

Lavender Notes

June 2013

OUR MISSION

Improving the lives of LGBT older adults with community building, education, and advocacy.

SERVICES:

Friendly Visits

Monthly Lunches

Educational Events

UPCOMING

EVENTS:

San Leandro Potluck
Saturday 6/8

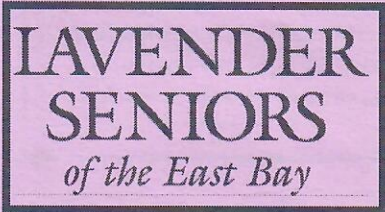
Photovoice
Monday 6/10

Oakland Lunch Bunch
Friday 6/21

Fremont Lunch Bunch
Friday 6/28

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In Memorandom: Dotty Fowler

A Special Tribute

It was with great sadness that Lavender Seniors must announce the passing of our original founder and visionary for the LGBT senior cause, Dottie Fowler. Dan Ashbrook says, "I want to thank and recognize Dottie for her vision, energy, and dedication to the LGBT senior cause. She was THE founder of Lavender Seniors and truly a pioneer in the field. Not only did she pave the way for Lavender Seniors, but also other LGBT senior organizations here and throughout the country. I am extremely proud that I have been able to carry out her vision leading Lavender Seniors since 2007."



Senior Gay Pride in Berkeley

Save the date! One of the biggest and most festive LGBT senior pride celebrations of the year is right around the corner. LGBT senior pride is happening on **Tuesday June 11 from 1PM to 4PM at the North Berkeley Senior Center**. Each year the party gets better and this year will be no exception with entertainment, free food, prize giveaways, information tables, and much more! The North Berkeley Senior Center is located at 1901 Hearst Ave. Parking is limited but the senior center is about 6 blocks from downtown Berkeley BART and is also accessible by public transportation. The AC Transit buses to ride to the center are the 79 and 51 lines. Lavender Seniors would like to give special recognition to volunteer advocate Reed Willgoren for his vision and dedication to organizing this event. Reed praises Wade Myer, Iris Cryder and John Stilesworks and Rhianna Babka who worked very hard to secure the food, entertainment, vendors, and organize outreach efforts. Thank you Reed and to the North Berkeley Senior Center! For more information call the senior center at 510-981-5190.

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BOOK REVIEW BY FRANK HOWELL

Gay Press, Gay Power: The Growth of LGBT Community Newspapers in America," Edited By Tracy Baim Prairie Avenue Productions and Windy City Media Group, 1900 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill-60616-1321-\$25.00

Tracy Baim has pulled together a stunning collection of articles that range widely from chapters of famous gay writers from Harry Hay to Karla Jay. Then there is a chronology of famous LGBT newspapers like the Bay Area Reporter and the Washington Blade.

There is a strong connection between the mainstream press and gay publications. Some of the gay publications are over 40 years old. Baim also include the famous Timer Magazine cover story, "The Homosexual in America," (1966.)

It is important to note that news gathering of all sorts is different today. One observer says it best, "No news story lasts more than 48 hours anymore. News is no longer meant to be remembered. It's just entertainment."

One. Inc. led the way and were soon followed by Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin with "The Ladder." One glaring omission is "The Advocate," probably the most influential of all the gay papers today. These papers provide an invaluable resource for social historians of the future.

MINNESOTA PASSES SAME SEX MARRIAGE

from The Huffington Post, May 13, 2013

Almost one-quarter of the states will now have marriage equality, with Minnesota becoming state number 12, following on Rhode Island and Delaware just within the past two weeks. The claims by anti-equality leaders and their followers that same-sex marriage states are an aberration and do not represent the true America -- or, as Brian Brown of the National Organization for Marriage recently said, are "not indicative of the rest of the country"-- is an example of mass denial bordering on sheer lunacy.

JUNE PRIDE AND POTLUCK

Celebration of the Life of Dottie Fowler

Join Lavender Seniors on Saturday **June 8**, from noon to 2PM for a special pride potluck and celebration honoring the life of Dottie Fowler. The luncheon will feature special guest entertainment by the electric and highly original band **Liquid Girlfriend**, whose music spills over into the genres of pop, funk, and indies. Their soulful rhythms are meant to flow through you-- into a river of liquid dreams. **The location is All Saints Episcopal Church and Neighborhood Center, 911 Dowling Blvd. San Leandro (off Dutton Avenue near the 580 Hwy).**

California Alliance for Retired Americans CARA CORNER

"Observational" Hospital Stays

Continue to Leave Seniors with Big Bills

Medicare recipients who need more time to recuperate after a hospital visit are entitled to a 20-day stay in a nursing home, as long as their hospitalization lasted at least 3 days. However, many seniors in this situation are being forced to pay for their own nursing home care because one or more days of their hospital stay were classified as "observational." Medicare officials say that recipients must be "admitted patients" at the hospital for at least three days to qualify for nursing home care. Since hospitals are not required to tell patients when they are classified as "under observation," seniors and their families often have no idea that Medicare will not be covering their nursing home costs. Since February, 14 seniors represented by the Center for Medicare Advocacy have filed a lawsuit for Medicare to eliminate the "observational" label. . "Medicare must swiftly end this unfair practice," said Edward Coyle, CARA Executive Director. "Seniors and their families, who are already under a lot of emotional and financial stress, should not be faced with crippling nursing home bills because of a technicality that hospitals are not even required to inform them about." To read a *USA Today* write up of the story, go to <http://tinyurl.com/cozpdpa>

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 BOARD MEETING	6	7	8 San Leandro Potluck
9	10 Photovoice Meeting 6:30P	11 Hayward Outstanding Seniors 1:00	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <u>Oakland-Lunch Bunch</u>	22
23/30	24	25 Hayward Outstanding Seniors 1:00	26	27	28 <u>Fremont-Lunch</u>	29

June 6 & 20, 1:30PM to 3:30PM, Support Discussion Group for Aging Lesbian Women, (1st and 3rd Thurs.) at The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave. (at Derby) Berkeley. Co-sponsor: the Pacific Center (510) 548-8283.

June 5, 7PM-8PM, Lavender Seniors Advisory Board Meeting at BACS, 1814 Franklin St. #400 Oakland. A portion of this meeting is open to public.

June 13 & 27, 1:30PM Senior Men's Group, (2nd and 4th Thurs.), 2712 Telegraph Ave. (at Derby) Berkeley, at the Pacific Center. Co-Sponsor: Pacific Center 510-548-8283

June 8, Noon-2PM, Lavender Seniors Potluck, (2nd Sat.) All Saints Episcopal Church 911 Dowling Blvd, San Leandro **Program: Celebrating the life of Dotty Fowler with music by Liquid Girlfriend.**

June 10, 6:00PM, Photovoice Meeting, The Neighborhood Center at All Saint Episcopal, 911 Dowling Blvd. San Leandro

June 11 & 25, 1:00-3:00, OutStanding Seniors Peer Group, 1217 A St., Hayward Lighthouse LGBTQ Center.

June 21, 12:00-2:00PM, Oakland Lunch Bunch Sponsored by City of Oakland Aging & Adult Services, N. Oakland Sr. Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Program: to be announced

June 28, Noon-2PM South County Lunch at Fremont Senior Center, 40086 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont **Program: Folk Guitarist Ken Goulet, folk musician.**

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