
LGBT News

The LGBT Resource Center for
the 7 Rivers Region, Inc.

January 2007

Annual Meeting, Dance, and Party!

On January 19, 2007 you are cordially invited to attend the 7 River's LGBT Resource Center Third Annual meeting. As we have done previously, there will be a very brief meeting followed by a dance for all members of the LGBT and ally community. Hear about where we have come from and where we intend for the Center to go. Members will vote on a slate of Board candidates. Then party with us!

When: January 19 2007 beginning at 8:00 pm

Where: City Brewery Hospitality Center, 1111 3rd Street in La Crosse

Scott Grosskopf will DJ the dance. There will be a cash bar and munchies will be provided.

Please join us in celebrating the beginning of the fourth year for your Center.

Three Years and Going Strong. Join Us as a Member of the Center.

The LGBT Resource Center for the Seven Rivers Region Inc. was little more than a dream three years ago when a group of women began meeting and talking about it during the winter of 2003. Talk turned into action when the LGBT Resource Center was born with the creation of organizational bylaws which enabled the temporary Board of Directors to seek incorporation and nonprofit status (recognized as a charitable organization for tax purposes), granted in 2004.

To see what your Center has accomplished in the last three years, visit our website [Accomplishment Page](#).

Your membership during this fourth year of the Center's existence is crucial. Here's why:

1. Membership is a statement that you support the Center and its work.
2. Memberships help our budget!
3. Membership allows you to give back to the community.
4. Membership helps make the Center more visible in the community
5. Membership helps the Center provide ways for LGBT folks and allies to connect with others.
6. Members can reserve the Center's space for events.
7. Members are eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors and may vote on the business of the annual meeting.
8. Members and supporter alike may receive our newsletter, the LGBTNews.

So please join all of us in supporting the important work of the Center by donating money as a supporter, or becoming a member. We need you.

YES! I want to support the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center!

Membership/supporter form [here](#).

Center Activities for January 2007

Annual Meeting

Join us for the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center annual meeting January 19, 2007, 8:00 pm at the City Brewery Hospitality Center. As always the short business meeting will be followed by a dance. So come celebrate the beginning of the fourth year for your Center.

LGBT Movie Night at the Pearl Street Theatre, i.e. The 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center

Mark your calendars for our Resource Center's monthly "Movie Night" being held on the 1st Saturday of February, March, April and May 2007. We will be showing lgbt movies at our Center, 303 Pearl Street. We will be sending out details at a later date, but we wanted to make sure you marked these dates on your social calendar. Plan on coming together for a great evening of lgbt movies, popcorn, and good company.

Weekly Activities

[NEW! Coulee Region LGBT Group for Adults](#)

We have recently formed a group for persons over age 20 to connect with others in the LGBT community. We look forward to engaging in a variety of activities, from potlucks to topical discussions, to camping. Our primary purpose is to provide a safe space where people can meet and pursue activities that they find meaningful. The group meets every week, and welcomes anyone that is LGBT, questioning their identity, or is an ally. We currently meet on Tuesday's at 6:00 pm, at the Center on 303 Pearl St. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the group's listserv, please call Connie at (608) 784-0452.

[GALAXY](#)

GALAXY, a YWCA sponsored group for lgbt youth, meets every Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Center.

Monthly Activities

[Gender Queer/Transgender Gathering at the Center](#)

Do you identify as gender queer? How about Transgender? Do you ever feel like you don't fit in because of your gender identity or expression? Then come to a monthly discussion group at the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00. For more information contact: vanroose.kath@uwlax.edu. For upcoming meeting dates, check the Center website calendar.

Genderqueer - A gender variant person whose gender identity is neither male nor female, is between or beyond genders, or is some combination of genders. This person may want to challenge gender stereotypes and the gender binary system.

Transgender - A person who lives as a member of a gender other than that expected based on anatomical sex.

[Women's Book Group](#)

The women's books group will read *Fingersmith* by Sarah Waters, for January. The discussion will take place at 4:30 on Sunday, January 28, 2007. See the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center website calendar for more details: [website calendar](#)

Help Your Center

The Center needs your help with some donations of time and items. If you can help, please contact Connie during our regularly scheduled hours or leave a

message on the Center answering machine. We'll be happy to pick up any donations.

Here's what we need:

1. 4-5 card tables (for Euchre night and other activities)
2. Some stacking or folding chairs
3. A dvd player and tv
4. Coffee carafes
5. Large coffee urn
6. Sturdy computer desk
7. Desktop scanner/copier
8. Books and videos for our lending library
9. Decorations for the center, i.e. pictures or poster that fit our theme and mission
10. Bean bag chair!

Here's what YOU can do:

1. Organize and lead a card night (maybe Euchre?)
2. Organize and lead a movie night
3. Suggest an activity that you would organize and lead!

Christa Matter Memorial Library at the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center

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The Center's library is open to the public, and it has a variety of materials. There are both fiction and non-fiction that is LGBT-related, including books written by LGBT authors, stories with LGBT characters, and books focusing on issues special to LGBT persons. Movies with LGBT themes are available too!

We have two special requests for you. First and foremost, please stop in, browse our library and check out any books or materials of interest to you. Our library is the proud result of several persons having donated money and materials, and, thus, we have a relatively formidable collection; however, there are some important subject areas that are not adequately covered. In the past, persons have come to the Center in hopes of understanding, and others have come in because they are excited to learn about the journey ahead; we'd like to be able to meet everyone's needs when they do so. So here

is our second request. Below is a list of the subject areas that we need to strengthen; if you've any books or other materials dealing with these topics and you're willing to donate them, that would be a great help!

Bisexuality
Diversity generally
Male homosexuality
Politics as it relates to LGBT matters
Relatively recent publications on queer culture
Spirituality as it relates to sexual orientation
Transgender studies

Finally, within our Resource Library we have a collection of brochures and other materials that speak to LGBT issues and lives. These can be used for informational and educational purposes for you, your family and your community. They are free to anyone with an interest. Some titles include: *A Resource Guide to Coming Out*, *Living Openly in you Place of Worship* and *a Straight Guide to GLBT Americans*.

Visit your Resource Center and browse the library! The hours are currently 1:30 to 6:00 pm Monday and Thursday; Friday 5:00 to 8:00 pm; Saturday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

***Warm Wishes for 2007
from the
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the 7 Rivers Region***