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# Calendar of Events

July 4

**HAPPY INDEPENDANCE DAY**

July 8            1 pm Game Day at the Center - All ages welcome - board games and card games come join in the fun!

July 9            7 pm LGBT AA Group meets at the LGBT Center & Metro Library's LGBT Book Club

July 10           7 pm PFLAG monthly Meeting at Harmony Creek Church

July 11           7 pm Sexual Assult Support Group meets at the LGBT Center

July 12           7 pm LGBT Yoga meets at the LGBT Center - Bring your mat

July 17           7 pm Transgender Support Group - The Gatlyn Dame Group meet at the LGBT Center 24 N. Jefferson St, Dayton 45402

July 22           2 pm The Gatlyn Dame Group Social - meets at Spaghetti Warehouse 36 W. 5th St, Dayton 45402

July 23           7 pm LGBT AA Group meets at the LGBT Center

July 25           6 pm Chapters LGBT Book Club meets at the LGBT Center

July 29           4 pm Planning meeting for the Transgender Day Of Remembrance at the LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson St, Dayton 45402

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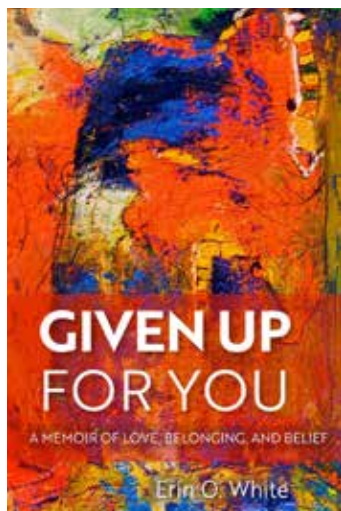
# Book Reviews

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"Given Up for You: A Memoir of Love, Belonging, and Belief" by Erin O. White  
c.2018, University of Wisconsin Press \$26.95 / higher in Canada 192 pages



It's official: you now belong.

Being a member of a certain club was something you've wanted since you knew of its existence. Joining was a dream come true and now you're a part of the group but, as in the new memoir "**Given Up for You**" by **Erin O. White**, what part of yourself did you relinquish to join?

Missing the last train back to her home was no problem. Actually, Erin White was glad for it. She was anticipating what could happen next. She'd never slept with a woman, had never

even considered it but, on that night she met Chris at a dinner party, it was all she could think of. It was odd but thrilling, so by the time Chris told their hostess that White could stay at her apartment that night, White was "already in love."

What would she tell her therapist? She "knew he would disapprove" – and he did, but they rarely discussed White's relationship. Mostly, they "talked about God."

For some time, White had been exploring that which her soul seemed to crave and, at her therapist's urging, she read the Gospels and was "stunned" by the words. She cautiously attended Catholic services and began learning more about God and religion; eventually, she broke up with Chris, who'd been raised in the Church and avoided it as an adult, but White couldn't stay away.

It was difficult to explain, she says. She was a lesbian, but she wasn't; in fact, there were times when "lesbian" just felt *wrong*. As for God, she

needed to know Him better. White wanted “to love a woman yet avail myself of the opportunities... of straight culture; to break the rules of the church but still feel myself beloved by it.”

But since nobody can have everything both ways, she made her choice. Two kids, fights, triumphs, and a strong marriage later, she sees things in a different light. Church is comfort now. It’s home. But to get to that point, it took the courage to say “I loved that crazy Church, I loved those wild ideas about God, and I gave them up because I also wanted you.” Although it’s already pretty short, “Given Up for You” could have been shorter.

Maybe that’s because it’s too much: author Erin O. White offers a three-pronged memoir of love, faith, and motherhood, and that’s a lot to pack into such a small space. And yet – what could be eliminated? Since each prong is dependant on the others – probably, alas, nothing.

Still, while readers may struggle with overabundance of story, there’s a lot to come away with. White’s search for faith is universal and easily understood; although she might have explored homophobia a bit more, the subject of gay Christians and her experiences are presented in a way that’s calm and thoughtful.

Enter into this book knowing that it’s sometimes slow. Beware that it’s a bit long. Read it with a perfectly happy willingness to (gasp!) skip paragraphs and “Given Up for You” may belong on your bookshelf.

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# Dayton Pride ~ Voices of Value

*by Randy Phillips*

Dayton Pride 2018 was predicted to be the largest in Dayton History, and now that it is in the History books, it certainly was. We began on Friday Night June 1<sup>st</sup> with the affair on the square as approximately 1,500 people gathered at Courthouse Square to watch and hear the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus and the Rubi Girls entertain, and true entertainment it was! You just never know what those crazy girls are going to do next.

We rounded out the night with the .5K bar crawl as almost 100 revelers divided into 4 separate groups, led by a group captain and began their night of debauchery at one of our gay clubs. The group spent approximately 40 minutes at that club and traversed to all 4 gay clubs by the end of the evening. While this night left some with a rather rough morning, they certainly shared a very memorable evening. Oh, what fun; so worth it!

Saturday began with a hearty breakfast served up at MJ's on Jefferson which even included old fashioned biscuits and gravy. This PRIDE tradition was so popular this year that they ran out of food before serving time had ended. I guess we will plan for more next year and you should plan on joining us, yum!

Saturday featured our annual PRIDE parade which stepped off promptly at noon on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with 55 different entries which pushed our parade to almost an hour long. The parade has grown each year in participants and length, especially when you consider our 1<sup>st</sup> PRIDE parade, over 20 years ago, took only 10 minutes. This year we had numerous participant who were at the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the parade comment that as they left the Courthouse Square area at the end of the parade, they were able to look to see many participants were still sitting at the starting point yet to begin. What a wonderful feeling that we continue to grow.

The festival at Courthouse Square was a fantastic event with 60+ exhibitors and an estimated crowd of over 5,000 people gathered to celebrate PRIDE and exhibiting the value of the queer voice. This year we had numerous candidates in our parade vying for your vote this fall. Which proves more than ever the power of the queer voice and underscoring our theme for PRIDE this year: "voices of value." Mayor Whaley and others spoke of the importance of the elections and voting.

The election happening this November is critically important. Hard fought progress on our issues are under attack by the Trump Administration. Those that represent us in the US Senate and Congress will determine if that progress stays in place, gets rolled back, or is eliminated entirely. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor, and Treasurer of Ohio will set the States priorities and budget, along with the members of the Ohio General Assembly. They will choose funding for AIDS breast cancer, STDs, smoking, heroin and other addictions, and other medical issues affecting us to be increases or eliminated? Will funding be maintained, increased, or reduced? Will Ohio do its duty to correct incorrect birth records of transitioning people or will it continue to claim that it cannot? These officials, and the members of the Ohio house and Senate, will be making these decisions. Your voice matters!

Fantastic weather aided in our celebration of PRIDE and all enjoyed the fantastic line up of entertainment throughout the day. The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus shared an inspiring concert that evening sharing stories written by some of our local young people and set to music for musical evening that no one in attendance will soon forget.

On Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> PFLAG started the day off right with 203 participants at the Annual PRIDE 5k Run/Walk at Welcome Park. This was a fun filled event, tiring but fun! This led us right up to the Annual Kickball tournament held at Burn-Jackson Park. Nine teams battled it out for one of our closes tournaments to date. Ultimately Walgreens took home the trophy.

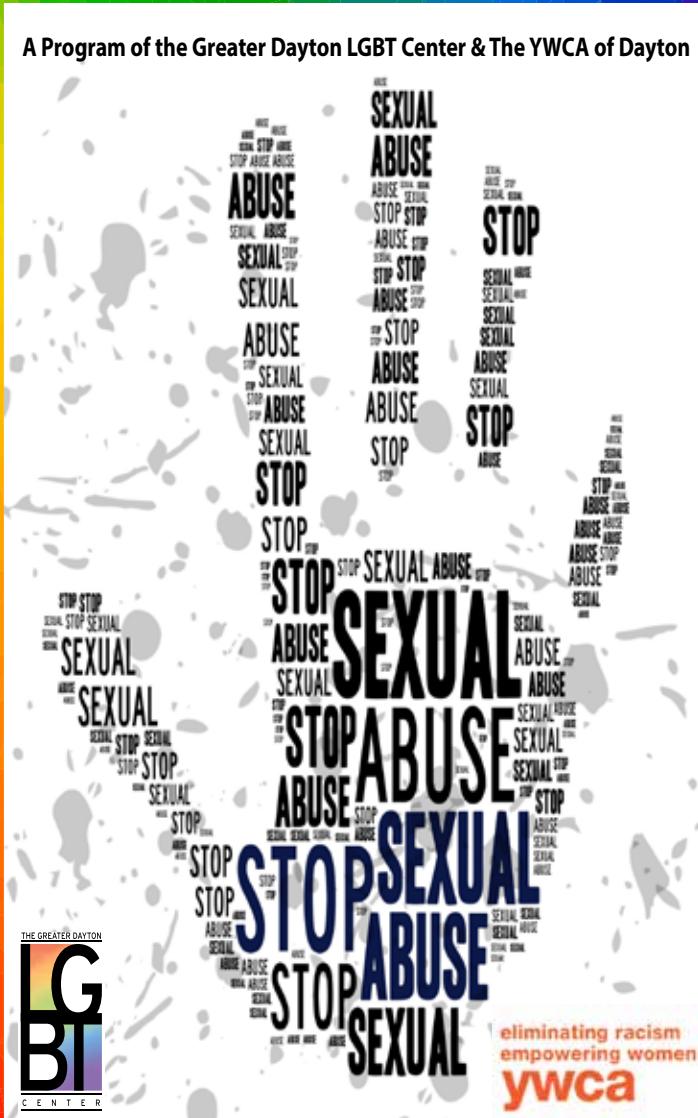
Of course non of this would be possible without the support from our sponsors such as our presenting sponsor, PNC Bank, our beer sponsor, Svedka, our kickball sponsors Synchrony and Premier Health. We also want to thank our first aid sponsors Vericlose to Perfect and Morgan Stanley and our brunch sponsor Wheat Penny Oven & Bar. All in all it was a fantastic weekend filled with many exciting moments and memories to cherish, and cherish them we will.



# Sexual Assault Community Support Group

## 7 PM, July 11, 2018

A Program of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center & The YWCA of Dayton



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Dayton, OH 45402

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# Public Health LGBTQ



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As part of its community-wide effort to assess community health needs, we will be conducting focus groups with the LGBTQ community. Don't miss this opportunity to share your ideas about how to improve health care in our community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jerry Mallicoat, LGBTQ Health Initiatives Manager, no later **than two days prior** to your session of choice, at 937-224-3727 or [jmallicoat@phdmc.org](mailto:jmallicoat@phdmc.org).

**The following focus groups and locations are planned. A meal and \$10 gift card will be provided.**

**Greater Dayton LGBT Center**

Tuesday, June 26, 2 – 3:30 pm  
(Transgender people and families only)

Tuesday, June 26, 6 – 7:30 pm  
(Transgender people and families only)

Friday, July 6, 6 - 7:30 pm  
(Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender)

**Equitas Health (4<sup>th</sup> St. location)**

Wednesday, July 11, noon – 1:30 pm  
(Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender)

Thursday, July 12, noon – 1:30 pm  
(Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender)

Public Health's services are provided in an equitable, non-judgmental and confidential manner, no matter who you are.

For questions and assistance contact the  
**LGBTQ Health Initiatives Project Manager**

Jerry Mallicoat (937) 224-2737  
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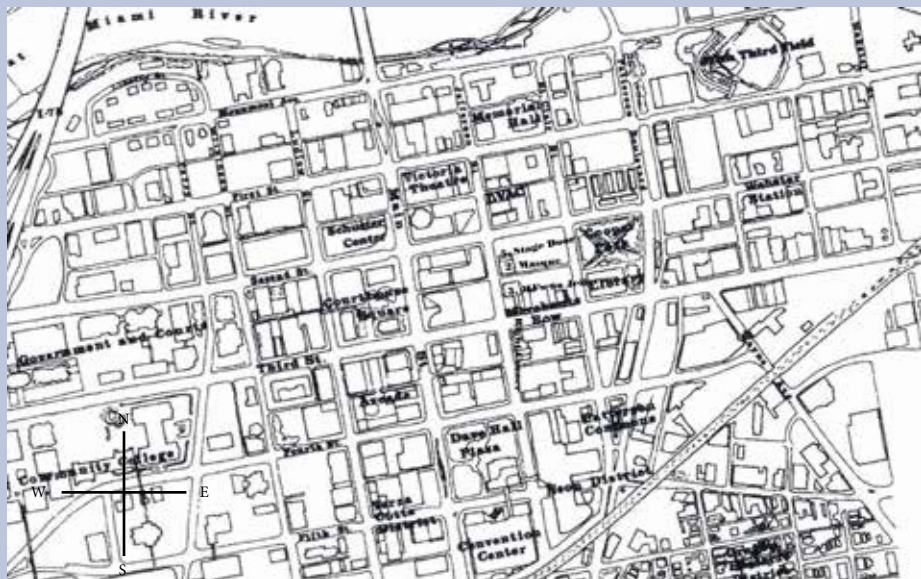
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# GayDaytonMap



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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. 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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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 6PM - MIDNIGHT**

# PRIDE NIGHT

**AT KINGS ISLAND**

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# Kings Island



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## MJ's Annual Bus Trip!!!

**\$69\* Early registration.**

**Early registration closes Aug 5.**

**Price goes up to \$79.00 afterward.**

**\*Season passes not valid for this event.**

**Price includes:**

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- ▼ Bus transportation to and from the park.
- ▼ VIP Entry to MJ's afterward.
- ▼ Fireball Swag Bag

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