

Calendar of Events

Repeating Dates: Each Thursday at 7:00 pm: Free Yoga Class @ The Center

Each Monday at 7:00pm: LGBT AA Group Meets @ Center

Jan 1	Happy New Year! from all your friends at GayDayton				
Jan 2	6: 30 pm The Dayton LGBT Center monthly board meeting				
Jan 8	7:00 pm PFLAG Dayton's monthly meeting at Harmony Creek Church				
Jan 9	7:00 pm The Sexual Support Group meets at The Center				
Jan 15	7:00 pm The Transgender/Non-Conforming Support Group The Gatlyn Dame Group meets at The Center				
Jan 18	7:00 pm The New Men's Group "The Natalie Clifford Barne Salon meets at The Center				
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day				
Jan 23	7:00 pm The Sexual Support Group meets at The Center				
Jan 27	Bloody Mary Showdown at the Mandelay Banquet Ctr				
Jan 30	6:00 pm Chapter's LGBT Book Club @ The Center				

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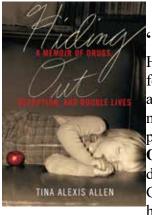
Book Reviews

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"Hiding Out: A Memoir of Drugs, Deception, and Double Lives" by Tina Alexis Allen c.2018, Dey St. Books \$16.99 / \$21.00 Canada 288 pages



"Ready or not, here I come!"

Hear that, and if you hadn't hidden by then, hadn't found a secret spot, you had a real chance of losing at Hide & Seek. Get out of sight, though, and you might've managed to sneak back home, ready to play another game. As in the memoir "Hiding Out" by Tina Alexis Allen, that game could last for decades.

Growing up, Christina Worthington knew her father hated her.

Her twelve siblings knew it, too, and they reminded her of it often: she was the youngest, her mother's "lucky thirteen" and the victim of much of her father's wrath. Starting at about the age of nine, Tina was also the victim of sexual abuse from two of her then-adult brothers.

But she never told anyone about it. Instead, she acted out at school until the nuns were at their wits' end and her "saint" of a mother was exasperated. At age eleven, a younger teacher finally took Tina under her wing – and into her bed.

Two years later, by the time her teacher-lover sent her away, Tina knew she was more attracted to girls than to boys. By her mid-teens, she had a college-age girlfriend who lived near her parents' Washington D.C.-area house, from which she managed to mostly stay away; there was more comfort in the girlfriend's apartment than there was at her childhood home, where hiding her real self was necessary.

But no one can hide forever.

When her father invited her and her girlfriend to lunch one day, Tina was

guarded – and rightfully so, because he figured out her secret and she couldn't deny. Then he revealed a shocker of his own: he was gay, too. Within weeks, Tina went from hated daughter to favorite; from ignored to invitee to her father's dinners and clubs. They agreed to keep one another's secrets from the rest of the family, partying, drinking, and doing drugs until the stress of it all bubbled over, Tina couldn't take the lies anymore, and her lips spilled the truth.

Years later, there was one last secret...

Memoirs, by their very nature, are generally focused inwardly, to a greater or lesser degree. Count "Hiding Out" on the latter side.

Starting with a raucous anecdote of sibling rivalry before Christmas Mass, you're in for more than a look-at-me memoir. This is, in fact, a whole-family tale in which author Tina Alexis Allen puts the focus mainly on her parents, with sibs ringing the action as needed. Using that as a base, tales eke out tantalizingly slowly over the course of this book, and some are shocking, told so casually that you'll get a "Wait. What?" backlash. Don't be surprised if you read the occasional sentence twice, in disbelief. Add a tight window of time and a deep unsubstantiated-rumor-type mystery that feels like a character unto itself, and you've got a compulsively readable book that's, at its close, very unique. If a memoir like "Hiding Out" is what you want for a long winter's night, then get ready.



Invitation A Barney Salon

In the Style of Natalie Clifford Barney Salons



Friday January 18th, 2019 7 PM Greater Dayton LGBT Center 24 N. Jefferson Street, Dayton, OH

All New Monthly Social Group

All to often we are reminded there is not really a group for those above the age of thirty. This newly formed group will share programs and social occasions to target this demographic.

Join Us: January 18, 2019 for our first group where our topic will be the life and times of: Natalie Clifford Barney with speaker Samuel Dorf, author of "Performing Antiquity"

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2018 - A Year In Review by Randy Phillips

2018 has been a whirlwind of a year with many ups and downs. It seemed our community was under continued attack from Washington as that attack would unfold all throughout the year. Yet we did have bright spots. Our annual women's dance in February 2018 was a tremendous success with 137 people attending and filling the dance floor at the Dayton Women's Club. The Deejay kept party going with the attendees commenting on what a great event it was, it was a great night.

The dance took place only a few days before we were all informed of the horrendous attack as a gunman opened fire at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, killing seventeen students and staff members and injuring seventeen others. Yet even through the shock and horror we all became inspired by the bravery, fortitude, and leadership from the surviving students as they stood tall in a call for gun control and gun common sense. That leadership led to a March on Washington with gut wrenching speeches calling for gun sense.

In June we celebrated PRIDE in a grand way with our record attendance at Friday's Affair on the Square, and 100 revelers participating in the annual bar crawl. Saturday's parade was the largest to date. There were over seventy exhibitors at Courthouse Square and the entertainment was exciting. Saturday evening the Gay Men's Chorus offered up one of the most heat warming concerts of the season as they set to music essays from local community members. I teared up with the pieces by Jaron Fox and Tyler Gregory. PFLAG's running with PRIDE on Sunday had a record number of participants as runners/walkers completed the 5K. Of course rounding out our PRIDE weekend was our Annual Spikes and Heels kickball tournament which is always a truly fun event. Walgreens once again took home the trophy with the Wright State Rowdy Riders taking home the silver. All in all, a fantastic PRIDE weekend!

The Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center "Came Out" as it held its Grand Opening on October 11th, National Coming Out Day. All the hard work this past year has culminated in a truly wonderful center our community can be proud of. That evening others shared their coming out stories which became a truly special evening. An art show curated by Chris "Red" Newman put the final touches on the center to truly make it a stunning space. The center will host various art shows throughout to highlight our community and community artist.

The LGBT Film Festival, October 12th -14th was a wonderful collection of LGBT film. The audience picks their favorite short and feature film each year and the 2018 winner of The Dayton LGBT Film Festival Audience Award for Best Feature is: <u>TransMilitary!</u>

With November we saw record numbers turn out to vote in the elections. With the elections we saw a change in the house majority with 157 LGBT Friendly seats elected and the 1st ever Trans person elected to congress. We also had a fantastic crowd of around 120 at our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner held the 17th of November with beautiful music selections by "Noteworthy" the coral ensemble of the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus.

We also saw a record number of people attend the "We will Not Be Erased" rally at Courthouse Square and the Transgender Day of Remembrance event at the Dayton Metro Library, a very touching event.

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center also began opening up for "Drop IN" hours on Wednesdays and Friday from 1-9 pm and for the 1st time ever the Center was open both Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day for folks to drop in. No one should be alone on these holiday, so the center was open to welcome them and be a part of our LGBTQIA FAMILY.

All in all, while 2018 seemed as a very politically down year for the LGBT community, as a whole locally we saw many bright spots and foresee a very bright future for 2019.

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A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
С	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young
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- 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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NEW YEARS EVE





2018 **2019**

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KITCHEN
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OPENS 9 PM

SHOWTIME 10 PM





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