# LGBT History Project
# of the LGBT Center of Central PA

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## Documents Online

**Title:** Allentown/Reading Area Gay Organizations List

**Date:** circa 1978

**Location:** LGBT-001 Joseph W. Burns Collection

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LE-HI-HO
(Lehigh Valley Homophile Orgahization)

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P. O. Box 3001

Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

Meetings: Third Sundays of each month; 2:00P.M.

Unitarian Church of the Lehigh Valley

701 Lechauweki Avenue

Bethlehem, Pa.

(Turn at the Mobil Station off Broadway in Bethlehem, Fountain Hill Section)

Educational/Social/active gay organization; Short business meeting followed by program (generally a speaker or gay entertainer) and/or social hour with refreshments; maintains an extensive lending library of books, periodicals, and articles on the general subject of homosexuality (fiction and non-fiction); Has sponsored pot-luck suppers, dances and parties open to the whole gay community, swimming parties in the summer, hikes and theatertrips ocassionally; extensive speaking engagements at local colleges and organizations

Speakers Bureau: Contact person, Rick [redacted] [redacted] (DO NOT GIVE OUT)

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Lehigh Valley Citizens Concerned for for the Gay Community
(C.C.G.C.)

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P. O. Box 4031

Allentown, Pa. 18102

Meetings: Every Second Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. (Consult the Calendar)

CONFRONT, 1130 Walnut Street

(Community Room, first floor , left afterb entering)

Activist gay organization; Main purpose is to press for "gay rights" in Allentown and to publicly support the gay community in the Lehigh Valley; Has confronted City Council, sponsored rallies and demonstrations, raised funds through booths at the Chrismas City Fair in Bethlehem and Super Sunday in Allentown; actively seeks coalition with groups and individuals favoring gay rights and other causes favored by the organization such as the ERA, Non-violence, and minority rights.

Speakers Bureau: Contact person, Bob [redacted] [redacted]

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THE SHED
50 Center Square
Easton, Pa.

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50 Center Square E
Easton, Pa.

Hours: - 2:00A.M. Open 56 days

Description: Bar located in the front; Tables in center section; Small Lighted dance floor located at the rear; Jukebox; Prices slightly higher on weekends

Clintele: Mixed (young and older, men and women), fairly exclusively gay

Admissions Policy: Unknown

Fri & Sat

OUR GROUP
Lesbian/Feminist Organization

OUR GROUP

Meetings: 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays every month, various locations.
Contact Persons: Marie: [redacted]
Gina: [redacted]
Dianna: [redacted]
} please DO NOT give out numbers

Formed early December, 1978, Meeting at this time for Sisterhood/Support.

202 1/2 3-6

CARTWHEEL BAR

(Largely straight as of January 1979, update this info as more is known)

The Cartwheel
Route 202 West
New Hope, Pa. (just outside New Hope) Phone: [redacted]

Hours: 9 pm - 2 am, Sundays from 4 pm - 2 am
Open every night, Disco open from Wed. - Sun.

Description: Old stone house with a cartwheel on the roof.
Piano bar open weekends, Basement disco bar open every night. Good music, DJ.

Prices: Bottled Beer: $1.00, Mixed drinks: $1.50 up
Sandwiches: $1.00 up

Clientele: Ritzy but not necessarily, younger, mixed (gay and straight)
large straight group now

Admission Policy: $3.00 1 drink, Door check for I.D.

Special Nights: Sunday tea dance, social 4 pm -- 8 pm.

New Prelude Bar

Rte 202 West
New Hope, Pa.

The New Prelude Bar

Rte 202 West (just outside of new Hope)

862-5171

Hours 8:00 P. M. - 2:00 A.M., open every night but Sunday

Description: Pink and Purple Art Deco exterior; person on door to check I.D. and LCB; 2 bars in Main Room, bar on Disco Floor, 1 Back Room bar open Fridays & Saturdays: Disc Jockey; good sound.

Prices:

Clientele: Generally younger crowd; mostly gay; good pick up bar.

Admissions Policy: #3.00 Cover Charge Friday and Saturday for 2 drinks, person on door to check I.D.

THE STONEWALL
28 North Tenth Street
Allemtown, Pa.

The Stonewall

28 North Tenth Street

Allentown, PA.

432-0706

Hours: ~~8:00~~ 7:30 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.

Description: No signs out front, look for Stone steps leading from sidewalk up to double doors boarded over (due to damaged leaded glass windows); Person on door to check I.D. (LCB cards).; bar in front, another located to the side of the dance floor; Light Show and Dance Floor at the Back ; Disc Jockey, good sound system; Prices: Bottled beer 90¢, Drinks ~~xxxxxxxx~~ $1.00 - $1.25 average

Clientele: Generally younger crowd, mixed (gay and straight, men and women)

Admissions Policy: $3:00 Cover charge, weekends, also Wednesday person always at door to check I.D.

Special nights: Wednesday, Disco Night, ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday Two-fer Night(Two drinks for the price of one).

RUBE'S BAR
Corner 9th & Hamilton Strts.
Allentown

Rube's Bar

Corner 9th & Hamilton Strts.

Allentown, Pa. ~~xxxxx~~ 18102

437-1711

Hours: - 2:00 A.M.

Description: Bar located in the front (near Hamilton); Seating at the back (tables); No dancing; Jukebox; occassionally entertainment (weekends); Prices slightly higher on weekends, Bottled Beer 75¢ weekdays, 90 ¢ weekend, Drinks $1:25 average

Clientele: Generally older gay men; women and younger persons also go there

Admissions policy: No cover charge; Strict rule- NO TANK TOPS

Bars and Night Spots - Reading

Glass Door, 221 North Fifth Street

This Is It, ~~143 North Tenth Street~~ 801 WALNUT STREET

Red Star Saloon, ~~801 Walnut Street~~ 143 NORTH TENTH ST.

Fifth Street is the Main Street in Reading, Route 222 South from Allentown becomes Fifth Street , The Glass Door is on the left side of the street when one gets to what is obviously the business section.

THIS IS IT is located three blocks up from Fifth on Walnut Street, the first cross street after the Glass Door. It also is on the left (coming from Fifth on the corner of 8th and Walnut. The outside walls are Pink, the only identifying sign is an arrow pointing to the door which reads "This Is It". The sign is painted on the wall.

The Red Star Saloon is on Tenth, two blocks above ~~the~~ This Is It. Right on Tenth from Walnut Street, the Red Star is on the Left side.

Walnut Street, by the way is one way in the direction indicated by the above (from Fifth toward Tenth.

GLASS DOOR
221 North Fifth Street
Raeding, Pa.

Glass Door
221 North Fifth Street
Reading, Pa. 19601
[redacted]

Hours: -2:00 A.M.

Description: Newly redecorated; Bar at front; Dance Area beyond bar

Clientele: Mixed (Men and Women, younger and older)

Admissions Policy: No cover charge

RED STAR SALOON
143 North Tenth Street
Reading, Pa. 19601

Red Star Saloon

143 North Tenth Street

Reading, Pa. 19601

[redacted]

Hours: 2:00 A.M.

Description: Western Decor; Bar only; Jukebox; Mostly Men

Prices:

Clientele: Male Bar, Levi/western

Admissions Policy: No Cover Charge, Women not excluded

THIS IS IT (Bar and Restaurant)
801 Walnut Street
Reading, Pa. 19601

This Is It

801 Walnut Street

Reading, Pa. 19601

[redacted]

Hours: 8:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M., open Sundays (Afternoon for dinner only, later for Dance)

Description: Bar in front; Tables in middle room for dining and groups; Dance Floor in Back Room w/ seating on steps to watch dancers: Menu includes Entrees (~~xx~~ $5.00 -$8.00), Sandwiches, orders are individually prepared and service is slow (reservations may speed things up a bit.); Dessert may be a Chocolate Charlie (which consists of a chocolate eclair and two scoops of Ice Cream - we leave the rest to your imagination, and we would never be sexist enough to recommend this concoction to anyone); Bottled Beer 90¢, Drinks: $1.00 - $1.25 average

Clientele: Mixed (Men and Women, older and younger)

Admissions Policy: No Cover Charge