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Calendar of Events

Repeating: LGBTQ AA Group each Monday at 7 pm
Center LGBTQ Yoga each Thursday at 7 pm and Sunday at noon
Events Women of Color at 6 pm

3-Jul 6:30 PM Greater Dayton LGBT Center Monthly Board Meeting

4-Jul Happy 4th of July

8-Jul 7:00 PM Dayton Metro Library LGBT Book Club LGBT Center

9-Jul 7:00 PM PFLAG Monthly Meeting Harmony Creek Church

10-Jul 7:00 PM Sexual Assault Support Group LGBT Center

13-Jul Rubi Girls at the Dunes Saugatuck MI

16-Jul 7:00 PM Gatlyn Dame - Transgender/Non-Binary Support Group

17-Jul 6:30 PM Project Identify meets at the LGBT Center

24-Jul 7:00 PM Sexual Assault Support Group LGBT Center

27-Jul 6:00 PM Waikiki Fundraiser Sinclair CC

31-Jul 6:00 PM Chapters LGBT Book Club LGBT Center

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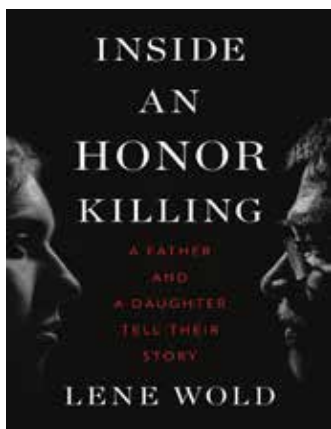
Book Reviews

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"Inside an Honor Killing" by Lene Wold c.2019, Greystone Books
\$26.95 / higher in Canada 224 pages



Your father's hands were always rough. In your memories, they were nimble, too; enough to fix a doll or thread a hook as easily as holding a fork, and it was never a problem for your little fingers to fit around his. Your father's hands were calloused and strong but, unlike the new book **"Inside an Honor Killing" by Lene Wold**, they were not meant for murder. She had to lie to set up the interview. Lene Wold knew that, as a lesbian, she was in danger just traveling through Jordan, so she made up a fictitious husband for her

own safety. She lied to be prepared, should the subject come up during conversations she had with "Rahman" who, after over a year of effort, finally sat across from her in a small café.

He was a killer, but she knew that he deserved to tell his side of the story. When he was a child, Rahman told her, he witnessed the death of a young classmate buried up to her shoulders in desert sand. The seven-year-old had been raped, he said, but that act brought shame on her family because villagers believed that she had caused it. Stoning her brought honor back.

Rahman wasn't supposed to have witnessed the killing, and when his mother learned that he did, she packed her things and left, a departure that impacted him for the rest of his life. He vowed that what happened in his father's house wouldn't happen in his when he married a very conservative woman, and raised two daughters and a son. Years later, as the younger daughter, seventeen-year-old Amina, prepared for marriage, she noticed that her nineteen-year-old sister, Aisha, seemed preoccupied. Only when Amina overheard intimacies and learned that

Aisha had fallen in love with another woman, did she understand her sister's fears: there is no law against homosexuality in Jordan, but it's a cultural sin that brings shame on a family, and Aisha's secret couldn't be held.

And so, pressured by his wife, Rahman acted to restore honor... There is no way to soften this: "Inside an Honor Killing" is absolutely chilling.

An ice-down-the-spine account of a rape that inexplicably didn't happen opens this book, illustrating the dangers author Lene Wold endured to get the interviews she needed to tell this story. That, and the how and why of it, are the books' introduction and while you're there, Wold also shares statistics that will put you in a heightened state of anticipation, though you ultimately know what happens. Take a quick breath, then, before you plunge into Chapter One, because that's the last chance you'll get for air as this story alternates between *Arabian Nights* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*, between idyll and magic, and horrors we can only imagine. This book isn't one bit easy to read but if you're concerned about women's rights or current events, it's essential that you do. But beware: "Inside an Honor Killing" will stun you almost the minute you get it in your hands.

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Spirits Support Diversity And PRIDE

Pride is indeed a very special time of year. It is a time that we remind ourselves and others that it was not that long ago when it was illegal to be gay. In fact it was just in 1974 that homosexuality was removed from the list of mental diseases, and prior to that it was a time when folks stayed in the closet for fear of being disenfranchised from the family, placed in mental hospitals, castrated, and exposed to lobotomies, and electroshock therapies just for being themselves. It was a dark time when people would have their name dragged through the Media in public shaming or ended in suicide. We have come a far way from those days to a day where couples can hold hands in public, rally in the streets, and marry the person you love.

Today many of the major companies recognize that honoring and hiring such diversity has led to a happier and stronger workforce and in turn propelled their bottom lines. Likewise the LGBTQIA+ community has responded to those companies and shop and supported those that support us. As a result many of those companies flaunt that support and especially during PRIDE season put their money where their mouth is. In the past we have talked about clothing companies that support the LGBTQIA+ community, and today I want to talk about the various liquor companies that have stepped up to support the gay community.



A huge supporter of the community, both locally and nationally is **“STOLI®”** and to honor the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York, a seminal moment in the modern LGBTQ rights movement, the Stoli Spirit of Stonewall bottle continues the Stoli® brand’s long-standing support of the LGBTQ community. The limited edition will help raise funds for the Stonewall Inn Gives Back Initiative in support of its mission to eliminate the social intolerances that profoundly impact the lives of LGBTQ citizens in America and abroad, through awareness campaigns, educational programming, fundraising and public dialogue. The Stoli® “Spirit of Stonewall” is by far my favorite of the PRIDE designed bottles.

Smirnoff® vodka also stepped into the ring with the “Love Wins” Bottle design in which they will donate \$1.00 for each Love Win’s bottle sold to the Human Right Campaign.





Anheuser-Busch or Bud Light® has partnered with GLAAD (formerly the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) for the past two decades and this year for the 50th anniversary of Stonewall certainly has not let the gay community down. Bud Light® will sell rainbow-colored aluminum bottles in bars nationwide from May 27 to

June 30 and donate to GLAAD \$1 from each case sold.

SVEDKA® Vodka is also supporter of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center and Equitas Health as they have sponsored our Annual .5K Bar Crawl for the past two years and we must give them a shout out for their continued support. Thank you SVEDKA!



Tito's Handmade Vodka® is a proud partner and sponsor of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center & Equitas Health here in Dayton. Tito's Handmade Vodka® stated we are proud to support the many nonprofit organizations that are spreading goodness, love, and equality across the nation and we are proud to support the Greater Dayton LGBT Center. Please help us thank them!

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Celebrating PRIDE in Dayton as we observed “50 Years Since Stonewall.”

Our LGBTQ+ histories and activism has indeed come a long way since the days of being forced into the closet. Closets are for clothes, not for people.

So Why is “Pride” Important To Celebrate

Gay Pride or LGBT Pride is a positive force to stand against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people. By celebrating Pride we promote self affirmation, dignity, equal rights, and increased visibility as a community. We celebrate sexual diversity and gender fluidity, proud as opposed to shame of who we are! For hundreds of years men and women have been denigrated for being gay. Nazi German placed gay people, and those thought to be gay, in concentration camps. Marked them with pink triangles to shame them, and attempted genocide on them along with the Jewish community. Basically, anyone else they deemed to be different they attempted genocide on. In the late 50's activists such as Barbara Gittings, who is widely regarded as the mother of the LGBT civil rights movement, started the New York chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB). She along with activist Frank Kameny were responsible for storming a meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), and ultimately seeing the removal of the classification of homosexuality as a mental disease. Kameny described it as the day “we were cured en masse by the psychiatrists.” At the time, the “cures” for homosexuality included electric shock therapy, institutionalization and lobotomy. With the APA's retraction, the gay rights movement was no longer encumbered by the label and its consequences. In 1965 Dr. Martin Luther King lead a civil rights march which begin in Selma Alabama to Washington, DC. Gay rights pioneers and activists from all over, were there as well. After all, it was a gay man, a gay black man that planed and laid the ground for those marches thank you, Rayard Rustin. Yet, shaming and the persecutions of gay people was still active in many areas of the country. Police raids often took place at bars frequented by the LGBT community. But on June 28, 1969, a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City led to a riot. The riots continued for three days and are widely considered to be the single most important event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBT rights in the United States.

Very few establishments welcomed openly gay people in the 1950s and 1960s. Those that did were often bars, although bar owners and managers were rarely gay. At the time, the Stonewall Inn was owned by the Mafia. It catered to an assortment of patrons and was known to be popular among the poorest and most marginalized people in the gay community: drag queens, representatives of the transgender community, effeminate young men, male prostitutes, and homeless youth. Police raids on gay bars were routine in the 1960s, but officers quickly lost control of the situation at the Stonewall Inn. The gay residents of Greenwich Village erupted into more protests the next evening, and again several nights later. Within weeks, Village residents quickly organized into activist groups to concentrate efforts on establishing places for gays and lesbians to be open about their sexual orientation without fear of being arrested.

On June 28, 1970, the first Gay Pride marches took place in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago commemorating the anniversary of the riots. Similar marches were organized in other cities. Today, Gay Pride events are held annually throughout the world in the month of June to mark the Stonewall riots, that pivotal moment when gay people stood up for themselves to declare their individualism. I AM GAY, AND I AM OK!

On June 26th 2015 in an historic decision the United States Supreme Court struck down bans on same-sex marriage making it legal in all fifty states in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges. So we indeed have much to be proud of, as our history and story has progressed but we still have much work to do. You can be married on Saturday and fired on Monday for just being gay in many area so the work it ahead and much to overcome.

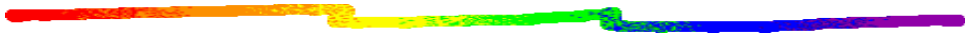
Locally we have begun a her/history project to preserve, archive and capture our histories for future generations. If history has taught us anything it is that it is hard to know where you are going, if you do not know where you have been. So we want to preserve our past to insure we never re-peat it. If you would like to share your story or have historical pieces that you would like to share, please contact the Greater Dayton LGBT Center at info@daytonlgbtcenter.org or 937.274.1776 and we will be happy to work with you to preserve the history and celebrate our PRIDE.

Straight Pride~ Really?

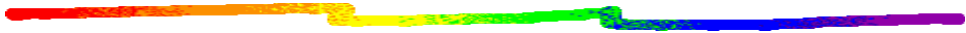
Pride is always a wondrous time of celebration and joy and for this season of PRIDE is all the more special as we celebrated “50 Years Since Stonewall”. PRIDE today is often viewed as a celebration of openly displaying who we are and our goals to further equality, yet the first PRIDE at Stonewall, and truly the core of today, is that it was a riot for our right to exist.

In 1969 the marginalized and often harassed patrons of the small Gay Bar in Chelsea, Greenwich Village New York called the Stonewall Inn had their fill of being roused by the New York Police Department when they began to fight back. It was not planned by the patrons; it was just time, time to stand up for their right to exist. Patrons fought back with such passion and veracity that the fight boiled onto the streets and the Police took refuge inside the small bar after being quickly out numbered. Each night for the next three days LGBTQ people returned to the streets to proclaim their right to exist.

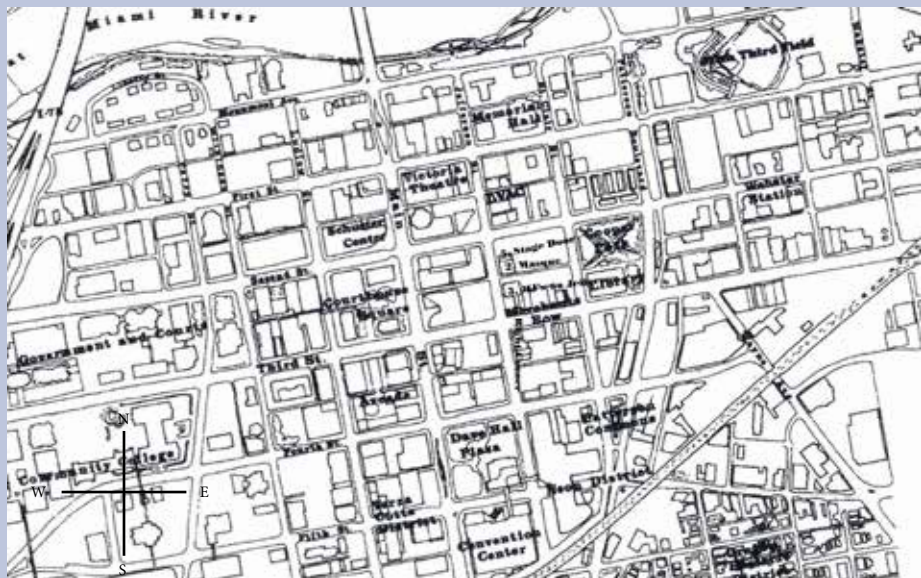
Today we are hearing of those in the City of Philadelphia wanting to organize a “Straight Pride” which screams to me that we need to do a better job at letting people know why we do “Gay Pride.” While they have the right to celebrate who they are, they obviously do not understand the true reason for Gay PRIDE. They will never know the trauma of being arrested simple for being themselves. They will never know the trauma of being hauled into court and having their name dragged through the newspaper, losing their jobs, family alienation, often attempting suicide, all because they are honest about who they are and live an authentic life. So for folks to say we want a straight pride it only flies in the face or even mocks the very reason we celebrate pride. More accurately it seems to be more an attempt to further the divide and cause more discrimination against LGBTQI people.



If you judge people, you have no time to love them. Mother Teresa



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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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