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*LOOK TO THE FUTURE*

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*The Gay 90s*



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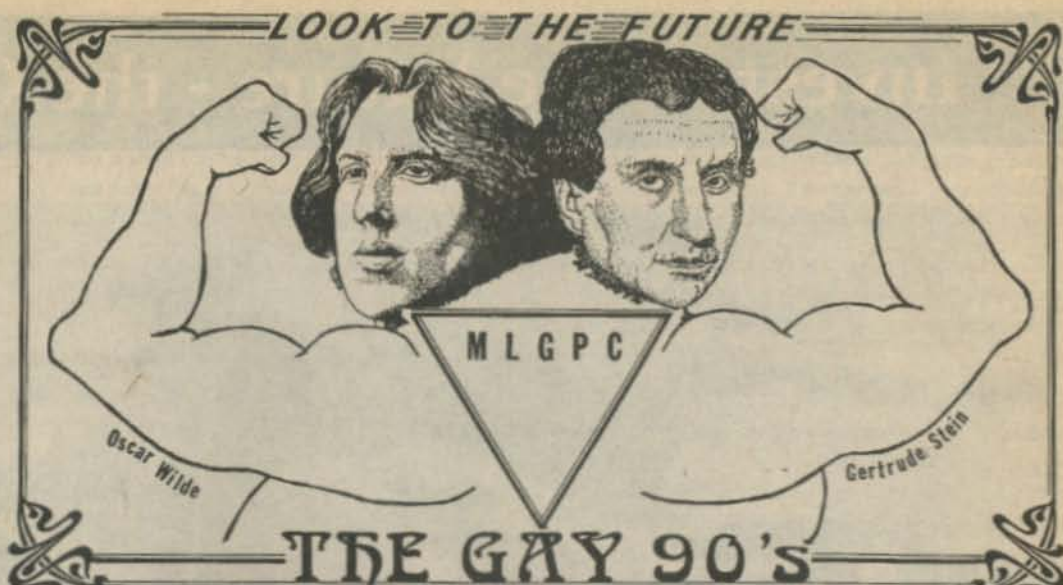
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Designed by C. H. Burnett, a local free-lance illustrator whose primary work is in science fiction, fantasy and horror, the artwork shown above was inspired by Ms. Burnett's "love" of Oscar Wilde. Her theme of the Gay 90's transports us back to the 1890's when the oppression of Victorian society was challenged by courageous heroes and heroines like Oscar Wilde and later, Gertrude Stein, both of whom were visionaries, looking to the future.

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# From the MLGPC President ...

This year marks our second consecutive year of operation as a member of a worldwide family under the banner of the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Committees. Although this may not seem like a particularly noteworthy anniversary to commemorate, it evidences a very important point: we are advancing on our path of dignity and acceptance for all members of our society.

There are many within our lesbian and gay community who are having to face more than one bias from our culture at large. It's difficult to face any prejudice, but to have to deal with more than one is painful, and so completely unnecessary. We can look back on our history and realize that we have made some progress, but so much more is needed.

1989 brought the First Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade and Rally to Milwaukee under the banner, "Stonewall 20: A Generation of Pride." It brought recognition and homage to those who have worked so nobly for the past 20 years to bring us where we are now. 1990 brings us to a new era. This year, we celebrate under the theme "Look to the Future: The Gay 90's." It is this committee's hope that the Second Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade and Rally is only the tip of the future. It is our dream that it will only mark the beginning of a decade in which a continuing, consecutive series of events occur where all factions of society can celebrate just being a part of a great human race, one in which we can all be proud of our individuality, and never have to feel ashamed or persecuted for any perspective of our individualness.

Today, we face many levels of persecution from fundamentalists, racists, sexists, separatists, and many more. The factionalization of our society is destroying us. We live our lives having to constantly deal with who and what we are, rather than who and who we can be, and what we can achieve, regardless of our race, religion, color, creed, sex, or sexual orientation.

In a look to the future, it is my hope that, in my lifetime, we can stop having to use sentences like that previous one that causes us to constantly see which categories we have to be classified in, in order to see where we fit into society. Wouldn't it be great if all we had to do was wake up each morning and simply face each glorious day as just "me?"

Throughout the world today, change is beginning to occur. Individual freedom and human rights are beginning to break through. It is exciting for me to pick up newspapers and read about the gay organizations that are being formed, especially in central Europe, where the greatest amount of suppression of human dignity has existed for decades. In comparison, it feels as though we are beginning to face more oppression here in the greatest home of "democracy" than anywhere else in the world. Why?

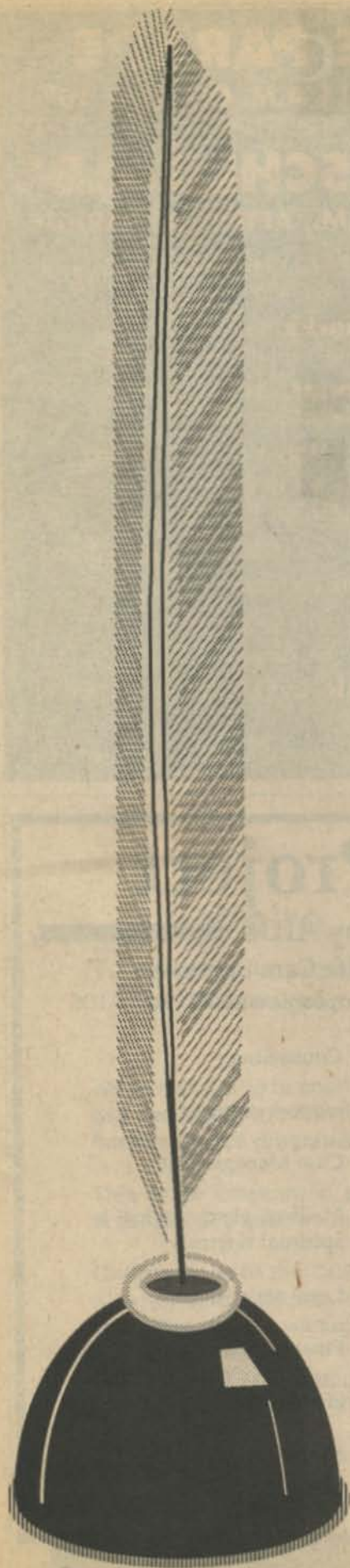
Here in Milwaukee, we have the great opportunity to "celebrate" our lives as gays and lesbians. As a part of the original gay rights state, we have the advantage of being free of much of the oppression suffered by so many of our brothers and sisters around the United States and the world. Yet, even here, we face certain trials and tribulations: fears of what our families may think of us, fear of how certain factions may treat us, even fears of physical violence from such obscene practices as "gay bashing."

I hope that 1990's dream of "Look to the Future: The Gay 90's" represents a day when we all band together and celebrate the beauty of a life we as yet only perceive. Even though we own civil liberty to be "proud of who we are," we are not yet free of all our burdens. 1990 is just the first year of a ten year climb into the next century. It is my dream that in 1999, we can look back on this decade and say the the Gay 90's was more a definition of our emotional state, rather than one of our sexual orientation. Then we will know that we have truly achieved great strides in turning the human condition into one of harmony and peaceful coexistence for all.

As President, I have been thrilled to work for a celebration so worthy of jubilation. The members of the Pride Committee, and all those we have worked with to make this time of celebration happen, are truly a diverse and exciting group of people. Although it has been difficult work at times, it has always been rewarding to be with people who want the same end goal.

Thus, we bring you this week as a gateway of festivity for the future. In the "City of Festivals," I am proud to work and walk with an ever growing population of people who freely join us in our march toward equality. On that note, let the celebration begin — and may it not stop until we can say "we are proud of who we are" — and it has to have no more significance than exactly what it says.

— Jim English





## PRIDE PARADE

STEPS OFF AT 11 A.M. ON JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

— SEE PAGE 13 FOR A MAP OF THE PARADE ROUTE —

## RALLY SCHEDULE\*

BEGINS AT 2 P.M., AFTER THE PARADE

- ▼ **Greeting** the 1990 Gay Pride Parade as it arrives at Juneau Park
- ▼ **Opening remarks** from the 1990 Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee
- ▼ **Wayne Schwandt**, Lesbian & Gay Parenting Coalition International
- ▼ **Performance:** Mary Hang, Musician
- ▼ **Ivy Young**, Director of Families Project at National Gay & Lesbian Task Force
- ▼ **Performance:** Great Lakes Freedom Band
- ▼ **Tony Earl**, Former Wisconsin Governor
- ▼ **Performance:** Fest City Singers
- ▼ **Live Bands**, To Be Announced
- ▼ **Dancing/Music**, by DJ. Chris Hackbart of Perfect Mix

\* This rally schedule is tentative and may change prior to June 16th.

# Milwaukee AIDS Project

Making a difference for people affected by AIDS.

### Education & Prevention

- AIDSline - the latest information on AIDS
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- Culturally-sensitive AIDS education programs
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- Drop-In Center - an outreach program to Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Community

If you have questions, concerns, or need assistance, call:

MAP Office 273-1991  
AIDS Hotline 273-AIDS



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- Legal services
- Financial assistance
- Housing assistance
- Home care support
- Food pantry

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE —

## Symbols Of Gay Pride

**Editor's note:** We asked several people this question: What are the symbols of the gay movement? The following composition by 19-year-old Brad Taylor provides an interesting viewpoint that we'd like to share with you.

— by Brad Taylor —

What are the symbols of the gay movement, and what do they mean? Good question, for which I hope to have an answer. I'm telling you what I know, so it won't be a true history lesson.

The first symbol of the gay movement was the Lambda symbol. It was selected back in the sixties for its historical significance. It previously symbolized justice; balance and reconciliation of opposites; unity and the relationship of man and his society; freedom, equality; and, independence of the individual. Because of those meanings, the Lambda was chosen as a symbol to convey a concept. The Lambda symbol, over the years, has drawn a lot of criticism from people. The lesbians claim it's theirs, the gay men claim it's theirs. Who is right? Neither, it's all of ours. And if we want to use it, then we should share it.

The next symbol is the pink triangle. Of course that goes all the way back to World War II; back to the Nazi death camps where homosexuals were forced to wear the pink triangle and were probably treated the worst of all the prisoners. It is estimated that between 250,000 and 500,000 homosexuals were murdered in the death camps. The triangle was worn point down, unlike today in which the symbol is worn point up, to symbolize hope for the future. But some still wear it the other way, which is okay, just so we all understand its importance in the gay community.

Next is the pairing of the male and female biological signs. There isn't much information on this, but it is apparently used for short-hand purposes. I think it's rather a state, but a place where we can be free to do what we want and not be looked down on for it. So the flag is, to me, a symbol of the place we all want to live — somewhere over the rainbow.

I've taken you through some history of gay symbols. Now I want to "Look to the Future." What will my life be like in five, ten, twenty, or fifty years? I'm only 19, so I have a long life ahead of me. So what I would like to see done is for the gay and lesbian community to finally unite under one banner, and be united. United we stand, divided we fall, and it's true. We have to stand together.

I want all of the states to have gay rights, and all people to become educated on homosexuality and also on AIDS. I want the government to quit restricting visits by people with AIDS to the United States; I want all insurance companies to pay for AIDS patients, I want, above all, a cure for AIDS! Talk about Nazi Germany; the number of homosexual murders were nothing compared to the deaths that are occurring from AIDS, and will continue to occur. I want people to learn that homosexuality is not a disease, and AIDS is not only a homosexual disease. AIDS involves the whole world; we should be standing together to fight it. And maybe this fight will finally bring the world together, and it will no longer be "gay/straight" — it will be us or we.

I see a bright future for gay people ahead, but it will only come about from actions, not silence. Silence = Death, and that is a truthful statement. Maybe that's why I like it, it expresses the true meaning of gay life and should be used more often. It's an easy way for us to express ourselves without having to spell it out with a lot of words.

Now we can go on and discuss Stonewall and its importance, and what it meant and still means for us. Back on June 28, 1969, a small gay bar in New York made history. After numerous police raids and harassment on gay bars, the patrons that night at the Stonewall Inn became angry; so angry that they started a riot in protest. The riot originated at the Stonewall Inn, and went on for several days.

With that, the gay rights movement was started. It took group movement to finally get some attention. Without Stonewall, I really don't know where our rights would be. What it did prove was that when the gay community unites together, we have the strength to make society take notice, and that gets the job done. It may not be all at once, but every little bit helps.

The last symbol I'll talk about is the rainbow flag. It is fairly new, and has managed to turn some heads, and even managed to cause controversy. Some people think the rainbow flag stands for the Rainbow Coalition that was started by Jesse Jackson quite a few years ago. The rainbow flag means different things to different people, but almost all will agree that right now, the rainbow flag most represents the gay and lesbian community.

Now, I'll tell you what the rainbow flag means to me. I think the rainbow flag is a kind of unification of all gay people, kind of like our own little state. But if you would think about "The Wizard of Oz," you might see that we are looking for our own "Land of Oz." Not is to be dead. Not only to the world, but to yourself. Speak up and tell the world, "I am gay and proud!"

That is another thing that gay people have to work on, self-esteem. We have to have pride in ourselves and in our community. We need some respect for ourselves and we need to show the heterosexual world that we are proud of who we are. We don't deserve to be shoved into back alley bars to find each other and have a good time. We have the right to meet and speak in public places and not have to worry about being attacked or looked down on for it. But before we get the heterosexual's respect, we first have to respect and take pride in ourselves before we can ask others to respect us. ▼



MESSAGES OF PRIDE FOR THE FUTURE —

## Personal Pride Messages

Thank you, Pride Committee. We are so lucky to have a group of individuals who are willing to volunteer their time and energy so that Milwaukee can truly celebrate gay pride. Special thanks must also go to Jim English for his outstanding leadership and endless commitment. — Anonymous

Pride adorns a person like a rich garment of finest cloth. Pride graces one who wears it like precious gems sparkling in the light. Without pride one is poor, naked, forlorned, bereft of dignity, huddled miserably on an ash heap, the object of derision and all sorts of scornful looks. Pride raises you up. Pride allows you to stand tall before all mankind to say with quiet confidence, "I am that I am." I am a being, a man, a woman, free and independent, a thoroughly worthy person. Pride says love thee "I am" of you. For if you do not love yourself, then no other love is possible. Pride is the glory of a free people. That is why the first thing the haters and oppressors must do is to strip a people of their pride or else they cannot be degraded and enslaved. That is why we lesbian and gay people must don our pride and with heads held high, wear it before all. For if we do not accept and clothe ourselves in pride, we most surely will wear the chains others have prepared for us. — Dr. Terry Boughner

Joining hands in the circle of abundance and love, we are blessed and we prosper wherever we turn. We receive what we want and we share what we can, joining hands in the circle of abundance and love. — Joshua Leeds and Louise Hay

Come out! Come out! Come out! It's a liberated feeling . . . and the ultimate political and personal statement. Only when the world realizes how many of us they know will we obtain what is rightfully ours. — Looking to the future, Ron Geiman

If we don't grow to respect each other, support each other's businesses and share our talents, who else will care about us? — Ralph F. Navarro

It is with pride that I have been active in Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community the past ten years. During this time, I have seen our community grow from small beginnings to scores of organizations, choruses, sports teams, religious groups, social events and an annual pride week. I am especially proud to have helped found and now publish the Wisconsin Light newspaper. With very limited resources and a volunteer staff, the paper, I believe, has become a very credible institution throughout Wisconsin and the nation. I am proud to see Milwaukee's lesbian and gay community grow stronger each year as more of you become actively involved together. We are making a difference and our community is stronger and better for it. Let our pride continue to grow and flourish! — Jerry Johnson

Stepping out with pride — Black and White Men Together. For the past ten years and the future . . . multi-racial friendship and possibly more. We love our differences. — BWMT/Milwaukee

A gay couple for the the Gay 90's — D. A. Leonard and W. Michael Ross — wish all a Gayla Pride Day!

When you feel you can communicate only with other entities in physical bodies, you have cut yourself off from a powerful source of inner guidance. — Bartholomew

David — I love you forever and remember, look towards the 90's with me by your side. — Doug

In the moment of creation you were given incredible gifts; and one of the most important is the gift of sexuality. — Mary Margaret Moore

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Live D.J.

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\$4 Beer Bust (7pm-Close)

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Monday through  
Friday

Open at 6 p.m.  
Saturday

Open at 3 p.m.  
Sunday

# 1990 Pride Celebration Calendar of Events

## May 30 • Wednesday

- ▼ **219 • Fundraiser:** For the MLGPC

## June 2 • Saturday

- ▼ **Partners • Artist's Cocktail Reception:** Tom Rezza will be numbering and signing his exquisite charcoal sketch interpretation of the 1990 Pride Theme. (To order by mail, see p. 2.)

## June 7 • Thursday

- ▼ **In Step • An Issue of Pride:** Advertisers, mention Pride in your ad and 10% of the ad cost goes to MLGPC. (Deadline is Wednesday, May 30th).

## June 9 • Saturday

- ▼ **Triangle • Beer Bust:** 5pm - Midnight.
- ▼ **GAMMA/GBN • Bike Ride For Pride:** 12:30 pm. Begins at the park on the corner of Bradford and Farwell. There's a 15-mile and a 30-mile ride. Cost of \$14.00 includes T-shirt; or \$5.00 T-shirt not included.

## June 13 • Wednesday

- **In Step:** Deadline for In Step issue celebrating 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Stonewall & 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## June 16 • Saturday

- **MLGPC • 1990 Pride Celebration:** Parade begins at 11 am; Rally begins at 2 pm
- **GLPCM • Reception:** For Wayne Schwandt, 7 pm, Jet's Place
- **Cream City Chorus • Concert:** "Tomorrow Belongs to Me," Centennial Hall, 8 pm

## June 17 • Sunday

- **Partners • Pride Prom:** Get your gown, find your partner, plan on attending
- **LAMM • Pancake Breakfast:** 11 am
- **Pivot Club • Pageant:** Miss Gay Wisconsin/USA At large, 200 lbs. +

## June 18 • Monday

- **LRN • Speakout:** Domestic Partnership, Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 7-9 pm

## June 19 • Tuesday

- ▼ **In Step/Wisconsin Light • Movie Premiere:** "Longtime Companion" at the Oriental Theatre. Tickets are \$10.00. \$4.50 goes to MLGPC. Advance sales from Wisconsin Light, In Step and through the mail (see p. 10).

## June 20 • Wednesday

- **Interfaith Service:** "Tomorrow's Promise Calls Us," The Village Church, 7 pm

## June 21 • Thursday

- **In Step:** In Step issue celebrating 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Stonewall & 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- **MG/L Cable Network:** Premiere & viewing at the Triangle. 9 pm, Viewing Party, meet W W Wells and the production crew. 10 pm, Viewing of "Yellow on Thursday," a 30-minute gay comedy show.
- **219 • Miss 219 Pageant:** Cash Prize and Appearance Contract, 10:30 pm
- **Lavender Koffee Klotch**

## June 22 • Friday

- **"Circus of a Queer Nature,"** Debbie Davis & Friends, Bauer Ballet, 727 N. Milwaukee, 8 pm

## June 23 • Saturday

- **Rockford, Illinois:** Gay Pride Boat Float, 12 noon
- **"Circus of a Queer Nature,"** Debbie Davis & Friends, Bauer Ballet, 727 N. Milwaukee, 8 pm
- **LAMM • Slideshow:** "Dykes to Watch Out For," Alison Bechdel Slideshow Presentation, 8 pm

## June 24 • Sunday

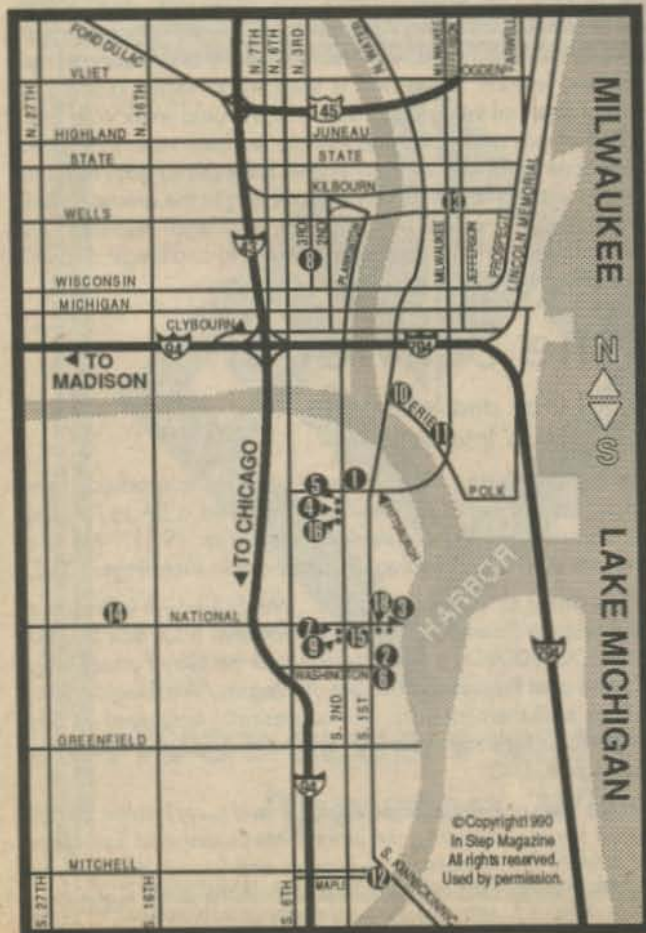
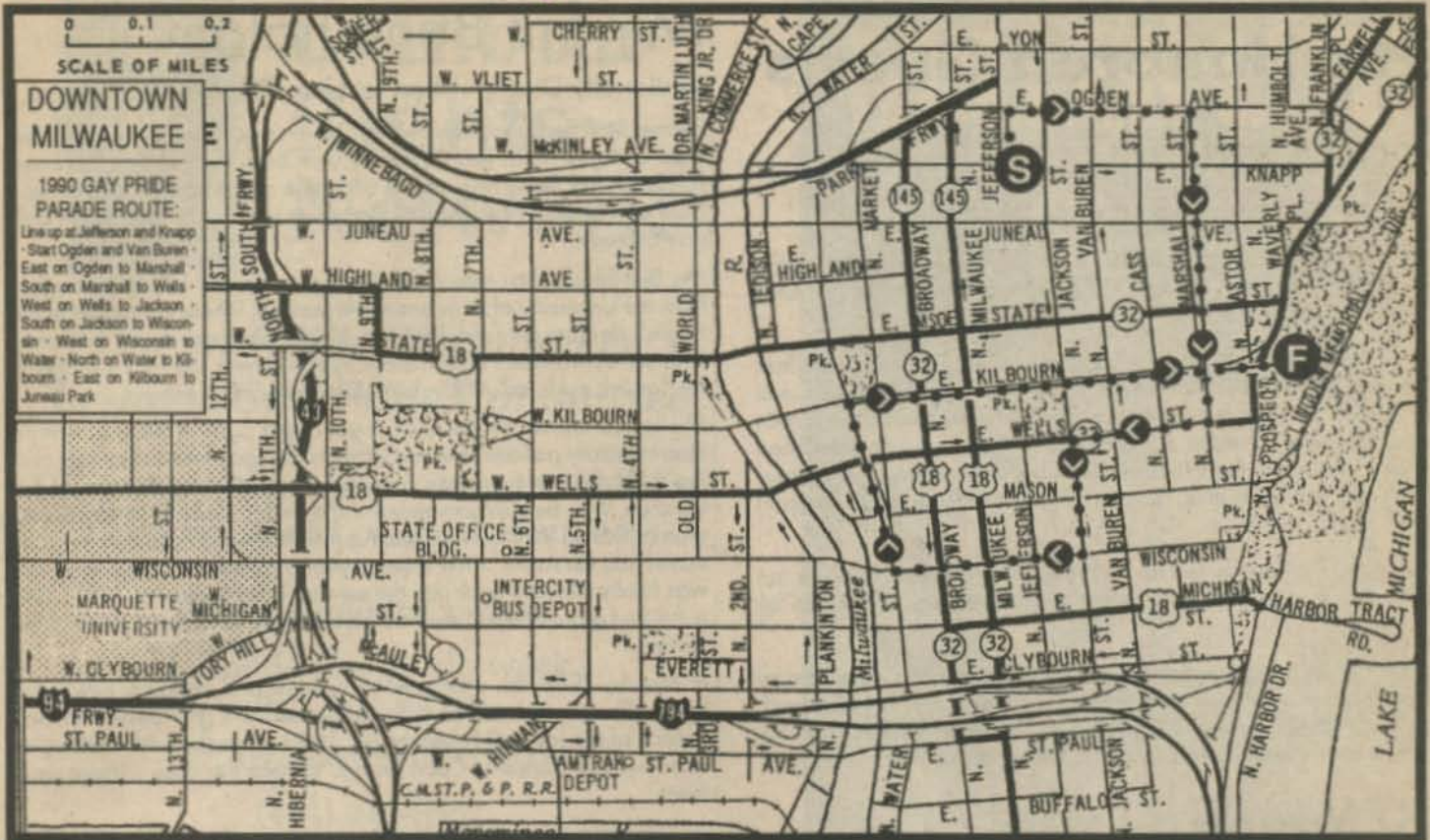
- **"Circus of a Queer Nature,"** Debbie Davis & Friends, Bauer Ballet, 727 N. Milwaukee, 8 pm
- **Chicago:** Gay Pride Parade
- **LaCrosse:** 4th Annual Pride Picnic in the Park

▼ Denotes Event Held to Raise Funds for MLGPC

► Denotes Event Held During Pride Week

**Please note:** This list may not be complete; it is as up-to-date as possible as of our press date (5/15). Pick up current issues of Wisconsin Light & In Step for more information on times, locations, and additional events.

# 1990 Milwaukee Gay Pride Parade ▼ June 16, 1990



## Guide To Milwaukee Area Nightclubs

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<b>Angelo's Mint Bar II</b> · 918 S. 2nd St. · 645-8330	2
<b>Alternative</b> · 1100 S. 1st St. · 647-9950	6
<b>Ballgame</b> · 196 S. 2nd St. · 273-7474	1
<b>Boot Camp</b> · 209 E. National Ave. · 291-9600	3
<b>C'est La Vie</b> · 231 S. 2nd St. · 291-9600	4
<b>Club 219</b> · 219 S. 2nd St. · 271-3732	5
<b>Dance, Dance, Dance</b> · 805 S. 2nd St. · 383-8330	7
<b>Fannie's</b> · 200 E. Washington · 643-9633	2
<b>Jet's Place</b> · 1753 S. Kinnickinnic · 672-5580	12
<b>La Cage</b> · 801 S. 2nd St. · 383-8330	7
<b>Loose Ends</b> · 4322 W. Fond du Lac · 442-8469	Call
<b>M&amp;M Club</b> · 124 N. Water St. · 347-1962	10
<b>Cafe Melange</b> · 720 N. 3rd St. · 291-9889	8
<b>Nitengales</b> · 2022 W. National Ave. · 645-1830	14
<b>Partners</b> · 813 S. 1st St. · 647-0130	15
<b>Phoenix</b> · 235 S. 2nd St.	16
<b>The Station 2</b> · 1534 W. Grant · 383-5755	Call
<b>This Is It!</b> · 418 E. Wells St. · 278-9192	13
<b>Tina's RTI</b> · 1843 N. 20th St. · 933-7577	Call
<b>Triangle</b> · 135 W. National Ave. · 643-9758	18
<b>Wreck Room</b> · 266 E. Erie · 273-6900	11



IT IS WITH TREMENDOUS PRIDE THAT WE WELCOME

## Our Honored Guests

### Tony Earl

Former Democratic Governor of Wisconsin

Tony Earl was Governor from 1982-1986, succeeding Republican Lee Dreyfus who, in February, 1982 signed into law the first Gay Rights Bill in the nation.

One of Governor Earl's first acts as governor was to establish a Task Force on Gay and Lesbian issues. The Task Force functioned until 1986 when it disbanded itself knowing that newly elected Governor, Tommy Thompson, would not continue it. He also appointed Earl Bricker as Liaison to the Wisconsin Lesbian/Gay community. (Bricker is currently the Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network).

In addition, Earl appointed as his Press Secretary, Ron McCrea, an openly gay man, a fact headlined by the Milwaukee Sentinel the following day.

During the 1986 governor's race, Republican candidate Tommy Thompson made an issue of Governor Earl's pro-gay/lesbian stand. Many analysts still claim that Earl's loss to Thompson was due, in part, to Earl's courageous stands taken on behalf of our community.

### Ivy Young

Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Families Project

Ivy Young is a veteran feminist and black activist with a strong background in media, grassroots organizing and political work. She has an extensive background in community radio and is a former General Manager of WWOZ-FM in New Orleans (1988-89); served as Public Affairs Director at WBAI-Pacific Radio in New York City (1986-88); and, was a broadcast journalist and editor at WHUR-FM in Washington (1978-82).

Ms. Young has extensive experience in cultural organizing. From 1982 to 1985 she was a staff member at Roadwork, a women's cultural production company. In 1984 and 1985 she produced the Sisterfire Festival, Roadwork's multi-cultural festival of women in the arts held annually in Washington, D.C. She was also a community events producer for Paredon Records (1985-86), coordinating the first U.S. tour of the Salvadoran cultural troupe, Cutamay Camones.

As an African-American lesbian, she exemplifies the rich ethnic heritage of our community. Young spoke out defiantly against Christian right-winger Lou Sheldon when the "minister" was in Washington for something billed as a traditional values conference.

Ms. Young was an organizer with lesbians and gays for Jesse Jackson in New York City in 1988, and served as a consultant for the People of Color stage at the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1987. She has been actively involved in political work since the late 60's, served as a staff member of the Center for Black Education, and an organizer of the Sixth Pan African Congress.

Ms. Young is a native of Washington, D.C. and is a member of the board of the National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays.

## Miriam Ben-Shalom

Nationally Distinguished Lesbian/Gay Rights Activist

Former Staff Sergeant Miriam Ben-Shalom's activities on behalf of lesbian and gay rights span a twenty year time period. She has been involved with many Milwaukee and state organizations and groups from other states which work to promote civil rights for lesbian and gay citizens.

Ms. Ben-Shalom has received a BA cum laude and a Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she taught in the English department from 1977 to 1980. She is currently a teacher with the Milwaukee Public School System where she runs a program for "at risk students" at Riverside University High School.

She is best known for her sixteen-year fight against the U.S. Army's discriminatory policies towards lesbians and gay men. After responding truthfully to a superior's "official question" about her sexual orientation, Ms. Ben-Shalom entered the Federal courts in 1978 and won a historic Writ of Habeas Corpus in 1980 which ordered her reinstated into the Army. After a seven-year argument with the Army, she was finally allowed back into the service in September of 1987. She is the first gay person to ever be placed back in to any branch of the service.

In March, 1988 she attempted to re-enlist and began a new legal fight. She served as the only acknowledged gay person in any branch of service until February 26, 1990 when she was discharged after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear her case without comment.

An internationally published writer and acknowledged spokesperson on behalf of gay and lesbian rights nationally, Ms. Ben-Shalom continues to work with many groups to eliminate discrimination against lesbians and gays. She travels frequently to address groups about gay and lesbian issues and is working to set up a national gay/lesbian/bisexual veteran's group which would work with Congress and other governmental agencies to address veteran's issues and provide a network and support system for lesbian/gay/bisexual veterans and military personnel currently serving in the armed forces. She also is investigating procedures to set up a legal resource center and defense fund where persons who wish to challenge discrimination will be able to come for aid and assistance.

## Wayne Schwandt

President of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International

Born in Burlington, Wisc., Mr. Schwandt went on to graduate from Badger H.S., Lake Geneva in 1967 and received a BA in Psychology from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1971. He is a 1975 graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Presently a resident of Washington, D.C., Mr. Schwandt is President of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (P.O. Box 50360, Washington, DC 20091), is past President of the Gay Fathers Coalition/DC, and past President/Founder of Integrity/Washington (Gay Episcopalians and their friends). He is presently employed as Systems Administrator for the law firm of Greenstein DeLorme and Luchs, P.C., Washington, D.C.

Mr. Schwandt has spoken on homosexuality and gay/lesbian parenting in varied forums including the United Methodist and Episcopal Churches, Annual Conference of the Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians (PFLAG), Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia, university student forums, and on radio and television. ▼

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I'm not interested in compassion that is focused on my death. Real compassion supports my living and supports me when I express my true gay self. — Peter

To MLGPC: Thanks for all your TLC. — Jim

Rog — To the man I want to spend the rest of my life with. — Love always, Greg

Whatever you can do or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it. Begin it now. — Goethe

I don't care what people think ... we are just human and that makes it alright. — Anonymous

I take pride in my endeavors with consideration of fellow humanitarians, and their potential as a positive element in our weakly-structured society. The support and concern of loved ones — wherever they are — understand, but hide from the responsibility at times, and the incentive for me to hold on to my challenge to explain why someone such as Chris De Burgh sings to a toddler of his desires to make our world more acceptable to the following generations. Master New Biles do you hear me call? — Rus

Nothing is predestined: The obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings. — Ralph Blum

For so long we have been the nameless, faceless minority. On this Gay Pride Day I am reminded again of the absolute necessity to continue gay/lesbian liberation work until we are invisible no more. I dream of a time when lesbians and gay men will enjoy the same respect and legal rights as other citizens. These rights are well worth fighting for with all the strength we have as individuals and as a community. To forego such a fight is to return to the witch hunts of the 1950's, the smoke and torture of a Dachau, the stifling of the closet. We must not back down, back out, give in, or give up the right to assume our proper place in history, in culture, and in society. On this Gay Pride Day we must walk towards our future and commit ourselves never to allow a return to the horror of being nameless, faceless, and silent. — With love, Miriam Ben-Shalom

When you do not realize that you are one with the river, or one with the universe, you have fear. Whether it is separated into drops or not, water is water. Our life and death are the same thing. When we realize this thing we have no fear of death anymore, and we have no actual difficulty in our life. — Shunryu Suzuki

Allow me to express the gratitude of the entire gay/lesbian community to Ron Geiman, "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer" of In Step Magazine. It amazes me that Ron has been able to keep it all together for so many years now, even after some of us abandoned a seemingly sinking ship on him. I can attest that he's gone hungry on more than one occasion just so he could pay the printing bills and keep the magazine on the street. Without his tenacious drive and dedication, our community would be void of an important voice. I know of no one who has sacrificed so much for so long to provide our community with an outstanding magazine we can all be proud of. We love ya', Ronnie! — One Who Knows

Refusal to hope is nothing more than a decision to die. — Bernie Siegel

Daryl — You are the sweetest person in the world. You have given my life much more meaning than you could ever realize. I hope and pray that wherever life leads us we will always be best of friends and that you'll be blessed with every happiness. — Jack

AIDS is a disease caused by too little love rather than too much sex. — Tom O'Connor

Death is not the enemy; living in constant fear of it is. — Norman Cousins

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes. — Marcel Proust

To The Community — Working with gay pride these past two years and the recognition, love and support I received from everyone I came in contact with will always be a very magical time of life. As each month passed, and 1990 rolled around, I received more and more business support from the community. Without your support, the hardest part of my struggle would still be ahead of me. I'm very proud to be a part of the 1990 Gay Pride Celebration. Dave and I have put many long, loving hours into this Pride Guide you are now holding, and it's truly an expression of our love and deep appreciation toward the community. I love you Partners, Fest City Singers, In Step (and my dear friend, Ron Geiman), BESTD Clinic, Wisconsin Light (and its heart, Terry and Jerry), Tom Rezza (it's truly an honor), Miriam, and Chrissy. And to Dave, I appreciate, more than you'll ever know, your wonderful outlook on life and the intense love you give me through your friendship. — Annabelle Havlicek

Bashful, Precious, Sheila, Uncle Bob (Ester), Aunt Terri, Shelly, Sarah: S.W. says Happy Pride Week!

We planted flowers last year and I didn't know if I'd be alive to see them come up. Yesterday they were blooming. We decided to dig up more yard and plant more flowers. — Neal McHugh

Having AIDS isn't the end of the world (yet), but it certainly changes your life radically! A month ago, I laid my head down on a hospital pillow and pleaded to die ... the excruciating pain of my illness was just too ferocious for me to persevere any longer. I had a two hour out-of-body experience that night, got the grand tour of Heaven, met/walked with Jesus, and was anointed by Him. I was given the choice of dying, or not dying. I got to thinking about

my family and friends here on Earth and chose to return ... I just wasn't ready to die yet (or maybe I'm just too damned proud of who I am). As I returned to my physical body, I realized that I was totally free of pain, which lasted for a couple of days afterwards. My blood counts, which had fallen to critically low levels because of chemotherapy to treat Kaposi's Sarcoma, miraculously began to rise the next day (they're higher now than they were before taking chemo). I've spent most of my adult life fighting for and supporting gay rights, and I will continue to fight as long as I am able to. It's been fun, it's been real, but I'm tired ... I am so incredibly tired. I've fought for many of you reading this; now I ask that we pass the baton and for you to put your trust in God — however you conceptualize that word — and if you're more able than I, to continue the fight that so many before you have participated in. Just remember that the one thing "they" cannot ever take away from you is your own personal pride! — Dave Iraci

The first step toward change is acceptance. Once you accept yourself, you open the door to change. That's all you have to do. Change is not something you do, it's something you allow. — Will Garcia

Danny — My saint, my love, my lion ... you are what every Christian should be, but much more and I am the voice of the goddess and the sun. We learn and love larger than life. My music is yours. — David

To link sexuality and intimacy is to link sexuality with knowledge, with an opening up of possibility rather than a closing down. — David Mura

Gary G. — Ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no valley deep enough, to stop me from loving you! — Gary M.

You know what makes you sing, what makes you dance and laugh and love. But if you do not ask yourself what it is you know, you will go on listening to others and change will not come because you will not hear your own truth. — Bartholomew

Annabelle — Thanks for being you ... I wouldn't have it any other way! — Dave ▼

***"For if we do not accept and clothe ourselves in pride, we most surely will wear the chains others have prepared for us."***

— Dr. Terry Boughner

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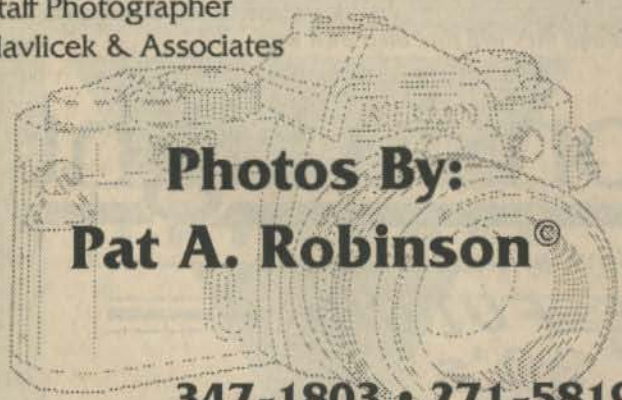
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