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# Calendar of Events

- July 4 Happy Independence Day!
- July 6 6:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Monthly board meeting at the Center 24 N. Jefferson ST, STE 200 Dayton
- July 10 7 pm AA Group meets at The Greater Dayton LGBT Center 24 N. Jefferson St, STE 200, Dayton, OH 45402
- July 11 7 pm PFLAG Dayton's monthly meeting at Harmony Creek Church 5280 Bigger Road, Dayton 45440
- July 12 7 pm Yoga Group meets at the Center, 24 N. Jefferson St Suit 200, Dayton, OH 45402 Led by Matt Turner
- July 18 7 pm The transgender support group - Gatlyn Dame Group meets at the LGBT Center 24 N. Jefferson ST, STE 200
- July 25 7 pm Film Dayton members meet at the LGBT center

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. *Albert Schweitzer*

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# Book Reviews

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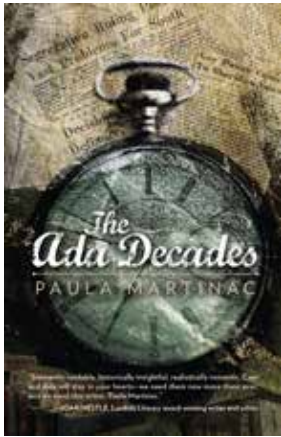
"The Ada Decades" by Paula Martinac

c.2017, Bywater Books

\$15.95 / higher in Canada

165 pages

Tick. Tick. Tick.



Your grandmother used to warn you not to wish your life away. The years pass quickly enough, she said, so hold each minute. Savor what you have. Enjoy your days, months, years, and **"The Ada Decades" by Paula Martinac.**

Ada's daddy needed help around the house. Once, that was Clay, Jr.'s job but he was busy with high school things, so twelve-year-old Ada fetched Daddy's tools - which was what she was doing when she found an envelope with naked-lady pictures and a postcard of black men hanging from a tree. She took those pictures from the toolbox, even though she knew she shouldn't, and she approached the only person she could trust: her school's librarian, who explained how things were

before the War.

Ten years later, things were still that way. It was 1957 and, as Central Charlotte Junior High's new librarian, Ada watched, paralyzed, while police escorted the school's first black student down the halls. Ada embraced integration, but she hadn't known what to do. She wished she'd had the self-confidence of the English teacher, Cam Lively, who'd welcomed the frightened girl with a smile.

Ada understood fear, that was true. She'd always known she was different, but women weren't supposed to be *that way* about other women. She didn't know exactly how to say what she felt, but she knew it was wrong - that is, until Miss Lively invited Ada to a "book club" that was really just a gathering for gay men and lesbians.

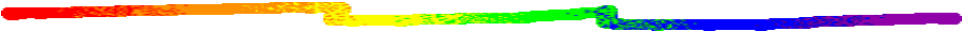
There, Ada found friends, a tribe, and someone to love.

But Ada was from the wrong side of the tracks, her parents were poor, and she felt it. Cam came from money, and neither woman's family approved of the relationship. The pressures they felt in 1962 - the need to hide and keep quiet - were almost unendurable; indeed, some friends couldn't take

it anymore. How much easier their lives would be if they could just be themselves!

Readers may notice the word “romantic” on the cover of “The Ada Decades,” but that’s one of the lesser aspects of this novel. Yes, there’s a bit of a love story here, but it’s more fictionalized history than anything. Beginning with a young girl’s early understanding of racial discrimination, author Paula Martinac tells a multi-layered tale from the perspective of an often-humorless, rather prudish, and complicated character. Spanning nearly seventy years, the story is appealing, surprisingly chaste, and based within accurately-told historical events - but there’s no Forrest Gump here: for Ada and Cam, the outside world is there for commentary, but not always for participation. Instead, Martinac’s characters are everyday women, living pleasantly normal lives, and their story ends in a satisfyingly quiet way.

The cover of this book is no grabber and that’s too bad because the story itself is, starting on its first page. If you’re in the mood for a nice, gentle surprise of a tale that lacks drama and graphic scenes, “The Ada Decades” will tick all the boxes



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# Happy Pride Dayton!

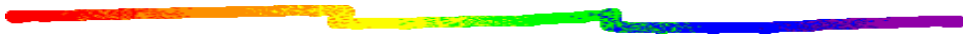
*by Randy Phillips*

Thank you Dayton for a wonderful PRIDE weekend! It was a fantastic celebration which could not happen without all of you and all those that put in the hard work to make it all happen. So I would like to thank them for their volunteering and unwavering support. I must also thank PNC Bank for once again stepping in to be our presenting sponsor and offer a shout out to Equitas Health for being our Stage Sponsor. I also want to thank Westminster Financial for being our beer sponsor. Equitas Pharmacy for stepping up to be our T-shirt sponsor. Walgreen and Varicose to Perfection for being our Kick Ball sponsors and of course Svedia, Morgan Stanley, Heidelberg Distributing, and MJ's on Jefferson for their sponsorships as well.

Months of planning goes into making PRIDE happen and the relentless hard work or the board of directors of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center and all community volunteers has made it all possible. Thank You! I would also like to thank PFLAG for putting together the .5K Pride Run/Walk, great job, and the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus for a remarkable concert.

We hold Pride each summer to commemorate the Stonewall Riots June of 1969. At the time, most states had laws banning LGBT people from assembling in groups. Despite being illegal, the mob opened LGBT bars to profit off of the open discrimination of our community. The bars were the only safe space for LGBT people and were frequently raided by police officers looking for bribes. Tired of harassment and discrimination, the patrons of The Stonewall protested and began a series of actions that turned into several days of riots. At its peak, more than 1,000 people took to the streets of Greenwich Village in one of the first organized displays of LGBT protest. The mostly transgender patrons of color at The Stonewall are credited with starting the LGBT civil rights movement.

It is so wonderful when we all come together as community and stand up to show our PRIDE realizing where we came from and the work yet ahead. Happy Pride Dayton!



Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.      Robert H. Schuller



**NEW LGBT**

Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
Group



MONDAY JULY 10TH, 7 PM

THE GREATER DAYTON LGBT  
CENTER

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

# Programs Of The Greater Dayton LGBT Center

THE GREATER DAYTON



The Greater Dayton LGBT Center is continuing to expand the programming for our LGBTQIA community. With current programs such as pride, our quarterly dinner series, Newsletters and website and of course our annual resource guide we now offer an LGBT AA group on Mondays. The purpose of LGBT Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that

they may solve their common problem and help other to recover from alcoholism/addiction. The primary purpose is to stay clean and sober and help others achieve sobriety.



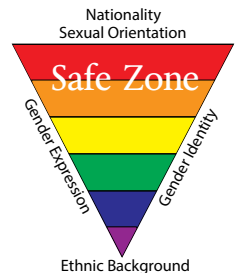
The center has begun to offer a *FREE* Yoga group on Wednesday, July 12th, from 7:00PM - 8:15PM. This is a beginner's level class, offered for all ages and body types. The class is led by Matt Turner, Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT-200) credentialed through Yoga Alliance. Matt is a founding member of the Dayton Yoga Club, as well as former teacher at Practice Yoga. Bring your yoga mat, towel, and water bottle and join us in a non-judgmental atmosphere!



In conjunction with our partners the Center also offers free HIV-STI testing events for both male and female folk a few times per year.

Additionally we have a Young Artist Showcase for our youth ages 13-20.

We also offer safe space training, transgender awareness, sensitivity and diversity training to schools, businesses and other organizations.





Soon you will be able to stop by the **Leon Bey Memorial Library** at the LGBT Center and peruse our collections of LGBT books that will be available for both research and check-out for a read in the privacy of your own home. You can even sign up for one of our LGBT history classes in which we teach LGBT history of local and national history events and persons. We will also offer public computers that you may come to the safe-space of the center to do research on a variety of topics.



The Greater Dayton LGBT Center is an all volunteer organization with zero paid staff. So if you would like to volunteer your time for a few hours a week or month, please call the center at (937) 274-1776 or email [info@daytonlgbtcenter](mailto:info@daytonlgbtcenter) to see how you can get involved. Perhaps you might be willing to answer the phone, volunteer at the reception/information desk, or volunteer in the library. Whatever your skills we could use your help. Call or email today.



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*July 12, 7 pm*

*Lead by: Matt Turner*

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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

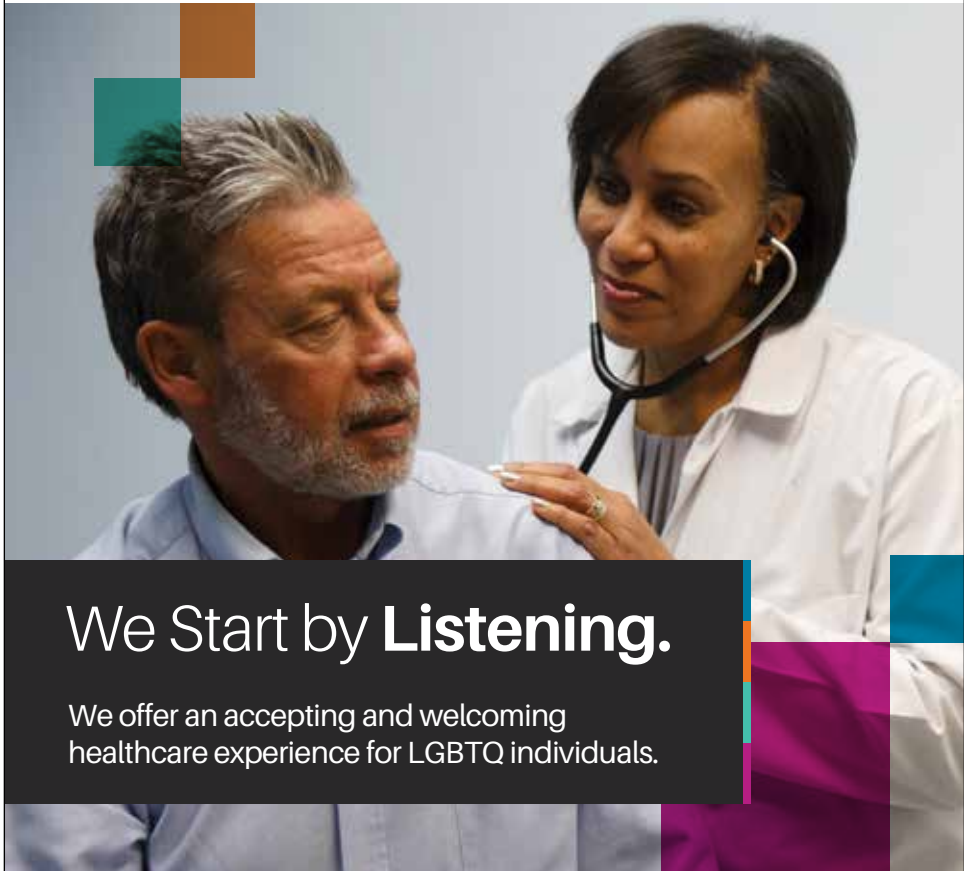
1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Masque, 34 N. Jefferson 228-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG,AH)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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