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By William S. Gooden,
 President and Publisher,
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can be ourselves, converse and discuss social issues, politics and even find others to form friendships, relationships and occasionally to hook up.

Welcome to our third issue. This month we are focusing on our community's social issues. On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage. While we won a major battle with that decision, there are still many issues that are challenging our community.

Milwaukee is home to one of the last 21 lesbian bars, **Walker's Pint**, and also one of the last gay book stores in the country, **Outwords Books**. Downtown Milwaukee features one of the oldest gay bars in the US, **This Is It**, near Cathedral Square. Once these spaces are gone, they most likely never be replaced.

Among the numerous issues addressed in this release is the massive loss of our lesbian bars. At one point in the US, there were more than 200 lesbian bars across the country. Today there are about **twenty-one**.

After the loss of our last LGBTQ publication, **The WI Gazette**, the gap in coverage of our community's stories was unmistakable. That is one of the reasons why I started *Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine*. While I am not suggesting our readership go out and start a new business to replace the ones we have lost, I want to encourage our readers to go out and support the ones we have. You will be very glad you did.

- William Gooden

THE OPINION EDITORIAL

We're Here, We're Queer...

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There was a chant frequently used long ago (particularly by the group Queer Nation) at gay protests and marches that went, “*We're here, we're queer, get used to it!*” This stems from a time when the gay rights movement was about getting recognition for our very existence and our basic human rights.

On June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down all state bans on same-sex marriage, legalizing it in all fifty states. Many saw it as the culmination of all that the gay community had been tirelessly fighting for since the Stonewall riots. We had finally been recognized legally. While gay marriage recognition was a major victory, it was merely one battle - not the war. We were recognized as “being here and being queer,” but the world was not “used to it” yet, as a wave of new anti-LGBTQ+ and anti-Transgender laws were introduced nationwide were clearly testament to. With this shift, the focus on the push for marriage equality led to many of our other social issues being back-burnered. Some of those issues include:

- Of the estimated 1.6 million to 2.8 million homeless youth in the U.S., twenty to forty percent of them are gay or transgender.

- There are a number of health disparities for LGBTQ men, women, seniors and Transgender individuals in the U.S. including the refusal of health services. There is also an alarming rate of mental health issues in the LGBTQ+ and Transgender communities.

- Currently only 20 states (plus the District of Columbia) in the U.S. have laws that explicitly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

- Many LGBTQ+ and Transgender individuals face issues with housing discrimination, particularly LGBTQ+ seniors, people who are HIV positive and Transgender men and women.

- There are currently a number of new bills recently introduced nationwide, including here in Wisconsin, banning Transgender individuals from participating in organized team sports as their chosen gender.

- Currently 35 states have HIV criminalization laws on their books making not disclosing your HIV status to others, including potential partners, a crime punishable with prison time or hefty fines.

- A number of states are proposing bills in their legislature to make it harder or near impossible for LGBTQ+ or Transgender couples to foster or adopt children within the foster care system.

- Recently, there has been wave of violence directed towards Trans-women of color.

These are just some of the many social issues facing our community today. While I don't realistically see us ever succeeding in the realization of the “*get used to it,*” phrase, given the number of issues we face as a community, perhaps it's time for a new chant: “*We're here, we're queer...now let us have our rights!*”



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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



Milwaukee Pride Announces “PridetoberFest” Event At Henry W. Maier Festival Park *New event will celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month*

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Milwaukee Pride, Inc. the parent organization of PrideFest, Wisconsin’s largest LGBTQ+ event announced in July, that it is officially hosting an event in 2021. “PridetoberFest,” at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park will take place on Friday, October 8th and Saturday, October 9th, 2021. Friday’s hours are 3 p.m. to midnight and Saturday’s hours are noon to midnight.

PrideFest, which was established in 1987, has become one of the city’s most popular annual events, originally scheduled for its traditional early June dates, had to be canceled for the second year in a row due to the COVID-19 pandemic. “For the last two festival planning



seasons, our planning processes were guided by science, direction from local government, the health department, and of course the needs of our community,” said Wes Shaver, Milwaukee Pride President in an official press release. “Now these same sources have offered new guidelines and pathways to come out of the pandemic and it’s time to listen and act accordingly. We are excited to bridge the gap between recent summers and what we expect will be a fully open and back to normal 2022. It’s time to bring businesses and communities back to life!”

PridetoberFest will be a scaled-back version of the June festival, utilizing a smaller footprint on the Maier grounds compared to the last PrideFest in 2019. This two-day event will activate multi-

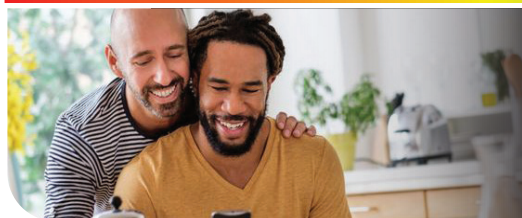
ple stages that engage a diverse lineup of entertainment with a particular focus on local acts, performers and shows. In addition, the festival will welcome popular local food trucks for guests to enjoy.

Milwaukee Pride is working swiftly; tickets, entertainment lineups, and additional event details will be available in some time in August.

For more information, visit pridefest.com or facebook.com/mkepride. Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine will also have the latest information on the event at mkepridelife.com when it becomes available.

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Men's Life

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The New Face of HIV

With active men like Billy Porter and Jonathan Van Ness open about their status, we need to do away with the old negative stigmas

By William S. Gooden,
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In May 2021, in an interview with the Hollywood Reporter, FX's *Pose* star Billy Porter revealed that he had hidden the fact that he was HIV-Positive for more than 14 years. Diagnosed in 2007, the Emmy-winning star was too afraid to tell anyone of his status, for fear of being marginalized or retaliation in an industry that hasn't always been kind to an openly gay African American man. Inspired by his *Pose* character's arch, Porter is telling all about his life these past 14 years in a soon to be released memoir, and a Netflix documentary directed by *Pose* creator Ryan Murphy later this year. Additionally, Porter has numerous other TV and movie projects scheduled for release soon.

Porter isn't the only gay icon in the entertainment industry to come out about his status. Jonathan Van Ness, the grooming expert of Netflix's *Queer Eye* series, came out as HIV-positive in 2019, though he has been positive since 2012. Van Ness has said that he used the revelation to "get clean" from drug use. There are numerous others in the public arena who are open about their HIV status including: Olympic Diver Greg Louganis, *Who's the Boss* star Danny Pintauro, Erasure singer Andy Bell, *RuPaul's Drag Race* alumni Ongina and Trinity K. Bonet and NBA legend Magic Johnson.

One thing all these men have in common, besides being positive, is the fact that they have maintained an active and successful career since their diagnoses. Not too long ago an HIV-diagnosis meant that positive men were relegated to a life of doctors' appointments, treat-



Billy Porter (left) and Jonathan Van Ness (right) are putting a new face on men with HIV.

ments and generally being left alone waiting to die. Today, men like Porter and Van Ness are maintaining healthy, active, successful and full lives. There are many positive men living among us building careers, working as lawyers, teachers, chefs, doctors and starting LGBTQ+ publications amidst a worldwide pandemic.

In 2008 shortly before my 29th birthday, I was diagnosed with HIV. While initially dismayed about my diagnosis, I took control of my condition and continued to live my life advancing my career in journalism and publishing. I have enjoyed a relationship that has lasted more than 12 years and launching my own business. Even in 2008 there were still stigmas I endured from people who remained ignorant about the illness.

Even in 2021 there remains considerable stigma and hatred directed at those who are positive. Last June, a local young gay HIV positive man was tortured, burned, and killed in Cancún, Mexico, by his neighbor. The incident occurred shortly after confiding in him regarding his status at a party. Similar events have taken place right here in the States. But

there are those fighting this stigma such as the organization Mr. Friendly.

The organization was formed in 2008 by HIV Prevention Specialist Dave Watt, who was determined to fight the stigmas, "I had actually worked on the concept of a symbol to fight stigma for years. I wanted to show that I was poz-friendly and to let others know that they could openly discuss HIV with me no matter their status" said Watt. "Yet I didn't want a button that said 'poz-friendly' since to some that encouraged the question about my own status. I witnessed many people living with HIV being treated poorly, like second class citizens. Phrases like 'drug disease free - you be too' and 'I'm clean, expect the same' all add to stigma. Mr Friendly was carefully designed with equal weight for both a positive and a negative symbol. It's important to me that the symbol is for **everyone** without indicating the person's status. Poz or neg, we are all in this together!"



As Billy Porter says in his Hollywood Reporter interview, "This is what HIV-Positive looks like now." These are men and women who are living their lives fearlessly. As a society we need stop the shame, pity and blame that many still continue to heap on us. We need to respect those living with this illness and the choices we have made. As Porter says, "The truth is in the healing." It is time to respect both the new truth... and the new faces of HIV.

Women's Life

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The Lesbian Bar Project Seeks To Save The Last 21 Lesbian Bars In The US

Milwaukee's own Walkers Pint is one of them

By William S. Gooden,
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During the roaring gay 80's there were more than 200 lesbian bars in the United States. Fast-forward to today, where there are an estimated 8.3 million women who identify as lesbian, but only about 21 lesbian bars remaining nationwide to accommodate them all. Lesbian bars, like gay bars, LGBTQ+ bookstores and even bath houses were our "safe spaces." Now lesbian bars (as well as countless other like establishments) have closed over the last 10 to 15 years. Many of the original 200 bars have closed for various reasons over the years, and, due to the recent pandemic-related shutdowns, the remaining 21 bars are hanging on by a thread.

However, a new short-subject documentary hopes to chronicle the history of the lesbian bar and aims to help improve their future post COVID-19. *The Lesbian Bar Project*, a new documentary from Brooklyn-based filmmakers Elina Street and Erica Rose, was released this past June for Pride Month. The film, which is available free on YouTube, opens with a history of these spaces and doesn't shy away from some of their darker pasts. It explores both the evolution and decline of these vulnerable spaces and aims to raise money to help those that remain.

"We wanted to really dive deeper in really discussing and showing the spaces more in depth and also show how these spaces are changing due to the pandemic, how they're reopening and what they're offering — hopefully, a safe



er and healthier future," Street said.

Executive-produced by *Orange Is the New Black* star Lea DeLaria (who also appears in the film) and sponsored by Jägermeister's Save the Night campaign, *The Lesbian Bar Project* is the second phase of a fundraiser by the same name, which raised an initial \$117,504 for the bars during last year's pandemic-related shutdowns. Street and Rose hope to raise an additional \$200,000 for these venues, some of which were unable to receive government assistance and had to raise their own funds to sustain.

The number of lesbian bars is dwindling for a number of reasons, including skyrocketing rents due to gentrification, the systemic difficulty women often face in acquiring financial support to open and maintain businesses and the reality that many women simply lack leisure dollars to spend on going out. These spaces are also languishing because more queer women are turning to dating apps and aren't frequenting the bars like they used to.

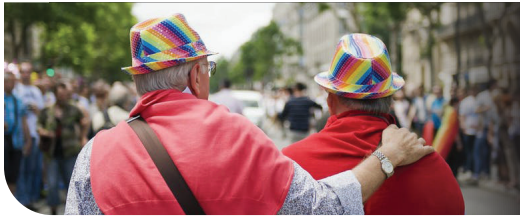
One of the remaining bars that is mentioned in the documentary and the movement is Milwaukee's own *Walker's Pint*, 818 South 2nd St. Founded in July of 2001, Elizabeth A. "Bet-z" Boenning opened Walker's Pint. Around that time there were numerous other Lesbian bars in the city, including Dish [1998-2000], Fannie's [1982-2000], Kathy's Nut Hut [1980-2014] and Mona's/Out 'n About [1998-2012].

For the past 20 years, Walker's Pint has been a safe social space for the gay community, especially women. The staff even wear t-shirts with Walker's Pint's golden rule on the back: "Be nice or leave."

"It's open to everybody. I don't want to exclude people. I know what it's like to be excluded," Boenning said in an interview with *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Boenning, who has been with her wife for 14 years, said her family and friends are accepting, but that's not always the case with strangers. "Being out at bars, and people calling you a 'dyke,' and you're not included, and you're made fun of an dismissed as less than, it's not a good feeling," Boenning said. "I've really lucked out that I've had a great support system. There's a lot of people who don't have anything, so we try to make them feel welcome here."

The Pint, besides being a great place to have a drink and socialize has had ownership and staff begin their own fundraising campaign to help various local charities. The 501(c)(3) is called *Forward Please*.

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Senior Life

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SAGE: Still Advocating For LGBT Seniors After Four-Plus Decades

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What more fitting a way of rolling out our very first original Senior Living article than with a proper tribute to the long-standing advocacy group, SAGE. The organization was formed in 1978 by Chris Almvig and Doug Kimmel. Chris preferred “grandma-sitting” over babysitting, and Doug researched and taught aging. Their colleague Lee Sullivan dropped the phrase “Senior Action in a Gay Environment”...and it has been used since.

It began with simply visiting area seniors and playing canasta or reading to them. This was followed by an appearance on *The Phil Donahue Show*. As SAGE became a more prevalent face for our community, the issue of housing the gay and lesbian elderly in New York could simply no longer be shoved under a rug. Chris and Doug faced the issue head on, and so began the remarkable exchange of gerontological services (to specifically benefit the LGBT elderly) for mentorship and companionship. Despite facing a barrage of social obstacles, including the simple acceptance of our way of life, SAGE doggedly pressed on.

Eventually, the organization began partnering with other entities to promote goodwill, affordable housing and dignity for LGBT seniors nationwide. They allied with the ASA (American Society on Aging) to maximize the quality of life for gay and lesbian seniors. SAGE also worked closely with the NSCLC (National Senior Citizen’s Law Cen-



SAGE co-founders Chris Almvig (left,) Doug Kimmel (center), and Chief Executive Officer for the past 12 years Michael Adams (right).

ter) to ensure the rights of gay seniors were federally protected. In 2005, SAGE participated in the White House Conference on Aging, serving as the sole LGBT delegate. Just five years later, they opened a policy office in Washington.

SAGE’s crusade culminated in the construction of the nation’s very first municipally funded senior community center, The SAGE Center, on Seventh Avenue in New York. This genuinely welcoming venue allows area seniors to socialize, practice yoga, have dinner and even get their blood pressure measured.

SAGE has affiliate offices scattered across the United States from Miami to Alaska. Two years ago, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center created a position for advocate Christie Carter. Carter has served as its Aging and Disability Coordinator, enthusiastically partnering with SAGE Milwaukee, the

MCDA (Milwaukee County Department on Aging) and countless other organizations to provide virtual group support for Milwaukee’s aging LGBT. Additionally, Carter has proven intensely committed to ending elder abuse in the Milwaukee area and protecting the rights of area LGBT seniors.



The achievements of SAGE are simply too numerous to list in a single article. Readers are encouraged to visit www.sageusa.org to get a fuller impression of their impact. They’ve truly lived up to their mantra: “we refuse to be invisible”.

Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

Nine Battles The LGBTQ Community Is Still Fighting In The US

By Colleen Curry

The fight for gay rights in the United States has come a long way since the Stonewall Uprising of 1969, when gay and trans patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City fought back against police trying to arrest them.

That night marked the beginning of the gay rights movement in the US, a decades-long fight that just a few years ago resulted in the momentous 2015 Supreme Court decision legalizing gay marriage nationwide.

But the ruling on June 26, 2015, didn't end the struggle for equality and protection. Across the country, LGBTQ Americans still face legalized discrimination under the law when it comes to housing, jobs, parenting, and even prison.

This June, it's important to celebrate how far the US has come in recognizing gay rights — and to be proud of that fact — but only if we also remember how far we still have to go to ensure that the equal rights and dignity of LGBTQ Americans are recognized under the law.

Here are some of the battles for equality that are still being fought across the country.

1. Violence

Hate crimes against LGBTQ individuals are still shockingly prevalent across the country. In 2015, nearly one in five hate crimes committed in the US was due to sexual orientation, and another 2% of crimes were committed because of gender identity.

There has been an epidemic of violent crime against transgender individuals,



particularly trans women of color, in recent years, including 13 who have been killed just this year. Trans women of color are among the most vulnerable minorities in the country, fighting against racism, sexism, transphobia, and, frequently, poverty, putting them at higher risk for violence. Still, 16 states across the country do not include gender or sexual identity under their hate crime laws, another 13 states only cover sexual orientation, and four states have no hate crime laws at all.

2. Parenting

Only a handful of states have enshrined in law the right of gay couples to parent together. States that allow same-sex couples to have a second-parent adoption include California, Colorado, Connecticut, Washington D.C., Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Vermont.

Five states legally allow adoption agencies to deny adoption to a same sex couple because of their sexual orientation.

And only California prohibits discrimination for both sexual orientation and gender identity in adoptions.

3. Gay Conversion Therapy

In a vast majority of states, kids can

still be sent to so-called “gay conversion therapy,” a harmful practice that the American Psychological Association has condemned. There are eight states that have banned the practice for minors, the most recent of which was Oregon, under the direction of new Gov. Kate Brown, who is openly bisexual.

4. Employment Discrimination

In most states, gay and trans individuals can be fired from their job on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity. That means that regardless of job performance or ability, a person can lose their job if their boss finds out about and disagrees with their identity. The lack of protections force individuals to remain in the closet, guarding the secrets of who they are, in order to earn a living.

While 20 states and Washington, D.C., have passed non-discrimination laws, more than half of the states across the country have not — making life not only difficult but dangerous for LGBTQ Americans in many parts of the US.

5. Housing Discrimination

When LGBTQ people can be fired for their jobs because of their identities, earning a living and supporting a decent life can be difficult; that problem is compounded when LGBTQ people can be also legally be denied housing based on their identities. But across America, that is the reality for many gay and trans citizens. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development reported in 2013 that same sex couples experience unfavorable treatment in renting homes online, and there are still 28 states where housing discrimination is legal.

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Nine Battles Still Fighting

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6. Bathrooms, Schools, & Other Public Accommodations

The fight over public school bathrooms has become a flashpoint—and a symbol—for the LGBTQ rights movement in recent years. At the heart of the issue is the right of all Americans to public accommodations—that is, safe access to goods, services, facilities, and privileges in the public sphere.

That’s a bit wonky, but the battle being fought over bathrooms is about whether trans and gay individuals have a right to use all of the facilities the rest of Americans use in a way that accommodates their needs. For trans kids in school, that means being able to use the bathroom that suits their gender identity—not the gender on their birth certificate, or the gender that the school thinks they are.

7. Unequal Healthcare

The LGBTQ community continues to fight for better access to healthcare, and for equal treatment by doctors and health insurance companies that can block individuals’ access to care they need. LGBTQ youth are more likely to have health issues because of substance abuse and mental health issues, and trans individuals can face discrimination from health insurers simply for identifying as trans. In 37 states, insurance companies can discriminate based on sexual and gender identity.

8. Criminal Justice

Queer individuals face high rates of discrimination in prison, where trans inmates have a particularly grueling



history of abuse, including being put in solitary confinement allegedly for their own protection. The US prison population has twice the number of LGBTQ individuals as the non-incarcerated population (8% vs 4%), suggesting that LGBTQ individuals are overrepresented in jails, and the number is even higher for those in juvenile detention (20%).

9. Acceptance

There are some battles that can’t be won in the courtroom, though they can certainly be helped along by judicial decisions and laws crafted and passed to ensure equality. But outside of the US legal system, LGBTQ Americans still face discrimination, fear, and hate that results in physical, mental, and emotional harm.

About 40% of homeless youth in America identify as LGBTQ and of-

ten end up on the streets because they are rejected by their family members. There, young gay, lesbian, bi, and trans kids are more likely to face violence, end up in danger or participate in crime, and encounter trauma that can affect their entire lives. A stunning 41% of trans adults have reported attempting suicide, followed by 10% to 20% of LGB adults, according to The Williams Institute. The rate for the rest of the population hovers around 4%.

America has come a long way in protecting the rights of gay, bi, and trans citizens, but there’s still work to do. This June, let’s remember to start with acceptance.

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WI LGBT Chamber Hosts 'Out In The Kitchen' Event



On Tuesday, July 20, 2021, The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual fundraiser, "Out in the Kitchen." The event features tables from restaurants, bakeries, candy shops, and food and beverage vendors. Offerings included sliders, mac & cheese, candies from Kilwins Candy, cake, soups and much more. The event supports the chamber so that they can continue to offer programs and support for LGBTQ+ businesses in Wisconsin.

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Cordially Yours

YOUR MONTHLY DOSE OF WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cordially Yours, Again!

By: Michael Johnston
An Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine
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In an era in which anything can happen, surprise it has! *Cordially Yours*, is back – Again!

I put my ink and quill away, mourning the end of my role as a columnist. And lo and behold – out of the ashes of COVID, rises the bright, the shiny, the gloss, the all-new, *Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine*! Congratulations Bill and Carmen and *Thank You!*

What a welcome addition to civilization, and now that the world is once again turning, I have a new ink well, in which to dip!

Cordially yours, was the “Brainchild” of the late, great Patrick Farrell - arguably, one of the most-talented artists from Milwaukee of the 20th century. How I adored his art and art openings at the Tory Folliard.

He convinced Bill Attewell, owner/publisher of the long-running, well-regarding *InStep* to take me on as the LGBTQ's RSVP Columnists. I think it was an easy sell, I wasn't apart of it! When the pair broached me, I thought they were joking. All I've ever written was a check! It was 1999! Well, I was flattered, that they thought anyone would care to read my social calendar – and that is how this effort was born. I shared with all, all I did – where I went, shows, movies, galleries, museums, restaurants, boutiques, salons, bars, discos, performances, etc. ... I mentioned who was in the crowd, I mentioned who was doing what, whatever – to make the universe we share that much better.

Christopher Isherwood penned “I Am A Camera”, in my case, it was “I Am A Mirror” reflecting in *Pride* and print *Our LGBTQ Community* from 1999 - 2019.

InStep, and for a brief time their spin-off, *Q. Life*, after *InStep* walked on by, *OutBound*, leapt into our lives thanks



Michael Johnston

to James and Jim. I hitched my wagon to this whimsical bar guide – writing with Dear Ruthie and ChiChi – our own Algonquin Table. James & Jim returned east young man, and *OutBound* was part of Quest Publishing of Green Bay and Mark Mariucci. Eventually both publications rolled into one, and I was writing for *Quest*. That being my last quest. Mark celebrated a milestone anniversary and hung up his masthead. With social media and the wave of a newer generation print publication(s) were going the way of cave drawings. Once again, I was an ambassador without a portfolio.

It was nice having break... then, I looked around, into other options, other cities, states, publications. Nothing was available, not even a letter of rejection!

The notion of a blog entered my mind, and by the time I had the concept down, the blog was out of vogue.

Then the uniquely individualist Ursus once again saved the day, like a knight in leather armor, suggesting we do a Pod Cast! Eureka! Ursus did all the leg work – for which I to this day don't quite understand. All I know is once a month we

would get together at a local watering hole and chat, honestly and openly on matters of the day. Not strictly LGBTQ – but put our LGBTQ spin on it!

“So, a Drag Queen and A Leather Man Walk into a Bar” my experiment into the 21st Century!

We pontificate for an hour or so on hot topics and our view on them. Each time we meet, we're to jot down a list of issues to discuss – amazing how often our lists match! It's thrilling getting feedback, from the listeners, like neighbor Young Joe, or commuters like Jason who get a kick out of taking in others take on the times we're living in.

Of course, we were all side lined for 1.5 year due to the dreaded COVID, which brings us to today – the world is awakening. A new renaissance – people are smiling, and we can now tell in our mask-less society. Summer, the warm, the shining, the glow, the Sun – and here are just somethings to keep in mind to partake in:

Our treasured **Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM)** has *Americans in Spain: Painting and Travel, 1820 – 1920*. The first major exhibition to focus on the influences of Spanish art and culture. American painting in the Baker/Rowland Galleries now through 10/03/2021.

Skylight Music Theatre opens 09/24 with the ever-revealing “*The Full Monty*.” This will make a great suggestion for bridal shower parties, can you image? Veils and all! Seymour will enhance your Holidays once again, as that incredible growing plant takes over the **Cabot Theatre** 11/19/2021 – 01/02/2022 with “*Little Shop of Horrors*.” Suddenly Seymour, has never been needed so much!

The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre returns to the boards during Football Season, this autumn with “*Dad's Season Tickets*” 10/29/2021 – 01/02/2022 – Hoping it's a touch down.

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Cordially Yours, Again!

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Holidays 11/09 – 12/05/2021 – and after COVID, who couldn't use a make-over?

And tis the season of tradition, and God bless us everyone, with "A Christmas Carol" 11/30 – 12/24.

The Re-Season, Reflect, Recreate, Return, Rejoice! **The Florentine Opera Company** since 1933, has serenaded us through the best of times and the worst of times. Verdi's "Rigoletto" will be running 10/08 and 10/10/2021. Everyone will enjoy an evening at the Opera.

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO) will be proudly opening their stunning doors, to their stunning new theatre for an *All Day, Open House, Free Community Day of Music on Sunday*, September 26.

A grand, very grand opening will be held on Friday, 10/01 and Saturday, 10/02 – You'll want to investigate buying your tickets now! I've been very fortunate to tour **The Bradley Symphony Center** at *The Warner Theatre*, formerly known as *The Grand*, and trust me grand it is! The charm, beauty, and master architecture in all it's restored glory, yet updated state-of-the-art concert hall sound – truly the best of both worlds.

What an amazing gift to our community, and sure-fire way to jump start Wisconsin Avenue, and wake the sleeping giant. October, the curtain will rise with legendary Frank Almond Plays Bruch 10/05 and 10/06/2021.

"Hamilton" returns to the recently refurbished **Uihlein Hall at The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts Broadway Across America** 10/13 – 10/17/2021. The hardest ticket in the land, telling the tales of how our land began in toe-tapping tune-age. Now is your chance!

To provide entertainment to get you through the summer – **Chicken Wire Empire** at the **Peck Pavilion** 08/05/2021 7:00 pm, *Footloose*, the



1984 movie, **Marcus Center Grounds** 08/12/2021 7:00 pm, **Billy McGuigan and the Downliners** at the **Peck Pavilion** 08/19/2021 7:00 pm, and closing out the month, **Klass and The Student Body** present "Back 2 Skool" 08/26/2021 at the **Peck Pavilion** 7:00 pm

Milwaukee's **Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory AKA The Domes** are open and in full bloom! Now through 09/12/2021 "Love Your Parks – Summer Floral Show". The Domes also has a much-anticipated remodeled Education Center. With a goal of reopening in the fall of 2021. A mock-up of this dream will be on display for you to get excited about as well.

And for those of you wondering about **Karen Valentine** – she is still out there and enjoying all there is to enjoy! "Bosom Buddies" a monthly Broadway inspired show is going into it's third successful season. Starring with Maple Veneer, D.J. Jamey Sewell, Kelly Klawes, and Special Guest Stars. Monthly in **Montage, upstairs at La Cage**. No cover charge, doors open at 4:00 p.m., Show starts promptly at 5:00 p.m. Usually mid-month, the Saturday closest to the 15th.

Club Charlies in The Historic Third Ward is another favorite spot with *Sunday Fun Day Show Tunes*, outdoors, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with Music Man, Bradley Fell, Check Charlies website for the next extravaganza in song.

Bon Voyage to my dear friend and piano man **Dr. Gino DeLuca AKA Just Gino AKA Dirty Martini**, as he takes on a *Luxury Line* for an extended stay. I thank You and shall never forget the sacred gift of Cabaret and song You gave to me!

As I remain, Still Cordially Yours, Again!

LBP and Walker's Pint

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While acceptance and visibility of lesbian (and LGBTQ lifestyles in general) are more widely accepted, and dating opportunities are more often than not found through apps and websites. Our lesbian bars, like Walker's Point, are still needed as safe spaces for our community. Gay and Lesbian bars have always been a place to exchange stories and ideas. The bars in New York are where the Gay Pride Movement started. Our bars have supported other LGBTQ+ businesses and charities by hosting events and raising funds. Our bars also support queer sports teams.

As we lose our lesbian bars, we lose a part of the community that may never come back, and, more importantly, our community loses the opportunity to have our own space. We needn't share such environments with heteronormatives and abide by their standards. So stop on by the Pint and have one to support our queer spaces.



Walker's Pint owner Elizabeth "Bet-z" Boenning



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Advocacy

Cream City Foundation

Not-for-profit that funds LGBTQ+ outreach organizations

759 N. Milwaukee St. Suite 522,
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>



Art Bar ♦

Mixed bar with college-age crowd

722 E. Burleigh St.

Milwaukee, WI 53212

(414) 372-7880

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

DIX Milwaukee ♦

Southern Style Video/Dance Bar

739 S. 1st St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 231-9085

<https://dixmke.com>

Fluid Milwaukee ♦

Gay Bar

819 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

414-Oh-Fluid/(414) 643-5843

<https://fluidmke.com>

Harbor Room ♦

Levis' & Leather Bar

117 E. Greenfield Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 672-7988

<https://www.facebook.com/Harbor-Room-117-E-Greenfield-Ave-Milwaukee-WI-151982704821436/>

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>

La Cage Niteclub ♦

Gay Dance Club

801 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 383-8330

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

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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>

Zócolo Food Park ♦

Bar with food trucks, gay friendly

636 S. 6th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 433-9747

<https://www.zocalomke.com>



Businesses

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>

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

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205 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

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<https://www.purpledooricecream.com>

Todo Postres LLC. ♦

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