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In commemoration of the Stonewall Riot in June 1969 that ignited the LGBTQ Liberation Struggle, the month has long been officially designated LGBTQ Pride Month. This year, the June calendar is packed with pride events throughout the month. Some are long established while others are new, reflecting both our community's decades-long traditions and the progress we have made that has created an ever broadening embrace of LGBTQ equality.

Many events in southeast Wisconsin are clustered at the beginning of the month and culminate with Milwaukee PrideFest effectively, albeit inadvertently, creating a veritable **Pride Week** celebration. Here are some of the highlights:

June 1st (Friday): *LGBT Walworth County Pride's Potluck and Movie Night*,

This small but growing organization has the honor of kicking off southeastern Wisconsin's line up of Pride events with the *LGBT Walworth County Pride Potluck and Movie Night*.

June 2nd (Saturday): *"Pins for Patriots" Bowling Fund Raiser*

Veterans for Diversity hold its "Pins for Patriots" Bowling Fund Raiser in support of

the August "Wounded Warriors Hearts" Retreat. The event takes place at Classic Lanes in Greenfield on Milwaukee's southwest side.

Brady Street Drag Crawl

Also on June 2nd as a Pride Month kick-off, Chanel D'Vine & Nomad present Cream City's inaugural *Brady Street Drag Crawl*, a fundraiser for Courage MKE, an LGBTQ youth support organization. The event takes place from 1 -5 pm with pop-up drag performances along Brady Street with a wind-up at *Nomad* for a patio party.

June 3rd (Sunday): *Dignity/Milwaukee LGBT Pride Potluck Celebration*

On Sunday, June 3rd, Dignity/Milwaukee, the local affiliate of DignityUSA, the national organization of LGBT Catholics, hosts an LGBT Pride Potluck Celebration at 6 pm.

June 6th (Wednesday): *A Celebration of Marriage Equality*

Another faith-based event, the *Interfaith Ecumenical Community Celebration of Marriage Equality* marks the 3rd anniversary of marriage equality in Wisconsin and the nation. It takes place June 6th at the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, 1342 North Astor Street at 6:30pm.

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June 7-10 (Thursday –Sunday) *PrideFest Weekend*

Now in its 31st year, the annual Pride event launches Milwaukee's lakefront festival season with a celebration of LGBTQ life and culture. The 4-day festival boasts a full array of local and national stage acts, athletics, dance, drag, leather, history, health and wellness. This year's introduces several innovations including the Thursday night opening featuring a dance party with a band and The Big Gay 5k Run, a fundraiser for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Another new and unique event is the Saturday, June 9th, *Ride with Pride* motorcycle ride that powers off at the Harley Museum at 10am on Saturday.

And, in its continuing mission to give back to the community, the *Plus 1* program allows ticket purchasers to add \$1 to their price of admission as a charitable donation. Milwaukee Pride has designated Milwaukee's health and capacity building organization, Diverse & Resilient, as this year's beneficiary. Also, in a new move to address LGBTQ health, festival organizer Milwaukee Pride has turned away monetary support by the tobacco industry.

Of course, there Milwaukee's LGBTQ sports will be represented not only with the Big Gay 5k Run, but also with a Milwaukee Gay Volleyball Association sponsored tournament, the Milwaukee Gay Sports Network staffed beer pod and an SSBL batting cage. 37600+ attendees so that number will be hard to beat

June 10 (Sunday): *The Milwaukee Pride Parade*

On Sunday, June 10, the Milwaukee Pride Parade steps off at 2pm on South 2nd Street marches through the Walker's Point gay-borhood to Erie Street. This year the Pride Parade committee hopes to break last year's record breaking number of 85 parade units. Of

course, Milwaukee GAMMA's contingent features its president Bim as his alter ego, Milwaukee's favorite soon, Liberace! (He's been working on his fabulous wardrobe since last year's parade!)

Volunteers are still sought to help along the parade route as well as support other activities. Contact the Pride Parade committee at <https://www.prideparademke.org/volunteer>

June 15 (Friday): *The Challenge Party*

Celebrating its 30th year of fund raising, *The Challenge Party* holds its gala on June 15. The Challengers have raised over \$11 million in support of dozens of LGBTQ causes over its three decades of community philanthropy.

June 21 (Thursday): *Brewers Pride Night*

The first annual *Milwaukee Brewers Pride Night* takes place on Thursday, June 21. The game against the St. Louis Cardinals promises to be a more than momentous occasion with a community blow-out tailgate party preceding the game. Various price level ticket packages are available and include game seats, the tailgate party and a special issue rainbow Brewers Pride Night t-shirt!

Last but Not Least!

And, in an exclusive conversation with LVL owner George Prentice, indications were that the renovation of the old La Cage main floor could be completed and opened by late June. Certainly, that would be a perfect cap off for Pride Month 2018!

Information: Times, venues and additional details for all Pride events listed here, as well as others in other parts of Wisconsin, may be found on social media pages and through the individual organizations' websites. Many groups are still looking for volunteers to help make their Pride celebrations successful, so check in and support your LGBTQ community!

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Some Thoughts on the Midterm Election 2018

With six months to go until November 6th midterm election, it's time for LGBTQ voters to start paying attention. The future of our rights is at stake. Throughout the country, under the guise of "religious freedom" laws, our rights in general and, in particular, marriage equality are under attack. Oklahoma and Kansas have just passed laws allowing discrimination against same-sex couples seeking to adopt. In Washington, the regime continues its fight against transgender people in the military while appointing conservative judges whose animus towards LGBTQ rights is among their qualifications. Locally, there is a ACLU lawsuit against the State of Wisconsin under Governor Scott "Wississippi" Walker in defense of transgender state employees.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin's senate race is getting national attention. Senator Tammy Baldwin is opposed by a pair of Republicans. Former Democrat turned Republican Kevin Nicholson has been endorsed by the Great America PAC and conservative Richard Uielein. The other is state Senator Leah Vukmir who has recently been endorsed by the Wisconsin Republican Party. A virulent homophobe, Vukmir has an extensive record against LGBTQ equality, reproductive rights, public education, voting rights and health care equal-

ity. She ran a campaign ad with Tammy Baldwin depicted as a terrorist. Even a fellow Republican found the hateful imagery extreme. Both candidates are trying to prove themselves more conservative than the other, embracing all the worst of the current regime: border walls and right wing extremism.

Meanwhile, there are a 17 opposition candidates running for governor far. A Trans MKE member posted her text conversation with Libertarian Phil Anderson. She asked him about his stance on conversion therapy. Even though Milwaukee and Shorewood's recent ban on the practice, he didn't have a clue what she was talking about. She explained and he called it "barbaric". Great. Just remember, Anderson was the 2016 congressional candidate who divided the vote and helped defeat the Democrat, Russ Feingold and sent Republican Ron Johnson to Washington, DC.

Of the 16 Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls the top contenders include Madison mayor Paul Soglin; state Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Evers; and state Senator Kathleen Vinehout. All have strong credentials in support of LGBTQ rights. Retired attorney and former Wisconsin Democratic Party chair Matt Flynn is a contender but his unfortunate professional history is marred by his role representing the Archdiocese of Milwaukee against victims in the sex abuse

scandal. One could argue that, as distasteful as it may appear, Flynn's position as an attorney was strictly that. But the reality is the appearance. One can easily envision the barrage of ads targeting this seeming defense of pedophile priests. In fact, the attacks have begun. The Wisconsin Republican Party is already calling him a "Dirty defense attorney" who "bullied victims of sexual abuse." On the left, the Wisconsin's Women's March has called for him to drop out of the race. In response, Flynn suggested his critics "jump in the lake". Should he somehow become the Democratic candidate, some might be lining up at bridges across the state to take his advice because any hope of a Democratic victory would be lost.

In Wisconsin's Attorney General's race, the national LGBTQ civil rights organization, the Human Rights Campaign has endorsed the Josh Kaul who is running against incumbent Republican Attorney General Brad Schimel. Schimel recently made news at a religious liberty summit (and paid \$4000 to speak there) held by the Alliance Defending Freedom, an organization classified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a extremist hate group seeking to criminalize homosexuality.

There's a lot at stake this time around. Wisconsin's LGBTQ voters need to vote. If you haven't registered yet...now is the time.

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After what has seemed a steady diet of coming of age films, it proved an absolutely joy to watch two excellent dramas each with challenging, grown up themes in Patrick Gale's excellent teleplay.

The first episode is the stronger of the two with tremendous performances all about. Joanna Vanderham's Flora is heartbreaking when pregnant and discovering love letters to her husband from another man. Then there is Flora, tough as hails setting up all of the rules and conditions. Poor Michael, there was simply never a chance Flora would have allowed Thomas to be their son's godfather once he left prison.

How unbearably unbearable Michael's life with Flora must have been.

Patrick Gale's excellent **The Man in the Orange Shirt** is definitely worth adding to the collection.

Glenn's brief for **Quest's Pride 2018 Issue** was simplicity itself; Glenn was charged with selecting a film which best exemplified the heart and soul and the courage of the LGBT Pride movement

Nothing could have been simpler; Glenn knew just the film, director Matthew Warchus heartwarming film, **Pride**. Based on a true account, **Pride** tells the unlike story of a group of Gay and Lesbian activists, amidst Thatcherite Britain, who worked to raise money for miners of a small Welsh village during their lengthy strike of the National Union of Mineworkers in the summer of 1984.



MAN IN AN ORANGE SHIRT

Glenn absolutely loves **Pride**, a film covering comparable territory as **Billy Elliot** and **The Full Monty** yet sadly lacking and unfairly so, their success.

"Will you be sending the same review as the last time, dear?"

A most uncomfortable moment of silence followed.

Quite innocently, Glenn had forgotten having written and subsequently having submitted a review of **Pride** to the lovely folks at **Quest**.

The next film on Glenn's list of possibilities, **Stonewall Uprising**, tackles one of the truly magical moments on the LGBT timeline: the Stonewall Riots. Filmmakers David Heilbroner and Kate Davis manage, despite the lack of raw materials – imagine a world without cell phone cameras—to separate fact from the mythology of Stonewall which has been spiraling out of control exponentially for years. The result is a terrific documentary, one which manages to both inform and to entertain and sadly the subject of yet another glowing Glenn review.

Clearly Glenn's approach was all wrong in satisfying the brief for **Quest's Pride 2018 Issue**.

Trying to think outside the box, Glenn realized a perfect choice was as clear as one's nose on one's face. From acclaimed novelist Patrick Gale, comes

a two-episode mini-series: **The Man in the Orange Shirt**. The mini-series will be screened as a part **PBS Masterpiece** on Sunday, June 17th while a DVD releases on Monday, June 19.

Loosely based upon his parent's dysfunctional relationship, Patrick Gale's **The Man in the Orange Shirt** consists of two independent yet

connected stories.

The first part, set during and immediately after WWII, is the heart-breaking story of three people: Michael (OLIVER JACKSON-COHEN) and Thomas (JAMES MCARDLE), Michael is a soldier whilst Thomas is a war artist. The third and final piece of the puzzle is Flora, JOANNA VANDERHAM) a teacher

who lost her parents in an air-raid. Michael has known Flora his whole life; she is very like a sister to Michael.

At best, Michael has known Thomas only in the most fleeting manner; first at school, where Michael insists Thomas was kind rather than beastly. Years later Michael saves Thomas's life on the battlefield.

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Ah, that old chestnut, mused Glenn.

Once discharged, Michael loses no time whatsoever in finding Thomas; tearing off his clothes within moments of his arrival. Then it is off to Michael's cottage where the two spend a blissful weekend blessed with all the two lads might need: tea, fresh eggs, pre-war shortbread and Michael's extraordinary hairy chest.

Come Monday morning, all has changed; Michael tells Thomas of his plan to marry Flora. Thomas is outraged, which leaves Michael decidedly wrong-footed, "You didn't think we could set up home together like man and wife," splutters

Michael, after Thomas takes umbrage at being asked to be his best man.

"Talk about the elephant in the bridal suite, "quipped Glenn.

Flora eventually learns the truth; the wives inevitably do in stories such as this.

Is there any hope for the two men who are so very truly, madly deeply in love?

The second part boasts a contemporary setting where cell phones with dating apps reign supreme. Adam (JULIAN MORRIS) will turn out to be Michael's gay grandson who lives in Grandmother Flora's basement flat.

Adam is gay but closeted. He is clearly addicted to these anonymous hook-ups, so much so even his friends are starting to become

worried. "I worry about you. That could be anyone. You leave a table of friends just to fuck a complete stranger."

Everything changes when Flora (VANESSA REDGRAVE) decides to give Adam the cottage now rather than later. In fact, she has long despised the cottage as her husband's one-time love nest, a fact she keeps from Adam. If she hopes Adam will just want to sell, she's badly mistaken. Adam's new friend Steve (DAVID GYASI) is an Architect; Steve desperately wants the opportunity to bring the cottage (not to mention Adam) back to life. Adam loves the cottage and loves working with Steve on the cottage, the work of both of their labors.

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What a month ahead, we have ...

We are so lucky, please attend, enjoy, and realize how so many people work together to make this weekend happen – PrideFest, Pride Parade, the Gay bars – everyone is pulling out all the stops!

Thursday, June 7 launches our full four day festivities with The Big Gay 5 K Walk/Race. The

Gay Sports Network has been doing this extraordinary fundraiser for ARCW's AID Walk Wisconsin. This year, we already know our Honorary Walk Chair is Matt Bomer, Saturday, October 6th! This year PrideFest debuts Thursday - so stay on and enjoy the Fest@

Friday, after Opening Ceremonies the flawless BJ Daniels takes to the stage with her Las Vegas-style Revue. The Dance Pavilion approximately 4:30 pm. Featuring: Shannon

Dupree, Tempest Heat, Easton Boyd, Richard Fittswell, Shawna Love, Nova D'Vine, Cass Marie Domino, Ester Flonaze and of course BJ Daniels!!!

Saturday, my "pal" Karen Valentine (KV) has the joy of working once again with Maple Veneer, Eddie Candelaria, Craig Bodoh and a legion of leather-ites. Yes, "The Milwaukee Leather and Fetish Show" 4:00 pm, in the Dance Pavilion. This is not your Grandmother's fashion show...

Later the same evening, (5:30 - 10:00 pm -The Harley Davidson Stage) KV - joins her Show Tune buddy, Brian Reinkober for "Sunday Fun Day Showtunes - on a Saturday Night".



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lett, JoJo, Daya, Cash-Cash and many more will round out the wonderful weekend. So full of Pride, bursting – at the seams!

Sunday, The Pride Parade 2:00 pm, South Second Street – The Parade is still looking for volunteers!

KV returns to Parade commentating this year – she is happy to be back and LVL (La Cage) has her!

Come join KV in our most special celebration! Afterwards, Club Charlies beckons for more Show Tunes with Brian Reinkober and KV. LVL Montage has a pre-Parade Show and Dix will have an outdoor extravaganza, entertaining us all throughout the day. What a time for all to turn on to and turn out for!

The Kimpton Journeyman Hotel have invited Gino De Luca and KV to do their camp-y Cabaret act Thursday, June 7 and Friday, June 8 during their infamous Wine Hour 5 - 6 pm. Come here the music play, all are welcome ... While Pride, the parties, gatherings, and events are all in place – we also have a full calendar to round out the

Wednesday, June 6 Miss Audra McDonald will be doing a sensational, summer serenade with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts – Uihlein Hall.

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra brings to life “West Side Story” June 9th and 10th – amazing how relevant this classic is today.

“Urinetown” is flowing through The Cabot Theatre of The Skylight Music Theatre now through Sunday, June 10. The Sunset Playhouse of Elm Grove offers up “Heathers - The Musical” as they invade the west end theater June 7 – 10.

Dale Gutzman’s Off The Wall Theatre sizzles this summer with the sultry “Of Gods, Golems, and Frank Sinatra” shining brightly June 14 – 24.

Shopping this summer season? Wednesday, June 20 as summer assails us – “Summer Solstice Night Market” 5:00 – 9:00 pm, 15-20 vendors, antiques, homemade crafts, collectibles, tarot card readings, food, drink and people watching! In the parking lot, directing behind Uncle

South 73rd Street, West Allis.

The Broadway Series concludes this season with “An American in Paris” as it pirouettes into town, June 26 – July 1 at The Marcus Center.

That same date – Tuesday, June 26 Summerfest 51 starts! Please read Karen Valentine’s Summerfest Blog – Summerfest Makes Me Smile. You have until Sunday, July 8 to party at one of the world’s greatest outdoor musical extravaganzas!

Looking back it’s been a fulfilling spring.

So glad that Marcus Wise the brilliant bartender at Fluid and Hamburger Mary’s has had a speedy recovery and back at slinging drinks! No one lights up a room quite like him! And he is so good at getting us all lit! Speaking of great Fluid-tenders – a fond farewell to Justin Perron, who is taking on our state capitol, Madison, I guess to get to the Oval Office – one has to take precise steps!

Thank you all for partaking in the “Goldie-A-Go-Go” at Woody’s – ooh what night! Edwina, Frank, Toby all put their collective tal-

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ents together – and now Goldie is 20/20 and will never be out of sight!

One Heartland (Camp Heartland) at LVL (La Cage) was another proud moment, when you just step back, and acknowledge what a great community we live in! Props to Keith, Jim, Michelle and Crew – children affected/effected with HIV/AIDS will now be able to summer camp.

So generous, so giving, everyone ready to step up and take action! You got to love LVL Bistro- Packer Chad is whipping up great pub faire! P.S. Michael Prentice's grasshoppers are to die for!

"Charlotte, A Celebration" was a day I'll never forget. Thank you Rona, Dan Musha, Dita Von, Bob Schmidt, Fluid's Bill Wardlow, Tony, Eddy, Puddy, DJ Kelly, Mike Hiller, Ginger, Jerry Warzyn, The Brady Street East Clinic, LVL's George Prentice, Corey Grubb, Nate, Jesse, DJ Jamie, Chad, the Entertainers, Baby Jane Hudson, and all who attended, contributed, remembered and celebrated a force of nature – that touched us all so profoundly – and left too soon. \$3,000 was raised for

the STD Clinic Charlotte AKA Chuck Poulson was a founding member of. He was so proud of this legacy – and rightfully so.

While it's never easy to say good bye – united we did, including a rainbow balloon release and when it touched the heavens, it formed a star!

RIP Miss Dominique Mahon, and exquisite entertainer, who enchanted this town – like nobody else.

Food Time: Stella Van Buren, not only the new girl in town, but a delicious establishment to enjoy! Stella's is in the brand-spanking new Westin Hotel – the look, the décor, the food, the drink, the rooms, the service – all above par! Because of the hotel location meals are available every day of the year – holidays included. Feel free to follow my lead – for a royal repast (meal) and so much more!

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