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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 Zumba each Friday at 6 pm

- May 1 6:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Board Meets and the Sexual Assault Support Group 7 pm at the Center
- May 13 7 pm The Dayton Metro Library Book Club meets
- May 14 7 pm PFLAG Dayton meets at Harmony Creek Church
- May 15 7 pm Sexual Assault Support Group meets at the Center
- May 21 7 pm The Gatlyn Dame Trans/Non-binary Group Meets
- May 25 2 pm Queer Conversations Project (see back page)
- May 29 6 pm Chapter LGBT Book Club meets at the Center
- May 31 5 pm "A PRIDE AFFAIR" at the Levitt Pavilion
- Jun 1 9 am "PRIDE BREAKFAST" at MJ's on Jefferson  
11 am "Parade Line-Up" Cooper Park  
Noon "Parade Step-Off"  
Noon to 4 pm, PRIDE Festival, Courthouse Square  
8 pm Gay Men's Chorus at the Victoria Theatre
- June 2 9 am PFLAG Dayton "Running with PRIDE" Welcome Park  
Noon to 5 pm "Annual Spikes & Heels" Kickball Tournament

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# Book Reviews

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"Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story" by Jacob Tobia c.2019, Putnam  
\$26.00 / \$35.00 Canada 336 pages



Nobody can tell you what to do.

To think otherwise is tantamount to telling you what *not* to do. No, you have your own mind, and you'll make it up just fine by yourself. Nobody tells you what to do and, as in the new memoir "**Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story**" by **Jacob Tobia**, they can't tell you who you are, either.

Many people who are non-binary, says Tobia, equate coming to terms with gender as "a journey." Tobias considers theirs "more like an onion," with layers of

discovery "veiled beneath a thin skin."

It started with Tobia's parents, both role models: their mother, who was a tomboy at heart; and their father, who ignored stereotypical women's work and instead, pitched in around the house. The next layer consists of Tobia's brother and kids in the neighborhood who didn't think twice about a child who play-fought in the mud one minute, and loved pink tutus and Barbies the next.

But then Tobia started school, and the teasing began. They "went from being a person to being a sissy" and shame accompanied the label. When it became apparent that the taunts would be flung at them no matter what, Tobia considered suicide. Church was the only place they "felt unequivocally and unconditionally loved."

Things changed for the better when puberty hit Tobia and their peers. Cis boys wanted desperately to be with cis girls, which was something Tobia did effortlessly and it made them "cool" even as it highlighted their differences from other adolescents. By the end of high school, Tobia had chosen the word "gay" to describe themselves, even though it wasn't quite right.

They came out to a church counselor. They came out to their gay best friend. Years later, they came out to their parents as “gay.” It wasn’t until college, the acquisition of several pairs of high heels, lipstick, and a sheltered sense of security that Tobia realized that their work toward understanding had only started. Maybe they were boy *and* girl *and* neither *and* both, and not having to question that would be a battle they’d “have to do... all over again.”

“Sissy” is a one-hundred-percent solid, smack-in-the-middle, okay kind of book. It’s not the best thing you’ll ever read; it’s far, far from the worst. After a considerable, two-chapter throat-clearing, author Jacob Tobia promises hilarity then gets down to business, about their life, their experiences as a gender nonconforming person making their way through, and the gender-acceptance work to be done. Yes, that may seem like a familiar story but there is uniqueness to be had here: Tobia’s memories of their later adolescence and attendance at a prestigious Eastern college offer something different in this genre, in freshness of voice. Also uncommon: their willingness to admit regret for advice not taken.

Finally, yes, this book is amusing but outright hilarity? Not so much: you’ll enjoy “Sissy,” but your gut is in no danger of busting. Still, if memoirs are your thing and your TBR pile is short, you know what to do.

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# Dayton Pride - 50 Years Since Stonewall

This year we celebrate “50 Years Since Stonewall” and the Stonewall riots which signaled the beginning of the gay rights movement and is the Theme of PRIDE 2019. This year we want to take a historical look at Stonewall and note the various historical markers that have brought us to today. We have asked many of our vendors at the PRIDE festival at Courthouse Square to also include some sort of historical piece as a part of their booth or exhibit.



We begin our PRIDE celebration on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm at the Levitt Pavilion, 134 S. Main St, in downtown Dayton. The night's entertainment has a full cast beginning with

The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus, the renowned Rubi Girls, and the national pop music group: Reyna taking the stage sponsored by PNC Bank.. At approximately 9 pm we kick off the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bar Crawl, sponsored by Svedka Vodka. You may purchase your Bar Crawl ticket in advance and save. Advance Tickets are: \$15 for LGBTQ Center Members, \$25.00 for non-members, and should you wait till the day of the event tickets are \$20 for LGBTQ Center Members and \$30 for non-members.



Bar Crawl participant will be divided into 4 groups of up to 30 people. Yellow is an all men's group, Blue is an all Ladies group; Orange & Green are both mixed groups that you may choose at the time you purchase your tickets.

Each participant will be given a one drink card with will entitle you to one free drink at each of

the 4 bars, a wrist band to note you are over 21 gets you admission to each bar, along with a glow ring to identify each color group. The evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> a group leader will be carrying a color corresponding flag and lead you to each of the 4 participating bars. Each group will visit each for 45 minutes before moving on to the next bar for a fun filled and delightful evening of PRIDE.



Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> we begin with a hearty breakfast served up by the Staff



of MJ's on Jefferson. (Cost for the breakfast is \$5.00 per person) Line up for the Parade begins at 11 am in Cooper Park. Vehicles and floats will enter the line-up area via 2<sup>nd</sup> street onto St. Clair Street. Step-Off will begin at noon.

The Parade will begin by turning right from St. Clair Street on to Third Street and proceed to Jefferson Street. At Jefferson the Parade will turn Right on to Jefferson and proceed to Second Street where it will turn Left, and proceed to Main Street. At Main Street the Parade will turn Left and Proceed Courthouse Square to join the PRIDE Festival now in full swing.

The PRIDE festival will run from Noon to 4 pm featuring our headliner Pepper Mashay who not only recorded the theme song to the TV show "Queer As Folk" but other top hits as well. At 8 pm The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will present "Divas" at the Victoria Theatre.



We begin Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am at Welcome Park with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Running with PRIDE 5K run walk sponsored by PFLAG. Then at Noon join us at Burns Jackson Park for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spikes & Heels Kickball Tournament as teams battle it out to be named this year's champion. Who

will that be, come join us and find out. This is always a great time!

Don't forget to mark you calendars for June 13<sup>th</sup> for PRIDE Night at the Neon Theater for a special 7:30 pm showing. Tickets go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup>



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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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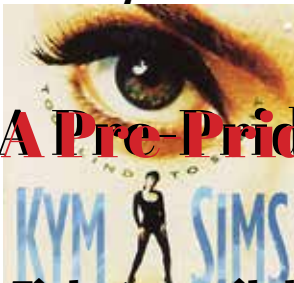
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