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Member Gatherings are the third Saturday of every month, except when noted.

March's Gathering is a Lunch at **Smuggler's Cove** on Route 611 Tannersville, PA on Sunday, March 19 at 1PM.

Smuggler's Cove is the new Restaurant in Tannersville on Route 611. It has a [menu](#) with a number of **Seafood** offerings but also Early Bird specials starting at \$ 11.49.

Directions: The address is: **2972 Rt 611, Tannersville, PA 18372.** From the west or east take I-80 to exit 299, take Rt. 715 north to the light at Rt. 611. Turn right at the light taking Rt 611 south. It will be 3/5 of a mile on your right at the intersection of Rt 611 and Cherry Lane (Warner) Rd.

March in LGBT History

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MARCH 2017

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Find our website at:

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Or follow us on Facebook:

<http://tinyurl.com/jf69kcm>



Lunch at Everybody's Buffet

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Put these in your calendar

**APRIL GATHERING -
Velma's Cafe - Sunday,
April 9th at 1 PM**

**MAY GATHERING -
Spring Ball - Saturday, May
20th at the Shawnee Fire
Hall at 7 PM**

**JUNE GATHERING -
TBA**

**N.B. THE CHANGE IN
DATES AND TIMES
FOR APRIL AND MAY**

Andy has been making real progress and sends everyone her love. We hope to see her at PAL's meetings this spring.



Support One Of Our Members



**PORTRAIT
SYLE**

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT
Don Manza
April + May 2017

Portraits have always inhabited a space between who we are, what we look like, what we think we look like, how others see us and -- last but not least -- how artists interpret our physical image.

**Hughes Library
Community Room
Stroudsburg PA**

NEWS FROM THE PALS BOARD

The PALS Board has decided to support Pocono Mountain Music Festival by funding some scholarships for students for CAMP (Choreography, Acting, Musical Theater, and Percussion) an educational program run by the festival. You'll receive more information at upcoming meetings. You can see the lineup of world class artists that are part of the 2017 Festival program at: <https://poconofest.org/>

A David Hockney Exhibit at the Tate Britain

Through May 29th there is an exhibit of David Hockney's most famous works at the Tate Britain. Nearing 80 he is one of Britain's most important artists. He continues to



Pool With Two Figures 1971

experiment with different technologies including using an iPad to create artworks. He has a studio in London and two houses in California. Some of his scenes are set in California as in the example shown; others in Yorkshire. Get more information about the exhibit at the [Tate website](#). Here is a discussion of his swimming pool themed work at the [BBC](#).

PALS Action

At the last meeting I brought up for discussion, given the future uncertainty of our retaining the rights and freedoms that we have now in this country, whether PALS should become more involved in actions or instead have the newsletter act as an information clearing house for various local political actions. For now the newsletter will be informing the membership of any forthcoming actions that the membership would want to be involved in.

John has kindly volunteered to keep PALS informed of what action is happening. He writes:

2017 is certainly going to be a challenging year for the GLBTQ Community. We face a President and a Congress that stand opposed to many fundamental issues of equality and a wave of discriminatory bills are being introduced in state legislatures nation-wide. However we have also seen great support generated in visible ways as protests have sprung up across the country. And the television and movie industry has provided viewers with movies such as the Oscar nominated "Moonlight" and the ABC mini-series "When We Rise" that generate discussion and make some who are invisible, visible.

Three legal matters of note this month are the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to fill the vacant Antonin Scalia seat on the United States Supreme Court, the Texas Supreme Court decision to hear oral Argument in Parker v Pidgeon on March 1, 2017, and the unanimous 9 Judge decision in the Washington State ruling in the case, State of Washington v. Arlene's Flowers.

The nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch has caused a lot of "reading the tea leaves" among Court followers. Judge Gorsuch has not written any opinions on GLBTQ issues however his overall judicial record suggests that there are grounds for the Community to be concerned with his nomination. He has indicated a broad support for religious exemptions from antidiscrimination laws and he was a part of the en banc panel in the Hobby Lobby case. In a 2005 essay Judge Gorsuch expressed opposition to civil rights impact legislation characterizing it as an attempt by liberal groups to advance their agenda through the courts rather than through the democratic process of legislation. He left no doubt that he would have rejected an attempt to get a court to order states to allow marriage equality because he feels that this matter is best left to the ballot box and legislatures in the states. Confirmation is expected since he has all the credentials necessary for a seat on the highest court: elite education (Columbia, Oxford, Harvard Law), federal clerkships (including time as a clerk to Justices Byron White and Anthony Kennedy), practice in a big law firm, service as a federal appeals judge, no scandal attached to his name, and a reputation as a collegial judge who writes clear non-hyperbolic opinions. His appointment will not change the Supreme Court lineup from the DOMA and marriage equality cases, it might affect future GLBTQ rights cases such as pending transgender discrimination and religious exemption cases.

The oral argument before the Texas Supreme Court concerns a case, supported by both the Governor and Attorney General of the state, that challenges the provision of employee benefits to spouses of Houston city employees in same-sex marriages. Their argument is that the United Supreme Court ruled that marriage is a fundamental right but did not state in its decision that states are required to treat same-sex and different-sex couples exactly the same in every respect, ignoring any factual distinctions between them. According to the plaintiff's reasoning, while same-sex couples have a right to marry, they do not have a fundamental right to receive health insurance benefits from their employer. States can decide who gets benefits based on their own policy considerations.

In the Washington State case the major focus was not on whether the business violated anti-discrimination statutes when the florist refused to create flower arrangements for a same-sex wedding but rather on whether she was privileged to do so because of constitutional protection for her freedom of religion, speech or association. The unanimous Court decision could find no such privilege.

While these matters are not directly related to legislation or cases in Pennsylvania it is good to keep informed of their progress and outcomes. If there are matters that you feel directly affect you locally, it is always wise to contact your representatives. The links below will assist you in finding out who your state and federal representatives are:

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/>

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/pdf/2017_PrecinctDirectory_1483714863303.pdf

It is always best to contact them via mail and the letter should relate how such legislation would affect you personally. This approach is more successful than form letters or emails.

OUR THANKS TO JOHN FOR ALL THIS INFORMATION

PRIDE NIGHT AT THE McCARTHER THEATER

Throughout the year the McCarther Theater at Princeton University offers [Pride Nights packages](#) which includes a reception with great appetizers, a cash bar and tickets to the show. Over the years I have found their productions to be high quality. Recently Steve, Joe, Greg and myself from PALS went to see George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan* by Bedlam. The performance the New York Times. All four of at PALS trying out a Pride Night



Joan in a riveting performance received a [very good review](#) at us would recommend to others at the McCarter.

Bedlam's *Saint Joan*



INTERESTING MEDIA

Sappho: Love and Life on Lesbos (Dr. Margaret Mountford - BBC 4)

Although maybe not for those with a more prurient interest, I found this highly erudite presentation fascinating. We only have fragments of Sappho's lyric love poetry written to women surviving. Dr. Mountford analyzes a recently found papyrus fragment from Egypt of Sappho's work and cautiously reconstruct a possible life for Sappho. You can view this presentation on [YouTube](#).

For Your Interest

You should also check out the William Way Center (<http://www.waygay.org/>) which offers a variety of activities from Tai Chi, bridge, mahjong, TransWay and Morning OUT Senior Socials.



PALS NEEDS HELP! **ONE** POSITIONS OPEN

You (or someone you know) can and should take on the position of PALS Newsletter Editor. We are asking someone to step in. The Editor must care about keeping the lines of communication open in our group and have good working knowledge of English. You will also have a voice at Board monthly meetings. Since Marlene is busy, I am just filling in to get this newsletter out for a while.



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LINKS OF INTEREST

Check out the list. There are new links added monthly.

Brian Sims - Out PA Representative -

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

Gay Outdoors -

<http://www.gayoutdoors.org/>

Garden State Equality -

<http://www.gardenstateequality.org/>

Giovanni's Room Bookstore -

<http://www.giovannisroom.com>

Gurls Night Out Group - www.meetup.com/Gurls-Night-Out-Northern-NJ

Here Media - <http://www.heremedia.com>

LesGo NJ Adventure Group - www.meetup.com/LesGo-Jersey-Shore-Lesbian-Adventure-Group

Lesbian Connection – www.LCOnline.org

Lorraine Alexis, Chiropractor – www.dralexischiro.com

Marty's Home Kitchen – www.martyshomekitchen.com

Morris County Professional Lesbian Group – www.meetup.com/New-Jersey-Lesbian-Social-Network

New Hope Pride - www.newhopecelebrates.com

New Jersey Gay Life - <http://www.njgaylife.com/>

New Jersey Pride - www.jerseypride.org

New York City Pride - www.nycpride.org

Northeastern Pennsylvania Rainbow Alliance - <http://www.gaynepa.com/>

NEPA Pride Week & Pride Fest <http://www.gaynepa.com/pridefest>

Out Traveler - <http://www.outtraveler.com>

Outbike New Jersey <http://pweb.netcom.com/~lavillas/OUTBIKE.html>

PALS – www.palsnepa.org
www.meetup.com/Pocono-Action-Lambda-Society-PALS/
www.facebook.com/Pocono-Action-Lambda-Society-PALS

Pocono Arts Council – www.poconoarts.org

Pride Festival of Central PA - <http://www.centralpapridefestival.com/>

Pride in the Greater Lehigh Valley <http://www.gaynepa.com/pridefest>

Rainbow Mountain - www.rainbowmountain.com

Regina Sayles - <http://reginasayles.com>

She Wired by the Advocate - <http://www.shewired.com>

Sundance Outdoor Adventure Society -LGBT <http://www.sundanceoutdoor.org/>

The Advocate - <http://www.advocate.com>

The Folk Project - <http://www.folkproject.org>

The Shawnee Playhouse - <http://www.theshawneeplayhouse.com>

Towleroad – A Site with Homosexual Tendencies - <http://www.towleroad.com/>

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Poconos (UUF) - www.UUPoconos.org

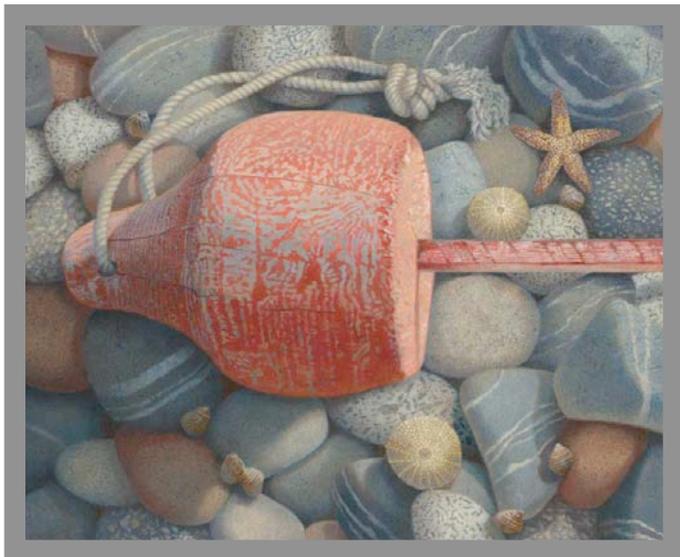
Upper Delaware GLBT Center - <http://udglbtcenter.org>
<http://www.meetup.com/Upper-Delaware-GLBTCenter>

Women-to-Women Productions - www.womentwowomen.org

News Sources

Queer Voices at the Huffington Post - <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/section/queer-voices>

Transgender News at The Independent - <http://www.independent.co.uk/topic/transgender>



Red Buoy at Ebb Tide
by Loretta Kupinsky, 2014

PALS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are here for each other!

PALS Cares - members are available to be on call for rides, phone check-ins, home visits, etc. for any of our members who might live alone, or have partners who travel or live in different areas. Vivian is the contact person. Please call her at 570-656-1171 if you want to offer your help as a friend, or most especially, if you find yourself needing some support. Please remember that this only works as long as YOU ask for assistance. We all need it one time or another, and that is what friends are for!!!

PALS Executive Board

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Have You Renewed Your PALS Membership?

Memberships are \$20/year renewed January through March – THAT’S NOW (payable by cash, check, or credit card). PALS realizes that some people don’t want to join, but would still like to attend occasionally. Non-member guests are asked for a \$5.00 donation to help with expenses. Membership forms are available at meetings and on the website (www.palsnepa.org). You can also pay at the website via PayPal.

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Dear Prospective PALS Member:

PALS meets on the third Saturday of every month for socializing, networking, fund-raising, and to enjoy a always-fabulous potluck dinner or a meal at a local restaurant. Our members come from a diverse geographic area, including Monroe, Pike, Wayne and Northampton Counties in Pennsylvania; Warren and Sussex Counties in northern New Jersey; and Orange and Sullivan Counties in southern New York. Many members also live in the New York or Philadelphia metropolitan areas and have weekend retreats in the Poconos.

Your annual membership includes a subscription to the PALS monthly newsletter, in many of the good works that PALS accomplishes, and free admission to our monthly meetings including the Annual Ball. But most importantly, it reinforces the connection with your gay and lesbian community

Here's how to join. The suggested donation is \$20 for individuals or \$40 for couples; and of course, additional donations are always welcome! Fill out the form below and mail with your check, payable to PALS to:

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Or you can give your completed form and check to a PALS Board member at the next meeting.

We thank you in advance for your support of PALS and the gay and lesbian community in our tri-slate area and look forward to seeing you at our next monthly meeting.

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