

# Perceptions Newsletter

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## What's Morally Wrong With Homosexuality?

A lecture by John Corvino

Thursday, June 26, 2003  
7:30 P.M.

Auditorium of the Grace A. Dow Library



Is homosexuality unnatural? Is it harmful to society? Is it biologically determined, and does that matter? John Corvino of the Wayne State Philosophy Department explores these questions and more. Combining philosophical rigor with sensitivity and humor, Corvino examines and dismantles the most common arguments against homosexual conduct--including those based on nature, harm, and religion. In the process, he challenges those from various sides of the debate to rethink assumptions about both homosexuality and morality.

The lecture is possible by Perceptions, a Mid-Michigan Gay organization. Your donations for this event are greatly appreciated.

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Opening doors for the  
Mid-Michigan GLBT  
Community

### Calendar Highlights:

- Sat. June 14<sup>th</sup> PRIDE Parade and Festival Lansing MI
- Tues. June 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm GLBT Volleyball Night Vet's Park, Bay City
- Wed. June 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm Perceptions Bay City Meet & Greet, Bay City Coffee & Tea
- Fri. June 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm Womyn's Circle, Bay County YWCA.
- **Thurs. June 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Perceptions hosts John Corvino at the Grace A. Dow Library Auditorium**
- **Sat. June 28<sup>th</sup> 11am Perceptions Car Scavenger Hunt, Riverwalk Pier, downtown Bay City**

To receive email alerting about upcoming events, send your email address to [PerceptionsSV-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:PerceptionsSV-owner@yahoo.com)

## From the Desk of the Co-Chairs

Mindy Pennington  
Paul Wright

As we go into summer mode in Mid-Michigan, Perceptions has some great events planned. Be sure to check out the calendar of events on the website:

[www.PerspeptionsSV.org](http://www.PerspeptionsSV.org). Our next monthly meeting for the participates will be the last Thursday of the month, as usual. But it will not be at the UU Fellowship. Instead, John Corvino will be speaking at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Auditorium in Midland -- at the corner of Eastman Avenue and St. Andrews Street. Doors open at 6:30 PM. The library auditorium holds over 250 people and the event is being publicized throughout the Tri-Cities. We hope to attract more of the general community to this important talk: What is immoral about homosexuality. Don't be surprised by the title. The talk will track John's book and articles. The talk will present why homosexuality is a blessing, not a burden. The information should be great for those of us in the gay community that want to be able to counter the anti-gay rhetoric. All Perceptions members and friends should plan to attend and bring at least two friends or family members. There will be a talk back session immediately following the talk by John. So, come early and sit up front so you can participate in the discussion.





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## **AFSC - principles of nonviolence**

AFSC's Michael Gibson-Faith was Perceptions guest speaker at our May meeting.

The American Friends Service Committee is a practical expression of the faith of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Committed to the principles of nonviolence and justice, it seeks in its work and witness to draw on the transforming power of love, human and divine.

They recognize that the leadings of the Spirit and the principles of truth found through Friends' experience and practice are not the exclusive possession of any group. Thus, the AFSC draws into its work people of many faiths and backgrounds who share the values that animate its life and who bring to it a rich variety of experiences and spiritual insights.

This AFSC community works to transform conditions and relationships both in the world and in ourselves, which threaten to overwhelm what is precious in human beings. We nurture the faith that conflicts can be resolved nonviolently, that enmity can be transformed into friendship, strife into cooperation, poverty into well-being, and injustice into dignity and participation. We believe that ultimately goodness can prevail over evil, and oppression in all its many forms can give way.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to Michael for his wonderful presentation.

You can learn more about AFSC at their web site [www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU'D LIKE ADDED TO PERCEPTIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS?**

**Submit your event to [board@perceptionssv.org](mailto:board@perceptionssv.org)**

**Sat. June 14th -- Michigan Pride Parade** - Perceptions sponsored float and booth will represent the Mid-Michigan G-L-B-T community at the festival in Lansing. <http://michiganpride.org>

**Tues. June 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm – GLBT Volleyball Night** – casual co-ed social gathering at Vet's Memorial Park in downtown Bay City hosted by Brian Hampshire and Todd Betzold. The courts are located between the ball diamonds and the community center. Only requirement is a fun attitude and the need to show your team spirit! Bring your friends and family and have some fun.

**Wed. June 18th – Perceptions Bay City Meet & Greet 7-9 p.m.** Our exciting social gathering at the Bay City Coffee & Tea, 810 Saginaw St., Bay City. This non-smoking coffee house has a variety of drinks; tasty, innovative sandwiches, deliciously, fresh sushi, and desserts for those with a sweet tooth. Come join the fun!

**Fri. June 20th -- The Womyn's Circle (3rd Friday of every month)** -- sponsored by the YWCA of Bay County and Perceptions. A low-key "safe space" to talk about coming out, life as a lesbian, and just plain life. From 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact the YWCA at 989-686-4800.

**Tues. June 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm – GLBT Volleyball Night** – casual co-ed social gathering at Vet's Memorial Park in downtown Bay City hosted by Brian Hampshire and Todd Betzold. The courts are located between the ball diamonds and the community center. Only requirement is a fun attitude and the need to show your team spirit! Bring your friends and family and have some fun.

**Thurs. June 26th -- John Corvino delivers "What's Morally Wrong With Homosexuality?"** at the auditorium of the Grace A. Dow Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI at 7:30 p.m. Corvino's lecture replaces the Perceptions General Meeting. Note the different location. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. More information of John Corvino at <http://www.indegayforum.org/authors/corvino/index.html>

**Sat. June 28th Perceptions Car Scavenger Hunt 11 a.m.** starting at the Riverwalk Pier in downtown Bay City. Download the registration form from the email previously sent to you. If you need a new form, please email [board@perceptionssv.org](mailto:board@perceptionssv.org). We need your registrations ASAP! **This is going to be a BLAST!!!**

**Tues. July 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm – GLBT Volleyball Night** – casual co-ed social gathering at Vet's Memorial Park in downtown Bay City hosted by Brian Hampshire and Todd Betzold. The courts are located between the ball diamonds and the community center. Only requirement is a fun attitude and the need to show your team spirit! Bring your friends and family and have some fun.

**Wed. July 2<sup>nd</sup> FREELAND Meet & Greet 7-9pm** (First Wednesday each month) -The Coffee Gallery 121 ½ S. Main Freeland. This event was a smash from the start, join in on all the fun at The Coffee Gallery which offers various flavors of coffee, cappuccino and smoothies as well as items from Eudici's Pizza. See you there!

**Sat. July 5<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Fireworks Show in Bay City.** Jeff Illig will be your host for this event. Gather at Jeff's home in Bay City at 7pm. Perceptions will supply the plates, cups, utensils, condiments, etc, bring your favorite homemade dish to pass. Jeff's address is 1901 S. Warner St., between Salzburg Road and Ivy St. 989 893 7759.

**Wed. July 16th – Bay City Meet & Greet 7-9 p.m.** Our exciting social gathering at the Bay City Coffee & Tea, 810 Saginaw St., Bay City. This non-smoking coffee house has a variety of drinks; tasty, innovative sandwiches, deliciously, fresh sushi, and desserts for those with a sweet tooth. Come join the fun!

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**Sat. July 19th PFLAG/Perceptions Annual Garden Party ...** Terry Zajac graciously opens his exquisite garden bursting with color and wonder for this special fundraiser benefiting PFLAG & Perceptions. Donations of any amount accepted at the door. The host organizations will provide light appetizers, drinks and an ambience that will be talked about for days. Please come to support the great work that continues to take place in the Tri-Cities.

**July 25-27 -- Friends North 12th Annual Bike Tour** -- A biking, camping and canoeing/kayaking weekend for G-L-B-T persons and their friends is planned on 15 acres of secluded private property in Benzie County. Registration includes rustic camping, two dinners and two breakfasts catered on site, road support on the bike tours, and T-shirt. Weekend package costs \$70 if registered before June 1. Cost \$85 after June 1. For more info contact: Kirk Mallow. 231-922-8913, [MallowKi@chartermi.net](mailto:MallowKi@chartermi.net), or Rose Clement: 231-276-8018, [RSCNGC@aol.com](mailto:RSCNGC@aol.com)