280 Bigger Road, Dayton 45440
- Jan 14 4:00 pm TDOR planning meeting at the Center
- Jan 16 7:00 pm The transgender support group - Gatlyn Dame Group meets at the Center
- Jan 31 6:00 pm Chapters LGBT Book Club meets at the Center

*"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors,  
and let every new year find you a better man." - Benjamin Franklin*

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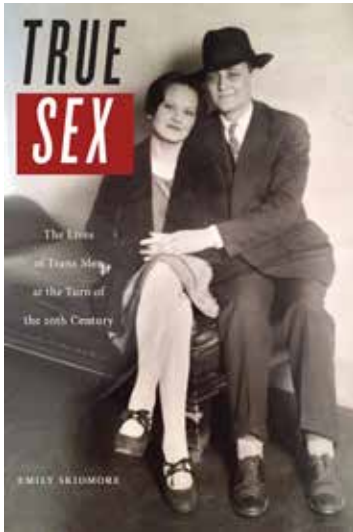
# Book Reviews

by: Terri Schlichenmeyer

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"True Sex: The Lives of Trans Men at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" by Emily Skidmore c.2017, New York University Press \$27.00 / higher in Canada 253 pages



**Always Be Yourself.**

Pretty much since grade school, that's what you've been told. Take a breath and you do you. People like you the way you are. You don't have to try to be someone you're not. Always be yourself – although, as you'll see in "**True Sex**" by **Emily Skidmore**, that may've caused gossip a century ago. In 1902, women in the United States could not legally vote. Many couldn't hold property or get credit, and joining the military was likewise forbidden. None of that was a concern to Harry Gorman, though: well-travelled, adventuresome, and married, Gorman lived in Buffalo, New York, where he was known as a good man.

Except he wasn't. Gorman was anatomically a woman.

Surely, that came as a surprise to doctors, jailers, and undertakers who discovered the secrets of Gorman and men like him but here, Skidmore says that the opposite is true of everyday folks: as evidenced by articles in many small-town newspapers, locals often knew the "true sex" of trans men in their midst and didn't seem to much care.

Many trans men in the late 1800s and early 1900s, says Skidmore, married, perhaps to cement their appearance as "'good men' to their communities." Once discovered, they were often known in the press as "female husbands" because the term "lesbians" hadn't taken hold yet and, at that time, women were largely believed to be asexual or unable to be passionate. Even so, though titillated, small-town Americans then weren't quite as naïve as we might think they were.

Perhaps because the science of sexology was still in its infancy and words were lacking, many of the men explained their actions as a way

to make a living, or because it was more comfortable to dress and live as a man. Some didn't explain at all, while others said they lived as men to take advantage of the rights men had, and continued in order to avoid embarrassment for their new wives. In many cases that Skidmore found, those reasons were no matter to neighbors. But intolerance was never far away...

When one considers the attitudes toward LGBT individuals, pre-Stonewall, it's quite eye-opening to know that tolerance was practiced well before discrimination was. It gives you more respect for your elders - and yet, as you'll see in "True Sex," laissez faire attitudes weren't widespread. Using the tales of many trans men, as garnered from newspaper accounts of the day, author Emily Skidmore shows how small-town residents around the turn of the last century viewed trans men and, at the same time, women who loved women. Not only are those stories fascinating, but they contain a certain quaintness that belies what's between the lines: the newspapers had a lot to say, but there was an equal amount that they *didn't* say but that readers, Skidmore believes, surely implicitly understood. This book veers off into the scholarly now and then; even so, it's readable by anyone who's interested in this history. If that's you, "True Sex" is a book you'll want for yourself.



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# Looking back At 2017 - Looking forward to 2018

*by Randy Phillips*

The year 2017 has certainly been a whirlwind. We saw a new person in the White House take office with a lot of division among the masses. The up-side to this is that many people, who never knew who their local representatives were, now know who they are. Hopefully many will be reaching out to them often!

Locally in 2017 we also saw our LGBT community signed a lease and now has its very own community center at 24 N. Jefferson St, Suite 200 in downtown Dayton. The community center now hosts a number of support community groups such as an AA group, a transgender support group called the Gatlyn Dame Group, Chapters LGBT Book Club, and a Yoga group in addition to all the many community activities including our dinner series.

We also saw the largest pride celebration to date take place the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June where an estimated crowd of 5,000 people gathered on courthouse square to celebrate pride. This as a fantastic weekend kicked off with the “Affair on the Square” which truly embraces our straight allies. We saw a larger than usual crowd at our “PRIDE Breakfast” and a Pride Parade with over 50 groups participating and over 70 groups participating as a vendor at Courthouse Square. Additionally we had an expanded children’s area.

Our dinner series has had many more participate this year. At our fall dinner we did our first ever Murder Mystery Dinner which was a huge success. Our largest dinner each year is always our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner which had a record crowd of 130 people. This was a fantastic night at the center.

For 2018 we have lots of expanded plans for our LGBT Community Center with regular hours for people to visit the center and our Leon Bey Memorial Library. The Leon Bey Memorial Library houses over 600 LGBT related books that are available for reading or checking out to read at home. We also have a selection of magazines and audio recording available also.

2018 will also see the introduction of LGBT History Classes being taught in our Library. LGBT history is not taught in schools across the US and only at a few Universities. Even then it is typically as a part of women’s

studies rather than a standalone course. We anticipate this being a huge series for the Leon Bey Memorial Library.

As part of the LGBT Center our visitors will be able to drop by to use one of our public computers to research items as well as visit our Game Room. Our game room has over 130 different games for the PS1, PS2, and PS3 gaming consoles we have at the center for our visitors to enjoy.

Beginning in February on the Second Sunday of each month we will hold a “Game Day” where we will host a Euchre Tournament, Board Games and even a Wii bowling Tournament on the Big Screen. Be sure to put this date on your calendars, it is sure to be a huge hit!

The Center will continue our dinner series in 2018 beginning with our Spring Fling, Fall Mystery, and Thanksgiving dinners. Of course PRIDE will be a huge celebration that is a DO NOT MISS EVENT!

So despite the provocation coming from the White House, 2018 stand to have a very bright future. Join us at the LGBT center for many great things to come.

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**Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

**Registration – 7:30 AM / Race Start – 9 AM**

**Welcome Stadium Parking Lot  
1601 S Edwin C. Moses Blvd  
Dayton, OH 45417**

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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. Masque, 34 N. Jefferson 228-2582 (18+, Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG,AH)
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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Game 2 ... Bingo Bowl

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