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# Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is both an 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 homophobia, 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 and/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.

**The 1994 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame induction ceremony is dedicated to the memory of**

**Robert T. Ford**

***1993 Hall of Fame Inductee***

**and**

**Jon Simmons**

***Former Director***
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MAYOR

November 17, 1994

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 those participating in the 1994 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and to recognize the achievements of this year's inductees.

Chicago owes much of its greatness to its rich diversity of people. Our strength lies in our differences and I am proud of my administration's efforts to create greater harmony and establish bonds of understanding and fellowship among our city's many communities. We believe that our city belongs to all of its citizens.

Historically, countless members of the Gay and Lesbian communities have made substantial contributions to Chicago and the nation and I am certain they will continue to play a major role 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 that 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 1994 Hall of Fame inductees and send my best wishes for an exciting and worthwhile event.

Sincerely,

Richard M Daley

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Dear Friends:

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 1994 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



# 1994 INDUCTEES
# CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME

Robert J. Adams

Tracy Baim

George S. Buse

James A. Bussen

John Chester

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Earnest E. Hite, Jr.

Bruce Koff

Gregory A. Sprague *[Posthumous]*

Elizabeth E. Tocci

Steven F. Wakefield

Lori F. Cannon
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### ROBERT J. ADAMS

Photo: Cheryl Tadin

Robert J. Adams is a native of Macomb, Illinois. He earned his degree of Bachelor of Arts in political science, speech communication, and history from the University of Illinois at Urbana, and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. After moving to Chicago in 1978, Adams spent nine years as an associate attorney and officer of a prestigious law firm. The anti-gay discrimination that he recalls experiencing there led Adams to commit his talents and energies deeply to the struggle for lesbian and gay civil rights.

Adams left private practice for public service, spending the next two years as a Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel in the City of Chicago's Department of Law.

During 1987, he became involved with the Chicago organizing committee for the 1987 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington. From October 1987 through July 1988, Adams served as the chairperson of the Chicago Chapter of the NAMES Project -- the AIDS Memorial Quilt; his leadership was instrumental in the successful efforts to bring the Quilt here for its moving display at Navy Pier. From 1987 through 1989, he also served on the board of directors of Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, chairing its Development Committee. During 1988, Adams became a founding member of and the Chicago spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Federal Club.

In 1989, Adams left the City's Law Department to become the first full-time executive director of IMPACT, Chicago's gay and lesbian political action committee. He served in this position through 1991, and his contributions were critical in the development of IMPACT into a sophisticated and professional political action committee.

Adams then moved to Washington, D.C., where he joined the staff of openly gay U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.). Adams served as a national point-person for a variety of lesbian/gay issues, and he accompanied Studds on travels to meet with community representatives all across the country, including Chicago.

He returned to Chicago at the end of 1992, accepting the newly created position of development director for the Chicago Department of Health's Division of HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Programs. Citing medical reasons, he resigned this post in August 1993.

Throughout his history of activism, Adams has exhibited a combination of political savvy, superior organizing skills, professionalism, and sensitivity. He was awarded the 1988 *Gay Chicago Magazine* "Organizer of the Year" Award for his work with the NAMES Project. In 1994, he was awarded IMPACT's Alongi Award in recognition of his continuing contributions to Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

## TRACY BAIM

Photo: Marcy Baim/*Outlines & Nightlines*

A native of Chicago, 31-year-old Tracy Baim has made a tremendous impact during her ten-year career in the gay and lesbian press in Chicago. She has contributed her untiring efforts as publisher, journalist, editor, and photographer in providing a voice to all segments of our community. Currently the publisher and managing editor of Lambda Publications, which produces *Nightlines*, *Outlines*, and the *OUT! Resource Guide*, Baim has written over 2,500 articles, columns, and editorials. Each of these publications provides a venue highlighting not only national and local news of immediate importance to the gay and lesbian community but also focusing attention on the diversity and depth of our cultural achievements.

Baim received a degree in journalism from Drake University in 1984. Upon graduating, she took a job as editorial assistant at *GayLife*, becoming managing editor there a year later. In the fall of 1985 she helped to found *Windy City Times*, and in 1987 she was the founding publisher and managing editor of *Outlines*. During that time she has covered thousands of events, from bar parties and sports tournaments to black-tie benefits.

It is the support of her coworkers, family, and friends, along with the backing of the community in general, which has allowed Baim to maintain her 70+-hour-a-week schedule for ten years. With a keen eye for news and her ever-faithful camera, she chronicles our day-to-day lives.

She has won considerable recognition for her work. She was a finalist for editorial writing in the 1993 and 1994 Peter Lisagor Chicago journalism awards. She has been recognized by NOW: Chicago Chapter, Dignity, and the 1987 and 1993 Marches on Washington. She was named MVP of Chicago's 1993-94 indoor soccer season and has been honored as a Lee K. Bubblehead. Baim was a recipient of the 1994 Chicago Torch Award presented by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

While speaking at Valparaiso University's Martin Luther King Day celebration, Baim stated, "What I really want is for all gays and lesbians to accept themselves. I would like for the internal homophobia to stop, for the self-destructive behavior and the suicide to end. All we seek from society is the right to live peacefully, without violence and discrimination based on our sexual orientation. Our future depends on making sure everyone is included."

A strong advocate of human rights, Baim continues her vocal battle against racism, sexism, and homophobia. Editorials such as her award-winning "Go Home, Faggots" provide an opportunity to reflect on the current state of our lives and on possibilities for the future. She holds up a mirror to the society in which we live and is not afraid to spotlight its blemishes.



## GEORGE S. BUSE

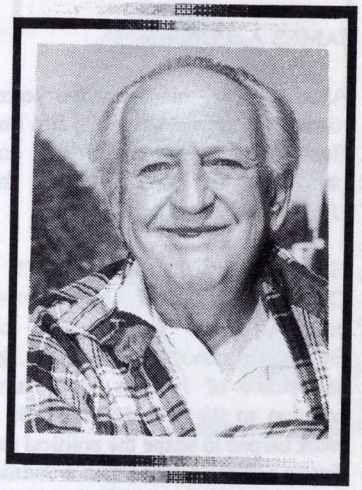


Photo: Tracy Baim/*Outlines & Nightlines*

As journalist, activist, actor, and minister, George Buse has made his mark on Chicago's gay and lesbian community. A subject of Studs Terkel's *The Good War* and one of three Chicagoans prominently featured in the video documentary *Before Stonewall*, Buse is also a candid and experienced commentator on gay men and lesbians in the military.

Born in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1924, Buse enlisted and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of corporal. From 1955 to 1963 he served as a commissioned officer and U.S. Navy chaplain, principally on the West Coast and in Asia. He received an "other than honorable" discharge (later upgraded), or, as Buse puts it, "I was kicked out for being gay."

In the 1960s Buse was active in the civil rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War peace movement. He came to Chicago in 1964, was a member of the Congress of Racial Equality at the Northside Freedom Center, and, as a member of an ad hoc group of members of the clergy, worked to ameliorate the brutality of confrontations during the 1968 Democratic national convention.

For 13 years he was part-time pastor of St. James United Presbyterian Church in Rogers Park and active in community theaters, becoming a member of Actors Equity Association. Closeted as both minister and actor, he chose to "come out" doing something useful. Having served as a journalist with the Roman Catholic publishing house of J. S. Paluch Company, managing a Protestant monthly magazine, Buse offered his writing and editorial talents to *GayLife* in 1979 and later to *Windy City Times*. He served both publications as reporter, feature writer, and occasional theater critic.

In the 1970s, Buse served as secretary of the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago and was a member of Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, preparing slide shows and educational materials for outreach to gay men, lesbians, and their parents.

Now struggling with disabling arthritis, Buse continues to be active in the Chicago chapter of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America and in the Midwest Men's Center of Chicago, and he recently spoke to several groups in Chicago in connection with an oral history project for the Stonewall '25 committee. When he can, Buse continues with his beloved theater as a member of the audience.

## JAMES A. BUSSEN

Photo: Phil Hannema

After spending his formative years in the small towns of downstate Illinois, Jim Bussen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a double major in philosophy and communication, from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

He arrived in Chicago in 1973, a time when Chicago's gay and lesbian community was emerging from the shadows of invisibility. Bussen's flamboyant personality, gift for humor, and sense of fairness made him a welcome addition to the organizations and groups whose work helped to shape the political success that was finally achieved more than a decade later. These included the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago, the Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee, Dignity/Chicago, and the Gay Rights Task Force of the Alliance To End Repression. Among the activities in which he participated were the rally and demonstration at Medinah Temple that were organized in response to an appearance there by Anita Bryant, and Orange Balls I and II which were held to raise funds to counter the singer's homophobic political activities across the country. Bussen was among the Chicagoans who, under the sponsorship of Dignity/Chicago, traveled to Wichita, Kansas, to leaflet churches prior to Wichita's vote on the repeal of its gay rights ordinance, an action arising from Bryant's campaign of intolerance.

Bussen was also a part of the first organized contingent of Chicago gay men and lesbians who journeyed to Springfield when gay rights legislation was initially introduced. In addition to the legislators who represented his home district in Chicago, Bussen made a special effort to lobby others from downstate, enlisting his parents to accompany him on these visits.

Bussen found his own special niche in his work with Dignity/Chicago, the local affiliate of a national organization founded to meet the needs of gay and lesbian Roman Catholics. Starting as a member of the group's local board of directors, Bussen became Dignity/USA's volunteer regional director and was seated on its national board. Between 1985 and 1989, he served two terms as Dignity/USA's national president.

During Bussen's terms in office, Dignity/USA became the first national gay/lesbian organization to purchase a full-page, full-circulation advertisement in a major weekly news magazine (*Newsweek*, in April 1987) to increase gay/lesbian visibility to mainstream America. Bussen also takes special pride in having been named by Pope John Paul II as one of nine Americans the pontiff would refuse to see during his 1987 visit here.

Bussen's current organizational memberships include Dignity/Chicago, Gerber-Hart Gay and Lesbian Library and Archives, the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Field Museum of Natural History.



## JOHN CHESTER

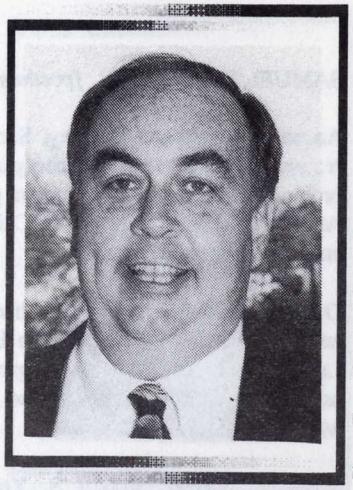


Photo: Tracy Baim/*Outlines & Nightlines*

For almost 30 years, John Chester has been a key player in the political and organizational development of Chicago's gay and lesbian community. A native of Detroit, he is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a telecommunications specialist by profession.

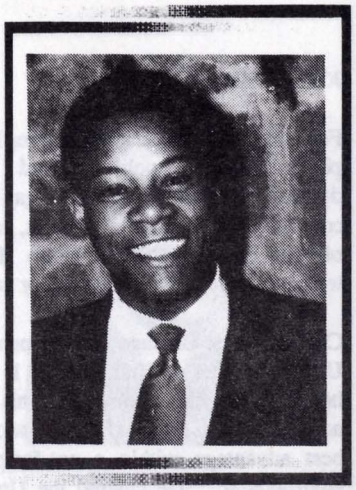
Chester's first Chicago involvement was with the Uptown Center of Hull House. It was there that he learned how to adapt his considerable administrative skills and organizational abilities to best advantage within a not-for-profit business environment. He chaired the Uptown Housing Committee, working to combat redlining and develop decent low-income housing along the lakefront. As an offshoot of this and to help the working poor to establish credit, Chester founded and served as the president of the Northside Community Federal Credit Union.

Chester was a founding board member of the Crossroads Fund, also serving thereon as a gay/lesbian community representative. He later served as a board member and vice president of Dignity/ Chicago during the period in which the organization opened a permanent office. As a board member and president of the Rodde Fund, he prompted the development of the group's organizational infrastructure. Chester also served as a board member and chair of Chicago House at a pivotal time in this highly-respected AIDS housing provider's organizational evolution.

His first love, however, has always been politics. In 1971, Chester joined Illinois Gays for Legislative Action to work on an early version of what would later become Chicago's human rights ordinance. In 1973, he was a founding member of the Gay Rights Task Force of the Alliance To End Repression, which became the Illinois Gay Rights (now Gay and Lesbian) Task Force; in 1977, he became co-chairperson of the IGRTF's state bill project, remaining actively involved until 1983. During the early '80s, Chester was the president of OPEN (Organization Promoting Equality Now), Chicago's first gay and lesbian political action committee. He is currently the president of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights Political Action Committee, and he serves on the boards of directors of Personal PAC, which supports "pro-choice" candidates for office, and Illinois Public Action, which promotes utility and health-care reform.

Chester has been highly visible in his support of and work for many individual candidates for public office. Among these have been State Representatives Bruce Douglas, Susan Catania, Elroy Sandquist, and Carol Ronan, aldermanic candidate Charlotte Newfeld, and Alderman Mary Ann Smith. He is also a long-time supporter of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dawn Clark Netsch, and he worked for her earlier elections as Illinois state senator and state comptroller.

SAMUEL F. DAVIS, JR. *[posthumous]*



An entrepreneur and attorney, Samuel F. Davis, Jr., was a man who put his energy and money into providing a nurturing environment particularly for African American members of Chicago's lesbian and gay community.

Davis was born in Cincinnati, had two brothers and a sister, and graduated from Boston College Law School. In 1984, he began a three-year association with the Chicago law firm of Katten Muchin & Zavis.

With his partner, Robert S. Yeaworth, Davis opened a number of successful business ventures, including a seafood restaurant; one of the first gourmet muffin shops in the city, Newbury's on Michigan Avenue; Dëeks; Pangea; and the Clubhouse. The latter two establishments were entertainment centers that, while welcoming all individuals, provided supportive environments long overdue in Chicago where gay and lesbian people of color could gather in a safe and healthful atmosphere.

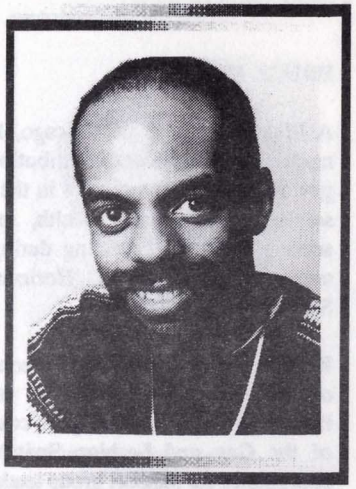
Davis was a major supporter of Kupona Network, the first AIDS service organization in Chicago's African American community, and volunteered his legal services to the organization and members of the community. He continued to fight against AIDS with his support of the Minority Outreach Intervention Project. In addition, through Dëeks and his other business ventures, he contributed generously to the Reimer Foundation and other health and political organizations. Davis made the Clubhouse available for rallies and organizing meetings for many causes, including the successful action of the Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays as they organized their historic participation in the 64th annual Bud Billiken Parade.

As an attorney, Davis took on the causes of individuals who were fired from their jobs with resultant loss of benefits and insurance through thinly veiled discriminatory actions when their employers learned they were HIV-positive or had AIDS. Among the many he helped, Davis aggressively negotiated settlements on behalf of persons fired because of their perceived sexual orientation or health status.

Davis fought the negative stereotypes which plagued the minority community. "Pangea" was adopted as the name of one of his clubs, reflecting his hope to bring the world back together by catering to men and women of all races, nationalities, and colors -- treating all with dignity and respect.



EARNEST E. HITE, JR.



Earnest E. Hite, Jr., was born and reared in Champaign, Illinois, and he cites the strong interest by, and continuing support of, his parents, Dorothy and Earnest Hite, Sr., as a key component in his development and growth as a human being during his early life in this medium-sized downstate community. Hite earned an Associate of Arts degree at Parkland College in Champaign, and he has continued his educational pursuits through coursework at the University of Illinois at Urbana, Chicago State University, and National Louis University in Chicago.

In 1981, seeking to expand his horizons and to explore life alternatives to the traditional family, Hite moved to Chicago. Between 1981 and 1988, he was employed by the University of Illinois Hospital; during this period, Hite emerged as one of Chicago's most visible openly gay men of African descent.

A pivotal event in his life occurred in 1987: Hite tested HIV-antibody positive. This result motivated Hite and Leon White, his life partner and best friend, to establish Image Plus, a grassroots organization they designed to promote positive living and united support for young gay and bisexual males of African descent.

In professional response to his sero-status, Hite changed jobs, joining the HIV/AIDS staff at Cook County Hospital as a health educator. He also volunteered as a support manager with the hospital's rapidly expanding HIV/AIDS program. Building on the experiences he gained in these positions, Hite further enhanced his communication and human relations skills through his employment at, and volunteer work for, a variety of community-based organizations. These have included the Garfield Counseling Center, the Minority Outreach Intervention Project, the Kupona Network, the *10% Show*, the BROTHERRS Project, the Chicago Black Lesbian and Gay Organization, and Chicago *Outlines*. Hite is currently employed as a program supervisor for the Night Ministry's Open Door Youth Shelter. He also serves as a member of the City's Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues.

Throughout his involvement with each of these organizations, Hite has presented himself as an openly gay African-American role model. Additionally, he and his partner have facilitated the evolution of Image Plus into a not-for-profit organization that addresses a range of social, political, and health issues -- including safer sex, homophobia, and sex-positive concerns -- in a manner and style tailored to meet the cultural needs of African-American gay/bisexual men.

In May 1993, Hite became the first openly gay, African-American male to receive the prestigious Stonewall Award in recognition of his contributions to quality of life for the gay and lesbian community.

## BRUCE KOFF

Photo: Tracy Baim/*Outlines & Nightlines*

A lifelong resident of Chicago, Bruce Koff has made truly significant contributions to the city's gay and lesbian community in the fields of social services and mental health, many of these accomplishments occurring during his tenure as executive director of Horizons Community Services.

Koff began his work at Horizons in 1976, and over the next eight years he volunteered in a number of capacities: as peer counselor, director of the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, training coordinator for support group leaders, and a Youth Group advisor. Koff became the agency's unpaid executive director in 1984, while maintaining his full-time work as the administrator of a school-based counseling program. In 1986, he became Horizons' first paid full-time executive director; he remained in that post until July 1990.

While Horizons would continue to serve as a major volunteer-energy outlet, Koff's management style resulted in the agency's development of a businesslike, administrative infrastructure -- giving it a wider credibility within the not-for-profit community and enabling expansion of its funding base.

As a result, Koff was able to foster a number of noteworthy innovative programs. These included Horizons' Anti-Violence Project, expanded services specifically for gay and lesbian youth, the PASSAGES Project, and other HIV/AIDS services. Koff's efforts in support of these and other programs continue to have a major positive impact on the lives of thousands of Chicago-area residents in the fight against homophobia and AIDS.

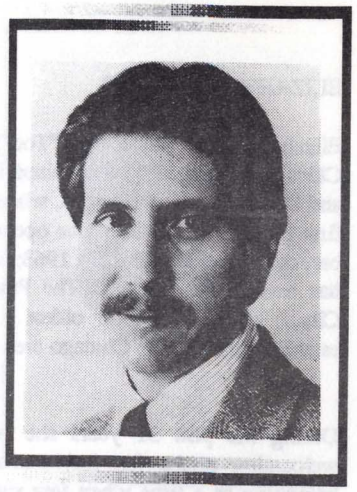
In the field of mental health, his chosen area of expertise, Koff maintains a full-time private practice, with a significant outreach to gay and lesbian clientele. He has served as clinical director of the Evelyn Hooker Center for Gay and Lesbian Mental Health (affiliated with the University of Chicago); teaches at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology; and continues to volunteer with Horizons' Psychotherapy Program.

In addition to his vital work at Horizons, Koff has actively served the gay and lesbian community, both in Chicago and in larger arenas, through his involvement with a variety of boards, committees, and organizations, including the National Organization for Victim Assistance's Committee on Gay/Lesbian Victim Concerns, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Service Providers Council, the United Way of Chicago's Priority Grants Committee, the Mayor's Committee on Youth Concerns, Teen Living Programs, AIDS Walk Chicago, the Chicago Area Lesbian and Gay Domestic Violence Project, Gray Pride, and the Grinnell College Alumni Association.

Koff is also gifted with a beautiful singing voice and for many years was a member of the Windy City Gay Chorus.



## GREGORY A. SPRAGUE *[posthumous]*



During the ten years he lived in Chicago, Greg Sprague made an impact not only within the local gay and lesbian community but also throughout scholastic and educational communities in which gay and lesbian history was considered taboo and ignored as an area of study. He was nationally known for his research in Chicago lesbian and gay history. Sprague was co-founder of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History of the American Historical Association. He served for several years on the national board of directors of the Gay Academic Union and was on the steering committee of the Chicago chapter. As such he acted as program coordinator of the national conference of the GAU in Chicago, the third joint program offered with what was then known as Gay Horizons.

In 1978 Sprague founded and directed the development of the Chicago Gay History Project with the intent of "organizing volunteers to research Gay and Lesbian history, collect archival material, and disseminate information through publication and educational activities." With Sprague's unceasing efforts the Gay History Project eventually became the Henry Gerber - Pearl M. Hart Library and Archives. Sprague taught gay and lesbian history courses during the late '70s and early '80s under the auspices of the Lavender University, the Gay Academic Union, and Gay Horizons.

Sprague understood that the real history of a people is stored in the dark cubbyholes of attics and basements. He knew that the history of lesbians and gay men in Chicago was being carefully tended in lifetimes of memories, and he was instrumental in gathering those memories. He researched court records, newspapers, traveler accounts, medical and religious records, diaries and letters. Sprague interviewed scores of people for his oral history project and networked across the country to protect the legacy of gay men and lesbians.

Sprague was a historian, a teacher, and an author. Through his efforts in each of these fields he helped "destigmatize" homosexuality as a field of historical research. He wrote that "some of the best contemporary research on the history of gays and lesbians is being done outside of academia, by local gay and lesbian archives and history projects." His own efforts insured that Chicago gay and lesbian history was not left behind. He wrote dozens of articles, which were published in magazines and journals across the country. His research found its way into some of the more important books on gay and lesbian history and has been a treasure trove for researchers and documentarians.

Gregory Sprague died of AIDS on February 7, 1987. His life work is currently housed in the Chicago Historical Society. We can all be grateful for his continuing contribution to our community each time we walk through the door of the Gerber-Hart Library.

## ELIZABETH E. TOCCI

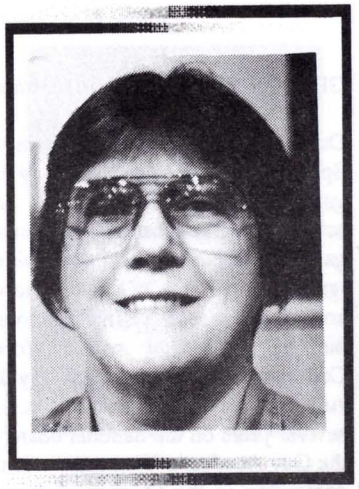


Photo: Tracy Baim/*Outlines & Nightlines*

Elizabeth Tocci (known as "Toc") was born on Chicago's South Side and raised in the Pullman and Roseland neighborhoods, where she spent the first 28 years of her life. She opened her first gay bar, called the 307 Club, in 1963; since 1971, Toc has owned and operated The Patch in Calumet City, one of the oldest lesbian-owned establishments in the Chicago area or the country.

During the past 31 years she has provided a welcoming space for lesbians and gay men, beginning in a time when few such places were available, particularly for lesbians. "There were straight-owned establishments where gay people would go, but before I opened up there were no gay-owned places." The Patch has always been home to a diverse clientele: "Women drove down from the North Side, from the South Side; this was the only place going." Toc has also provided a venue for gay and lesbian performers over the years; singers such as Nancy Hill and Valerie James have regularly performed to crowds of enthusiastic women.

Toc supports numerous causes, including the Changing Woman Center, a counseling center for victims of domestic violence and rape; the Calumet City Resource Center; and Chicago House. She has provided sponsorship of women's sports, offering financial and moral support for softball, basketball, flag football, and bowling teams. During the past year she helped raise money for the Windy City Athletic Association, to assist teams participating in the Gay Games. Recently Toc helped to establish PRISM, a women's group which focuses on education, financial planning, women's self-defense, legal rights of lesbian partners, and entertainment. The *PRISM Post* newspaper, initiated in June 1993, provides outreach to lesbians in the south suburbs.

During her lifetime Toc has made an impact on the gay and lesbian community not only by providing a safe haven for gays and lesbians to meet and socialize but also by contributing to their growth and development of a positive self-image. Her abundant generosity has been demonstrated on occasions too numerous to count, including financial support for those who need assistance due to extended illness or who have suffered the death of a partner.

While Tocci has been honored by the Calumet City Chamber of Commerce for her many years of service to the business community, she has also had to confront harassment by homophobic members of the local population. The bar windows were broken out many years ago, and Toc has noted, "It's hard to come out here." She believes the atmosphere in the 1990s is more calm: "I know gay people who manage banks; gay lawyers come into The Patch. I'm gay and I'm proud. I don't know anything else."



## STEVEN F. WAKEFIELD

A native Chicagoan, Steven F. Wakefield has served the city's gay and lesbian community in leadership positions since 1976. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech and psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana, and during the early years of his professional life Wakefield held management positions with Armour-Dial-Purex, Clark Oil and Refining Corporation, Sears, Roebuck & Company, and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

During the late '70s, Wakefield became a clinic volunteer at Howard Brown Memorial Clinic. He subsequently joined the organization's volunteer board of directors, serving as its treasurer, vice president, and president. In August 1986, Wakefield was tapped to fill HBMC's newly-created paid position of deputy director. Shortly thereafter, during a tumultuous transitional period for the agency, he was asked to serve as its acting executive director.

Between January 1988 and December 1989, Wakefield was self-employed as a consultant, providing assistance in the areas of AIDS program development, start-up logistics, grant writing, staff training and support, and program evaluation. His clients included Children's Memorial Medical Center and Peat, Marwick. During this time period, Wakefield also focused his energies on his own spiritual and emotional development.

From January 1990 until July 1994, Wakefield served as the executive director of Test Positive Aware Network, the Midwest's largest HIV/AIDS information and support provider. In August 1994, Wakefield joined the Night Ministry, an agency serving those who live on the nighttime streets of Chicago, as its interim executive director.

Wakefield currently serves as an openly gay member of civic boards that include the City of Chicago Board of Health, the Ryan White Title II Advisory Council, the Chicago and Cook County HIV Services Planning Council, the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, the American Foundation for AIDS Research's Educational Review Board, Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays' steering committee, and the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum's board of governors.

Over the years, he has provided technical assistance to a number of grassroots organizations, working closely with them to get programs off the ground. United Faith Affinitas Church, for example, evolved from a Bible study group for African Americans that met in Wakefield's home. He has also been a hospice volunteer at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

His other organizational affiliations have included the African-American AIDS Network, HIV Talk Radio, the Metropolitan Community Churches, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Contemporary Gospel Singers, and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

## LORI CANNON

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Lori Cannon was drawn into Chicago's organized gay and lesbian community during her tenure as Winkle Transportation's "Bus Driver to the Stars." Assigned as the chauffeur to a number of national touring companies, she was not surprised to discover her affinity with the many gay "boys" in the chorus line.

Cannon was among the earliest volunteers for Chicago House. Her maternal instincts, her totally irreverent sense of humor, and her high-energy approach to *everything* put her at the center of everyday life at the agency's first community residence for PWAs. She helped to plan the weekly "family meal," the regular Thursday-night dinner that was intended by the residents to include volunteers, staff, and other individuals visiting the site. She also assisted residents in completing routine tasks that had, for many, become a challenge; these included shopping, laundry, and personal care. She called on her numerous friends, acquaintances, and business associates, scheduling hair stylists and planning recreational outings "for the boys," "borrowing" a school bus from time to time as the situation warranted.

During 1988 and again in 1990, Cannon served on the steering committee for the NAMES Project - AIDS Memorial Quilt. For both the Navy Pier and McCormick Place Quilt displays, she coordinated media and public relations activities.

Also in 1988, motivated by her experiences with Chicago House and the Quilt, Cannon joined Matthew Hamilton and three others to co-found Open Hand Chicago. Here, Cannon was able to use the skills she acquired as a bus driver; she mapped out regular routes throughout the city, planning the efficient and convenient delivery of meals for PWAs most in need. Over the years, she has also participated in the agency's fundraising activities, volunteer recruitment, and public relations. Cannon is now Open Hand's special projects coordinator and is overseeing the plans for its first food pantry.

Lori Cannon and her best friend, political cartoonist Danny Sotomayor, joined with Paul Adams to create ACT-UP Chicago (from Chicago for AIDS Rights, a/k/a CFAR) in 1988. She noted: "It was pure joy to be a 'co-conspirator' with the most notorious, explosive AIDS activist Chicago has ever known. Danny used his activism and his considerable artistic talent to strip away the rhetoric that too often masks woefully misguided AIDS policies."

Among her other community involvements have been the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, the 1993 Chicago March on Washington Committee, IMPACT, and the Tom Chiola for Judge Committee. For all of these, Cannon has drawn on her organizational skills, turned her chutzpah up to high volume, and been a part of various evenings of entertainment and information, the end result of which was raising critical funds for organizations, activities, and individuals in which and in whom she believed.



## ADRIENNE J. GOODMAN

A lifelong resident of Chicago, Adrienne J. Goodman spent her childhood in Garfield Park and West Rogers Park and now resides in Lakeview. She graduated from Northwestern University and received a master's degree from the University of Chicago. Her mother, Rose Goodman, is well known to the gay and lesbian community and has been a strong supporter of her daughter's ongoing commitment. Goodman has been listed for the last two years in *Who's Who in American Politics*.

She speaks five languages and is in the process of learning American Sign Language. Currently working on immigration issues for U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, Goodman has acted as consultant to the Israel Women's Network, an organization which advances women in politics in Israel. In 1975 she chaired the campaign of Grant Ford, the first candidate from the Chicago gay community to run openly for office, in his race for 44th Ward alderman. Goodman has worked since to build coalitions to achieve power within the political process and has been a voice on behalf of lesbian and gay inclusion.

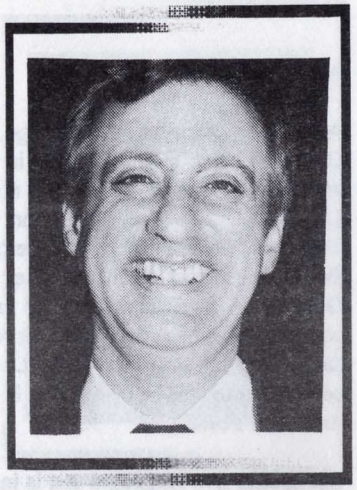
While on the staff of the Chicago City Council's Rules Committee, Goodman worked to pass the human rights ordinance. In tandem with members of the Lesbian and Gay Town Meeting, she was the staff coordinator for the ordinance. In her position, she helped enable the lesbian and gay community to develop an access to political power which it never before had.

Goodman's work in independent politics continued when she was elected Democratic committeewoman of the 9th District in 1986. Her history as an advocate for the community lent itself to her election in a district which has a sizable lesbian and gay constituency. Her advocacy on behalf of this community within the Democratic Party helped produce the first human rights plank in the party's state platform. At the 1988 Democratic national convention in Atlanta, Goodman was among a group who successfully petitioned the national party to include human rights in the national platform.

In Illinois, she guided state Democratic leadership to meet with the lesbian and gay community and begin a dialogue that continues today. As committeewoman, Goodman was vocal in her opposition to the elections of University of Illinois trustees and other homophobic officials. Goodman actively supported Mayor Harold Washington, under whose administration the city's human rights bill was passed. She takes great pride in her successful 1992 campaign to push through the open state Democratic primary, which had tremendous impact at that time and continues to affect subsequent elections.

As a friend of the gay and lesbian community, Adrienne Goodman has earned its respect and gratitude for her continued support of critical issues, her open-door policy, and her indefatigable energy and good humor.

## ELLIS B. LEVIN



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Ellis B. Levin, a Chicago native raised in East Rogers Park and Skokie, is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Northwestern University School of Law. He is the proud father of a 17-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son and is an attorney with the law firm of Jerome S. Lamet & Associates. He has actively supported the rights of gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons for 25 years. An early advocate of gay and lesbian rights, Levin has worked consistently to end discrimination and provide active representation for all of his constituents. He was the first elected official to march in Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

Levin was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1976. His district includes the communities of Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and Uptown along Chicago's lakefront. Levin cast his first vote for gay rights legislation in the Illinois House as early as 1977 and has continued to be a vocal proponent of human rights in the years since. It was his support of an amendment to the Illinois Human Rights Act, authorizing cities to adopt local human rights ordinances broader than state law, which reversed an appellate court decision prohibiting them.

Levin established initial funding of the statewide AIDS hotline, which continues to receive funding through the state. He was the chief sponsor of the AIDS Confidentiality Act and established the first public information program on AIDS in the Illinois Department of Public Health. As chief sponsor of the ethnic intimidation (now known as hate crimes) law, Levin required the state police to collect data regarding hate crimes. In 1993 he was chief sponsor of the gay rights bill which passed the Illinois House, and he placed the breast cancer research and Ryan White AIDS checkoffs on the state income tax form. Levin has been an outspoken advocate of women's rights, including issues related to the right to reproductive choice, sexual harassment, and research on women's health.

Levin has received numerous accolades for his vocal and visible support of the gay and lesbian community. He has been named the IVI-IPO Best Legislator of the Year for every term in office beginning in 1980. Recipient of the ERA Leadership Award in 1982, Levin was recognized one year later by the Illinois Human Relations Association. In addition he has been awarded the Illinois Pro-choice Sylvia Award and the Glynn Sudbery Public Service Award.

Representative Levin is indeed a "Friend of the Community" and has earned the respect of gay men and lesbians in Chicago for his long-term contributions and for the widespread impact of legislation he not only sponsored but fought fiercely for.



## CHICAGO HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, INC.

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When HIV was identified, Chicago House was the first grassroots agency in Chicago to respond to the immediate housing needs of those infected. The group's first Independent Living facility opened in the Lakeview neighborhood in February 1986, housing eight residents who required little if any daily living assistance. The board and a cadre of dedicated volunteers, mostly gay and lesbian, were committed to assisting residents until a cure could be found.

As hopes for a quick cure faded, Chicago House moved to professionalize its operations and converted from a hands-on board model to one in which day-to-day operations are handled by a paid, professional staff. Today, Chicago House looks toward the future with a new realization that the tragedy and devastation of HIV disease and AIDS will be with us for some time to come. Chicago House approaches its second decade armed with a long-term plan.

In 1987, as needs grew, Chicago House purchased a house in West Town, where it began offering the Supervised Living level of care--food, medical care, homemaker services, transportation, counseling, and other services. In 1989, after demand for alternatives to hospital and nursing home care became overwhelming, Chicago House began its program of custodial care and hospice services for those in need of 24-hour medical supervision. In effect, Chicago House had established the Midwest's first "continuum of care" within supportive housing for persons with HIV/AIDS, which accommodated residents from initial diagnosis with HIV through terminal AIDS. In 1992, three living units in a West Town building were acquired to house HIV-infected/impacted families, making Chicago House the first supportive housing provider to offer its services to families with dependent children.

Medical advances, early diagnosis, and greater acceptance of persons living with HIV are felt to have decreased the number of applications for Chicago House's Independent Living Program, prompting the group to combine its Independent Living and Supervised Living Programs in the West Town facility and to begin serving families in the Lakeview facility. Currently, Chicago House can serve up to 42 persons, including four families, at a time, and it serves 100+ persons per year. Chicago House is currently building a dedicated facility that will open in 1996 to house families. With that opening, Chicago House will be able to serve up to 60 persons, including nine families, at a time and will serve 150+ persons per year.

Throughout its history, Chicago House has been noted for two guiding tenets: flexibility in responding to needs of the affected population, and a high level of quality in service delivery. Both of these are evidenced by the continuum of care Chicago House offers its clients. Now using the Lakeview facility and three additional apartments, Chicago House has also developed the city's first housing program specifically designed for families in which one or more members are living with AIDS.

## LIONHEART GAY THEATRE COMPANY

Before gay or lesbian and AIDS-themed performance art was commonplace (except for the frequently negative, obtuse, or stereotypical portrayals), and before gay and lesbian playwrights were nominated for Jeff or Tony Awards, Lionheart Gay Theatre Company was presenting performances addressing the gay and lesbian experience.

Fifteen years ago the all-volunteer Lionheart Gay Theatre Company was the only performing arts organization in the Midwest performing gay and lesbian works. Over 100 performances of over 40 original works were presented at a variety of venues to eager audiences.

Created by artists who were part of the Second City's Off-Loop theater movement of the early '70s, Lionheart was intended to be more experimental, more satiric, less formulaic, more event-oriented than gay theater existing elsewhere. As such, Lionheart involved over a hundred actors, a dozen designers and directors, and at least 24 playwrights and donated box office receipts to over 20 community organizations. All costs in Lionheart's original productions were paid or bartered for by Lionheart's participants.

Lionheart was the first company to perform gay and lesbian material on Chicago radio and was the first gay/lesbian performance group to be sponsored by the city. It presented the world's first play about AIDS (*One*, by Jeff Hagedorn), had the first gay/lesbian Off-Loop underground hit (*Gunsel*), and offered the first play on lesbian domestic violence (*Behind the Curtain*).

Still guided by its founder Rick Paul, and now in its final season, Lionheart's Hall of Fame induction recognizes its many cultural and financial contributions. Induction follows other honors including one in 1982 from the Gay Academic Union, the Chambers-Blackwell International Gay Theatre Award, the Christopher Street West Award, and the IVI-IPO Glynn Sudbery award.



## OPEN HAND CHICAGO

Open Hand Chicago was founded in August 1988 by a group of friends, many of them gay and lesbian AIDS caregivers, who considered what sustainable volunteer actions might be taken to ensure that people *dying* of AIDS could complete their lives with as much dignity and community support as possible. Ultimately, using San Francisco's Project Open Hand as a model, they created Open Hand Chicago, which is today our city's only in-home meals program for people living with AIDS.

Open Hand Chicago delivered its first meals, prepared in volunteers' homes, on Christmas Eve 1988. Regular deliveries started January 2, 1989. During the organization's first year, Open Hand's volunteers delivered 41,476 meals. By 1993, they delivered over 175,000 meals to 945 unduplicated clients, nearly a 325% increase in just over four years. The agency projects that it will pass the 750,000th-meal mark by the end of 1994.

In spite of its rapid growth, Open Hand Chicago remains responsive and flexible to the needs and wants of its clients. Although the organization's financial and human resources have been stretched often, Open Hand has never turned away eligible clients or maintained a waiting list. New clients, or those resuming meal delivery following an absence, may request meals by noon and still receive them the same evening at any residential address located within the Chicago city limits.

And now, in response to the changing health conditions, nutritional needs, longer lives, and ethnic diversity of its clients, Open Hand is exploring new program initiatives that are designed to create a continuum of nutritional services, complementary to the core home-delivered meals program. This service continuum will involve a range of different service options and operating sites -- including grocery services, congregate meals, and nutrition education -- all focused on sound nutritional practice, client education, and optimum access. The ultimate goal is to help clients function at the highest possible level for the longest possible time.

The agency has grown from its "grassroots" in the city's North Side gay community and serves as a model citywide service agency. It has established fully-functioning staging sites on both the South and West Sides, and it has recently opened a North Side Grocery Center. Moreover, Open Hand has formed partnerships with community-based groups targeting clients of African-American, Hispanic/Latino(a), and Asian/Pacific Islander heritage. It is also building neighborhood advisory committees to assist the organization as Open Hand further diversifies both its programming and its client base.

The success of Open Hand offers a shining tribute to the creativity, tenacity, compassion, and common sense of Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

## 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 a human rights charge against parade organizers and after mediation, the group marched and was warmly received by the community.

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

ROBERT SLOANE BASKER (1993): He was founder and first president of Mattachine Midwest, began Chicago's first gay and lesbian telephone hotline, and initiated discussions with the Chicago Police Department during a period of arbitrary raids and arrests. He also was involved in pre-Stonewall national gay rights organizing.

GARY G. CHICHESTER (1992): He has provided over 20 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 over a dozen community groups including the 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 contributor to *GayLife, Gay Chicago Magazine*, and *Windy City Times*. His lobbying efforts were critical to the passage of the Chicago human rights ordinance in 1989 and the hate crimes ordinance in 1990.



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 over 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 the Society for Human Rights in 1924, the first gay rights organization in the United States.

JEFF GRAUBART-CERVONE (1993): He has been an activist and advocate for gay and lesbian human rights for over 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 over 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 over 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.

HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICES (1992): Established over 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 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 been active locally and nationally in many pioneering efforts--among them cofounding the *Chicago Gay Crusader* and Illinois Gays for Legislative Action in the early '70s, cochairing the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force, and cofounding the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association. He currently chairs the Cook County Commission on Human Rights.



MARIE J. KUDA (1991): She has worked as a historian, archivist, writer, lecturer, and publisher to promote and preserve positive images of lesbians and gays. 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.

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 forming 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 nearly 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.

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 over 25 years he has been an activist and volunteer in numerous organizations, including heading the Chicago Gay Alliance (which ran the city's first community center) and founding 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* 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 over 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.

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.

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.

JOANNE E. TRAPANI (1993): After a decade of political activism in New York City, she served several terms as co-chairperson of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 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. Recently moved to Florida, he has raised funds for fighting AIDS and for gay and lesbian human rights, and he has actively addressed gay and lesbian human rights issues.

AL WARDELL (1993): He has been a prominent leader in Chicago's lesbian and gay community since 1978 and a major source of leadership to the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He helped to initiate the first sensitivity training regarding gay and lesbian concerns for the Chicago Police Department and developed gay and lesbian counseling materials for public schools in Illinois.

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