



LGBT History Timelin

1900-1969 (Pre-Stonewall)

1776 - Lieutenant Gotthold Frederick Sueder is dismissed from the military after being found in bed with another soldier, making him the first known person discharged from the U.S. army for homosexuality.

1920s - Langston Hughes, gay African-American writer, is a key figure in the Harlem Renaissance.

1940s, World War II - Gays in Nazi Germany and Occupied Europe are forced to wear the pink triangle.

1940 - The military issues regulations barring gay men and lesbians from serving in the armed forces on the basis of their sexual behavior.

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Oct. 1, 1949 P.T.A. Dinner Club (Patience Tolerance Acceptance)

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Performers start the M forerunner Pageant.



This Bridge Cal Anzaldini/Sher

NATIONAL



The Gay Liberation Organization and the Gay Liberation Front, Milwaukee's first gay groups, form. In November, GLO sponsors the first gay dance in Milwaukee.

The GLO, fearing it would be confused with the more radical GLF, changes its name to the Gay Peoples Union.

The Women's Coalition is founded. Lesbians organize and participate in Coalition groups including the Women's Crisis Line, Grapevine, Hurricane Productions and Amazon magazine.

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LGBT Organizations

Performers Mama Rae and Tiger Rose help start the Miss Gay Milwaukee Contest, forerunner of the Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant.

30 members of the GLF hoist a gay liberation banner in a Vietnam Vets Against the War parade, the first Milwaukee parade in which gays march openly.

Donna Burkett and Manonia Evans are denied a marriage license by County Clerk Thomas Zablocki. They file a lawsuit but withdraw it before the case is heard.

Major Events

50 people annual July

Activists pick Band, calling suffering, m



Individuals

Moe Moe is Homob! [Signature]

Summer '73 Came Home Viet Nam

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Carry in sayin The

This Bridge Called My Back - Gloria Anzaldinn/Sherrie Morgan is published.

The radical weekly Kaleidoscope publishes a special issue on Gay/Lesbian activism.

Gay Peoples Un GPU News; Mil publishing.

Amazon newsletter begins publishing; the

Homosexuality is removed from the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental disorders.



BESTD CLINIC

The GPU Examination Center opens, becomes BESTD Clinic.

Air Force Sgt. military for re discharged be federal judge Matlovich acco case. The laws discharges the personnel.

GPU establishes center, The Farv at 1568 N. Farw

7-2-5
I had fun!

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The first Alcoholics Anonymous group for gays, the Silver Stars Motorcycle Club and Dignity, a group for gay and lesbian Roman Catholics, forms.

Major Events

Gay Power!

50 people unfurl a "Gay Power" banner at the annual July 4th fireworks display.

Activists picket a production of Boys in the Band, calling it a "stereotypical portrayal of the suffering, maladjusted homosexual."

GPU member Paul Safransky is fired from his job for revealing his homosexuality. His legal case, though unsuccessful, is an early challenge to anti-gay discrimination.

More than 350 men and women attend the GPU Ball at the Performing Arts Center.



Summer '73
Came Home from
Viet Nam!

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Moe
is
Humb!
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MARC SEGAL INTERRUPTS
CBS EVENING NEWS w/ Walter
Cronkite

Carrying a sign
saying "GAY RIGHTS NOW"
The trial sets National
Attention

Gay Peoples Union begins publishing GPU News; Milwaukee Gay Guide begins publishing.

Amazon newsletter begins publishing; the

? year: Hotwire, a magazine about women's music, is published in Milwaukee by Dorothy Dean. The first such magazine in the world. 1980 - can be at

MEDIA



G Milwaukee begin

1975

1976

1977

Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich sues the military for reinstatement after being discharged because he is gay. Eventually, a federal judge orders his reinstatement, but Matlovich accepts a settlement to end the case. The lawsuit is the first in a series of discharges challenged by gay and lesbian personnel.

NATIONAL

Rosemary CAEAVELLA comes out of the closet!!

Anita Bryant forms "Save Our Children" to "save" children from being recruited by gays and lesbians. As a result of her efforts, gay rights ordinances will be repealed in St. Paul, Minnesota, Eugene, Oregon and Wichita, Kansas.

Cheryl KADER visits her first gay bar - The Bee Garden

1975 (This year is 30th anniversary)

MICHIGAN WOMYNS MUSIC FESTIVAL!

GPU establishes a gay/lesbian community center, The Farwell Center, in a leased flat at 1568 N. Farwell.

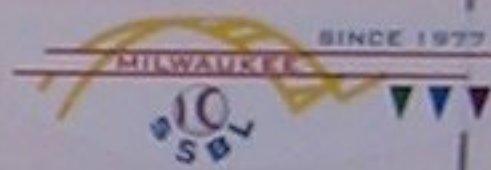
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LGBT Organizations

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The Saturday Softball League is organized.

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(1975) FIRST Michigan WOMYNS MUSIC FESTIVAL!!



STILL SERVICING: PROTECT & DEFEND doesn't mean only hetero!! It means US!
The Army Reserve discharges Miriam Ben-Shalom claiming she is unfit for service because of her homosexuality. Ben-Shalom launches a 15-year battle to win the right to serve her country.



Miriam Ben-Shalom

Major Events

March 22 - LEVIN CENTER MEMORIAL WALK



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Gay activist Harvey Milk, elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and Mayor George Moscone are murdered.

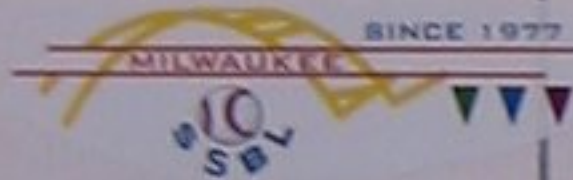
First national March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian rights. *It was 9/11 and*

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Sistermoon Feminist Bookstore and Art Gallery opens and becomes the city's unofficial lesbian cultural center.

The athletic group GAMMA is founded.

Chris joins the women's crisis line with hundreds of other lesbians

Gay Youth Milwaukee is founded.

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee sponsors "Free space" for women considering their sexual orientation.

Major Events

March 27 - LENTH ESTER MEYER was born

The Milwaukee Police Department, led by Chief Harold Brier, launches violent raids on gay bathhouses, resulting in dozens of arrests and angry street protests by the gay community.

Leon Rouse of the University of Wisconsin's gay community gets student and academic committees in the UW system on record in support of policies forbidding anti-gay bias.

First annual Take Back the Night march supporting survivors of sexual assault. Lesbians are visible organizers and participants.

I was There - RC



My mom came out!

My mom came out to me!!

Individuals

1980

1981

1982

First report of what is now called AIDS.



NATIONAL

Facing an investigation by the House Committee over his relationship with a 17-year-old male page, Democratic representative Gerry Studds of Massachusetts admits that he is gay.

2 year - National

The Milwaukee chapter of Black and White Men Together - later renamed People of All Colors Together - is initiated.



The Cream City Business Association, which consists of gay and lesbian business people and professionals, is established. CCBA launches Cream City Foundation, which gives grants to gay and lesbian groups and projects.

The Saturday Volleyball League forms.

Wisconsin Outdoor Women forms.

The Factory bar closes; Grand Avenue Factory II opens.

Milwaukee hosts 1st AA "Round-up" for LGB Alcoholics.

"The Lost & Found" - Best Lesbian Bar/Dance Club Ever in Milwaukee, yet.

Wisconsin passes FIRST gay rights law -

The Jazz Gallery hosts several events for lesbians and feminists.

Milwaukee gays and lesbians picket outside the movies *Windows* and *Cruising*, which are denounced for their defamatory images of gay people.

*I was There! - Re
I used a bull horn and hooked & hollered WMP day*

The Wisconsin legislature passes AB70, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations, largely through the efforts of Leon Rouse and David Clarenbach. Wisconsin is the first state to adopt such a "Gay Rights Law."

The "Consenting Adults Law" decriminalizing private sexual conduct between consenting adults is passed by the state legislature.



David Clarenbach

Major Event

Individuals

came out at age 57



1982

1983

1984

...ing an investigation by the House Ethics committee over his relationship with a 27-year-old male page, Democratic representative Gerry Studds of Massachusetts admits that he is gay.

The First International Gay Games is held in San Francisco. Over 1,300 gay men and lesbian athletes from 28 states and 10 nations participate.

Berkeley, California becomes the first U.S. city to extend domestic partner benefits.

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is discovered.

2 year - National Women's Music Festival begins!

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LGBT Organizations

←?→ Feminist Writer's Guild mild gay + straight writers

Many feminist bookclubs

The Counseling Center becomes a de facto lesbian center.

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Governor Anthony Earl appoints 14 men and women to serve on the Governor's Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues. During its 3 1/2 year existence, the Council initiates anti-gay violence investigations and works with state agencies implementing the "Gay Rights Law."

New Milwaukee Police Chief Robert Ziarnik meets with members of the gay and lesbian community, giving them hope that the "bad old days" of Chief Harold Breier's reign are over.

Cheri attends UWm's GPRC meeting in which the film Dicks, Fags & Poofers is shown

Major Events

I came out + STAYED out! :D Debbie



1985

1986

19

Rock Hudson dies of AIDS. Soon after, Elizabeth Taylor becomes the epidemic's first celebrity crusader.

I lost my job of 5 years after holding my girlfriend's hand on my lunch hour. (at ~~the~~ Boston Store Grand Ave.)

NATIONAL

In response to a reporter who asks if he is gay, Democratic representative Barney Franks of Massachusetts answers, "Yes. So what?"

I MET MICHAEL!

On October 11th, the Washington for Lesbians over 500,000 people civil rights demonstration day before 2,000 gay and "married" in a mass we Internal Revenue Service

ACT UP holds its first pu a sit-in on Wall Street. The rise of direction-act the creation of Queer N Avengers.

ARCW

AIDS RESOURCE CENTER OF WISCONSIN

The Milwaukee AIDS Project is spun off from the BESTD Clinic, with support from the Cream City Business Association and the Cream City Foundation, and begins serving people with HIV and AIDS in Milwaukee.

The Fest City Singers is established.

LITERARY SECTIONS ESTABLISHED in CHICAGO. A WOC BOOK discussion group - the support WOC writers

The Galano Club, a coalition of 12-step groups dealing with issues of addiction and dependency among gays and lesbians, is initiated.

Lesbian of Color and Club Muse, a social club for gays and lesbians of color, forms.

Lambda Rights Network, a political action group, is founded.

At least 9 new bars open survives even 10 years



BUMT - Milwaukee NABWMT July '86

April 1st: Cream City

Major E



was beaten up out side LA MAYE with 3 Milwaukee women lost a tooth but not my pride! JAS 1976

Individuals

Terry Boughner, Ph.D., Wisconsin Light editor, speaks at the Milwaukee Auditorium in front of a group of 5,000 people.

LGST Family Rights Activist Sol Kelley - Jones born in Madison. 1997 Wisconsin 2000 speaks at Wisconsin 2001 County Board

1987

October 11th, the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights drew 100,000 people making it the largest rights demonstration in U.S. history. The following 2,000 gay and lesbian couples are "wed" in a mass wedding outside the Internal Revenue Service building.

ACT-UP holds its first public demonstration, "Don't Buy from Wall Street." Use of direction-action tactics leads to the creation of Queer Nation and Lesbian Avengers.

At least 9 new bars open this year, but none survives even 10 years.



BWMT - Milwaukee Hosts
NABWMT - Convention
July '87

April 1st: Green City Chances forum.

Major Events

LGBT Family Rights Activist
Sol Kelley - Jones
born in Madison.
1999 Women's suffrage
2000 Speaks at Washington March
2001 Founders Pond Theater
2005 Graduates high school

1988

The 10th Annual National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays takes place.



The Triangle and Club 94 open.

LGBT Organizations

WAPFEST '88

Bill Meunier and Susan Cook organize 2,000 gays and lesbians for the Jesse Jackson Presidential campaign.

Wisconsin adopts hate crimes legislation providing enhanced penalties for those convicted of crimes motivated by bigotry, including prejudice based on sexual orientation. The U.S. Supreme Court sustains the law, and it becomes a model for similar laws in other states.

First Annual Milwaukee Gay & Lesbian Film & Video Festival is held.

I Came out
to Ma & Pa.
(Haertl)
God Bless them!

June '88
I came OUT!

First PRIDE Event held at Mitchell Park.
Included softball tournament + picnic

1989

Denmark is the first nation to legalize same-sex unions.

Mark R. Ulrich
Came out of the
Closet Easter Sunday
1989 at age 30
MarkR59@hotmail.com

PFLAG

The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, ACT-UP Milwaukee and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) form.



Dan Polvog
born to
Wendy Polvog &
Marty Thadum

Marquette students fight the administration's attempt to infringe on their freedoms by forming REASON, Rights and Equality for All Sexual Orientations Now.

THANK YOU JOE REGENERUS
OUT ABOUT!!

'Flamingo 11' - First National LGBT Graduate
Student Conference in WMU
Organizers: Thomas Prueber & Cheryl Kaden

After an attack by P.K. Lesbians at the Barrymore Theater, Darceia Munson and Sharon Davitt formed DAMES, Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression at a ♀ leather club.

First Pride March held. March started on 2nd Street, to City Hall and then a rally at Cathedral Square.

1990

Julie Brienza, a lesbian journalist, sues Rev. Vic Eliason, who led a campaign to have her fired from her job at UPI. Brienza wins a settlement and a statement from the Christian broadcaster that gays and lesbians have a right to work in the media.

1991

African American lesbian Audre Lorde is named Poet Laureate of New York state.

NATIONAL

1992

1/1 Chuck meets Brian & falls in 13 years & counting!

k.d. lang comes out in the pages of Advocate.

Canada joins the vast majority of other countries permitting military service lesbians and gay men.

Cream City Squares (square dancing) and Shoreline Milwaukee (country-west dancing) form.

Queer Nation Milw.!



Out to Brunch Club starts for lesbians. Monthly gathering at people's homes - potluck

LGBT Organizations

CREAM CITY SQUARES STARTS UP IN OCT.

Murders committed by Jeffrey Dahmer shock the community and lead to demands for reform of the Milwaukee Police Department.

The Milwaukee School Board approves watered-down measures in support of gay and lesbian teens after 1,000 fundamentalists pack a Board meeting.

Gary Hollander appointed to Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Police-Community Relations following Dahmer Murders

Individuals

The Milwaukee chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans forms.

Jan 7th, I came out!!
MARY P. WAS HERE



Mayor John Norquist stuns the gay and community by vetoing a \$5,000 allocation City Festival Funds for PrideFest.

Dan Fons & Patrick Flaherty arrested protesting Mayor Veto @ city's queer club "Birthplace"

Major Events

I LOST MY JOB BECAUSE I BROUGHT A WOMYN TO A COMPANY PARTY

Got together w/ my girlfriend over 10 yrs later, still going strong!



1992

1993

1994

1/1 Chuck meets Brian + falls in love...
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k.d. lang comes out in the pages of the Advocate.

Canada joins the vast majority of other NATO countries permitting military service by lesbians and gay men.

At the very start of his first term, President Clinton seeks to lift the ban on gay service personnel. The uproar in Congress is so strong that he is forced to back down. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is crafted as a compromise.

More than 1 million people participate in the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Washington - reported to be the largest march in the Capital's history.

Awesome. I was there.

Wisconsin representative Steve Gunderson becomes the first GOP congressman to come out. In 1996, GOP representative Jim Kolbe of Arizona follows suit.

25th anniversary Stonewall March is held in New York; it is also the fourth Gay Games. LAMM softball team places 4th.



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Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) and the Sherman Park Rainbow Association are founded.

AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar (later Outwords) opens.

I came out @ age 14
Dawn Hanson
CAME OUT "SHOW AN OPENLY GAY ACTOR" ON "GERALDO" SHOW
& Comic JASON STUART

SAGE/Milwaukee founded
January 8, 1994

CHAPTER MEMBERS:
ROSEMARY CARAVELLA

Camille & Chris got married in Las Vegas!

LIL WAS HERE!

G. 1994 Dave R is jumped and beaten outside of The 3Bs.



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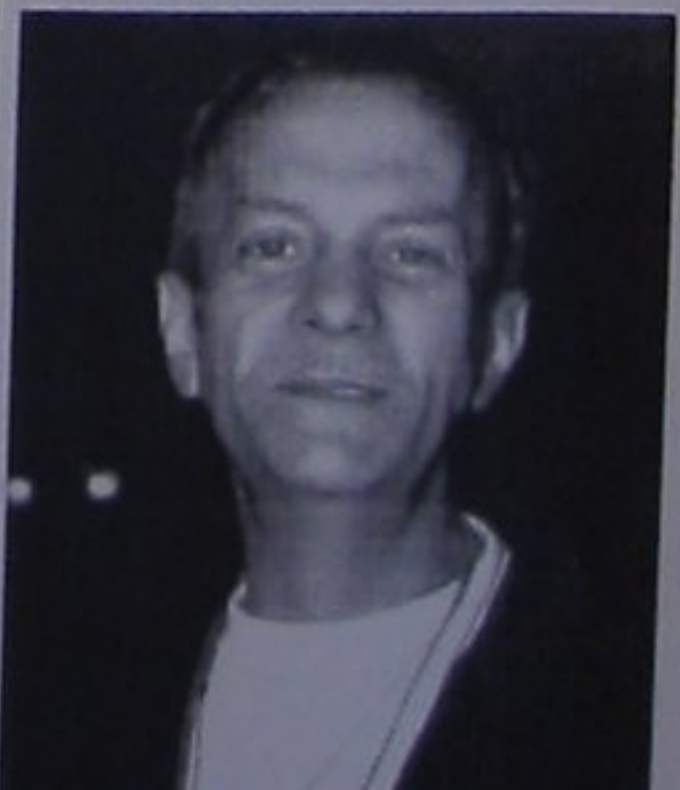
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"Tina" Terry is shot to death in her north side bar, a haven for African American gays and lesbians.

A proposal for a Gay/Lesbian Studies certificate program is submitted to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee administrators but becomes a political football, not officially approved for almost two years.

The Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays is formed and sponsors a series of Coming Out Day events.

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...riated to Mayor's
...on a Police-Community
...Dahmer Murders.

Individuals

The Brand New Queer TV Show, later the
Queer Program, debuts on public access
cable.

I WAS "outed" at my JOB at
what is now U.S. BANK

Outcome:

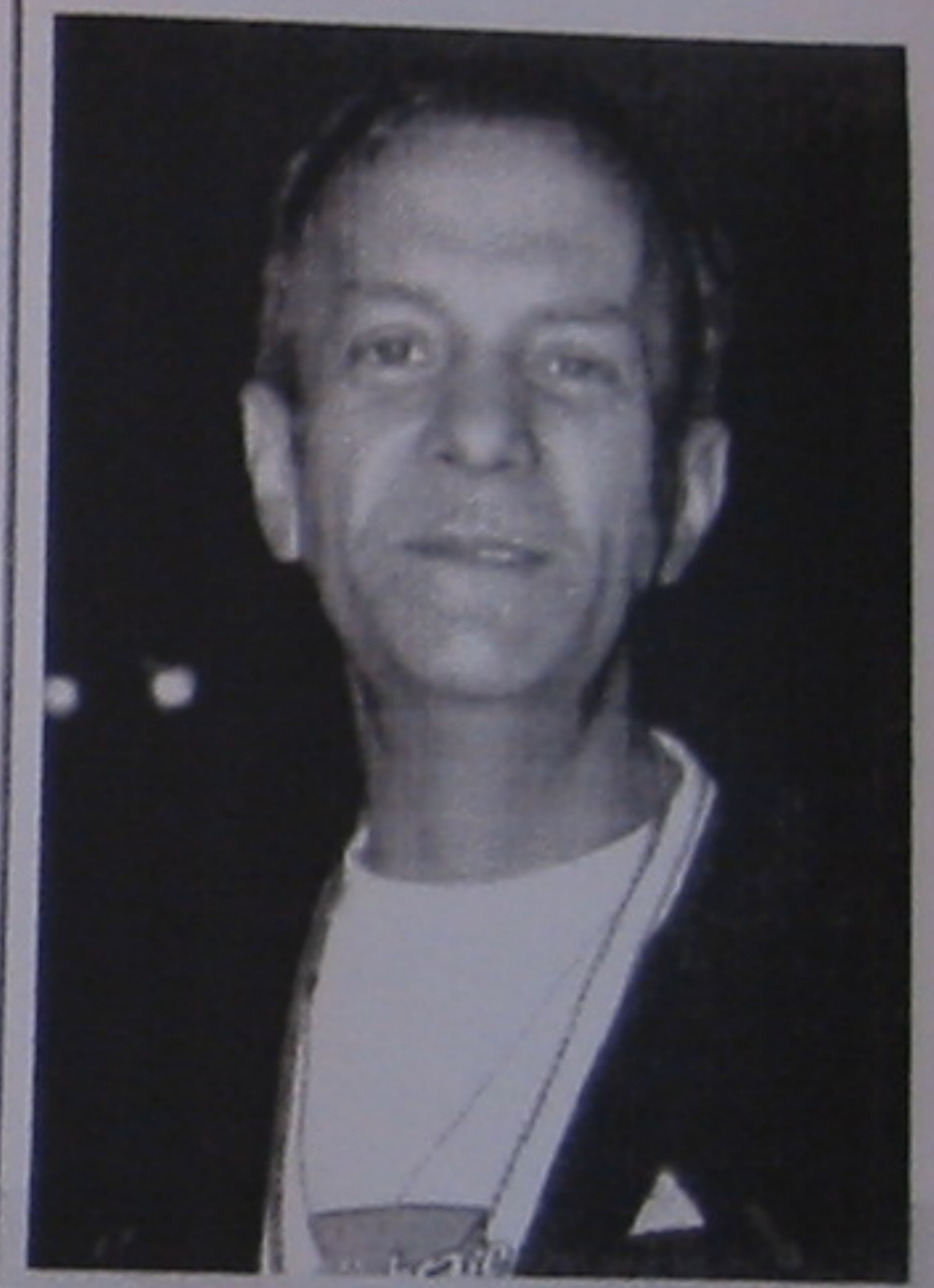
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a promotion!

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Ron Geiman



Ron Geiman begins publishing
Wisconsin In Step.

Wrong year! 1989?

Quest begins publishing.

1995

1996

1997

Tammy Baldwin, a Wisconsin Democrat, becomes the first openly lesbian or gay candidate elected to the House of Representatives as a non-incumbent.



Tammy

A Hawaii court rules that a compelling case has not been made to ban gay marriage. Concern over the case leads Congress to overwhelmingly pass the Defense of Marriage Act.

NATIONAL

Tammy Baldwin

Diverse and Resilient started as a program within Aurora Health Care, serving LGBT youth. Distributes \$25,000 to start fledgling LGBT youth groups in Wisconsin. by Gary Hollander, PhD

3 members of Shoreline-Milwaukee die of AIDS, including the group's Artistic Director.

After a pledge of financial support from Ross Walker and Erv Uecker, an organizational drive begins to establish a community center for the city's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities.

The Alternative Business Association forms.

Bi Definition founded holding

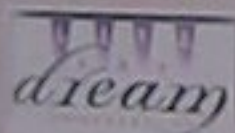


its first meets at the Best D Clinic.

LGBT Organizations

Rainbow Families Milwaukee began with potlucks hosted in LGBT parents' homes.

Milwaukee World Festivals Inc. agrees to lease the Henry W. Maier Festival Park to PrideFest for its 1996 celebration.



Two influential AIDS activists/educators — Christopher Fons and Arnie Malmon — succumb to AIDS complications.

AMIGAS LATINAS WAS BORN ON JULY 16/1995.

www.amigaslatinas.org.

FOR LEADS OF LATINA HERITAGE.

~~www.amigaslatinas.org~~

Karen Gotzler loses a hard-fought campaign to become Milwaukee's 3rd District Alderperson and its first openly LGBT City Council member.

Bette Midler's sparkling presence draws record crowds and proceeds for the AIDS Walk Wisconsin.



Gary Hollander denounced in state legislature for "recruiting" LGBT youth.

Individuals

12-9-96
Betsy
Stephanie
1st met → still going strong!

Hundreds attend the 10th anniversary black tie celebration held for the Wisconsin Light newspaper at the downtown Milwaukee Hilton Hotel; the \$10,000 raised is donated to the Cream City Foundation.



1997

1998

1999

NATIONAL

Matthew Shepard is murdered - national attention highlights violence against gays, lesbians, and transgender persons. Vigils and demonstrations occur spontaneously across the country.

Learn out to Bridge

R.I.P. Matthew Shepard Always Missed

The Vermont Supreme Court rules that the state must grant gay and lesbian couples the same rights as married couples.

Baker vs state of VT -> Civil Unions (Stan Baker & Peter Harrigan)
Marilyn Hally Peterborough & Lois Folsom
A gay marriage movement spurred on & supported by the VT Freedom to Marry Task Force

Barb and Sara were Spiritually Wed before G-O-D and jumped the broom... April 6, 1999... I love you Sara Barb

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Milwaukee LGBT Community Center opens in the Downtown Mini Warehouse, 170 S. 2nd St.

FFRN WE WILL MISS YOU FOREVER



12-4-98 Da. De. Birth > One

Major Events

Rainbow Families Mktc formed

I came out to my family - Frank

I came out to family as Bi-wolf

Project Q, a drop-in program for queer youth forms.

HRL-PAC ^{Cozy was it 1997?}
(Human Rights League Political Action Committee) Forme to promote + support LGBT + LGBT-friendly ~~both~~ candidates for ~~un~~lected office



The City of Milwaukee institutes a Domestic Partner Registry for same-sex domestic partners. ^{was my condition} called 'Domestic Partner Task Force'

at the age of 41 I came out to Family + Friends as M to F transsexual "NOT A Pretty event"

- Broke off engagement to a guy & came out as a Lesbian!!

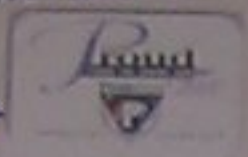
BOBBY WAS HERE

2000

2001

2002

Realized being bisexual is not a bad thing. I AM NOT ALONE



I figured it was because I was bisexual! Hi! I told I was gay.

I came out officially - TESSA

My first year @ Michigan!

June 6, 2001 * TONY

JEFF'S 1st DATE * still together

I had sex with a girl! Molly

1/24/02 Mavis & Wanda meet

NATIONAL

JAN 14 KEN (bottom) + MEL (top)

MET AT STEAMWORKS CHICAGO

BECAUSE

House of Infiniti, an organization for African American gay, bisexual and transgender men forms.

Peabody was here! BI Empowerment Conference

Center Advocates, the equal rights arm of the Milw. LGBT Community Center, is launched, along with its Equality Knock campaign

Diverse and Resilient, Inc., an organization supporting the healthy development of LGBT people, forms

incorporated as separate 501(c)3. Yeah!

I told my first person that I thought I might want to sleep with girls - Sarah S

I came out to my mom! :)

Plymouth Church U.C. hires Andrew Warner, an openly gay minister



Don't miss your mission party!

State Representative Tim Carpenter comes out

PrideFest hits record attendance of 18,604 over its 2 1/2 day celebration in June.

PrideFest runs up huge debt and nearly goes bankrupt. This changes in 2004 through the efforts of Cream City Foundation, volunteers and generous donors.

Lesbian Juana Vega is killed by the brother of her ex-lover. Although the brother claimed that Vega had turned his sister into a Lesbian, the courts ruled that the murder was not a hate crime. He received 45 years! Without Parole!

City of Milwaukee passes domestic partner benefits for same- & opposite-sex unmarried partners of city workers in a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME DC 48

UWM establishes LGBT Advisory Committee to monitor, advise & advocate re LGBT issues on campus.

My life has meaning now. 11/24/00

Thanks PrideFest! Chris + Karen got together!

Ken's coming out - 1/17/01

Donna Utke, longtime leader in Milwaukee's lesbian community, dies.

Individuals

I came out Leonard Sobierak, openly gay man, appointed to the Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission by Mayor Norquist

I came out to my family & friends as Transgendered Damien

My mom & I could not resist

Don + Johnny 3/3/00 Going strong!

I came out as TG to my family - Jamie

Met the Women of my Dreams!!

Wisconsin Light ceases publishing after 15 years.

In Step 19 years

1/24/02
Meredith & Wade
MET

NATIONAL

JAN 14
KEN (Bottom)
+
MEL (Top)
MET
AT STEAMWORKS CHICAGO

Milwaukee's Fire and Police Commission holds hearings on the treatment of LGBT members of both Depts. Result is a new policy to change the culture around diversity - Sobczak Commission Policy

The UK passes law to protect the civil rights of transgender people.

WENDY
WE MISS YOU
SPRT!

Diverse and Resilient, Inc., an organization supporting the healthy development of LGBT people, ~~forms~~ incorporates as separate SOLE C3.

I came out to my mom. I was shocked.

LGBT Organizations

TRUMA,
I TOLD MY DADY GIRL
I LV HER WITH ALL MY
HEART FELICIANO
LIE

I took my wife's name
from Hannon

Sarah
+
Diana
10-2-04

MY PREVIOUS
VOICE MOVIE
WAS HERE!

Average offers
Domestic Partner
Benefits

FIRST TIME
I FELL IN LOVE
WITH A GIRL.



PrideFest runs up huge debt and nearly goes bankrupt. This changes in 2004 through the efforts of Cream City Foundation, volunteers and generous donors.

Gov Doyle vetoes Defense of marriage ~~statute~~ bill, the only DOMA veto not to be overridden

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Major Events



In March the Republican-led legislature begins the process of amending the state's constitution to ban civil unions, domestic partnerships, & gay marriage

UWM establishes LGBT Advisory Committee to monitor, advise & advocate re LGBT issues on campus.

LUTHERAN MINISTER REFUSES TO OFFICIATE MY MOTHER'S FUNERAL BECAUSE SHE HAD A GAY SON.

I met the love of my life.
Sept 2004
Sweet and true

7-31-04

See Dee
+
Shirley

Individuals

My mom, I
Came out to her

Met the Women of my Dreams!!

I came out to
FAMILY!
Oct 9, 2003

HELEN & LORRAINE
MARRIED
IN NYC
SHOUT

September
+
came out!
Love is born. **Paul**

Wisconsin Light ceases publishing after 15 years.

In Step newspaper ceases publishing after 19 years, marking...

After more than a year with no LGBT...

2005

Children's Service Society of Wis is @ Pridefest recruiting LGBT folks to be foster + adoptive parents. Come see us + sign up. WE NEED YOU!
Joan D.

BMW Finally comes out

June 13th
Ashley + Jami
get MARRIED

MAMA LaMontes Catering Cafe opened 5/3/05
WOMAN OWNED + OPERATED
Howley + Bluemound Rd

Add Your Hopes and Dreams for the Future:

Tolerance WITH the Rainbow
- Equal Rights
- more pride

RYR
2000
2004
MARRIAGE
Equal Rights

That people can love people no matter their gender.

Domestic Partnership rights!

Beth comes out in a professional organization - workshops.

Feb 20th, I met the man I will marry!

I came to pride Feb + in 2003.

I came to pride Saturday 10

TO LIVE THIS HAS BEEN THE HAPPIEST & MOST FULFILLING 2 YEARS OF MY LIFE WITH MY WIFE TO AND LIES
LAD LACA

Join us on the Internet at: www.mkelgbthist.org



2005 - Alliance School for LGBT teens planned in Milwaukee.

2005 - Milwaukee Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf creates its first website.

Governor Doyle presents commendation to Gerry Hollander for his work with LGBT youth, setting the record 'straight!'

June 13 - Reached 19 Points

May 26 2005 the Board of Directors for Milwaukee Public Schools approves a 5 year contract with The Alliance School. (School will open Aug 1st)

The Reverend Lew Broyles of the Metropolitan Community Church dies.



Send off Lew Broyles
PANTS
Lew Broyles

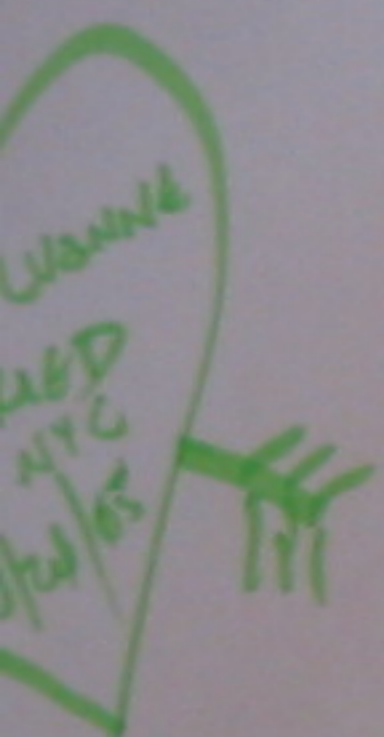
Met my girl friend Jamie + we're still together. 3 months
I love you!! - Stephanie



Bit
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gay
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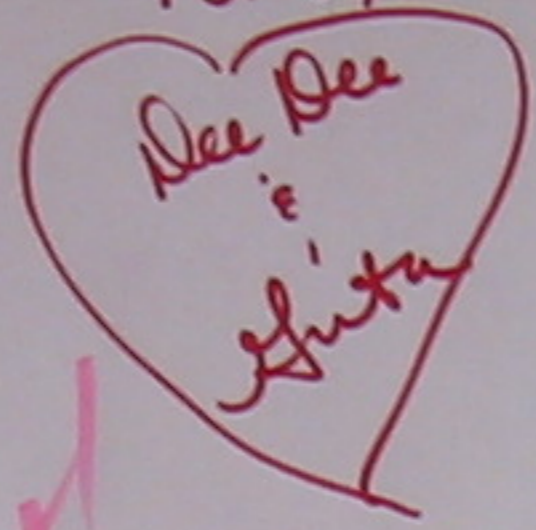
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MY MOTHER'S FUNERAL
SHE HAD A GAY SON.

I CAME TO
FAMILY!
OCT 9, 2003



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Sept 2004
Sweet and kind

7-31-04



September
I came out!
Cynthia
& Kathryn
meet!
Love is born. **Dan**

newspaper ceases publishing after
marking the first time
is left without a true LGBT
in 22 years.

After more than a year with no
LGBT newspaper in the state,
two news periodicals start up in
December: Q-Life and OutBound
News.

I'm an ally
writing for
Outbound News

MMK DESIGN 2005

Approves a 5 year contract with
The Alliance School. (Doors will open
Aug 19)

The Reverend Lew Broyles of the
Metropolitan Community Church dies.



Forever
our hearts -
Thank you Lew



The Reverend Lew Broyles
10-23-54 - 5/16/05
He was a Great Person
and will be Gently Missed
by many People



Good friend
Dear friend
Love 1/2

PBJ 7
A Gentle Giant
6 years
5x
this weekend

Let me
Joinie
together
love you