

1995 CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN
HALL OF FAME



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Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is both a historic event and an exhibit. Through the Hall of Fame, residents of Chicago and our country are made aware of the contributions of Chicago's lesbian and gay community and the community's efforts to eradicate homophobic bias and discrimination.

With the support of the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues established the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in June 1991. The inaugural induction ceremony took place during Gay and Lesbian Pride Week at City Hall, hosted by Mayor Richard M. Daley. This was the first event of its kind in the country.

The Hall of Fame recognizes the volunteer and professional achievements of lesbians and gay men, organizations, and friends and their contributions to the lesbian and gay community and to the city of Chicago. This is a unique tribute to dedicated individuals and organizations whose services have improved the quality of life for all of Chicago's citizens.

Induction into the Hall of Fame symbolizes that the recipient either has made a contribution with far-reaching effects on the quality of life for Chicago's lesbian and gay community or the city of Chicago, or has made a significant long-term contribution to the well-being of Chicago's lesbian and gay community.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is privately funded through generous donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations. Staff support is provided by the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, members of the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, and other volunteers.

The selection of inductees for the Hall of Fame is made by former recipients of the award based on nominations from the general public. Planning is under way for a permanent location for the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame display.

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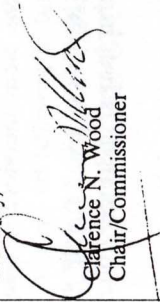
No other city in the country has an established, city-sponsored Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. I am proud that the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations has taken the lead through its Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues to recognize the achievements of gay men and lesbians and their contribution to the City of Chicago.

It is gratifying that the Commission and the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues are able to work together to end bias, discrimination, and prejudice that adversely affect all citizens of Chicago. The gay and lesbian community has continuously advocated human rights and the fair treatment of all segments of our diverse city. The work of the Commission and its Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues deserves to be praised. By working together, and in collaboration with the leadership of the gay and lesbian community, we have had an impact not only on city governance but also on citywide organizations and their policies.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is important to the City of Chicago because it is an opportunity to honor Chicago's gay and lesbian community through individuals and organizations who are committed to making Chicago everyone's city, including all segments of our city's diverse population, and ultimately a "bias free" city.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to the 1995 inductees of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for their dedication, personal sacrifice, and commitment to making Chicago a city that works for all its citizens.

Sincerely,


Clarence N. Wood
Chair/Commissioner



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

October 25, 1995

G R E E T I N G S

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the participants in the 1995 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and to recognize the achievements of this year's inductees.

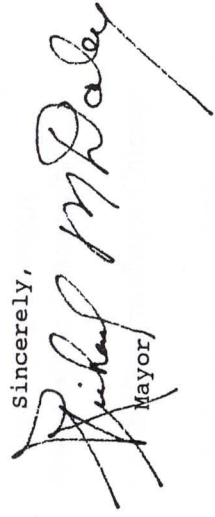
In its diversity, Chicago is the profile of America and a cross-section of the world. Our strength as a city lies in our differences and how those differences are woven together to create the whole fabric. I am proud of my administration's efforts to create greater harmony and establish bonds of fellowship among Chicago's many communities.

Historically, countless members of the Gay and Lesbian communities have made substantial contributions to Chicago and the nation. I am certain that they will continue to play major roles in its future.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame chronicles individual achievements and provides a place where all Chicagoans may learn of the many ways in which individuals have been at the forefront of efforts to unify our city.

I join with the Commission on Human Relations and the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues in expressing thanks and congratulations to the 1995 inductees and extend my best wishes for an exciting and worthwhile event.

Sincerely,


Mayor

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1995 INDUCTEES CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME

Caryn Berman

Samson Chan (*posthumous*)

Sarah Craig (*posthumous*)

T. Chris Cothran

Jean V. Hardisty

Nick Kelly

José "Pepin" Pena

David B. Sindt (*posthumous*)

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CARYN BERMAN

For nearly 20 years, Caryn Berman has worked both professionally and as a volunteer and political activist to improve the lives of Chicagoans. While many of her efforts have focused on the health and civil rights of lesbians and gay men, her skill in coalition building and preference for considering the "big picture" have meant that her work has had an impact on many other communities in the city.

After receiving her M.A. degree in social service administration at the University of Chicago in 1980, she became a clinical social worker at Evanston Hospital. While there, Berman developed a groundbreaking sex-education program for persons with chronic mental illness, which was affirming of lesbian and gay lifestyles.

Since then, Berman has had a part-time private psychotherapy practice, specializing in treating lesbians and gay men. In the early 1980s she volunteered her professional services as a therapist at Horizons Community Services and helped to organize several of the Horizons Identity Conferences, which were attended by hundreds of lesbians and gay men annually.

Berman's impact on the mental health of lesbians and gay men goes far beyond her own clinical work. She has taught courses on psychotherapy with gay and lesbian clients to both gay and non-gay students and practitioners in psychology and social work at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology and the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

Motivated by the death of a friend in 1985, Berman began her influential career as an HIV/AIDS educator, policymaker, and service provider. She developed the PASSAGES project at Horizons Community Services, an educational support group for gay and bisexual men at risk for HIV infection. Working at Travelers and Immigrants Aid (TIA) at the time, Berman recognized that the risk for HIV/AIDS extended far outside the gay community. She developed education programs for TIA staff, allowing them to assess the risk of individuals in other vulnerable populations and to counsel them.

Berman organized the AIDS Foundation of Chicago along with Ron Soble, Renslow Sherer, and William Young and was also instrumental in founding the Hispanic AIDS Network. She has worked with the Chicago Board of Health to develop protocols and public health policies on HIV/AIDS and has been a curriculum reviewer for HIV/AIDS materials for the Chicago Board of Education and the Illinois State Medical Society.

Currently the Illinois program director of the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Berman has developed and delivered training to more than 35,000 health care professionals. The curricula that she has developed address homophobia and other cultural diversity issues while presenting up-to-date scientific and medical information about AIDS.

Berman's compassionate leadership over the past two decades has earned her great respect and affection within the community. Her commitment to social justice issues has been profound as she has sought to improve life for lesbians and gay men in Chicago.

Photo: Tracy Balm/Outlines & Nightlines



SAMSON CHAN [posthumous]

During his short life, Samson Chan made social contributions in Chicago and overseas that will long survive him and bring immeasurable benefit to other gay men and lesbians.

Born on September 27, 1961, Chan arrived in the United States in 1980 and first settled in the Chicago suburb of Rolling Meadows. He completed requirements for a GED certificate, graduated from William Rainey Harper College, and in 1987 earned an M.B.A. degree in international business from Roosevelt University. He worked for a commodities trading company until he returned in late 1991 to Hong Kong, where he died of complications from AIDS on May 14, 1995.

He had tried to gain permanent U.S. residence but, whether because of HIV status or otherwise, could not do so. Instead, on leaving for Hong Kong, he talked of new plans to use his education and Chicago gay organizing experience to benefit that colony as the 1997 reabsorption by China approached. Given its brevity and his youth, his Chicago organizing experience had been formidable.

In 1984, at age 23, he helped to found Asians and Friends-Chicago (AFC) and was elected its first president (1984-86 and 1988-89). As an organization expressly designed to involve both gay Asians and gay non-Asians, the group was perhaps the first of its kind in the nation and has helped to spawn numerous similar organizations in the United States and abroad.

Under Chan's leadership, AFC was put on a firm footing and became publicized throughout the Chicago area. He shared his experiences with persons forming similar groups in New York, Dallas, and Florida. In 1991, he headed the Chicago host committee for that year's annual International Friendship Weekend (which AFC helped to found). During it, members of groups similar to AFC gather in various cities for education, cultural, and social events.

Despite some members' qualms about being "political," Chan made sure that AFC was one of the first sponsors of Chicago's annual "Have a Heart" AIDS fundraiser. Until he left for Hong Kong, he served on the project's steering committee. He saw its annual dance as a way for various social groups to come together and help PWAs.

After two months of travel in Europe, Chan arrived in Hong Kong in November 1991, eager to rejoin the family whom U.S. immigration law had previously restricted his visiting. In early 1992, as Samson Chan Kam-wa, he became Service Program Director for the newly formed Hong Kong AIDS Foundation. He found volunteers, did outreach, interviewed doctors to assure their sensitivity and expertise before referring PWAs to them, visited hospital patients, and ran support groups. His own doctor and nurse called him "the person they were waiting for" to help change Chinese attitudes toward the disease. He generated much unprecedentedly favorable Hong Kong publicity for persons with AIDS and for gay men and lesbians.

In Hong Kong, Chan also established Horizons, a volunteer gay and lesbian crisis hotline that has also received many calls from mainland China. In June 1994, for health reasons, he resigned from his job in exhaustion and made what was to be a farewell visit to friends and loved ones in the United States. He leaves an enduring legacy of social change.



SARAH CRAIG [posthumous]

In Chicago's gay and lesbian rights struggle from the mid-1970s to the early 1990s, Sarah Craig was an often droll, sometimes acerbic, always committed and sacrificing advocate and commentator. Her sudden death at age 39 on May 25, 1994, from a brain aneurysm left a void in the community's treasury of talent.

Craig attended Vassar College and the University of Illinois. Thereafter, besides much volunteer work, she creatively supported herself, mostly through activist endeavors—at a time when the decently paying, full-time, comparatively well-structured lesbian and gay agency jobs of today were almost unknown in Chicago.

She joined the staff of *GayLife*, the city's first weekly gay and lesbian newspaper, in the late 1970s when it was still being published by founder Grant L. Ford. With Stephen Kulieke, she rose to a co-editor's position.

In the early 1980s, she started a typesetting business, Tangible Type, with fellow activist Chris Cothran. Almost daily she helped gay and lesbian organizations to produce their literature, often free or at a sharp discount despite her own modest earnings.

Meanwhile, she became heavily involved in the city's gay and lesbian rights organizations, including the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and she helped to form more than one. She was one of three cofounders of the Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization. With several other activists, she was also a founder of OPEN (Organization to Promote Equality Now), the city's first gay and lesbian fundraising political action committee.

As an entrepreneur, she was an early participant in the Metropolitan Business Association. She also assisted such efforts as Chicago Filmmakers (which produces an annual lesbian and gay film festival) and the Rodde Center.

Out of frustration with what she saw as ineffective lobbying for Chicago's long-pending ordinance to prohibit sexual-orientation discrimination, she helped to organize ACTION (A Committee To Impel the Ordinance Now). In 1984, in a speech during the annual post-Pride Parade rally, she issued an impromptu appeal for an ordinance rally the next weekend. A small crowd but also Mayor Harold Washington showed up, and media attention was generated. The event produced new support for the ordinance cause. In turn, this played a part in the measure's eventual 1988 passage after 15 years of activist efforts.

Craig had long been a journalist and essayist, and after Tangible Type dissolved in 1987 she began five years as an associate editor at *Windy City Times*. There, she won a Peter Lisagor Award for news reporting in 1990.

In her last few years, Craig pulled back from her organizational and social contacts; her frequently dramatic voice was no longer heard by as many or as often as before. But her years of community activism inspired or provoked others to do their best, as she had done hers.



Photo: Windy City Times

T. CHRIS COTHRAN

Particularly as a Chicago resident from 1980 to 1992, Chris Cothran was a constant figure in the leadership of the city's organized gay and lesbian community. His contributions to broader lesbian and gay community efforts have been many, and he has engaged in social activism specific to lesbian and gay African Americans as well.

As a typographer and graphic artist, Cothran is an openly gay businessman who has contributed to the lesbian and gay business community's organizational development. In this role, he was treasurer of Chicago's Metropolitan Business Association from 1985 to 1986, was a board member of the National Association of Business Councils from 1985 to 1987, and from 1986 to 1987 was the national group's Midwest regional director. He is also a former production staffer of *GayLife* and the *Windy City Times*.

From 1980 to 1983, Cothran was director of the Chicago chapter of the then-developing National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, and from 1982 to 1984 he edited *Habari-Daftari*, the coalition's national newsmagazine. During the latter portion of this time, he also served as a national officer of the coalition—from 1982 to 1983 as national treasurer, and from 1983 to 1984 as national chairperson.

His history of political activism also includes being a 1987 founding member of the Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-PO). From 1985 to 1992, he served on or chaired the Mayor's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues (COGLI) and its successor, the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues (ACGLI). And in 1982-83 he chaired the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago, which held monthly meetings of organizational representatives and individual activists to share information and to plan projects.

Cothran's social service involvement includes terms from 1985 to 1988 as a founding board member of the Kupa Network and from 1985 to 1986 as a youth volunteer with Horizons Community Services. In 1990, he was a member of Team Chicago's silver-medal bowling team at the Gay Games in Vancouver.

He is a veteran member of PRIDEChicago (the current name of Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Pride Month planning committee). He first became involved with the group in 1983 and is still a familiar presence on parade day, guiding marchers with his public address horn and two-way radio.

Now living and working in the Chicago suburb of Olympia Fields, Cothran remains an active participant in the Chicago gay and lesbian community.

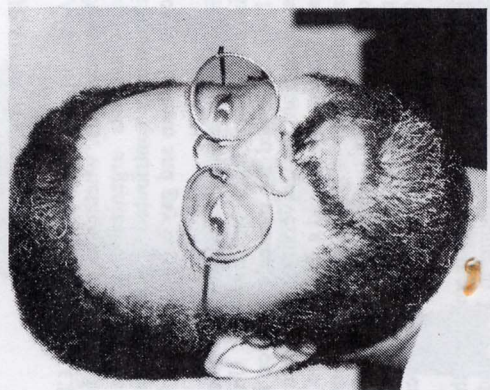


Photo: Tracy Baim/Coulines & Nightlines

JEAN V. HARDISTY

As an organizer and philanthropist in Chicago and Massachusetts, whether working with foundations or grassroots organizations, Jean Hardisty has importantly contributed to the well-being of Chicago's lesbian and gay community and the nation.

Her academic career includes a bachelor's degree in art history from Northwestern University in 1967, followed by master's degrees in political science from the University of Southern California and Northwestern, and a Ph.D. degree in political science from Northwestern. Thereafter, she directed a 1977 Summer Institute on Africa at Colgate University and from 1976 to 1980 taught at Colgate, Northwestern, and Lake Forest College.

Hardisty was a founding member of the Chicago Abused Women Coalition in 1978 and helped to open Chicago's first battered women's shelter. As a board member of Women United for a Better Chicago, she sought a Mayor's Advisory Commission on Women's Affairs and drafted *Bread and Roses . . . a Woman's Platform for Chicago*. The latter outlined Chicago women's pressing needs; besides other reforms, these included an ordinance against sexual-orientation discrimination, public education programs to reduce AIDS risk, and sensitization of police to domestic violence in same-sex households.

Hardisty cofounded the Crossroads Fund in 1980. It makes grants to organizations that have difficulty in obtaining funds from more traditional sources. She was its president from 1985 to 1987. Many gay, lesbian, and AIDS organizations have received Crossroads grants. In addition, her private philanthropy has benefited lesbian and gay Chicagoans in innumerable ways, from underwriting music events and travel expenses to literary and health conferences, to aiding publications and documentaries that preserve lesbian and gay history.

As a consultant in 1980 and 1981 to the Reproductive Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois's Roger Baldwin Foundation, Hardisty wrote *A Speaker's Manual on Abortion*. She has also served on boards of the Illinois Justice Foundation, the Ms. Foundation for Women, the Center for Democratic Renewal (formerly the National Anti-Klan Network), and the Reclaiming Diversity Project of the Council for Research on Women. She has produced numerous articles and speeches on issues involving the political right wing, homophobia, cancer, poverty, women's welfare, and feminism.

In 1981, Hardisty formed Midwest Research, which monitors the right wing and educates the public. It later became Political Research Associates in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As its head, she testified in the court fight over Colorado's homophobic Amendment 2.

In 1989, after her personal battles with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, Hardisty became a founding member of the Women's Community Cancer Project in Cambridge and Boston, as well as advising Chicago women's cancer organizers. As a Massachusetts resident, she has also served on boards of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, the Institute for Affirmative Action, Grassroots International, and Washington's Center for Women Policy Studies.

Hardisty continues to devote her money and talent to promoting social change and justice.

Photo: Marilyn Humphries

NICK KELLY

For 22 years as an activist, and for longer simply as a creative gay man, Nick Kelly was a vibrant part of Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

In 1969, Kelly became part of Gay Liberation meetings on Chicago's North Side and thereafter hosted rap sessions at his apartment for two years, listed his telephone number as a contact person, helped organize the city's first citywide off-campus gay and lesbian dance (at the Chicago Coliseum), and helped press for ending the city's police-enforced ban on same-sex dancing through a picket of a popular Rush Street gay bar, the Normandy.

Later, in 1971, he became a founder of Chicago Gay Alliance, established its newsletter and designed his first masthead for a gay organization, and helped open the city's first gay and lesbian community center in the CGA headquarters, an old brick cottage at 171 West Elm Street that was rented until 1973.

As a Chicago graphic designer and art director for 25 years, Kelly produced many logotypes, T-shirts, letterheads, programs, and other pieces for gay and lesbian groups such as the Windy City Gay Chorus, the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, Chi-Town Squares, and Gay Liberation. During the 1973-81 period, Kelly was also a sustaining member of the Algonquin Club, a social group composed of gay men in the advertising and marketing field who met informally to exchange ideas and get to know each other.

Kelly joined the pioneering Chicago Gay Pride Band in 1979 as a tenor drum player, marching in the Pride Parade and playing at several events until its dissolution in 1981. Also in 1979, he began four years as a founding member of the Windy City Gay Chorus, did all its graphic design work for the first few years, handled its liaison with the nation's other choruses, and helped to organize the first national GALA meeting (in Chicago). In 1980, Kelly became founding president of Toddlin' Town Performing Arts, formed to encompass the band, the chorus, and the Artemis Singers; he led the group until 1982. And in 1983, he helped to form the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, was its first president, and stayed with it until 1986.

At the 1987 national gay and lesbian march on Washington, Kelly compiled a documentary photograph album that he has publicly displayed. In 1988, he helped the NAMES Project to bring the Quilt to Chicago and again photographically documented the project. From 1983 to 1986, he was co-owner of the Bad Boys clothing store on Chicago's Broadway.

From 1989 to 1991, Kelly was part of the Chicago Faerie Circle. While a Chicagoan, he was also active in leather-Levi's circles and as a "two-steppin' guy" and teacher at Chicago bars. Now a music teacher, pianist, and proprietor of the gay-oriented bed-and-breakfast Clark House in Baraboo, Wisconsin, he is also a member of Dairyland Cowboys, a Madison gay two-stepping group.

He believes he is "still contributing to the positiveness that gay people need—whether they are urban or rural in their lifestyle," and that "we are all, as a community, in the business of re-creating ourselves, of finding new ways of being with each other in the world."



JOSÉ "PEPIN" PENA

As a video artist, José "Pepin" Pena (even better known today as "Pep") is renowned for having created a unique style of showtune entertainment in a bar environment. Before he developed the concept at Chicago's Sidetrack, of which he is co-proprietor, it existed in none of the nation's video establishments.

Beyond these artistic achievements, as a popular Chicago bartender throughout the 1970s in the period before National Coming Out Day, Pena advised and encouraged hundreds of Chicago gay men as they learned to be proud and to live full gay lives.

He continues as a nurturer of the community in his current business role. The atmosphere created by Pena's brand of video itself breeds a communal sense: On all the monitors during any given show, he offers a single unified production to engage patrons' attention, rather than foster a variety of competing images onscreen or among the crowd.

Since its 1982 establishment, Pena's Sidetrack bar has also contributed untold facilities, time, and money in support of AIDS work and lesbian and gay rights efforts.

Pena's love of video and its messages began as he was growing up José Peña and watching American films in the Havana of the 1950s. After the revolution, he fled Cuba, later brought his brother and sister to Miami, and reared them until he could arrange for his mother to come to the United States. Through a variety of humdrum jobs, he helped to support his younger siblings' education, forsaking thoughts of medical school for himself.

In 1968, Pena moved to Chicago and soon became a celebrated bartender at such 1970s establishments as Shari's, Ruthie's, Carol's Coming Out Pub, Alfie's, and the Annex. Despite an interest in music, he failed at attempts to land a DJ job, but eventually an observant entrepreneur recruited him in early 1982 to help open a video bar, which was then a new concept.

Business prospects were uncertain, but before long the bar became a success, with Pena and his domestic and business partner, Arthur Johnston, initially taking the helm after the sudden Florida death of the founding entrepreneur.

Ever since, Pena and his business partners and staff have coupled innovation with a keen sense of detail to enrich not only the business itself but also the culture and self-esteem of its large clientele.

In 1995, Pena's contributions to community and art were memorialized by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus in its production *Sidetrack: The Musical*.

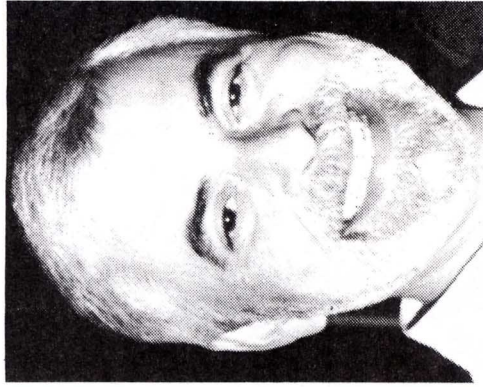


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DAVID B. SINDT [posthumous]

Besides being an early supporter of Chicago lesbian and gay rights efforts in the civil arena, The Rev. David Bailey Sindt played a key role in escalating a parallel struggle to end homophobia by organized religion—in his case, by Presbyterians.

Sindt first moved to Chicago in the early 1960s to attend McCormick Theological Seminary. After graduation in 1965, he served with the Erie Chapel Presbyterian Church (formerly in the Ukrainian Village neighborhood), moved to Minneapolis to serve another church, earned a master's degree in social work, and returned to Chicago in 1970 to work for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

In his DCFS capacity, Sindt was recognized as an expert on foster home licensing, spoke to the National Conference on Social Welfare regarding gay parents and gay children, and in 1974 attended the International Gay Rights Congress in Edinburgh. In the 1970s, he was also active in local lesbian and gay rights organizations and testified at Chicago City Council committee hearings on the then-proposed ordinance to prohibit sexual-orientation discrimination.

Although he was a gifted social worker (as well as a respected hybridizer of award-winning dwarf irises), it was Sindt's fight for justice within the Presbyterian church, both locally and nationally, that has had perhaps the most lasting impact on gay men and lesbians.

Sindt was called by Chicago's Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church to extend ministry to the gay and lesbian community, but he was twice blocked by the Chicago Presbytery. In 1974, Sindt organized the Presbyterian Gay Caucus, now Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (PLGC), to provide a forum for both political and advocacy activities by Presbyterians who care about full inclusion of all in the life of the church—from local mission activities to full membership to ordination (something that the Presbyterian church has expressly denied to homosexuals since 1978). The Chicago PLGC chapter now sponsors education activities, works with local congregations on lesbian and gay issues, and meets monthly for fellowship.

Sindt also pushed the Lincoln Park church to expand its vision and to become an inclusive (or "More Light") church. He served there as an associate, with particular responsibility for gay ministry, until 1976 when the Chicago Presbytery refused to recognize his prior ordination. In 1977 he demitted his ordination but continued to push the Lincoln Park church to follow the lead of West Park Church in New York and become a "More Light" church. In 1983, the Lincoln Park church did so. Yet, although the Lincoln Park congregation had ordained another gay man as a ruling elder, Sindt's nomination in 1984 was challenged and voted down.

Sindt died of complications from AIDS on December 3, 1986. Though gregarious, outspoken, and always available for advice or help, Sindt lived alone. His friends at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church formed a team to care for him in his West Lake View house during the last months of his life. Each evening, someone prepared dinner, and they shared the meal. The Lincoln Park church continues that ministry by taking a Sunday evening meal to the residents of a Chicago House facility. Sindt's own house became the first Chicago House-owned residence. His memory continues to inspire service to the community.

ARMANDO L. SMITH

A licensed clinical social worker, Armando Smith has more than 20 years' experience working in community-based organizations and in particular has become an indispensable mainstay of Chicago lesbian, gay, and AIDS groups.

His involvement in the gay and lesbian community started in the 1980s when he became a supervisor for the Lesbian and Gay Helpline (929-HELP) at Horizons Community Services. He is now the chief supervisor for the Helpline. In addition, he chairs Horizons' Diversity Task Force.

With the onset of HIV in Chicago, Smith turned his attention to fighting the epidemic. In 1987, when the Illinois Department of Public Health awarded the contract to Horizons for the AIDS Hotline, Smith played a significant role in its installation and operation. He also was one of the early board members of the Kupona Network after it was formed in the mid-1980s. After several years, he rotated off the board but recently returned. He is currently the board president.

Smith also chairs the Service Providers Council of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, the largest such provider coalition in the Chicago area. In addition, he sits on the board of AIDS Walk Chicago and has served on the board of Rally-to-Life, an organization dedicated to providing health education and prevention to African American and Latino youth.

Besides his other involvements, Smith is a board member of IMPACT, the gay and lesbian political action committee. He is also a member of the board and chairs the Young Playwright Festival Committee of Pegasus Players, a theater organization committed to making professional theater accessible to disenfranchised communities.

Professionally, Smith is an experienced trainer who often conducts training on HIV and other health issues for community-based agencies and their clients. He is on the faculty of the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center, which provides training on HIV to health and social services professionals. Born in Panama of African descent, he has conducted workshops and training on HIV/AIDS, minority health issues, cultural diversity, and gender issues across the United States and in South America. He is a consultant to several units of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Minority Health, and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Smith has received numerous awards and commendations from community-based groups, including the Horizons Human First Award in 1995. He is the author of "Feminist Social Work Practice with Teenage Parents," which appeared in the 1991 anthology *Feminist Social Work Practice in Clinical Settings*.

Despite his heavy load of professional and volunteer commitments, Smith follows through, while retaining the sense of humor and down-to-earth approach that have added to his acclaim.

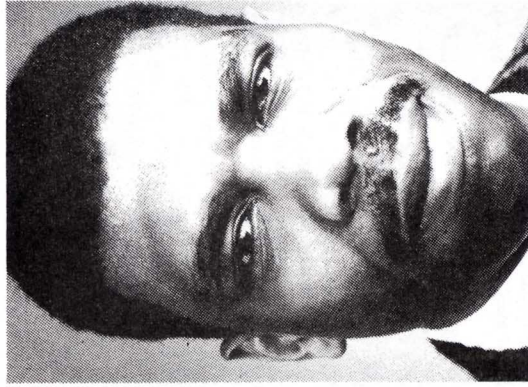


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JAMES MONROE SMITH

At an early age, James Monroe Smith was already using his prodigious talent to create the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago (ALC), an unprecedented vehicle for assisting persons with HIV/AIDS while at the same time pulling Chicago's general legal community into the work.

A Connecticut native, Smith came to Chicago in 1982 to attend John Marshall Law School. After graduation and a period of work for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Smith left to found ALC in 1988. The group helps HIV-affected persons who need legal services or assistance in obtaining government entitlements.

When organized, ALC was nationally unique in AIDS legal service delivery. It was the first such agency to be "freestanding," unconnected with any other organization. And AIDS legal services in Chicago were quite limited at the time.

By the time Smith left as executive director of ALC in 1993, it had grown to employ a staff of eight. Four members of the staff are based at Cook County Hospital to help persons with HIV/AIDS there in obtaining public aid and social security benefits.

For his efforts in establishing ALC, Smith was honored with the Chicago Bar Association's prestigious Maurice Weigle Award.

Through ALC, Smith succeeded in attracting pro bono services from a large number of Chicago lawyers and law firms, many of whom had never before participated in gay- or AIDS-related legal matters.

Smith's book, titled *AIDS and Society*, is to be published by Prentice-Hall in January 1996. It is one of the first textbooks in the United States covering AIDS issues and is geared to the college market.

Smith has taught a course titled "AIDS Law and Public Policy" at Loyola University Chicago School of Law and at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. In addition, he has taught an undergraduate course, "The Politics of HIV," for senior students at Northwestern University.

Involved in Chicago's lesbian and gay community for more than a decade, Smith was a volunteer with Open Hand Chicago and is currently both a deputy voter registrar and a volunteer with the Illinois Federation for Human Rights.

His unassuming personal style gives little clue to the lasting accomplishments he has made. His quiet persistence is a model of effective activism.



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THOMAS M. TUNNEY

As an individual and as a business owner, Tom Tunney has played a unique role in Chicago's gay and lesbian community. At the same time, he has contributed to the city as a whole.

Born and reared on Chicago's Southwest Side, Tunney is part of a large family, several of whom have been in the restaurant business also.

Tunney earned a bachelor's degree in restaurant management from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in hotel administration from Cornell University. At age 23, he heard that Ann Sather, a Lake View fixture who had opened her homey, Swedish-themed restaurant in 1945, was ready to retire. Sather and Tunney hit it off from the start, and they quickly agreed on a transition that culminated in his buying Ann Sather Restaurant in 1981 and expanding it to its present size.

In the 1980s, Tunney was president and board member of the Lakeview Central Business Association, where he helped to bring focus to neighborhood development. He has also served on the board of the North Halsted Retail Merchants Association and was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley to the city's Economic Development Commission.

Since 1985, Tunney has served on the board of White Crane Wellness Center, an organization that helps older adults to maintain health, dignity, and independence. For three years, he was its president. White Crane has a multiethnic dues-paying membership of more than 700 and has made its home at Tunney's restaurant since 1989. Among other results, the relationship has fostered White Crane's involvement in various gay/lesbian and HIV/AIDS issues.

A myriad of other groups have also found a home at the restaurant because of Tunney's support, including Chicago Professional Networking Association, Professionals Over Thirty, ACT-UP Chicago, and Queer Nation Chicago.

After the onset of HIV/AIDS, Tunney provided free meals to hospital patients. He also backed Open Hand Chicago's home-meals program and still consults with the group, besides running a daily soup kitchen for 75 to 100 persons. He has helped the annual "Dining Out for Life" AIDS fundraiser to succeed and has encouraged other businesses to support AIDS Walk Chicago. He is also a business adviser to the late John Baran's Unicorn Foundation, which funds HIV/AIDS- and gay-related causes, and he is a frequent financial donor to gay/lesbian and HIV/AIDS causes.

Politically, too, Tunney has been much involved. He has served on the board of IMPACT and chaired its annual dinner for three years. He is a member of the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Federal Club. He was named as an alternate (Clinton) delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention and has actively supported other politicians such as Dawn Clark Netsch, Carol Moseley Braun, Miriam Santos, Richard J. Phelan, and Gerry Studds.

In 1990, Tunney bought and renovated the 909 West Belmont Building, creating a vibrant center offering affordable rental to several gay, lesbian, and HIV/AIDS-related organizations. His Hall of Fame induction adds to much other community acclaim he has already received.



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YVONNE ZIPTER

Yvonne Zipter has used her considerable talents to document the lives of lesbians and gay men in Chicago.

A columnist in the gay and lesbian press for more than 10 years, Zipter writes "Inside Out," which is syndicated in *Outlines*, *In Step*, *Philadelphia Gay News*, *The Weekly News*, and *The Washington Blade*. She is the author of an essay collection titled *Ransacking the Closet*, selections from which won an Illinois Arts Council finalist award. She also wrote a nonfiction retrospective of lesbian softball, *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend*, and a poetry collection, *The Patience of Metal*, which was runner-up for the Poetry Society of America's Melville Cane Award and was a Lambda Literary Award finalist.

Zipter has contributed to dozens of anthologies and journals, ranging from *Contemporary Lesbian Love Poems* and the *Columbia Poetry Review* to *Sports Dykes*, and has presented readings of her work across the country. Sites of her numerous readings in the Chicago area include Women & Children First Bookstore; Mountain Moving Coffeehouse; People Like Us Books; Diversity Fine Arts; Artemisia Gallery; Chicago Cultural Center; DIAL-A-POEM, Chicago; Printers Row Book Fair; and Blue Rider Theater.

Born in Milwaukee, Zipter has lived in Chicago since 1981. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. In July 1995, Zipter received a Master of Fine Arts degree in writing from Vermont College.

In the early 1980s, Zipter was active as a member of the Black Maria Collective, which issued a women's literary periodical; she was a board member of Metis Press, an early Chicago lesbian printing and publishing house; and she helped to found *Hot Wire: A Journal of Women's Music and Culture*, which for 10 years was the only publication exclusively covering the lesbian music and cultural scene. Zipter was also a cofounder of the National Women's Music Festival Writers Conference in 1984 and 1985.

Minnie Bruce Pratt has said of *The Patience of Metal*: "In these poems, scars are transformed into the frets of a guitar, into the black beaks of tiny birds, into fluttering black moths. In these poems, Yvonne Zipter transforms loss. She reclaims that which has been locked inside, and gives us an inner remembered space filled with light, and vibrant with the gestures of people she has loved. A beautiful book."

Art and the written word act to focus and cohere a community around their truths. Zipter writes with a piercing eye and a keen sense of humor, describing all our peculiarities so that they are immediately recognizable and oftentimes poignant. As her columns and books are published around the country, she serves as a cultural ambassador from Chicago to the rest of the gay and lesbian world.

Zipter credits publisher Tracy Baim with providing her the opportunity to write for *Outlines* and is particularly grateful for the loving support of her life partner, Kathy Ford, during the past eight years.



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DAWN CLARK NETSCH

Attorney, educator, author, state legislator, advocate for civil rights, state comptroller, and 1994 Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Dawn Clark Netsch has built a reputation for outstanding public service to the people of Chicago and Illinois—and, in particular, to gay and lesbian Illinoisans.

From her years as a student and professor at Northwestern University to her distinguished career in politics, she has remained devoted to the ideals that first led her into public service. Her influence has been felt in matters of public education, state fiscal issues, and human rights.

Netsch has long been a staunch ally of the gay and lesbian community. She was the first Illinois political candidate proudly to display on her general campaign literature an endorsement by a gay and lesbian organization. In 1974, Glynn Sudbery, a veteran Chicago gay activist and Hall of Fame inductee, has been a Netsch campaign adviser.

During the 1970s and 1980s, as a state legislator, Netsch was among the first and most consistent sponsors of equal rights legislation for lesbians and gay men. She arranged numerous meetings with other legislators, opening doors for lesbian and gay lobbyists.

When HIV/AIDS struck, Netsch learned about the disease and its politics firsthand—from Sudbery and through the residents of Chicago House, whom she visited from time to time and when she was not running for office. She set up and participated in meetings with the Illinois Departments of Public Health and Public Aid, seeking funding for community-based HIV/AIDS service providers through administrative channels. When that effort fell short, Netsch sponsored legislation in the Illinois Senate to provide such funding.

In her 1994 gubernatorial campaign, Netsch sought and received an outpouring of heartfelt support from many thousands of gay and lesbian voters.

Now retired from elective office, Dawn Clark Netsch remains an active and outspoken Friend of the Community.



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FRONT RUNNERS/Frontwalkers CHICAGO

Frontrunners Chicago was officially established in July 1982 by Peg Grey, Rob Williams, and Jim White, with the intent of serving the gay and lesbian community by promoting activities related to running. The club took its name from *The Front Runner*, a best-selling novel by Patricia Nell Warren in which running is a symbol of gay and lesbian pride. A Front Runners network currently includes clubs in 24 states and the District of Columbia, three clubs in Canada, and six in other countries.

In 1989, the Frontwalkers group was added in Chicago for those who prefer walking. The Chicago club now has 350 members and is the largest walking and running club in the city. Since its founding, Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago has met each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and each Saturday at 9 a.m. in Lincoln Park, at Addison Street and Lake Shore Drive. One-hour runs and walks start and end at the Totem Pole there, followed by a breakfast.

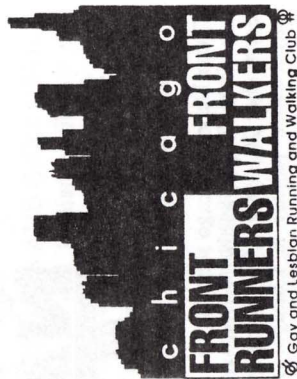
Social, athletic, and volunteer events are organized monthly, providing a nonthreatening and supportive entry into the gay and lesbian community for persons who are coming out, and a healthful way for gay men and lesbians to meet and exercise. Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago offers a noncompetitive sports environment for those members who savor the simple joy of running, yet is extremely supportive of those runners for whom competing is a goal.

In 1991, Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago began hosting Proud To Run, the gay and lesbian Pride Day races founded by the Metropolitan Sports Association. Since then, the races have grown to include 400 entrants and have been sanctioned by the Chicago Area Runners Association. In 1993, the 10K race was voted as one of the top three in Chicago by the readers of *Windy City Sports*.

Since 1991, through Proud To Run and its related activities, Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago has raised about \$72,000 for local AIDS service organizations and lesbian health programs, such as Open Hand Chicago, Test Positive Aware Network, the AIDS Alternative Health Project, Better Existence with HIV, the Howard Brown Women's Health Project, and the Lesbian Community Cancer Project.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago makes valuable and visible contributions to events that include the Chicago Marathon, Hard Rock 5K, Shamrock Shuffle, Jingle Bell 5K, Corporate Challenge, and AIDS Walk Chicago. The group also provides the entire staff for the 5K walk in the Chicago Distance Classic. These events benefit such organizations as the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the American Lung Association.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago's involvement at such events strengthens the presence of gay and lesbian Chicagoans in the city's life and presents a positive image to all Chicagoans. Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago also helps the gay and lesbian community by providing both an opportunity to get to know one another in a healthful environment and a chance to contribute individual talents to the good of the larger community.



QUEER NATION CHICAGO

Queer Nation Chicago sees itself as a focus group that supports the struggle for people who are bisexual, gay, lesbian, or transgendered (collectively, queers). It held its first meeting on September 26, 1990, after several persons, including Joan Jett Blakk, decided to increase direct-action politics in Chicago. The group works toward equality, visibility, identity, freedom, and quality of life for queers. It also addresses issues of racism, sexism, inclusion, and reproductive freedom and choice.

Queer Nation Chicago successfully brought complaints of sexual-orientation discrimination against well-known Near North Side bars, which were among the first cases of that type brought to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations after it received stronger enforcement powers. The cases' success sent a clear message that homophobic discrimination will not be tolerated and that Chicagoans will exercise their civil rights.

Striving to keep former Cook County Board President Richard J. Phelan accountable for what it called a campaign promise, Queer Nation Chicago hounded him and the board for more than two years to pass the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance. The ordinance, supported by Phelan, Queer Nation, and many other proponents, affects at least six million people and remains one of the most comprehensive and thoughtful such measures in the country.

Using visibility actions, Queer Nation Chicago has regularly given notice to businesses and governments around the country that homophobic treatment will be met with a strong show of unity and direct response. The group has worked in opposition to Colorado's Amendment 2, Cincinnati's Issue 3, Cracker Barrel restaurants, and other businesses.

Each autumn, Queer Nation Chicago is the chief organizer of an anti-violence march, which focuses attention on hate crime, self-defense, police misconduct, violence against persons with AIDS, domestic violence, and discrimination. Queer Nation Chicago has challenged violent and damaging actions, from inaccurate media coverage to anti-queer organizing.

From helping to organize Chicago's first Day Without Art, to attending every World Action Day (sponsored by ACT-UP Chicago), to pressing for increases in the city AIDS budget and organizing the Coalition for Positive Sexuality, Queer Nation Chicago members have taken an active and visible role in Chicago's fight against AIDS.

Queer Nation Chicago's efforts have included community education regarding discriminatory practices and their remedies, as well as youth advocacy and alliances with the Women's Action Coalition and the Emergency Clinic Defense Coalition to deal with issues of sexism and women-specific issues. Additional efforts targeting racism and fostering community education have included picketing a gay male theater in response to an ad perceived as racist, holding National Coming Out Day actions, and embracing the inclusion of bisexual and transgendered persons in the queer community.

Queer Nation Chicago has worked tirelessly in behalf of queers for the past five years. As the group has so powerfully shown, "PRIDE + ACTION = RESULTS."

PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF PROUD BLACK LESBIANS AND GAYS (1993): The committee was formed to create positive gay and lesbian visibility in Chicago's African American community and to march as open lesbians and gay men in the 64th annual Bud Billiken Parade. After filing and mediating a human rights charge, the group marched and was warmly received by the community.

ROBERT J. ADAMS (1994, now deceased): Originally a practicing lawyer, he led Chicago's NAMES Project chapter and from 1989 to 1991 was the first fulltime Executive director of IMPACT, the political action committee. He then joined the staff of openly gay U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds; returned to Chicago in late 1992 as development director for the Chicago Department of Health's AIDS programs; and resigned for health reasons in 1993.

ORTEZ ALDERSON (posthumous 1991): He was an actor and activist who, among other achievements, helped to organize the People of Color AIDS Conference.

TRACY BAIM (1994): In lesbian and gay journalism since 1984, she has labored untiringly as publisher, reporter, editor, columnist, and photographer in offering a voice to all segments of our community. She now produces the weekly *Nightlines* and the monthly *Outlines*, plus *Clout! Business Report* and the *OUT! Resource Guide*.

ROBERT SLOANE BASKER (1993): He founded and headed Mattachine Midwest in 1965, began Chicago's first gay and lesbian telephone hotline, and initiated discussions with police during a period of arbitrary raids and arrests. He also took part in pre-Stonewall national gay rights organizing. Now a San Franciscan, he has remained active in social change movements well into his 70s.

GEORGE S. BUSE (1994): As gay journalist, gay activist, actor, and minister, he has made his mark on Chicago's gay and lesbian community. A subject of Studs Terkel's *The Good War* and of the video documentary *Before Stonewall*, he is a World War II Marine veteran (discharged from a later Navy chaplaincy for being gay). In the 1960s he was a civil rights and anti-Vietnam War activist.

JAMES A. BUSSEN (1994): Since 1973, his engaging personality and senses of humor and fairness have aided many Chicago gay and lesbian efforts. Besides much activity in local and state gay rights lobbying and fundraising, he is a longtime leader of Dignity/Chicago, the organization for lesbian and gay Roman Catholics, and was president of Dignity/USA from 1985 to 1989.

LORI CANNON (1994): She was named a "Friend of the Community" for her work with Chicago House and the NAMES Project and for later cofounding ACT-UP Chicago and Open Hand Chicago. For Open Hand, she has drawn on her early organizing skills as a show-business bus driver and has raised funds, handled public relations, and overseen a food pantry's development.

JOHN CHESTER (1994): Since 1971, he has been a leader in lesbian and gay rights efforts, philanthropic organizing, Chicago House development, and both gay and non-gay religious activism. At the same time, he has been much involved in political organizations and election campaigns. Since the late 1960s he has also aided programs for affordable housing and community development.

CHICAGO HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, INC. (1994): Opening its first facility in 1986, this was Chicago's first grassroots agency to respond to immediate housing needs of persons with HIV disease and AIDS. It established the Midwest's first "continuum of care" within supportive housing for such persons, accommodating residents ranging from those with an initial diagnosis of HIV to those with terminal AIDS.

GARY G. CHICHESTER (1992): He has provided more than 25 years of commitment and work to the gay and lesbian community. In 1971 he cofounded the Chicago Gay Alliance, which created Chicago's first gay and lesbian community center.

E. KITCH CHILDS, Ph.D. (posthumous 1993): She was a prominent clinical psychologist and advocate of gay and lesbian human rights legislation since 1973 as a feminist, lesbian activist, and founding member of the Association for Women in Psychology working to revise the American Psychological Association's attitudes toward homosexuality.

JERROLD E. COHEN (posthumous 1993): He was involved in forming more than a dozen community groups including University of Chicago Gay Liberation, Chicago Gay Alliance, Windy City Gay Chorus, and Chi-Town Squares. He was a key participant in the NAMES Project's Chicago chapter and a charter member of Test Positive Aware Network.

ANN CHRISTOPHERSEN (1992): As a successful businesswoman, she has provided a positive role model and developed activities and programs to meet the needs of Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

JON-HENRI DAMSKI (1991): He has been a columnist for *GayLife*, *Gay Chicago Magazine*, *Windy City Times*, and now *Nightlines* and *Outlines*. His lobbying efforts were critical to the passage of the Chicago human rights ordinance in 1989 and the hate crimes ordinance in 1990.

SAMUEL F. DAVIS, JR. (posthumous 1994): From 1987, as an entrepreneur and attorney, he developed a nurturing environment particularly for Chicago's gay and lesbian African Americans. Bars he cofounded were Deeks, Pangea, and the Clubhouse. He also aided the Kupon Network, the Minority Outreach Intervention Project, and the Reimer Foundation.

THOM DOMBKOWSKI (1992): He was a leader in the development and formation of Chicago House and Social Services Agency, where he also served as principal fundraiser and eventually as executive director.

JAMES W. FLINT (1991): A well-known businessman, he is founder and owner of the Miss Gay Continental Pageant, a national contest for female impersonators. He is also active in Democratic Party politics.

ROBERT T. FORD (1993, now deceased): He pioneered outreach of the gay cultural experience into the African American community through his publication of the 'zine *Thing* and as a writer for numerous publications.

RICHARD GARRIN (1993): He was founding director of Windy City Gay Chorus and for more than 15 years brought musical excellence to local and national audiences, serving as an ambassador of goodwill for the gay and lesbian community.

GAY CHICAGO MAGAZINE (1991): Originally founded in 1976 as *Gay Chicago News*, the magazine has continued to publish up-to-date information on lifestyle, entertainment, bar, and organization events in Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

HENRY GERBER (posthumous 1992): He was the founder of Chicago's Society for Human Rights in 1924, the first gay rights organization in the United States.

ADRIENNE J. GOODMAN (1994): She was named a "Friend of the Community" for her commitment to lesbian and gay inclusion in politics. She chaired Grant L. Ford's openly gay 1975 campaign for 44th Ward alderman. As a City Council staffer, she helped efforts to pass the human rights ordinance, and as a Democratic Party activist she has long advocated for gay and lesbian rights.

JEFF GRAUBART-CERVONE (1993): He has been an activist and advocate for gay and lesbian human rights for more than two decades in the Midwest and Chicago. He participated in the passage of human rights legislation, the effort to overcome the anti-gay and -lesbian efforts of Anita Bryant, and demonstrations for same-sex marriage.

RICHARD LEE GRAY (1992): He has committed himself for more than a decade to serve the needs of the African American gay and lesbian community. He also developed and presented educational programs for gay and lesbian youth dealing with sexuality and health.

VERNITA GRAY (1992): She organized a gay and lesbian hotline in 1969 and hosted support groups in her home. She has published extensively in literary and poetry magazines and was an early leader in the Chicago gay liberation movement.

PEG GREY (1992): She has provided key leadership for more than a decade in building lesbian and gay athletic programs and organizations.

JOEL HALL (1993): As an impresario, choreographer, and dance instructor, he is one of Chicago's cultural treasures. With international credentials and recognition, he is committed to the art of dance and the training and presentation of Chicago's youth through the dance medium.

RENEE C. HANOVER (1991): A prominent, now retired civil rights attorney who often provided her services pro bono, she has long been a high-visibility advocate for lesbian and gay rights. She has worked for civil rights legislation of all kinds and has vigorously opposed all forms of discrimination in the law and in the community.

PEARL M. HART (posthumous 1992): She spent her entire legal career of 61 years defending the civil rights of all persons.

EARNEST E. HITE, JR. (1994): In 1987, he cofounded Image Plus, a grassroots organization providing social support for young gay and bisexual males of African descent. As an HIV/AIDS health educator and youth worker who is openly HIV-positive and gay, he has assisted a variety of community-based groups, especially those serving African Americans.

HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICES (1992): Established more than 20 years ago as Gay Horizons, the organization continues to serve as the Midwest's largest and most comprehensive social service agency meeting the needs of Chicago's diverse gay and lesbian community.

HOWARD BROWN HEALTH CENTER (1991): Established more than 20 years ago as Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, it has distinguished itself as the Midwest's leading provider of support services to and for people living with AIDS and HIV disease, and as an internationally recognized center for hepatitis and AIDS/HIV research.

JUDITH S. JOHNS (1991): She was inducted as a "Friend of the Community" for her dedication to the gay and lesbian community in the development and promotion of programs and services in response to the AIDS pandemic.

CAROL A. JOHNSON (1991): She was the Midwest AIDS Project Coordinator at the Service Employees International Union in Chicago. She presented workshops for lesbians, lobbied for legislation, and worked to institute public policies favorable to the lesbian and gay community.

WILLIAM B. KELLEY (1991): Since 1965, he has led in many pioneering efforts—among them organizing the first national gay and lesbian conferences, cofounding the *Chicago Gay Crusader* and Illinois Gays for Legislative Action, taking part in the first White House gay rights meeting, cochairing the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force, and cofounding the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association. He now chairs the Cook County Commission on Human Rights.

BRUCE KOFF (1994): He has made significant contributions to Chicago's and the nation's gay and lesbian community in social services and mental health, especially from 1984 to 1990 as executive director of Horizons Community Services, the staff of which he joined in 1976. He now has a clinical and teaching practice in psychotherapy.

MARIE J. KUDA (1991): She has worked as a historian, archivist, writer, lecturer, and publisher to promote and preserve positive images of lesbians and gay men. She has organized five national lesbian writers conferences and published the first annotated bibliography of lesbian literature, *Women Loving Women*.

NANCY LANOUE (1993): She is a leader in the anti-violence and self-defense-for-women movement. Herself a survivor, she has been a major leader in education, outreach, and service delivery for survivors of breast cancer.

ELLIS B. LEVIN (1994): A state representative from 1977 to 1995, he was named a "Friend of the Community" for his longtime sponsorship of lesbian and gay rights bills, women's rights measures, and other legislation addressing gay and lesbian, AIDS, and women's health concerns.

LIONHEART GAY THEATRE COMPANY (1994): The first Midwest performing arts organization to produce gay and lesbian works, this all-volunteer group under Rick Paul's guidance mounted more than 40 original plays in more than 100 performances from the 1970s to 1994, often donating proceeds to lesbian and gay organizations.

HARLEY McMILLEN (1992): He played an important role in the formation of the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, now known as the Howard Brown Health Center. He was instrumental in organizing the AIDS Action Project, which contributed in large part to development of the City of Chicago's Comprehensive AIDS Strategic Plan.

SCOTT McPHERSON (1992, now deceased): He was one of the first openly gay, HIV-positive American artists, a renowned playwright and accomplished actor. He is the author of the critically acclaimed play *Marvin's Room*.

METROPOLITAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION (1992): This group is a recognized leader in the Midwest and the nation in providing organized athletic activities, including local, national, and international athletic events.

Rev. SID L. MOHN, D. Min. (1993): He was the first openly gay individual ordained in the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. He continues to be a prominent leader in Chicago's not-for-profit social service community, having major impact on policies and services to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees, homeless, youth, and persons living with HIV and AIDS.

MOUNTAIN MOVING COFFEEHOUSE FOR WOMYN AND CHILDREN (1993): It is the oldest continuously-running women-only space in the country. For some 20 years, it has presented lesbian-feminist-oriented culture and music. The collective is operated totally by volunteers and is open to any woman who wishes to participate.

OPEN HAND CHICAGO (1994): Founded in 1988, it became Chicago's only in-home meals program for persons living with AIDS and by the end of 1994 was expected to have delivered 750,000 meals. It has expanded throughout the city, added other nutrition programs, and cooperated with other groups targeting specific ethnic populations.

DOM OREJUDOS (posthumous 1992): He was a major figure and choreographer with the Illinois Ballet Company for 15 years, a respected businessman, and an internationally known artist.

KATHY OSTERMAN (posthumous 1993): As a "Friend of the Community," 48th Ward alderman, and longtime political activist, she helped to forge critical links between Chicago government and the lesbian and gay community. She played a crucial role in the passage of the city's human rights ordinance.

RICHARD W. PFEIFFER (1993): For more than 25 years he has been an activist and volunteer in numerous organizations, having headed the Chicago Gay Alliance (which ran the city's first community center) and founded the Gay Activists Coalition (the first gay and lesbian organization at a City Colleges of Chicago campus). He is best-known for his leadership of PrideChicago, which facilitates the annual gay and lesbian pride parade.

MARY D. POWERS (1992): She was recognized as a "Friend of the Community" for her 30 years of commitment in addressing abusive police behavior and being a consistent advocate for gay and lesbian civil rights.

CHARLES "CHUCK" RENSLOW (1991): In the early 1960s he opened the Gold Coast leather bar, one of the first openly gay establishments in Chicago. He also published *GayLife*, financially aided many gay rights efforts of the 1960s and 1970s, and has been active in city and state Democratic Party politics.

LINDA S. RODGERS (1993): As a successful businesswoman, fundraiser, and activist, she combines her business acumen and community consciousness to promote projects and political actions in support of lesbian and gay human rights and community needs.

RON SABLE, M.D. (1993, now deceased): As an openly gay physician he co-founded the first comprehensive HIV/AIDS clinic at Cook County Hospital. He was active in local politics, running as an openly gay candidate for 44th Ward alderman and founding IMPACT, a gay and lesbian political action committee.

BRUCE C. SCOTT (1993): He has been a Chicago resident for more than 50 years and successfully challenged the federal government's anti-homosexual employment policies in ground-breaking lawsuits. In a 1965 decision with far-reaching implications, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., ruled that a vague charge of "homosexuality" was not a ground for disqualification from federal employment. He was also an early officer of Mattachine Midwest.

ADRIENNE J. SMITH, Ph.D. (1991, now deceased): She was one of the first openly lesbian psychologists within the American Psychological Association. She wrote and edited several publications and appeared on local and national television and radio programs promoting gay and lesbian rights.

MAXSONN "MAX" C. SMITH (1991): He has been active in addressing political and social hostility toward the African American gay and lesbian community. He is a contributor to numerous publications, including *BLK* and *Blacklight*.

DANIEL SOTOMAYOR (posthumous 1992): He was an openly gay, nationally syndicated political cartoonist and prominent Chicago AIDS activist.

GREGORY A. SPRAGUE (posthumous 1994): Nationally known for research in Chicago lesbian and gay history, he cofounded the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History of the American Historical Association and was active in the Gay Academic Union. In 1978 he founded the Chicago Gay History Project, a precursor of the Gerber-Hart Library and Archives.

MARGE SUMMIT (1993): As a successful businesswoman, she has contributed time, energy, and resources to numerous community organizations. She was a founder of the Chicago chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), appeared in several video projects, and initiated the "Gay \$" project.

VALERIE TAYLOR (1992): She has been an outspoken advocate of lesbian and gay concerns since the 1950s and is the author of several lesbian-themed novels and poems. Now retired in Tucson, she edited the *Mattachine Midwest Newsletter* while in Chicago and was active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

ELIZABETH E. TOCCI (1994): She opened her first gay bar, the 307 Club, in 1963, and since 1971 has owned and operated The Patch in Calumet City, one of the oldest lesbian-owned establishments in the Chicago area or the country. She is active in local business circles and has long provided financial aid and a supportive environment for lesbian and gay persons.

JOANNE E. TRAPANI (1993): After a decade of political activism in New York City, she co-chaired the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force for several terms, helping to lead efforts for passage of human rights legislation at state, county, and local levels of government. She has served as liaison to state and local governments and agencies.

RICHARD B. TURNER (1991): Until 1994, he was Director of Communications and Development for the Chicago Community Trust. He later moved to Florida, has raised funds for fighting AIDS and for gay and lesbian human rights, and has actively addressed gay and lesbian human rights issues.

STEVEN F. WAKEFIELD (1994): He has held gay and lesbian executive positions since 1976, including Howard Brown Memorial Clinic until 1988. He later directed Test Positive Aware Network and the Night Ministry; has been a leader in many social service and religious organizations, including several African American ones; and now sits on the Chicago Board of Health.

AL WARDELL (1993, now deceased): From 1978, he was a prominent Chicago gay and lesbian community leader and a mainstay of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He helped to initiate the first sensitivity training on gay and lesbian concerns for the Chicago Police Department and developed gay and lesbian counseling materials for Illinois public schools.

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