

# CenterListings the Center

July-August 2011

**The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center**  
208 West 13th Street  
New York, NY 10011  
(Between 7th & 8th Aves.)  
gaycenter.org

#### Telephone

Main number: 212-620-7310  
Fax: 212-924-2657

#### Building Hours

MON-FRI 9AM-10PM  
SAT 11AM-10PM  
SUN 11AM-9PM

#### Center Community Services

Center Recovery

Center Wellness

Center Families

Center Youth

MON-FRI 10AM-6PM

DROP-IN OR BY APPOINTMENT

DIRECT DIAL 646-556-9300

#### David Bohnett Cyber Center

MON-FRI 11AM-9PM

SAT-SUN 12-9PM

\$3 PER HOUR

#### Pat Parker/Vito Russo

Library

MON-THU 6-9PM

FRI-SAT 1-4PM

LIBRARY CATALOG ONLINE AT  
GAYCENTER.ORG

#### The LGBT Archive

DROP-IN THU, 6-8PM; OR BY  
APPOINTMENT, CALL 212-620-  
7310 X205

For more information about all  
listings visit [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

#### CENTER EVENTS & PROGRAMS

To register for Center events and  
learn about all programs and volun-  
teer opportunities, visit us online at  
[gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

#### VOLUNTEERING

MON, JUL 11, 6PM

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering? Get  
more information about volunteer-  
ing at the Center and at other  
LGBT organizations. Registration  
required. Visit [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org)  
for details. Registered volunteers  
contact [volunteer@gaycenter.org](mailto:volunteer@gaycenter.org).

#### CULTURAL PROGRAMS

THRU AUG 15

#### The NYC Pride Exhibition: As We See It

Curated by and featuring work by  
members of the NYC Photography  
Club working in a wide range of  
themes, styles and techniques. Par-  
ticipating photographers: Alan Bar-  
nett, Terry Beverly, Lester Blum,  
Mark Edward Chesnut, Eljay,  
Kevyn Fairchild, James Hanlon,  
Fred Hecker, Raf Inf, Elio Lopez,  
Steven Maloff, Frank Mullaney,  
Robert Owen, Steven Rosen, Rick  
Shupper, Matthew Sky, Ronald  
Spainhour, Daniel Yoffee.

THU, JUL 7, 7-9PM

#### A Cavalcade of Fruits

Enjoy a sampling of performances  
from Fresh Fruit 2011. Now in its  
ninth year, the Fresh Fruit Festival  
celebrates LGBT art and artists.  
This multidisciplinary community  
art-fest includes theater, dance,  
visual arts, poetry, cabaret, and  
musical performances held around  
Manhattan. Cash bar and appetizers  
provided. Free. For more informa-  
tion visit [freshfruitfestival.com](http://freshfruitfestival.com).

MON, JUL 11, 7PM

#### Pears, Prose and Poetry

An evening of LGBT writers,  
hosted by Roxanne Hoffman,  
publisher of *Poets Wear Prada*.  
Authors include Michael Mont-  
lack, Joel Allegretti, Chocolate  
Waters, Dean Kostos, Carol  
Polcovar and many others. Free.  
For more information visit  
[freshfruitfestival.com](http://freshfruitfestival.com).

#### DANCE 208

SAT, SEP 10, 9PM

#### Women's Dance

The new season of Dance 208 is on  
its way! Watch for palm cards and  
check the web-site for details. \$8  
online; \$10 at the door. Tickets at  
[gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

#### CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Direct dial: 646-556-9300

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

SAT, AUG 6, 12-5PM,

#### CONEY ISLAND

#### Trans on the Sands

Our annual beach event! For trans  
& gender non-conforming people,  
partners, families, and allies 18 and  
over. Call 646-556-9300 for more  
details.

TUE, AUG 9, 6-8PM

#### Game Night for LGBT Immigrants/Noche de Juegos para Inmigrantes

A night of games and socializing  
for LGBT immigrants. Join us for  
fun, games, and refreshments.  
Juegos, musica y refrescos. De 6-8  
de la noche. Gratis!

TUE, AUG 23, 6-8PM

#### Movie Night for LGBT Immigrants/Noche de Cinema para Inmigrantes

An LGBT immigrants' movie  
night. Join us for popcorn and light  
refreshments! Gratis!

#### CENTER RECOVERY

#### CENTER RECOVERY GROUPS

All Center Recovery groups are by  
appointment only and are open  
only to registered Center Recovery  
clients. For info about becoming a  
Center Recovery client, visit  
[gaycenter.org/health/recovery](http://gaycenter.org/health/recovery) or  
call 646-556-9300 x295.

Center Recovery accepts Medicaid  
and private insurance (currently  
CIGNA, GHI, AETNA, Value  
Options & CHCS) in addition to  
out-of-net-work reimbursement and  
sliding scale payment options.

MON, 11AM-12PM; TUE, 6-7PM;  
WED, 11AM-12PM; THU, 6-7PM;  
FRI, 11AM-12PM

#### Early Recovery

For those with fewer than 90 days  
abstinence.

MON, 12-1PM

#### Sex, Sexuality & Recovery

Explores sexuality and substance  
use.

MON, 1-2PM

#### Tobacco & Recovery

Smoking cessation and recovery.

MON, 4-5PM

#### Women in Recovery

For female-identified clients only.  
Discusses issues relevant to wom-  
en's experiences in recovery  
including, but not limited to, rela-  
tionships, self-esteem, sexism,  
ageism and sex.

MON, 5-6PM

#### 40+ in Recovery

For adults 40 years old and above,  
only, to discuss topics related to  
this age group and being in  
recovery.

TUE, 11AM-12PM; WED, 6-7PM

#### Relapse Prevention

For those with 90 days or more  
abstinence.

TUE, 12-1PM

#### Mindfulness

Examines habitual reactions to  
thoughts and feelings related to  
substance abuse.

TUE, 3:30-5PM

#### Positive in Recovery

Explores thoughts and feelings  
about having HIV and staying  
sober.

TUE, 5-6PM

#### Emotional Wellness

Examines difficult emotions that  
contribute to substance use.

WED, 12-1PM

#### Crystal Meth

For those coping with crystal meth  
use.

## The Digital Center Check it out!

In this internet age, the Center is creating more and more ways to keep in touch with people and spread the word about everything that goes on here. We're on Facebook and Twitter and LinkedIn. We have photos on Flickr and videos on YouTube. We have a blog and produce 8 e-newsletters that focus on specific aspects of our events and services. Links to all of these resources – and instructions for signing up to receive e-newsletters – are all available on the Center's website, [www.gaycenter.org](http://www.gaycenter.org).

## Celebrate Pride with the Center!

As always, the Center celebrates Pride in all five boroughs... and beyond. For details about July and August Pride festivities, visit [gaycenter.org/community/pride/events](http://gaycenter.org/community/pride/events).

Sat, Jul 9 Bronx Pride Wed-Sun, Aug 10-14 Black Pride

Sat, Aug 27 Hudson Pride (Jersey City)

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THU, 11AM-12PM

## Managing Your Anger & Frustration

Examines alternative means of expressing frustration and anger that can lead to substance use.

THU, 12-1PM

## Relationships

Examines relationships with self and others in connection to substance use.

THU, 1-2PM

## Orientation & Engagement

Provides overview of services, rules, policies, and general information about the CCR treatment program, in order to facilitate engagement and commitment to treatment. Includes Q and A period.

THU, 5-6PM

## Creative Recovery

Uses art, writing, drawing and other creative processes to stimulate new ideas and attitudes to recovery.

FRI, 11AM-12PM

## Early Recovery: Weekend Recovery Planning

Develops relapse prevention strategies for weekends.

FRI, 12-1PM

## Health & Wellness

Provides information about the relationship between health issues and substance use.

FRI, 3-4PM

## Crystal Meth: The First 60 Days

Addresses the needs of those in their first 60 days of abstinence from crystal meth.

FRI, 4-5PM

## Sex, Crystal Meth & Recovery

Seeks to achieve a healthy integration of sex and intimacy in the context of recovery from crystal meth.

### RECOVERY SUPPORT

MON, 7-8:30PM (Trans & Gender Non-conforming Focus)

THU, 7-8:30PM (General Population)

## Connected in Recovery

Weekly support group led by and for LGBT people in recovery. Drop-in. No registration required. General meetings for LGBT people. For more information, contact Joe Disano, 646.556.9300 x238, [jdisano@gaycenter.org](mailto:jdisano@gaycenter.org)

## In Recovery with Resources

Case management services to help you find the resources you need to remain in recovery, such as welfare benefits, referrals to LGBT-competent providers, job placements and more. Free. For more info or services, contact Miguel Castillo 646.556.9300 x476, [mcastillo@gaycenter.org](mailto:mcastillo@gaycenter.org)

## En Recuperación con Recursos

Manejo de casos para ayudarle con los recursos necesarios para continuar en continuar en recuperación de abuso sustancias y prevenir recaídas. Le podemos ayudar con servicios aplicaciones para servicios sociales, seguros medico, vivienda, empleo, referidos a proveedores LGBT competentes y mucho mas. Servicios gratuitos. Para registrarse contacte Miguel Castillo 646.556.9300 x476, [mcastillo@gaycenter.org](mailto:mcastillo@gaycenter.org)

### CENTER WELLNESS

Updates on group start dates at [gaycenter.org/health/wellness](http://gaycenter.org/health/wellness).

### WELLNESS | BEREAVEMENT HEALING | COACHING

#### NEW GROUP STARTS IN THE FALL; CALL FOR INFO & INTAKE

#### Skills for Emotional Health

All-gender interactive support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender-identified people to discuss personal emotional challenges and to develop skills for managing them. Challenges include experiences of anxiety, depression, excessive self-criticism, recurring distressing thoughts, and other mental health concerns. Members will be encouraged to share successful coping strategies, to develop non-judgmental self-acceptance, and to strengthen support networks. Not a substitute for adequate medical consultation and individual support where necessary. **Intake required.** Sliding scale. No one turned away for lack of funds.

#### NEW GROUP STARTS IN THE FALL; CALL FOR INFO & INTAKE

#### Bereavement Support Group

All-gender group to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender-identified people navigate their grief and healing processes after losing a loved one, to express and normalize feelings of loss, build contacts, and find resources and creative outlets for loss. **Intake required.** Sliding scale fee. No one turned away for lack of funds.

TUE, 6-7:30PM, THRU AUG 9

#### Yoga for People of All Genders

Weekly drop-in yoga workshop for people of all genders. Part of Center Wellness' transgender peer-driven services. Weekly attendance not required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Drop-in. No registration required.

### GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT

Find GIP on the web!

[genderidentityproject.org](http://genderidentityproject.org)

Sign up for the GIP E-Newsletter at [gaycenter.org/GIP](http://gaycenter.org/GIP)

Find GIP on Facebook!

[facebook.com/genderidentityproject](http://facebook.com/genderidentityproject)

All Gender Identity Project groups are drop-in. Drop-in groups allow you to come to as many or as few sessions as you want. Please come on time and leave on time.

#### WED, 7:30-9PM, THRU AUG 3 Gender Drop-In: Feminine Spectrum

Weekly drop-in group for those assigned male at birth who now identify as trans-femme, trans-women, women, trans-female, cross-dresser, drag queen, transsexual, femme queen, exploring, etc. to explore and discuss their feelings and concerns about gender, trans-identities and their histories. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

#### WED, 7:30-9PM, THRU AUG 3 Gender Drop-In: Masculine Spectrum

Weekly drop-in group for those assigned female at birth who now identify as trans-masculine, trans-men, men, trans-male, boi, gender-queer, AG/Aggressive, transsexual, androgynous, exploring, etc. to explore and discuss their feelings and concerns about gender, trans-identities and their histories. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

1ST WED, JUL 6, AUG 3, 6-

7:30PM

#### T-HOT: Trans Hands-On Team!

Looking for a place to connect with transgender and GNC people? Wish there were more trans and GNC events in NYC? Join us to develop, plan and conduct community events and outreach. Review basic skill development for effective leadership. Leaders who complete minimum requirements will be eligible for a leadership certificate and will be eligible to have their story featured as a community role model. No registration required. Free.

1ST & 3RD WED, JUL 6 & 20,

AUG 3 & 17, 7:30-9PM

#### Trans Partners/Trans Amorous

Twice monthly drop-in group to provide support and community for people of all genders to discuss and explore their attraction to and relationships with trans-identified or gender non-conforming individuals. Open to people currently or formerly in partnerships with trans-people and those exploring their

attractions. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

2ND WED, JUL 13, AUG 10, 6-7:30PM

#### Trans Families & Friends

Monthly drop-in group for family members and friends of someone who is transgender, transsexual, gender-different or gender questioning. Come together with other moms, dads, uncles, siblings, grandparents, friends and adult children of transgender individuals. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

### HIV and AIDS SUPPORT

#### NEW GROUP STARTS IN THE FALL; CALL FOR INFO & INTAKE

#### Positive Care I:

#### Newly Diagnosed HIV+

Support group for newly diagnosed HIV+ men to provide emotional support to ease anxiety, fear, and isolation related to a new diagnosis and to help members begin to adjust to HIV in their lives. Open to gay and bisexual men and men of trans-experience. Free.

#### NEW GROUP STARTS IN THE FALL; CALL FOR INFO & INTAKE

#### Positive Care II:

#### Living with HIV

Support group for men living long-term with HIV to provide emotional support to maintain and promote health and happiness. Provides space to discuss concerns around self-esteem, isolation, safer sex, stigma, etc. Open to gay and bisexual men and men of trans-experience. Free.

WED, 11AM-12:15PM

#### Yoga Positive

Designed specifically for HIV+ men and women. Strong but gentle Yoga practice. Includes a short presentation about potential benefits to individuals with HIV. Free. Info at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### LESBIAN CANCER INITIATIVE

*Serving Lesbians, Bisexual Women, and Transgender People. Sign up for the LCI email newsletter at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org). To "like" LCI on Facebook, go to [facebook.com/lcithecenter](http://facebook.com/lcithecenter)*

Groups will resume in the fall.

Please check the website or call 646-556-9300 for more information and to schedule an intake.

#### Survivors Group

Group for lesbians, bisexual women and transgender cancer survivors to help navigate the challenges of living with, and after, a cancer diagnosis. Focuses on cancer's broad impact on our lives, from the stress of navigating the

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medical system and treatment decisions to its effect on sexuality, body image and relationships. Offered in partnership with SHARE. **Intake required; please call.** Free.

## Caring for Someone with Cancer/Caring for Ourselves

Support group for lesbians, bisexual women and transgender (LBT) people caring for a partner, friend or family member with a cancer diagnosis, as well as women and transgender people offering care to an LBT person with cancer. Group aims to help navigate the challenges of caring for someone with a cancer diagnosis and focuses on juggling the emotions and responsibilities of care-giving with the critical importance of self-care. **Intake required; please call.** Free.

## LGBT SMOKE FREE PROJECT

For information and screening, call 646-556-9300 x485.

WED, OCT 5, 6-9PM;

SAT, OCT 9, 1-4PM

## Not Quite Ready to Quit

Three-hour workshop focuses on understanding nicotine addiction, increasing motivation, and eliminating roadblocks to making the decision to quit. **Screening required. Call to schedule.**

WED, 6-7:30PM,

OCT 12 - NOV 16

## Commit to Quit

Six-week group helps you develop a quit plan, build a support system, and effectively handle relapse pressure after you have quit. One session of Not Quite Ready to Quit is prerequisite. **Screening required. Call to schedule.**

## SUPPORT SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS

New group cycles being in the fall. Please check the website or call 646-556-9300 for more information.

TUE, 6-7:30PM, THRU JUL 26  
**Immigration Support Group - English**

Supportive space for LGBT immigrants (regardless of immigration status) to meet and discuss issues related to living in a new country. Group serves as a place for LGBT immigrants to get referrals to organizations that can help them adjust to their new life in New York and to meet others living in similar circumstances. Drop-in. No registration required. Free.

TUE, 7:30-9PM, THRU JUL 5  
**Immigration Social Action Group**

Participants attend weekly outreach training courses and conduct community outreach activities. Drop-in. No registration required.

Free. Gratis y no requiere registro previo. For more info email George Fesser at [gfesser@gaycenter.org](mailto:gfesser@gaycenter.org).

## Grupo de Apoyo para Inmigrantes

(Este grupo se hará en español)

El grupo que venia reuniéndose cada dos semanas. El grupo sigue siendo un espacio seguro donde Inmigrantes LGBT, (sin importar su estatus migratorio) - un lugar donde inmigrantes LGBT pueden recibir información sobre organizaciones que los ayuda ajustar a su nueva vida en New York. Este grupo es gratis y no requiere registro previo.

## CENTER FAMILIES

For more info visit [gaycenter.org/families](http://gaycenter.org/families) or contact *Shanequa Anderson, LMSW, MPA, CASAC, Center Families Coordinator, direct line 646-358-1749, or [centerfamilies@gaycenter.org](mailto:centerfamilies@gaycenter.org).*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

MON, JUL 11, 12-5PM

## Youth Forum: Training and Activity Day for All Youth and Youth Workers in Child Welfare

Free. For details and to register contact Tracey Little, [tlittle@gaycenter.org](mailto:tlittle@gaycenter.org).

THU, JUL 21, 5:30-9:30PM

## The Sperm and Egg Mixer

For lesbian women and gay men interested in making babies together and raising them cooperatively. Find your co-parent at this exciting event! Pre-registration encouraged. Contact [jgarcia@gaycenter.org](mailto:jgarcia@gaycenter.org).

## GROUPS/REGULAR EVENTS

THU, JUL 7, 7-9PM

## Wannabe Dads and Moms

A group for LGBTQ people exploring the possibilities of becoming parents through foster care or adoption. \$5 suggested donation.

SAT, JUL 9, 16, 23, 30, 3-6PM  
**Foster and Adoptive Parent Training**

Hosted by You Gotta Believe, which believes that every family could benefit from taking their Adopting Older Kids and Youth (A-OKAY) parent preparation class that some people know as GPS/MAPP II. Focus on teens, pre-teens, and sibling groups for short-term or permanent placement. Includes half-hour mini-orientation before the class begins. Free.

WED, JUL 13, 6:30-8PM  
**Parenting Partnerships**

A group for lesbian women and gay men interested in making babies together, and raising them cooperatively. \$5 suggested donation.

THU, JUL 14, 6:30-8PM

## Planning Biological Parenthood for Women

For women considering, preparing for, or currently in the process of conceiving through alternative insemination. \$5 suggested donation.

THU, JUL 21, 6:30-8PM

## Pregnancy Support & Networking

Group for pregnant parents-to-be to connect through sharing experiences and resources. \$5 suggested donation.

SUN, JUL 24, 12:30-2PM

## Genderqueer & Transgender Parenting

Space for genderqueer and transgender parents and prospective parents to meet, exchange information, and share stories while offering and receiving support. \$5 suggested donation.

MON, JUL 25, 5-7PM

## Family Law Clinic

### By Appointment Only!

An opportunity to have questions answered and concerns addressed by our resident legal expert. Cliff Greenberg has completed countless public and private same-sex adoptions, as well as second-parent adoptions, and he has more than 20 years' experience in family law. \$5 suggested donation. To make an appointment, contact Tracey Little, Foster Care Advocacy Project Coordinator, 212-620-7310 or email [centerfamilies@gaycenter.org](mailto:centerfamilies@gaycenter.org).

WED, JUL 27, 6:30-8PM

## Planning Biological Parenthood for Men

Opportunity to discuss the legal, medical, financial, social and moral aspects of surrogacy and egg donation faced by gay men. Also an opportunity to get together with other gay men considering fatherhood, share information, provide mutual support, and build a network of gay dads. \$5 suggested donation.

## CENTER YOUTH/Y.E.S.

**NOTE: Final orientation to apply for camp is Jul 3. See below.**

SAT, JUL 16, 5PM-10PM

## 13th Annual Youth PrideFest

Annual community-building event for LGBTQ youth in NYC created in collaboration with a number of organizations. Free food, mini ball, HIV/STI screening, opportunities to connect with various local resources, and performances by various entertainers. **Note: This is a youth only event. Free. Location:** The Shrine Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, 154 Sullivan Street, Basement, New York, NY.

MON, AUG 1, 5-9PM

## OCA-NY Hate Crimes Prevention Project Art Contest Winner Exhibition

Three talented members of Center Youth, along with youth leaders from three other city organizations, participated in a summer-long internship filled with engaging discussions and training on hate crimes prevention and art as an advocacy tool. This evening they unveil all of the spectacular art created by community members, as well as announce the winners of the art contest that interns created and judged. Free. Location: Museum of Chinese in the Americas, 215 Centre Street, New York, NY.

SUN, AUG 21 - SAT, AUG 28

## YES Summer Community Camp Program

Since 1997, the Center's Youth Services program has provided a free week-long residential summer camp experience to LGBTQ young people. Interested young people ages 13 to 21 can find out more about this opportunity by visiting Center Youth during drop-in hours. **Final orientation session to apply will be on Tue, Jul 3.**

## EVENTS BY OTHER GROUPS

WED, JUL 6, 6:30-8PM

## Michael Musto Talks with Author Steven Petrow

Out Professionals and The Publishing Triangle present "An indispensable refresher course, alternately edifying and campy, on what's proper in modern gay life," - Kirkus Review on Steven Petrow's *Complete Gay & Lesbian Manners*. On-site book sales provided by Mobile Libris. \$5, OP & Publishing Triangle members; \$10 others. 212-627-2419, [outprofessionals.org](http://outprofessionals.org)

THU, JUL 7, 6:15-7:15PM

## Pride Toastmasters Vocal Variety

How you use your voice can add interest to what you have to say. Pauses can enhance your message. Membership is \$125 per year. Attend at least three free meetings before joining. 347-850-3253, [info@pridetostmasters.com](mailto:info@pridetostmasters.com), [pridetostmasters.com](http://pridetostmasters.com).

FRI, JUL 8, 6:30-9:30PM

## Contra Dance Party

This ecstatic and energetic American community folk dance is easy to learn and great fun. The caller for tonight is Bob Isaacs, with live music by Thistle Bisquit. \$12. Tom 917-991-0579, Carol 718-972-3191, [lcfid.org/nyc](http://lcfid.org/nyc)

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**TUE, JUL 12, 5:30-7PM**  
**NYC Comptroller John C. Liu**  
**2nd Annual LGBT Pride**  
**Awards Ceremony**

The event recognizes and honors outstanding members of the New York City LGBT community. Light refreshments. Free. RSVP 212-669-4466, TTY212-669-3450, [eventsrsvp@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:eventsrsvp@comptroller.nyc.gov)

**THU, JUL 14, 6:15-7:15PM**  
**Pride Toastmasters**  
**Research Your Topic**

You can be a more effective speaker. You can find the information you need and support your points with facts, examples and illustrations. See Jul 7 for more info.

**SAT, JUL 16, 12-2PM**  
**Lesbian Widow Support**  
**Group**

Use guided energy to create a safe space to share memories, cope with sadness, and remember joy. Lori Hannibal, LCSW-R: 516-208-7095, 917-494-2606.

**SAT, JUL 16, 8-10PM**  
**Boyfriend Material**  
**Looks & Intelligence Are Hot**

Get assigned to four groups of men, meet guys one-on-one and find out your mutual matches. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. 212-971-1084. [bmaterialny.com](mailto:bmaterialny.com).

**SUN, JUL 17, 1-2:30PM**  
**SAL Book Discussion Group**

All lesbians are welcome to join the discussion of *The Fran Lebowitz Reader* by Fran Lebowitz. Different books every month. \$3; exact change appreciated. [groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup)

**TUE, JUL 19, 6-8PM**  
**New York Community Center**  
**for Spiritual Living**

Rev. John Foran presents on Prayer 101 at this spiritual circle that's open to all. Suggested donation \$10. [Revjohnforan@earthlink.net](mailto:Revjohnforan@earthlink.net)

**WED, JUL 20, 6:30-9PM**  
**Open Your Heart**  
**to Receive Love**

Transformational specialist Richard Damien shares powerful practices to keep your heart open and give you an energy attunement which will empower you to attract love and intimacy. \$15. RSVP [richarddamien.com](http://richarddamien.com)

**THU, JUL 21, 6:15-7:15PM**  
**Pride Toastmasters**  
**Get Comfortable with**  
**Visual Aids**

Any oral presentation is better with effective visual aids. Learn to use them with confidence. See Jul 7 for more info.

**SAT, JUL 23, 8-10PM**  
**Girlfriend Material**  
**Date Women with a Great**  
**Sense of Humor**

Get assigned to four groups of single women, meet women one-on-one, and minutes later you find out your mutual matches. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. 212-971-1084. [gfmaterianly.com](mailto:gfmaterianly.com).

**TUE, JUL 26, 6-8PM**  
**New York Community Center**  
**for Spiritual Living**

This week's topic is love and forgiveness. Rev John Foran facilitates this interfaith group that's open to all. Suggested donation \$10. [Revjohnforan@earthlink.net](mailto:Revjohnforan@earthlink.net)

**THU, JUL 28, 6:15-7:15PM**  
**Pride Toastmasters**  
**Persuade with Power**

Do you want to persuade others to adopt your viewpoint? Learn how to appeal to the interests of your audience. See Jul 7 for more info.

**MON, AUG 1, 7-9PM**  
**Red Left 5**

Orange Hanky Productions presents a full-cast reading of a new gay play followed by a talkback with the playwright and director. Suggested donation \$5. [Orangehanky@gmail.com](mailto:Orangehanky@gmail.com), [orangehanky.com](http://orangehanky.com)

**THU, AUG 4, 6:15-7:15PM**  
**Pride Toastmasters**  
**Inspire Your Audience**

Connect with your audience so they really hear what you have to say. Use stories, anecdotes and quotes to add drama to your talks. See Jul 7 for more info.

**SAT, AUG 6, 6-10PM**  
**OurSistaCircle.com**  
**Meet and Greet**

Sponsored by the social networking website created by lesbians of color for lesbians of color. Bring Your Own Everything. Free. RSVP with "Meet and Greet" in the subject line. [oursistacircle@gmail.com](mailto:oursistacircle@gmail.com), [oursistacircle.com](http://oursistacircle.com)

**SUN, AUG 7, 6:30-8:30PM**  
**Gay Geeks of New York**

A place to make friends and discuss your favorite comics, video games, TV shows, books and more with fellow geeks of all genres. Free. [GayGeeksofNY@gmail.com](mailto:GayGeeksofNY@gmail.com), [facebook.com/pages/Gay-Geeks-of-New-York/](http://facebook.com/pages/Gay-Geeks-of-New-York/) 132590113486032?sk=info

**MON, AUG 8, 7-9PM**  
**Red Left 5**

Orange Hanky Productions presents a full-cast reading of a new gay play followed by a talkback with the playwright and director. Suggested donation \$5. [orangehanky@gmail.com](mailto:orangehanky@gmail.com), [orangehanky.com](http://orangehanky.com)

**THU, AUG 11, 6:15-7:15PM**  
**Pride Toastmasters**  
**The Entertaining Speaker**

You can learn how to entertain an audience. Get the tools you need here! See Jul 7 for more info.

**THU, AUG 11, 7:30-10PM**  
**Times Squares**  
**Advanced and Challenge**  
**Level Square Dance**

Experienced dancers only please. Interested in learning to square dance? Check their website for future barn dances (see Aug 20). \$10. [timesquares.org](http://timesquares.org)

**FRI, AUG 12, 6:30-9:30PM**  
**Contra Dance**

Tonight's caller is Marty Fager, with live music by Stunt Double. Beginner intro and pre-dance schmooze at 6:30. \$12. Tom 917-991-0579, Carol 718-972-3191, [lcfid.org/nyc](http://lcfid.org/nyc)

**SAT, AUG 13, 8-10PM**  
**Boyfriend Material**  
**Sex & Dating for Single Men**

Get assigned to four groups of single men, meet guys one-on-one and minutes later you find out your mutual matches. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. 212-971-1084. [bmaterialny.com](mailto:bmaterialny.com).

**MON, AUG 15, 6-10PM**  
**AEA Staged Reading**  
**Kind of Blue by**  
**Kuamel Stewart**

Taking place in early 1940s NYC, *Kind of Blue* highlights conflicting ideas of masculinity, brought to life by a cast of Broadway veterans. Free, but you must RSVP: [RTC@RitualTheatreCompany.org](mailto:RTC@RitualTheatreCompany.org), [ritualtheatrecompany.org](http://ritualtheatrecompany.org)

**MON, AUG 15, 7-9PM**  
**Red Left 5**

Join Orange Hanky Productions for a full-cast reading of a new gay play followed by a talkback with the playwright and director. Suggested donation \$5. [Orangehanky@gmail.com](mailto:Orangehanky@gmail.com), [orangehanky.com](http://orangehanky.com)

**THU, AUG 18, 6:15-7:15PM**  
**Pride Toastmasters**  
**Public Relations**

Want to become a more powerful speaker so you can promote your business, your project, or yourself? See Jul 7 for more info.

**FRI, AUG 19, 6-8PM**  
**Sistah Presents the Return**  
**of "Damn, I'm Still Sexy!"**

For the sistas who missed the last workshop, they are bringing "sexy" back tonight. Join Sistah and the Center's Lesbian Cancer Initiative as they present another great workshop! Tell a Sista, bring a Sista! 212-479-7886, [thewaysofasistah97@yahoo.com](mailto:thewaysofasistah97@yahoo.com)

**SAT, AUG 20, 12-2PM**  
**Lesbian Widow Support**  
**Group**

Through sharing, support and trust, you can develop ways to manage a different life while working through your grief. Lori Hannibal, LCSW-R: 516-208-7095, 917-494-2606.

**SAT, AUG 20, 7:30-9:30PM**  
**Times Squares Barn Dance**

This is not the square dancing you did in junior high! Learn some of the basic square dance moves. No partner, experience or western drag required. Free. [timesquares.org](http://timesquares.org)

**SUN, AUG 21, 1-2:30PM**  
**SAL Book Discussion Group**

This lesbian book group is always open to new members who wish to discuss classic and contemporary lesbian fiction. Today's book: *Middlesex: A Novel* by Jeffrey Eugenides. \$3. [groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup).

**MON, AUG 22, 7-9PM**  
**Red Left 5**

Enjoy an entertaining evening of gay theater while giving these playwrights the feedback they need to take their plays to the next step in their writing process. Suggested donation \$5. [orangehanky@gmail.com](mailto:orangehanky@gmail.com), [orangehanky.com](http://orangehanky.com)

**TUE, AUG 23, 7:30-10PM**  
**Times Squares Club Night**

Keith Stevens calling for Times Squares, New York's only GLBT Square Dance Club. Experienced square dancers only. There will be no lessons tonight. \$10. [timesquares.org](http://timesquares.org)

**THU, AUG 25, 6:15-7:15PM**  
**Pride Toastmasters**  
**Specialty Speeches**

You can learn how to speak off the cuff. You can be the master of ceremonies at an event. Toastmasters will show you how. See Jul 7 for more info.

**SUN, AUG 28, 4-6PM**  
**Remembrance for**  
**Augie Kalin**

Augie was a member of GMSMA and Delta, helped run the Novices SIG each year, and was the beloved partner of Gil Kessler. He passed away on April 4. All friends of Augie and Gil are welcome. [gilkessler@nyc.rr.com](mailto:gilkessler@nyc.rr.com)

**TUE, AUG 30, 7:30-10PM**  
**Times Squares Club Night**

Todd Fellegly calling for New York's only GLBT Square Dance Club. Experienced dancers only. If you're interested in learning to square dance, check out one of their barn dances (see Aug 20). \$10. [timesquares.org](http://timesquares.org).

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## RECURRING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power)** Individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. General Meeting Mon 8pm. 212-966-4873, actupny.org, actupny@panix.com

**African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change (AALUSC)** Community space for Lesbians of the African Diaspora regardless of language, class or culture. Discussions, workshops, cultural events for Black Lesbians by Black Lesbians. Thu 6-8pm. facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=53221651752, AALUSC1974@gmail.com

**American Veterans for Equal Rights New York (AVERNY)** GLBT American armed forces veterans. VA medical benefits assistance, parade marching, oral history project, rights advocacy, community projects, social events, dinners. For schedule visit website or call 718-849-5665. averny.tripod.com, averny@nyc.rr.com

**Art Group for Gay & Lesbian Artists** 1st Tue 8-10pm, no Jun/Jul/Aug. 212-431-4532

**Bi Perspective** Social/discussion/support group for bisexual, bi-friendly, questioning men, women, couples who live, work or play in NYC. 1st Sun 3-4:30pm. Michael 908-469-0966; Bi Info Line 212-459-4784, nyabn.org/BiPerspective, michaeltalmo@aol.com

**Bi Request** Topic-focused, moderated discussion group, followed by optional dinner. Ad hoc social activities throughout the year. 1st/3rd Thu 6-8pm. Birequest@yahoo.com, BiRequest.org

**Bi Women of All Colors** Discussion/social group for bisexual, bi-curious, and transgender bi women. Welcomes bi-friendly women who identify as lesbian, same-gender-loving (SGL), questioning or straight from all cultures and diversities. Discussion groups, dinners and brunches while providing safe spaces for women to share, eat, chat and make new friends. Sheela 917-583-1797, Donna 212-479-7886, or check the website for dates: mspace.com/biwomenofallcolors

**Big Apple Softball League** NY's only gay/lesbian softball league. 2nd Wed 6-8pm. 212-726-1518, bigapplesoftball.com

**Birds Of A Feather Creative Writing Group** Write about a wide range of topics, and create your own anthology. Learn to purge from your experiences in a healthy way. Open to all: LGBT members and beyond. \$6. 1st/3rd Sat 2-3:30 pm. Patrice Compton millenny2@yahoo.com

**Brotherhood of Leathermen Of Color (BLOC)** Working coalition of Leathermen of Color and their friends. We produce and promote social events that provide relevant experiences, enhance our collective image, and improve our lives as gay leathermen. All welcome who share our vision! 2nd Sun 5-7pm. 347-709-BLOC (2562), blocorg.weebly.com

**Buddhist Contemplative Arts Class with Open Sky** Simple art exercises that relax and ground you in the beauty of this moment. Open to beginners and experienced practitioners. \$15 covers all supplies. 1st Sat 1-2:30pm. OpenSkySangha.com

**Buddhist Explorers Group NYC** Explore how Buddhist practice, meditation and ethical philosophy can enhance happiness, compassion, and physical/emotional/spiritual health. We view Buddhism as a lifestyle and ethical philosophy rather than a theology or religious belief or concept of God. All welcome. Free. 3rd Sun 2-3:30pm. DharmaFellowship.com; Mark de Solla Price 212-924-1845, mark@MarkandVinny.com,

**Buddhist Meditation Group** Buddhist discussion and practice group from Open Sky Sangha. Dharma talks, group dialogue, meditation instruction and practice. Learn to tame your thoughts, discover your true nature and develop peace of mind. All welcome regardless of previous experience or background. 1st Thu 6:30-8pm. \$5. 212-989-3456, openskysangha.com

**Butch/Femme Society** 3rd Wed 6:30-8pm. 212-388-2736, bfsnyc@aol.com

**Christian Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered & Others Fellowship** Group singing, prayer, bible study, discussion. 2nd/4th Tue 8pm. 212-529-2365

**Christian Science Group** Study/discussion group offering safe space to explore sexuality and all life's issues in spiritual context. Thu 8-9pm. 212-532-8379, nycsgroup.com

**Circle of Voices (C.O.V.)** Social discussions, event opportunities for LBT womyn of color and African descent empowerment groups. Seeking visual/electronic artists, guest speakers, community contributors. \$6. Refreshments. 5th Fri 6-8pm. circleofvoicesinc.org

**City Cruisers, NYC Motorcycle Club** Riding club for gay male motorcyclists. 1st Thu 8-9pm. citycruisers.com, info@citycruisers.com

**A Common Bond** Support group for ex-Jehovah's Witnesses who are LGBT. Meets at the Center 6 times a year; check website for schedule. acbnyc.com

**Contra Dance** American folk dance. Friendly atmosphere, everyone welcome. Live music, easy-to-learn dances. \$12. 2nd Fri 7-9:30 pm. Brooks 347-275-7983, Carol 718-972-3191. lcdf.org/nyc

**Dignity New York** Celebrating the Eucharist, working for a time when LGBT people participate fully in all aspects of life within the Roman Catholic Church and society. **Steering Committee** 2nd Tue 8-10pm. **Liturgy Committee** 4th Tue 8-10pm. 646-418-7039, dignityny.org, dignityny@aol.com

**Disclosure Network/New York (DNNY)** UFO to paranormal topics. Speakers plus Q&A. All welcome. 1st Sun 2-5pm. \$8. 917-701-9033, dnnny.org, Nicknyny1@gmail.com

**FIRE-FLAG, Inc.** Peer support for gay firefighters, EMS and related professionals. 2nd Tue 6-8pm, followed by social at Ty's. Tom 888-763-0479, fireflag.net, fireflag1@aol.com

**Gay & Lesbian Bible Study** Study books of the Bible one by one. Mon 8-10pm. gerig@columbia.edu

**Gay & Lesbian Independent Democrats (GLID)** Progressive, open political club discusses events, endorses candidates, promotes education on lesbian and gay issues. 3rd Wed 6-8pm. glid.org

**Gay & Lesbian Reading Group** Discussion of LGBT experience through reading novels, plays, poetry, non-fiction. New-comers welcome. 2nd Thu 8-9:30pm. Jim 212-945-0709, jclarkmedia.com/gaybooks, jclark@jclarkmedia.com

**Gay & Lesbian Yeshiva Day School Alumni** Safe space to integrate Jewish and lesbian/gay identities in self-affirming, positive direction through discussion, socializing, activism. 4th Thu 8-10pm. 212-780-4656, glydsa.org, glydsa@hotmail.com

**Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men of NY (GAPIMNY)** Safe space for gay, bisexual and questioning men and transgender people of Asian/Pacific Islander heritage. **General Meeting** 3rd Fri 8-10pm. **Steering Committee** 1st Mon 8-10pm. 212-802-7423, gapimny.org, gapimny@gapimny.org

**Gay/Bi Dad's Group of New York** Support/social group for gay and bisexual fathers and others in child-nurturing situations. **General Meeting** 1st Fri 8-10pm. gaybidads.org, info@gaybidads.org

**Gay Men's Opera Club** Listen to and discuss recordings. 2nd Fri 8-10pm. Charles 212-691-5993

**Gay Officers Action League (GOAL)** Lesbian and gay criminal justice professionals. Membership Meeting 2nd Tue 8-10pm. 212-691-4625, goalny.org, goalny1@goalny.org

**Genderqueer, GNC, Gender Exploring Drop-In Group** Monthly group for those who identify as genderqueer, gender fluid, GNC, gender exploring, etc. Discuss personal gender identities and histories relating to family, dating/partners, community, identity, health, bodies, and related topics. People assigned male, female, or intersex at birth are all welcome. \$5 suggested donation, but no one turned away. 4th Thu 8-9:30pm. 267-304-5888

**Grand Slam Bridge Group** Relaxed game of duplicate bridge promotes social ties. Partner not needed; everybody who arrives on time gets to play. 2nd/4th Sun 2-5pm, no Jul/Aug. 914-665-8862, 516-671-2095

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## Greater New York Gesneriad Society

Learn about miracle houseplants in African Violet and Florist Gloxinia families. 3rd Sat 11am-2pm. 212-666-2395, nygesneriad.org

## Heritage of Pride/NYC Pride

Organizers of NYC's LGBT pride events (Rally, March, Dance on the Pier, Pride-Fest). 2nd Mon 8-10pm. 212-80PRIDE, hopinc.org,

## HI-fiVe (HIV/AIDS) Support

**Group** Support group for gay men living with HIV and/or AIDS. Donations up to \$10 accepted. Sun 11:30am-12:45pm. Scott A. Kramer, LMSW, ACSW 347-620-LIFE, scottakramer@gmail.com

## HIV+ and HIV- affected Gay Men Support Group (ACRIA)

Thu 6:30-8pm, 212-924-3934, acria.org

## Identity House Walk-In Peer Counseling

Low-cost counseling for coming out, relationships, dating, all other life topics. Sat & Sun 6-8pm. info@identityhouse.org

**Imperial Court of NY** Social drag organization promoting self-respect and positive awareness while raising funds for community and AIDS service organizations. 1st Wed 7:30-10pm. 212-475-0838

## Indoor Gardening Society of America

Learn the joys of house-plant horticulture with the Metropolitan Chapter. 4th Tue 6-9pm, 3rd Tue Dec, no Jul/Aug. 212-877-9010

## I.C.E. (Inner Child Experience)

Offers progressive thinking and community wellness arts and crafts workshops. 4th Fri 6-8pm. theinnerchildexperience@yahoo.com

## Instigate NYC

Queer/trans led, anti-racist, anti-classist, pro-pervert BDSM/sex/kink infoshare. Open to all. Sliding scale. 3rd Sun 5-6pm. instigatenyc@riseup.net

## Italian Conversation Group

2nd/4th Mon 6-8pm

## Knit and Schmooze

Sometimes your brain works better when your hands are busy. Bring needles and yarn. 1st/3rd Mon 6:30-8pm. Bernard berdd@earthlink.net.

## Las Buenas Amigas Lesbianas Latinas en Nueva York

Formed in 1986. US-born Latinas, immigrants from Latin America, working-class women,

mothers, students, professionals, artists, activists. 1st Sun 3-5pm. 718-596-0342 x44, lasbuenasamigas.org, lba@lasbuenasamigas.org

## Latino PFLAG, NYC, parte de PFLAG FCA, NYC

Se reúne el tercer domingo de cada mes de 1-3pm. Las reuniones son confidenciales. Todos son bienvenidos, incluyendo padres, amigos, familiares y personas gays, lesbianas, bisexuales y transgéneras con o sin sus familias. Para más información contáctese con las coordinadoras: Nila Marrone nilajoe@optonline.net, 914-787-8738, o Migdalia Santiago, florlatina123@yahoo.com, 718-749-8562

## Leather Pride Night Committee

Planning for annual charity auction in June to raise money for Heritage of Pride and other LGBT and s/m-leather-fetish beneficiaries. 1st Thu 8-10pm. 718-497-4994, leather-pridenight.org, lpnny@aol.com

## Legal Clinic

Offered by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Law Association Foundation of Greater NY. Free walk-in clinic provides general legal information, referrals. Tue, Sign-in 6-6:30pm. 212-353-9118, le-gal.org, info@le-gal.org

## Lesbian & Gay Teachers Association

General Meeting 1st Wed 6-8pm, no Jul/Aug. Jonathan 212-933-4544, Catherine 646-660-3303, lgta@aol.com

## Lesbian Sex Mafia (LSM)

Fetish social group for women only. 3rd Fri 8-10pm. 212-726-3844, lesbiansexmafia.org, lsmnyc@hotmail.com

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Social Workers (NASW NYC LGBT Committee)

General meeting and networking. 4th Wed, Jan/Apr/Oct, 6:30-8pm. 212-668-0050, lgbtnasw@yahoo.com

## Life Drawing

Monitored life drawing sessions, male models, short and long poses. Sat 11am-2pm, last Sat long poses. \$15. Bring own drawing material. All skill levels welcome. Steven Frim 201-815-0975

## Living Soulfully NYC

Men who have been to Easton Mountain Retreat, their friends, those curious about Easton Mountain meet for varied program of fun, fellowship,

meditation, ritual, heart-to-heart connection. Usually 1st Sun 4-6pm. 800-553-8235, eastonmountain.com

## Males Au Naturel (M.A.N.)

Gay/bisexual men's nudist/naturist group for NY. Sponsors members-only, non-sexual, nude social events, parties at Center and other locations. Annual membership required for continued invites and discounted admission. Non-nude information session at the Center. Jul 14, 7pm. 212-898-0383, males.org

## Manhattan Stuttering Group

Self-help support group for persons who stutter. 2nd/4th Wed 6-8pm. 201.823.1465

## Marriage Equality NY

Coalition of lesbian, gay and non-gay individuals and organizations committed to ending discrimination against same sex couples in civil marriage. 1st Wed 6:30-7:30pm. 877-772-0089, info@marriageequalityny.org, marriageequalityny.org

## MASt Metro NY

Community inclusive support group for those who identify as owner/master/mistress or property/slave. Open to all genders/orientations interested in this lifestyle, regardless of relationship status. 1st Sun 2-5pm, 2nd Sun Dec. mspetal@gmail.com

## Masters & Slaves Together NY (MASt NYC)

Support group for gay men interested or involved in Master/slave, Daddy/boy, other power-exchange relationships. Discuss concerns, share info, get to know the men behind the labels. 4th Sun 4-6pm. mast.net

## Mateando NYC

Social, cultural, human rights group for GLBT Argentineans and Uruguayans living in NY State and friends. 2nd Sun 2-5pm, no Jun/Jul/Aug. 718-766-7500, mateando\_nyc@yahoo.com, mateandonyc.org

## Meditation Class

Learn practical techniques in meditation, mindfulness for spiritual, personal growth. Led by woman Buddhist monk. Tue 6-8pm. \$5. woman\_monk@yahoo.com

## Men of All Colors Together (MACT)

Striving to create multicultural community. **General Meeting** 1st/3rd/4th/5th Fri 8-10pm. **Board Meeting** 2nd Fri 8pm. 212-

330-7678, mactny.org, secretary@mactny.org

## Metro Gay Wrestling Alliance

Amateur freestyle wrestling practices. All welcome regardless of gender or sexual orientation, especially beginners. Sun 2-5pm. metrowrestling.org, mgwa@metrowrestling.org

## Moonfire Empowerment & Spirituality Network

Diverse workshops, discussions on empowerment, healing, spirituality, metaphysics, creativity, entertainment. 2nd/4th/5th Sat 5-7pm, no Jul/Aug. \$6. All welcome. Amethyst 212-222-2467, amethystsylviachild@gmail.com

## Natural History Group

Lesbian and Gay Naturalists of NY. Field trips, programs. 1st Thu 8-10pm. 646-469-4149

## Network for the Realization of the Goddess (NRG)

Women's Dianic Wicca Spirituality Circle. Open to all women. Safe CR-like setting to learn. practice Goddess, Mother Nature-based rituals. 2nd Thu 8-10pm. 718-786-0145

## New York boys of Leather

Leather social organization providing leather boys a forum to have fun, learn, educate, socialize, and support each other and leather community. Ask front desk for assistance in room location. 2nd Thu 8:30-10pm. nybol.org

## New York Community Center for Spiritual Living

Weekly Spiritual Circle provides safe space for people to discover the God of their own understanding. Interfaith-based, non-denominational. Blends Western teachings with Eastern philosophies. Passionate and dedicated to helping you experience the Living Spirit in every area of your life. Tue 6-8pm. RevJohnForan@earthlink.net

## New York Fashion Model

**Drawing Meet-Up** Designers, illustrators and enthusiasts sketch fashions from live model. \$15 per session, reservations required. 3rd Sun 12-3pm. meetup.com/NY-Fashion-Model-Drawing

## NYC Gay Men's Shamanic Circle

Open circle for gay men performing shamanic journey work for healing on many levels, including ourselves, our community, the planet. \$10 suggested donation. 1st

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Sun 12-1:15pm.  
nycgayshamans.net

**NYC Married Men's Support Group** For men who identify as bi or gay and are, or have been, in a mixed orientation marriage. Contact facilitator before attending. Jeremy Lees, jllees@verizon.net.

**NYC Open Gay Men's Pagan Magick Circle** Celebrate queer spirit, honor the Earth and the Gods, raise joyfully creative healing energy. As Eclectics, we acknowledge, support diverse traditions, including Wiccan, Faerie, Egyptian, Druidic, Shamanic. Newcomers welcome. 3rd Tue 8-10pm. groups.yahoo.com/group/mag\_pagan/

**Other Countries: Black Gay Expression** Peer-facilitated writing workshop for black gay men to present their writing (fiction, non-fiction, drama, etc.) and receive/provide critiques. Those interested in presenting encouraged to confirm week prior, but walk-ins accepted. 2nd/4th Sat 6-9pm. kevmcgr@pipeline.com

**Out Professionals** Gay, lesbian professionals organization. More than 1,000 members. Workshops, lectures, seminars, socializing for social/networking contacts in NYC. 3rd Wed 6:30pm and more; check website. outprofessionals.org

**Philosophy Forum** Inquire into teaching of thinkers past/present, East/West. 2nd/4th Sat 3-5pm; no Jul/Aug. Call before attending. Warren 212-477-2827, paulinepark@earthlink.net

**Photography Club** Amateurs, professionals meet to show work, receive comments. 3rd Thu 6-8pm. nycphotoclub.com, info@nycphotoclub.com

**PFLAG for Families of Color and Allies, NYC (PFLAG FCA, NYC)** All welcome, including parents, friends, family members and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, with or without their families. Meetings are confidential. For more info write or call coordinators. 3rd Sun 1-3pm. Afro/Caribbean Coordinators: Anna Maria L. Thomas, 917-656-9816; Latino & Safe School Coordinator: Nila Marrone, nilajoe@optonline.net, 914-787-8738; Latino Coordinator: Migdalia Santiago, florlatina123@yahoo.com, 718-749-8562; Advocacy Coordinator: Linda Hell-

man, linda.hellman@gmail.com, 347-563-5985

**Polyamorous NYC** Discussion group designed specifically for individuals, couples and groups who are part of the Gay, Lesbian, Bi & Trans community and who have an interest in long-term, romantically committed, multiple-partner relationships. 3rd Wed 8-10pm. Justen 212-543-9494, poly-nyc.com, info@poly-nyc.com

**Pride Toastmasters** Want to improve your speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a gay-friendly environment? Only LGBT Toastmasters club on the East Coast affiliated with Toastmasters International. Learn skills that enhance self-confidence and personal growth. Expect a fun and outrageous time, while improving your public speaking. Membership \$125/year. Attend at least 3 free meetings before joining. Thu 6:15-7:15. 347-850-3253, info@pridetoastmasters.com, pridetoastmasters.com.

**Prime Timers** Social club for mature men. **General Meeting** 2nd Sat 2-4pm. **Board of Directors** 2nd Sat 1-2pm. POB 1185, Lenox Hill Station, NYC 10021-1185. nyprime69@yahoo.com

**Room To Write** Writing group open to all in LGBT community, novice or experienced. All subjects, styles of writing. 1st/3rd/5th Wed 7-9pm. 2nd/4th Fri 6-8pm, no Fri Jul/Aug. roomtowrite@live.com

**SAL Book Discussion Group** Lesbian book group to discuss contemporary, classic lesbian literature. Newcomers welcome. 3rd Sun 1-2:30pm. groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup

**Scrabblers** All levels. Bring boards. English, Spanish, French, Italian. 2nd/4th Mon 8-10pm. 212-362-5889

**Sirens Motorcycle Club** Tri-state area premier women's motorcycle club dedicated to promoting motorcycling as a sport among women emphasizing skill, safety, solidarity, support, friendship. 3rd Tue 8-10pm. sirensnyc.com, sirensnyc@hotmail.com

**Sistahs in Search of Truth, Alliance and Harmony (SISTAH)** Supportive/nurturing space for bi, lesbian, trans, same-sex loving womyn of colour. Special focus on health, wellness,

social, educational issues. 3rd Fri 6-8pm. 212-479-7886, 917-623-7889

**Sophisticated Aggressive Gents** Support group for women who self-identify as AG's/Butches/Studs/Aggressives for group discussions, advice, suggestions, networking, support. 2nd Fri 6-8pm. Paris 646-330-8641, myspace.com/aggressivegents

**South Asian Lesbian & Gay Association (SALGA) Support Group** Social and political organization for LGBT people who trace their descent from South Asia. 2nd Sat 4-6pm. Mailing address: SALGA c/o LGBT Community Center, 208 West 13 Street, NY, NY 10011. 212-358-5132, salganyc@hotmail.com, salganyc.org.

**Stiff Competition** Socialize and play some popular and some unique party games. Rules taught, different games at each meeting. Seating limited, latecomers may not be admitted. 2nd/4th/5th Wed 7-10pm. \$5, exact change appreciated. 212-503-6349 (days), 212-246-6214 (evenings)

**Stonewall Democratic Club** Special events, discussions on LGBT issues, candidate endorsements. 4th Wed 8-10pm. Tom Smith 212-330-6572, sdnyc.org

**STONEWALL Veterans' Association (S.V.A.)** Legendary participants in historic 5-night Stonewall Rebellion eligible for membership. Non-Vet supporters and sponsors can join Friends of S.V.A. Youth-4-SVA: young folks and students who volunteer for S.V.A. Speakers Bureau provided for GLBT organizations, civic groups and schools. S.V.A. owns famous 1969 'Stonewall Car'. Last Sat 4:15-6pm. 212-627-1969, SVA@STONEWALLvets.org, STONEWALLvets.org

**SUGAR: LGBT Diabetics** Drop-in support group for LGBT people living with diabetes. Connect with others who face the same struggles. Share 'food for thought' through personal experiences to help other members increase their quality of diabetic life. Spark discussions that lead to better dialogues between you and your doctors. 4th Wed 6:30-8pm. Suggested donation \$5.

**Sundance Outdoor Adventure Society** NY area gay outdoors club for men, women of all ages, abilities. Over 500 members enjoy outdoor non-competitive activities: backpacking, biking, boating, hiking, horseback riding, social outings, skating, skiing and more. All-volunteer Sundance run by members. Quarterly mixers. sundanceoutdoor.org

**Support Group for Single Lesbians** Support/social group for single lesbians meeting in caring, safe space. Fri 6-7pm. Pauline 718-762-3473

**TwentySomething** Social group for LGBT New Yorkers in/around their twenties (ages 18-33). Semi-monthly meeting to socialize and discuss important LGBT topics. \$5. 1st Tue 8-10pm. 20somethingNYC.com

**VegOut** NYC Vegan potluck for LGBT/queer-friendly vegetarians, vegans, friends. Bring dish to share (no meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy, honey) and \$5; \$12 without food. 3rd Sun 3-5pm, no Jun. meetup.com/vegout-nyc, vegoutnyc.org

**Village Dive Club** Gay, lesbian scuba diving club. Meetings, social events, dive trips. VillageDiveClub.com, VillageDiveClub@gmail.com

**Village Playwrights** Gay, lesbian playwrights, screenwriters present scripts for informal critiques leading to staged productions. 2nd/4th Wed 8-10pm. Emanuel 212-645-1514, Phryxus@aol.com, village-playwrights.googlepages.com

**Women About, The Adventure Social Club for Lesbians** NY-based network for lesbians generating social, cultural, athletic activities in tri-state area since 1976. Quarterly meetings to plan events, mail newsletter. Yearly dues: \$15 singles, \$25 couples. PO Box 146, New York, NY 10011-0146. 212-642-5257, womenabout.org, info@womenabout.org

**Zappalorti Society** Lesbian, gay, transgender psychiatric survivors organized for peer support, self-help, mental health advocacy. Sat 1-4pm. 917-286-0616, bert\_coffman@yahoo.com

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**Adult Children of Alcoholics**  
**SAT, 11AM-12:30PM** Struggle for Intimacy

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212-647-1680, nyintergroup.org  
**TUE, 6-7:15PM** Women Now  
**TUE, 7:30-8:45PM** Westwingers  
**WED, 6-7:15PM** Women Together Step Meeting  
**THU, 12-1PM** Agnostics  
**THU, 9-10PM** Westwingers  
**FRI, 6:30-7:30PM** Big Book Meeting of S.L.A.A.  
**SAT, 6-7:30PM** Women Together Closed Discussion  
**SAT, 8-9PM** LAex  
**SAT, 9:30-10:30PM** S/M Sober Miracles  
**SUN, 12-1:30PM** High Noon  
**SUN, 4-5:15PM** Village Agnostics  
**LAST SUN, 5:30-6:30PM** Village Agnostics Step Meeting  
**SUN, 6:45-7:45PM** Living Today  
**SUN, 8-9PM** Living for Today Discussion

**AI-Anon**  
*Intergroup* 212-941-0094  
**THU, 5:45-7:15PM** Gay Men's Round Robin  
**FRI, 7:30-10PM** Gay Men Beginners & Regular  
**SAT, 7:45-9:15PM** GLAD Gay & Lesbian Discussion  
**SUN, 5:45-7:15PM** Sundays at the Center

**Cocaine Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212-929-7300  
**SAT, 6-7:30PM** Gay & Lesbian Open Meeting  
**SUN, 11AM-12:30PM** Serenity Sunday

**Co-Dependents Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* POB 1509, NY, NY 10159-1509, codanyc.org  
**MON, 9-10PM** CODA  
**FRI, 8:30-10PM** Co-Dependents Anonymous

**Crystal Meth Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* NYCMA, POB 1517, Old Chelsea Station, NY, NY 10011, 212-642-5029, info@nycma.org  
**MON, 6-7PM** Relapse Prevention  
**TUE, 7:30-9PM** New York Group #1 Beginners  
**WED, 8-9PM** Conscious Contact  
**THU, 8-9PM** Big Book Study Meeting  
**FRI, 8-9:30PM** Crystal Clear Beginners  
**SAT, 11AM-12:30PM** Saturday Solutions  
**SAT, 8-9PM** Meditation Meeting  
**SAT, 9:30-10:30PM** Relationships, Intimacy, Sex & Sobriety  
**SUN, 11:15AM-12:15PM** Sunday Solutions  
**SUN, 6-7:15PM** Sunday Step Meeting  
**SUN, 7:30-8:30PM** Beginners

**Debtors Anonymous**  
*Hotline* 212-969-8111, danyc.info  
**MON, 7:30-9PM** Lesbian & Gay Step Meeting  
**WED, 11:45AM-1PM** Step Writing to Abundance  
**SAT, 11:15AM-12:45PM** Writers Group  
**SAT, 4:15-5:15PM** Meditation Group  
**SUN, 12:15-1:45PM** Creating Your Vision

**Incest & Sexual Abuse Survivors (Men)**  
**FRI, 6:15-8PM**

**Marijuana Anonymous**  
*Hotline* 212-459-4423, manewyork.org  
**WED, 8:30-9:45PM** Marijuana Anonymous  
**3RD WED, 8-9:15PM** Marijuana Anonymous District 8  
**Narcotics Anonymous**  
*Helpline* 212-929-6262  
**Area Service Committee** nycasc.org  
**TUE, 5:45-7:15PM** Narcotics Anonymous (Tue)  
**FRI, 5:45-7:15PM** Recovery at Dusk  
**SUN, 2:15-3:45PM** Serenity Sunday

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* oa.org  
**MON, 1-2PM** Just for Today Discussion  
**TUE, 12:15-1:15PM** Discussion  
**WED, 12:15-1:15PM** Format Varies  
**THU, 12:15-1:15PM** Big Book  
**FRI, 12:15-1:15PM** 12-Step  
**SAT, 12-1:30PM** Step Writing Workshop  
**SAT, 6-7:30PM** Word of Mouth Open LGBT Meeting  
**SUN, 11:15AM-12:45PM** Recovery from Relapse  
**SUN, 2-3PM** Meditation Meeting  
**SUN, 5-6:30PM** Sex, Love & Abstinence  
**SUN, 7:30-9PM** Gay Men

**Sexual Compulsives Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212-439-1123, sca-recovery.org/cities/newyork  
**MON, 12-1:30PM** 4th Step Writing Workshop  
**MON, 4:15-5:30PM** Step Writing Workshop

**MON, 5:45-7:15PM** Unsafe Sex  
**MON, 7:30-8:30PM** Big Book Step Study Meeting  
**MON, 9-10PM** Sharing Towards Recovery  
**TUE, 12-1:30PM** Tuesday Round Robin  
**WED, 12-1:30PM** Round Robin  
**WED, 9-10PM** Porn/Internet/Phone Sex  
**THU, 12-1:30PM** Round Robin  
**FRI, 12-1:30PM** Round Robin  
**FRI, 5:45-7:15PM** Beginners  
**FRI, 6:15-7:15PM** Sober Topics  
**FRI, 7:30-9PM** Healthy Sexuality  
**SAT, 12-1:30PM** Third Column  
**SAT, 2:30-4PM** Committed Relationships  
**SAT, 6-7:30PM** First Step Meeting  
**SAT, 7:45-9:15PM** Characteristics  
**SUN, 12:30-2PM** Intimacy Workshop  
**SUN, 5:45-7:15PM** Sex, Drugs & Alcohol  
**SUN, 8-9PM** Steps & Traditions  
**2ND SUN, 3-5PM** Intergroup

**Sexual Recovery Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212-340-4650; sexualrecovery.org  
**1ST MON, 6-8PM** Intergroup  
**SAT, 11:15AM-12:45PM** Step Meeting

**Survivors of Incest Anonymous**  
*Helpline* 212-501-HEAL; sianyc.org  
**FRI, 6:15-8PM** SIA Men's Group  
**SAT, 4:15-5:45PM** SIA Double Winners (survivors only)

**Underearners Anonymous**  
**SUN, 11AM-NOON**

## SAGE AT THE CENTER

**Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders** offers an extensive array of groups and programs at the Center. For more info, call 212-741-2247 or visit [sageusa.org](http://sageusa.org).

**SAGE Community Services Office** Room 207 at the Center. Walk-in hours Mon-Fri 2-5pm.

**SAGE Administration and Clinical Services** 305 7th Ave, 15th Floor, NYC 10001. *Send all SAGE mail to that address.*

## SAGE Special Events

**THU, JUL 21, 1-3PM**  
**Pool Party without the Pool**  
A summer frolic with your friends at SAGE. All welcome. No reservation required. For more info call Carole, 212-741-2047.

**SUN, AUG 7, 2-5PM**  
**Women's BBQ**  
A long-running SAGE tradition, the Women's Barbeque promises great food and great fun wrapped into one fabulous summer afternoon. Newcomers welcome. Open to all women 45+. \$5 suggested donation, or bring a dessert/side dish to share. For more info call Felicia, 212-741-2808.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**SAT, SEP 17, 1-5PM**  
**Happy Birthday Social**  
Whenever your birthday, celebrate it at the SAGE Birthday Social, Lunch, wine, soda, snacks and, of course, birthday cake. Dance, enjoy the raffle, socialize. SAGE members \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Non-members \$15/\$20. Call 212-741-2247 to reserve.

## SAGE Recurring Events

**Daily Drop-in** Comfortable, casual space at the Center for LGBT seniors to relax and meet. Refreshments served. Mon-Fri 1-4:30pm.

**Drop-In Groups** (no registration)  
**Morning at the Opera** Mon 10:30am-12:30pm

**SAGErcize** Tue & Thu 11am-12pm  
**Daytime Discussion** Tue 2-3:30pm  
**Women's Group** Wed 3:30-5pm  
**Men's 50+ Rap** Wed & Fri 5:30-7pm

**Booklovers' Discussion** 1st Wed 7-8:30pm (*call for current title*)  
**75+ Discussion** Thu 1-2:30pm  
**Walking Club** Thu 2:30  
**SAGE Singers** (Thu 5-6:30pm) *on hiatus until Sep*  
**Men's 40+ Rap** Thu 7-8:30pm

**Bridge** Fri 12:30-3pm  
**Life Issues Beyond Retirement** Fri 3:30-5pm  
**Gay Widowers' Support Group** (2nd & 4th Sun 6-7:30pm) *on hiatus until Sep*

**Groups Requiring Registration**  
*Call 212-741-2247 or stop in for more info.*  
SAGEWorks Job Readiness (Age 40+), SAGECAP Caregiver Support, Lifelong Learning Courses, MS Support, Men's 50+ HIV+, Bereavement, and more.