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By William S. Gooden, Publisher Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

Happy New Year Everyone! January is a chance for new opportunities and a fresh start. A chance for self-improvement and self-actualization. This year we are focusing our January issue on a *New Year, A New You!* in our **Pride Life Features** section. Setting on the path to improving yourself is a lot easier then you think.

What else is new **In the News**? There is a new secretary of Veterans Affairs in Tony Evers cabinet, James Bond (not the one your thinking of), and he is the first openly gay cabinet member in Wisconsin's history. In other state news local Republicans are up to the old tricks again at the have blocked the ban conversion therapy. Apparently, some things never change.

New in **Arts and Entertainment**, there is a new mini-series on PBS that focuses on the right history of independent Queer comics, "*No Straight Lines*." I'll admit, as a comic book junkie I will be watching this one.

As always we have the ever talented Michael Johnson with a look back at all the highlights from Milwaukee's arts and entertainment seen of 2022, and a look at what is on the horizon for 2023 in this months' **Cordially Yours, Again!**"

I hope this new year is a bright and happy one for you. Wishing you all the best!

- William G.

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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



Wisconsin Republicans block ban on 'conversion therapy'

By: Harm Venhuizen, Associated Press

Wisconsin Republicans voted Thursday, January 12, 2023, to again allow therapists, social workers and counselors to try to change LGBTQ clients' gender identities and sexual orientations — a discredited practice known as conversion therapy.

A ban on conversion therapy was passed in 2020 by a state board within the Democratic governor's administration overseeing licensing for mental health professionals. But a committee in the Republican-controlled Legislature temporarily blocked the ban then and did so again Thursday, with all six Republican members voting to block it and the four Democrats voting to keep it in place.

LGBTQ rights advocates have decried the scientifically discredited practice of trying to "convert" LGBTQ people to heterosexuality and traditional gender expectations as harmful, citing research suggesting the practice can increase the risk of suicide and depression.

At least 20 states and the District of Columbia have outlawed conversion therapy for minors, according to the Movement Advancement Project, a pro-LGBTQ rights think tank. Wisconsin is not one of them.

An examining board in the Department of Safety and Public Standards developed the rule banning conversion therapy, drawing objections from Republican lawmakers who introduced a bill in January 2021 to strike it down. Lawmakers placed that bill in committee for the remainder of the 2021-22 session, avoiding a veto from Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and temporarily suspending the ban.

Evers, who signed an executive order in 2021 prohibiting the use of taxpayer money to fund youth conversion therapy, would almost have certainly vetoed the bill if it passed.

The ban was reinstated after lawmak-



ers failed to permanently block it by the end of the last legislative session. It has been back in effect since Dec. 1, after Evers won reelection.

Mike Mikalsen, chief of staff for rules committee co-chair state Sen. Steve Nass, reiterated the committee's reasoning for suspending the ban in 2021, telling *The Associated Press* in an interview Wednesday that the licensing board had no authority under state law for the reinstatement.

"It's not about the policy itself," Mikalsen said.

Democrats disagree. State Sen. Kelda Roys, who sits on the rules committee, said Republicans' decision to intervene was "wildly out of step" with the norms for setting professional standards.

"It's disappointing that the very first move the GOP is going to make this legislative session is to green-light abusive practices against children," Roys said.

LGBTQ rights have taken center stage in statehouses across the country since the year began. Republican lawmakers in at least 11 states have already introduced legislation to restrict access to transgender health care. Conservatives also have pushed to restrict conversations about sexual orientation and gender identity in public schools.

State Rep. Adam Neylon, the committee's other co-chair, began a public hearing ahead of the vote by accusing the DSPS examining board of overstepping its bounds and crafting public policy by barring conversion therapy. He said that's all that's at issue, not whether con-

version therapy is morally or ethically right or wrong.

Marc Herstand, executive director of the Wisconsin chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, told the committee that the board clearly has the authority to ban conversion therapy because it equates to unprofessional conduct that can drive patients to suicide.

"(The ban on conversion therapy) is necessary to protect the mental health of children in our state," Herstand said.

Roys told the committee that lawmakers should leave the entire issue alone because none of them are social workers or therapists.

"The Legislature is not competent to decide what is professional conduct in a regulated industry," Roys said.

Julianne Appling, president of the conservative group Wisconsin Family Action, told the committee that banning conversion therapy infringes on counselors, social workers and therapists' free speech rights. The state, she said, should not be allowed to threaten their careers for exercising freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and freedom of religion.

Matthew Lehner, a 19-year-old student at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, told the committee that he's a member of the LGBTQ community and he's disgusted that lawmakers are even thinking about allowing conversion therapy, calling it torture and a violation of human rights.

"I am outraged and sick to my stomach that a proposal such as this would even be considered in the year 2023," Lehner said. "However, given how the Republican majority has waged war on bodily autonomy, climate science, and queer people over their years of gerrymandered reign, it doesn't surprise me in the slightest."

Source: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/wisconsin-republicans-block-ban-on-conversion-therapy>

James Bond, first openly gay cabinet secretary, appointed to run Veterans Affairs

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers appointed James Bond to serve as secretary of the state Department of Veterans Affairs on Monday, making Bond the first openly gay cabinet secretary in state history.

Bond, who previously worked as deputy secretary, joined the department in 2010 where he has held positions as the administrator of the Divisions of Veterans Benefits and Veteran Services. He's been deputy secretary since 2019.

Bond will replace Mary Kolar who recently retired.

"James has been a dedicated leader at DVA for over a decade and has served the Department and Wisconsin veterans well as deputy secretary," Evers said in a statement. "As a veteran himself, along with his decades of state service, I have no doubt he will bring a wealth of experience, knowledge, and expertise to



this role as secretary. I look forward to continuing our work together to serve Wisconsin's more than 300,000 veterans and ensure they receive the benefits,

support, and resources they have earned through their service to be successful in their civilian lives."

Prior to joining the DVA, Bond worked in the state Department of Workforce Development. A disabled veteran, he was on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1983 to 1988.

"I have built a career in service — service to my country, the state of Wisconsin, and to fellow veterans," Bond said. "As secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, I will continue in this vein and work with veteran advocates across 72 counties and 11 Tribal Nations to deliver benefits and services veterans have earned, tell their stories, and honor their contributions. Together, we will forge a better future for all Wisconsin veterans and their families."

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A New Year, A New You: Personal Growth and Self-improvement for 2023

As we enter the new year of 2023, many of us are looking for ways to improve ourselves and grow as individuals. One way to do this is by setting New Years resolutions focused on personal growth and self-improvement. In this article, we'll explore the importance of these resolutions, how to get started, and provide 10 examples to inspire your own goals for the coming year.

Why New Years resolutions are important for personal growth and self-improvement

New Years resolutions can serve as a powerful tool for personal growth and self-improvement because they provide a clear and specific goal to work towards. By setting a resolution, you are committing to making a positive change in your life and taking the steps necessary to achieve it. This can not only help you become a better version of yourself, but also increase your confidence and motivation as you see progress over time.

How to get started

To get started with your New Years resolutions for personal growth and self-improvement, follow these steps:

Reflect on what you want to achieve in the coming year. Consider areas of your life that you want to improve, such as your health, relationships, career, or personal development.

Set specific and achievable goals. Rather than setting a vague resolution like "be more productive," try to be specific with your goals, such as "spend 30 minutes each day on a productivity app."

Make a plan. Determine the steps you need to take to achieve your goals and create a plan to follow. This might include setting aside specific times for



working on your goals, finding resources or tools to help you along the way, or enlisting the support of friends or family.

New years resolutions physical health wellness examples:

10 examples

Here are 10 examples of New Years resolutions for personal growth and self-improvement in 2023:

1. Exercise regularly
2. Read one book per month
3. Learn a new skill or hobby
4. Practice mindfulness or meditation
5. Volunteer or give back to the community
6. Improve your relationships with loved ones
7. Quit a negative habit, such as smoking or procrastination
8. Increase your productivity with a productivity app
9. Practice gratitude and positive thinking
10. Set and work towards personal or professional goals

Tips for New Years Resolutions for Personal Growth and Self-Improvement

ment

1. Be realistic. Don't set unrealistic goals that are impossible to achieve. Instead, aim for something that is challenging but still achievable.

2. Track your progress. Use a planner, journal, or app to track your progress and stay motivated.

3. Be consistent. It's important to consistently work towards your goals, rather than giving up after a few weeks or months.

4. Celebrate your achievements. Don't forget to celebrate your successes along the way, no matter how small they may seem.

Summary

New Years resolutions can be a great way to set specific goals for personal growth and self-improvement in the coming year. By reflecting on what you want to achieve, setting achievable goals, and creating a plan to follow, you can take the first steps towards becoming the best version of yourself in 2023. Remember to be realistic, track your progress, and celebrate your achievements along the way.

'No Straight Lines' Unearths The Hidden History Of Queer Comic Books

A new PBS documentary shines a light on the trailblazing LGBTQ artists making underground comics and strips in the 1970s and the '80s.

By Dan Avery

Decades before Iceman came out as gay or Robin first kissed his boyfriend, LGBTQ artists were creating queer comics in the 1970s and '80s. They weren't working for Marvel or DC, though: They were making underground comic books, strips and zines out of their homes, DIY-style.

Premiering Monday on PBS, the documentary *"No Straight Lines: The Rise of Queer Comics"* shines a spotlight on some of these trailblazers, including Alison Bechdel (*"Dykes to Watch Out For"*), Howard Cruse (*"Wendel," "Stuck Rubber Baby"*), Jennifer Camper (*"Rude Girls and Dangerous Women"*) and Rupert Kinnard (*"B.B. and the Diva," "Cathartic Comics"*).

"No Straight Lines" also profiles Mary Wings, who is credited with publishing the first known queer comic book, *"Come Out Comics,"* in 1973.

"There's a history of erotic illustrations, like Tom of Finland, and gag strips in the Advocate, but *'Come Out Comix'* was the first 'literary' queer comic," said Justin Hall, who produced *"No Straight Lines"* and is chair of the graduate comics program at California College of the Arts.

"Mary was the first interview we did," Hall said. "She created *'Come Out Comix'* in the basement of a radical wom-



en's karate cooperative in Oregon, making this thing on a photocopier and distributing it through mail order."

The autobiographical book, completed in just a week, chronicles a young woman's realization of her sexual identity and her first fumbling romantic relationship.

San Francisco, where Wings now lives, was home to many of the earliest LGBTQ comic books and strips — most of which were made by queer women.

After Wings' book came Roberta Gregory's *"Dynamite Damsels"* in 1975, a series of humorous vignettes about the lives of lesbian feminist activists, and then Lee Marrs' *"The Further Fattening Adventures of Pudge, Girl Blimp"* in 1977, about a 17-year-old runaway who arrives in San Francisco looking to lose her virginity.

Trina Robbins, a straight ally, arrived in the Bay Area in 1970. Two years later she wrote *"Sandy Comes Out,"* considered the first comic strip about an out lesbian, in *"Wimmen's Comix"* #1.

Hall curated an exhibit of early LGBTQ comics for San Francisco's Cartoon Art Museum in 2006, then worked on the graphic anthology *"No Straight Lines: Four Decades of Queer Comics,"* published by Fantagraphics Books in 2012.

He filmed interviews for the book with the idea of creating a documentary and eventually brought in veteran documentary filmmaker Vivian Kleiman (*"Families Are Forever," "Always My Son"*) to direct the project.

"I've been obsessed with comics since I was a kid; it's how I learned to read," said Hall, whose own work includes the comics *"True Travel Tales"* and *"Hard to*

Swallow. “I always knew I wanted to be involved somehow in creating comics. It was a phase I never grew out of.”

Graphic storytelling has particular appeal to LGBTQ creators, he added.

“It’s both a storytelling and visual art form, which I think is very powerful,” Hall said. “There’s a great quote from Alison Bechdel, who said she started making comics because she wanted to make lesbians visible.”

It’s also an art form that’s more available to marginalized groups, cartoonist Jennifer Camper said, and advances in technology have made creating and distributing comics cheaper than ever.

“You don’t need a lot of resources or buy-in from gatekeepers,” Camper, one of the comic creators featured in the film, added. “For people who want to tackle content that might not be approved by the mainstream, that’s very attractive.”

For queer readers, she said, reading comics “is very intimate.”

“You’re taking words and pictures and combining them in your mind to create things like time and motion — and carving out this universe for yourself,” Camper said. “It’s something you do privately, maybe even in secret.”

Camper has been creating comics since the 1980s, often reflecting on her experiences as both a lesbian and a Lebanese American woman. She has drawn strips for numerous LGBTQ newspapers and was a contributor to “*Gay Comix*,” a seminal anthology series that launched in 1980.

Howard Cruse, another cartoonist featured in the film, was the founder editor of “*Gay Comix*.” The strips in the series could be sexually frank, but they focused more on humor and drama



Jennifer Camper, Diane DiMassa, Alison Bechdel, Rob Kirby, Joan Hilde and Howard Cruse at an OutWrite conference.



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than titillation.

Cruse also published “*Wendel*,” a strip that appeared in the Advocate throughout the 1980s. It followed a young gay man and his friends in the Reagan-Bush era, touching on same-sex relationships, gay bashing, HIV/AIDS and oth-

er hot-button issues.

His 1995 graphic novel, “*Stuck Rubber Baby*,” was about a young gay man coming of age in the South amid the civil rights movement. “*Stuck Rubber Baby*” was one of the first queer comics to get mainstream critical acclaim. (The book’s introduction was written by Pulitzer-winning playwright Tony Kushner.)

“Sometimes you don’t want to meet your heroes but, in Howard’s case, he was as beautiful as his work,” Hall said. “He was the godfather of queer comics. His generosity of spirit and intellect brought this community together.”

Cruse died of cancer in 2019, while “*No Straight Lines*” was still in development. Hall and Kleiman said his passing was the fuel that helped them push the project over the finish line.

“Vivian and I were at a low point, wondering if we’d ever get the movie made,” Hall said. “When Howard died, we were like, ‘We have to do it. It has to be done. He was one of the greatest artists of his generation, and he never got his due.’”

Over the past decade, queer comic creators have been getting increased recognition, if not fully getting their due. A 25th anniversary edition of



Howard Cruse

Cruse’s “*Stuck Rubber Baby*” was released in 2020. Alison Bechdel received a MacArthur “genius grant” in 2014, and then her bestselling graphic memoir, “*Fun Home*,” was turned into a Tony-winning musical the following year. And just this month, Edmund White’s gay classic “*A Boy’s Own Story*” was released as a graphic novel.

But even as gains have been made, some things have been lost since the heady days chronicled in “*No Straight Lines*.”

“There was a period where every major city in America had an LGBTQ newspaper, and that’s where a lot of us were published,” Camper said. “We created this world that allowed us to get our work out there. There was less mon-

ey, but there was a joy in creating things on our own terms.”

The attention queer comics now receive has also meant more scrutiny from conservatives: “*Gender Queer: A Memoir*,” a 2019 illustrated memoir by non-binary artist Maia Kobabe, topped the American Library Association’s 2021 list of most challenged books in the U.S.

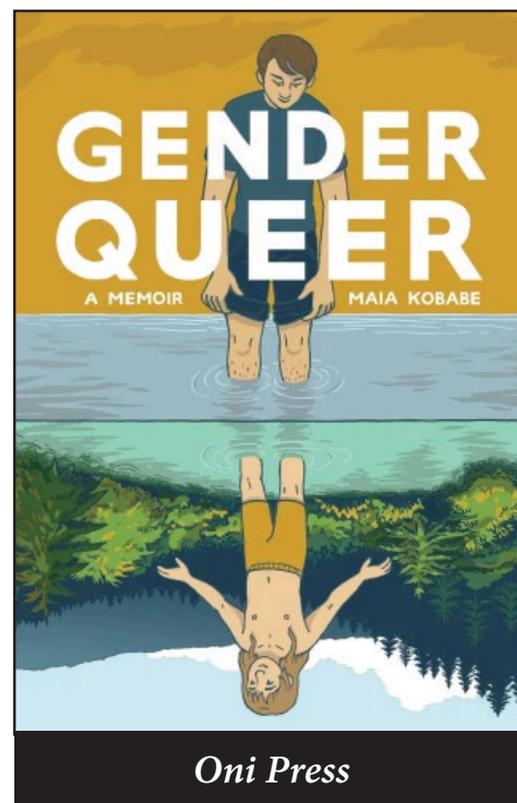
“For a long time, queer comics existed in this parallel universe,” Hall said. “Now we have comics for young queer audiences, and all-ages and YA books with queer characters, which is wonderful. But right-wing culture warriors are weaponizing these books.”

Camper said she misses the freedom and sense of community she felt in the 1980s.

“But there is a whole generation coming up now who understands, ‘Yes, comics are an art form and, yes, some comics have queer characters,’” she added. “It’s very exciting.”

“*No Straight Lines*” premieres on PBS’ “Independent Lens” Monday, January 23 at 10 p.m. ET, when it will also be available to stream on the PBS video app.

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Winter Wonderland 2023



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On Sunday, December 11, 2021, "The Second Annual Winter Wonderland: A LGBTQ+ Holiday Party," took place at Walker's Pint, 881 S. 2nd Street. This party was unique in that it was thrown exclusively for LGBTQ+ individuals 40 and up. The creation of Milwaukee Pride Life's President of Marketing, Carmen A. Murguia and Phantom Promotions' "Sir Wayne" Griffin,

the event was the perfect relaxed way to enjoy the holidays without all the rigmarole. The event included music by DJ Keli C and DJ Tim Cole, socializing, food, vendors, dancing and giveaways. The event was hosted by local drag legend Karen Valentine and 16th Street Clinic director José Salazar.

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Bombshell Theatre Co. kicks off 2023 with a kick a** Production of *"Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"* Friday, January 6th – Sunday, January 15th at **The Sunset Playhouse** in Elm Grove. I must tip my hat (if I wore one) to Bombshell. They always select unique vehicles to excel with. The Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds movie is out there, but come see the original Broadway Theatrical Production, before it was "Hollywood-ized".

Friday, January 6 is the Epiphany, Three Kings Day!

The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre offers up Shakespeare's *"Much Ado About Nothing"* Tuesday, January 10th - Sunday, February 12th. And trust me with Our Rep, it's going to be "something"!

Friday, January 20th is *PRIDE Night!* All Tickets are \$30. When you make your Reservation, make sure to say the special code "PRIDE Night" to receive the Special Discounted Price! This is a great, affordable way to see if you would like Theater, Shakespeare, The Rep. This is also a great opportunity for LGBTQ+ Socializing! BJ Daniels, Dear Ruthie Keester, and Karen Valentine will once again be your PRIDE Hostesses. This is the second of a set of three and just a fresh, fun, unique outing with an Art



By: Michael Johnston

bend. Hoping to see You all and on a Friday! The Third and Final PRIDE Night for this Season will be: Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 *"God of Carnage"* and/or *"The Greatest Love of All - The Whitney Houston Story"*. When ordering Tickets for these three shows, you will receive a significant discount when You use the code words "**PRIDE Night**".

Fans of Dean Martin, and who isn't because everybody loves somebody sometime, **The Rep** has *"Dino! An Evening with Dean Martin"* from Friday, January 20th – Sunday, March 19th in **The Stackner Cabaret**. The ever fabulous and winning Jonathan Hetler is the Director; his vision of Jerry Lewis' favorite partner is spot on!

"Evita" storms **The Skylight Music Theatre** on Friday, February 3 – Sunday, February 19 with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber. Evita stars the radiant Rana Roman as Eva Peron and the dashing Andrew Varela as Juan Peron. High flying, adored!

The Marcus Center for The Arts is bringing Broadway to The Brew City in Royal Style!

- *"My Fair Lady"* sweeps in with 2023, Tuesday, January 03 – Sunday, January 08 – The Lincoln Center Version that has most-recently had taken The Big Apple by storm!
- *Champions of Magic, The Worldwide Tours* Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14
- *39th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration* Monday, January 16
- *Step AFRIKA!* Thursday, January 19
- *Carmella Full of Wishes* Friday, January 20 – Sunday, February 12
- *National Geographic Live: Spinosaurus* Saturday, January 21
- *Legally Blonde, The Musical* Tuesday, January 24 – Thursday, January 26
- *Jazz at Lincoln Center* Thursday, February 2
- *Hairspray* Tuesday, February 7 – Sunday, February 12

The Mitchell Park Domes is on track once again with their ever-popular *Train Show* Saturday, January 14 – Sunday, March 26. All on board for everyone, not just the choo-choo enthusiasts.

Saturday, January 14 is *The Bosom Buddies Show* at La Cage 5:00 pm. *The First Show of the New Year*, celebrating Maple Veneer's birthday! Come One, Come All! A fabulous fete of a fantastic Friend's favorite day. Candles optional!

Saturday, February 11, 2023 **The Bosom Buddies Show** returns, as you know it's monthly, the mid-Saturday of ev-

ery month, Doors of La Cage open at 4:00 pm, Show starts promptly, or as closely to 5:00 pm, as possible. The Valentine Show will have the fascinating Freddie Fahrenheit as their Headliner.



- Monday, January 16 The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Sunday, January 22 Chinese New Year, The Year of The Rabbit
- As a reminder, as if you would need one, Tuesday, February 14, is St. Valentine's Day.

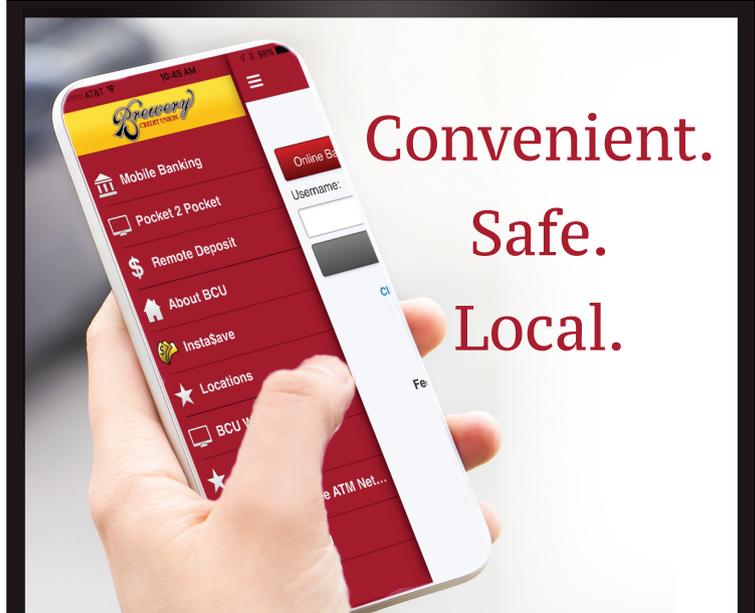
I hear tell Purse String Production's Chad Harrington (The Brain behind Hamburger Mary's Golden Girls and Bo's Burgers) is coming up with some concepts for Milwaukee's favorite Valentine (Karen) KV. Stay tuned ...

My Holidays were beyond brilliant this past year spent with Family, Friends, and Fond Ones. Parties, Drinks, Food, Shows, Entertaining, Fund Raising. Thank You All for turning out and having Holiday fun with me. And as for the location of said events, parties, and shows: Club Charlies, La Cage, This Is It!, Walker's Pint, Woody's, Turner Hall, Dorsia's on Brady, and Michele Bosley Green's what monumental memories made this past Hol-

iday Season, Thanks to all of You!

New Year's Eve was spent having a regal repast at The White House! Exhale, the one on K.K. in Bay View, not with The President and Dr. Biden in D.C. Allison Meinhardt, Owner, Hostess, Bar Tender, Proprietress, the "Miss Kitty" of the establishment making sure the evening was simply beyond! Thomas and Ava were the sensational servers, sashaying about the room with scrumptious samples of taste bud seducing food. Chef Alex Stewart went out of this orbit with a Nine Course Feast with Wine Pairings. A dream... Robert and Paul, Mark and Mark, Kasey and Marissa, Jay, and Roger, and 13 new friends from Wauwatosa were among the guests on the S.S. Yum - Yum!

And so ends the first Column of the New Year, as I personally wished everyone in Holiday Cards, yes, I am a fossil and send cards, To 2023: May It be as Bright & Dazzling as You are !



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Hunty's Social Club ♦

Drag Bar inside

Hamburger Marys

734 S. 5th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 488-2555

<https://huntysmke.com>

Kruz ♦

Levis' & Leather Bar

354 E. National Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 272-5789

<https://www.facebook.com/kruz.kruzbar>

[kruzbar](https://www.facebook.com/kruz.kruzbar)

La Cage Niteclub ♦

Gay Dance Club

801 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 383-8330

<https://www.facebook.com/LaCageNiteclub>

[LaCageNiteclub](https://www.facebook.com/LaCageNiteclub)

This Is It! ♦

Gay Bar with Drag Shows

418 E. Wells St.

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 278-9192

<https://www.thisisitbar.com>

Walker's Pint ♦

Lesbian Bar

818 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 643-7468

<https://walkerspint.com>

Woody's Sports Bar ♦

Gay Sports Bar

1579 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 672-0806

<https://www.facebook.com/woodys.mke>

[mke](https://www.facebook.com/woodys.mke)

Zócolo Food Park ♦

Bar with food trucks, gay friendly

636 S. 6th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 433-9747

<https://www.zocalomke.com>

C 3 Designs ♦

Custom Jewelry designer in South



Businesses

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2110 10th Ave.

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

(414) 764-3892

<http://c3designs.rocks/>

Oun Kine Grindz ♦

Hawaiian Cafe, caterer and store

7215 W. North Ave.

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

(414) 778-0727

<http://www.okgrindz.com>

Kilwins Milwaukee

LGBTQ-owned candy and ice cream shop in Bayshore Mall

5756 N. Bayshore Dr., Q101

Glendale, WI 53217

(414) 967-4803

<https://www.kilwins.com/stores/kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore>

[kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore](https://www.kilwins.com/stores/kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore)

Outwords Books

Gifts & Coffee ♦

LGBTQ+ books, movies and gifts

2710 N. Murray Ave. #3645,

Milwaukee, WI 53211

(414) 963-9089

<https://outwordsbooks.com>

Purple Door Ice Cream ♦

LGBTQ-owned ice cream parlor with unique flavors and treats

205 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 988-2521

<https://www.purpledooricecream.com>

Sherman Perk Cafe ♦

Local coffee shop in the Sherman Park Neighborhood

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4924 W Roosevelt Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53216
(414) 875-7375
<https://shermanperkcoffeeshop.com/>

La Finca Coffeeshouse ♦
Women owned coffee shop with unique coffees and eats.
3558 E Sivyer Ave.
St Francis, WI 53235
(414) 394-0722
<https://www.lafinca.cafe>

Todo Postres LLC. ♦
Gay-owned and operated bakery and dessert shop. Specializes in unique cakes for quinceañeras, weddings and pride events.
958 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 988-2149
<https://www.facebook.com/ToDoPostresOfficial/>



Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers
Community health center provides discounted or free health programs
2906 S. 20th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 672-1353
<https://sschc.org>

BESTD Clinic
Free STI testing Clinic
1240 E. Brady St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 272-2144
<https://www.bestd.org>

Community Health Systems, Inc. ♦
A federally qualified Health Center that operates a medical, dental, and behavioral health clinic in Beloit, Wisconsin
74 Eclipse Center,
Beloit, WI 53511
tel: (608) 361-0311
www.chsofwi.org

Compassionate Clinical Services
Provides private therapy and counseling services by Ryan Larkey, LCSW, SAC
985 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Planned Parenthood
(414) 839-1821
<https://www.compassionateclinicalservices.com>

Vivent Health (formally ARCW)
HIV/AIDS health center that provides medical, dental, counseling and social service help
820 N. Plankinton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53203
(414) 273-1991
<https://viventhealth.org>



Cream City Foundation
Not-for-profit that funds LGBTQ+ outreach organizations
PO Box 511099
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 225-0244
<https://creamcityfoundation.org>

Diverse & Resilient ♦

LGBTQ+ health and advocacy group
2439 N. Holton St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 390-0444
<https://www.diverseandresilient.org>

LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin
Community center with many programs for LGBTQ+ groups
1456 Junction Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
(262) 664-4100
<https://www.lgbtsewi.org>

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center ♦
Community center with many programs for LGBTQ+ groups
315 W. Court St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 271-2656
<https://www.mkelgbt.org>

Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce
Networking and resources for LGBTQ+ business
5027 W. North Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 678-9275
<https://wislgbtchamber.com>



Central Library ♦
The main branch of The Milwaukee County Library system has books, movies, periodicals available for lending.
814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233
414) 286-3000

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Needle Exchange Program:
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PREP NAVIGATION

Come talk to us about PrEP- The groundbreaking medication that protects you from contracting HIV!

LGBTQ HEALTH NAVIGATION

We provide free LGBTQ Health & HIV education facilitation as well as support for people of Trans experience.

POR MI, POR TI, POR TODOS STUDY

If you're a Latino male or woman of trans- experience, come get enrolled into a study and earn \$300!



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