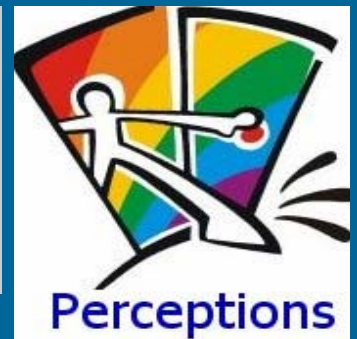


# Perceptions Saginaw Valley

Serving the Tri-City area LGBT Community

July 2007



## August Bikini Issue



## Board-R Line

The Perceptions Board of Trustees met July 12<sup>th</sup> for a marathon brain-storming session. The word of the month was COMMITTEE. In response to your suggestions from the survey conducted in May, the board has listened to your input and is forming several new committees. **New committees** in the works are an Activities committee, an Educational Programming Committee focusing on guest speakers for our Perceptions meetings and education for our members, and an Education/Outreach Committee, intended to inform and educate the community at large about us and our issues. We also currently have several standing committees, including Scholarship, Venue Exploratory, Membership, and Respect Fest 2007.

Now is your chance to get involved and have your ideas put into action. If you think you may want to **volunteer**, please contact [Kay@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Kay@PerceptionsSV.org). Kay is now our Volunteer coordinator and will be able to assist you in matching your skills and talents with one of our many volunteer opportunities. Any task you would be willing to help with, great or small, would be greatly appreciated and will help make Perceptions the leading LGBT organization in our area.

I'm also pleased to report that **Rebecca Dunn has joined the Perceptions Board**. Rebecca has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Aaron Brown on the Perceptions Board of Trustees. Her temporary term will end at the January 2008 Membership Meeting, when our annual election will be held. You can reach her by email at [Rebecca@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Rebecca@PerceptionsSV.org).

Here is a brief bio provided by Rebecca:

"I am an out transgender lesbian from Saginaw (don't try to wrap your head around that- it will hurt. The part about being from Saginaw, I mean), where I have lived a very blessed life and have a wonderfully supportive family. After 26 years of working in the Catholic Church (I started as a very young child), I left to work for Barnes & Noble Booksellers as part of the management team. As a book and music lover, that has been very bad for me as my book collection has grown close to 1800 volumes and my music collection is out of control- employee discounts are dangerous! I am currently finishing studies for ordination as a metaphysical/New Thought minister and am Associate Minister for Divine Light Interfaith Ministry in Saginaw. I am honored to be a member of the Board and to be given the task of being of service to this community. I look forward to getting to know you!"

Perceptions participated at the annual **Lansing Pride** Festival held on June 30<sup>th</sup>. 15 – 20 people proudly marched behind the Perceptions banner. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this a fun event for all.

In place of a Garden Party, this year Perceptions and PFLAG will be holding a **Luau** at Jay and Leisa Crane's home in Essexville on August 25<sup>th</sup>. See the Perceptions [Current Events](#) listings for details. Both groups are also working together on a Wine Tasting event planned for the late fall. Details are being finalized.

The board along with the Respect Fest 2007 Committee, headed by Perceptions Co-chair Joy Clark is working on [Respect Fest 2007](#), which will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm at SVSU's Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts, Curtiss Hall. Join us in promoting respect while celebrating diversity

**Become a member!** - Click [here](#) or go to our website [www.perceptionssv.org](http://www.perceptionssv.org) and click on "Membership" at the left. Complete the on-line registration and then pay thru Pay Pal or send in your check to:  
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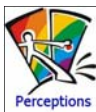
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Perceptions is a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) charitable organization. Your contributions to Perceptions which exceed the minimum amount to qualify for membership are tax deductible.

**Mission statement:** Our mission is to provide superior educational programs, networking opportunities and services for the well being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and their community.

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among every member of our community regardless of age, race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, physical ability, or disease. The goal of Respect Fest is to bring together ALL segments of the community and to celebrate our similarities as well as our differences. All proceeds will go to the Perceptions College Scholarship Fund which is dedicated to educating Michigan's youth through respect. Visit [www.RespectFest.com](http://www.RespectFest.com) to view the line up of performers and other information.

Remember, the more people that get involved in Perceptions, the better our community will be for all. YOU can make the difference!

## Announcements

### Home For Sale:

Formerly D.a. D.'s Antiques, 3004 S. Poseyville Rd., at the corner of S. Poseyville Rd. and Freeland Rd. 3164 Sq ft of which 1070 can be used as a retail shop. Large country kitchen. Updated, completely rewired, 9 new windows; 24 X 40 detached garage with work shop and wood burner. Beautifully landscaped backyard. Central furnace/Air. contact: Char McCullough, Broker 989-631-1234, or Douglas Solosky 989-835-7483 email [DouglasSolosky@yahoo.com](mailto:DouglasSolosky@yahoo.com)

### Home For Sale:

2021 Benjamin- W.S. Saginaw, 2 BR, all appliances stay including washer and dryer. Too many updates to list. Move-in condition. We will pay closing costs. \$55,000. 989-714-1234



Aloha! Dig out your grass skirts, coconut bras and Hawaiian shirts for the first **PFLAG and Perceptions Luau** Saturday, August 25, starting at 6:00pm. Jay and Leisa Crane will host the festivities at 1206 Borten Ave., Essexville. We'll play island music, munch on Hawaiian finger foods and maybe even have a hula contest. Invite your friends and family to add to the fun. This is our summer fundraiser, so donations will be gratefully accepted to help us with year long projects.

Members from both groups are asked to donate food and drinks. Please contact Luau coordinator, Denise Malosh for more information at 989-835-6371 or 989-948-1356. Mahalo.

Come one come all to my **3rd. annual pot luck/picnic---rain or shine.** Date: Saturday, August 11th. Time: 5pm 'til ? Place: [3004 S. Poseyville Rd.](http://www.perceptionsSV.org) (6 miles west of Freeland at the corner of Poseyville and Freeland Rds.) I will have: soft drinks, brats, hot dogs with all the fixings and weather permitting a bond fire. Bring a dish to pass and B.Y.O.B. Please R.S.V.P. [DouglasSolosky@yahoo.com](mailto:DouglasSolosky@yahoo.com) by Monday, August 6th.



**The August-Saginaw Meet & Greet has a special venue. We'll return to Bambi's in September**



## Current Events

### **August 1, Special Meet & Greet in Saginaw**

Since Bambi's will be closed for vacation, Chas is hosting the August Saginaw Meet & Greet at his home, [2839 Gulfstream Dr.](#), Saginaw Township. 7:00 pm.

### **August 2 & 16, Thursday - Womyn's Circle**

5:30 - 7:00 pm. This program provides support to Tri-County lesbian women and facilitates community awareness projects in partnership with Perceptions and PFLAG. It has provided safety and help to many women and their families experiencing hostility, abuse and isolation. The free, confidential support group sessions are facilitated by Mary Jo Hall, MSW, CSW, ACSW. Meets at the YWCA located at 3405 Midland Rd. in Bay City.

**August 3 - Friday Night Dinner** 7:00 pm. . Join Perceptions members and friends this week at **China Palace**, 1908 S. Saginaw Rd., Midland. If you plan to attend, please reply to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday.

### **August 6 - HIV/AIDS Support Group**

7pm confidential peer to peer support group. Discreet and safe East side Saginaw location. Call (989)992-9664, or email [ImPossibleSV@yahoo.com](mailto:ImPossibleSV@yahoo.com) for meeting location.

### **August 7 - 12 Michigan Womyn's Music Fest**

Located on 650 beautiful acres of remote woodland near Hart, MI. Visit [www.MichFest.com](http://www.MichFest.com) for more info.

### **August 8 , Wednesday - Midland Meet &**

**Greet** 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **Riverside Restaurant**, 8295 Midland Road (M-47), Freeland. This event will repeat on the second Wednesday of each month.

### **August 10 - Friday Night Dinner**

7:00 pm. G's, 1005 Saginaw St., Bay City. If you plan to attend, please reply to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday.

### **August 11 - Doug's Potluck Picnic**

See preceding page.

### **August 14 - 19 Camping OUT**

A Triangle Foundation summer camp for LGBT and allied youth ages 13—17. visit [www.campingOUT.org](http://www.campingOUT.org) for info.

### **August 15, Wednesday - Bay City Meet & Greet**

7:00 to 9:00 pm. **Espresso Express**, 916 N Water St (between 4th & 5th St.) downtown Bay City. A smoke-free venue that offers a variety of baked goods, bagels & cheesecake in addition to their coffee and beverage selections. An informal gathering of the Tri-Cities' GLBT community. All are welcome!

### **August 16, Thursday - Womyn's Circle**

### **August 17 - Friday Night Dinner**

7:00pm. **Mario's Labelle Restaurant**, 7467 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw. Join Perceptions members and friends. If you plan to attend, please reply to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday

### **August 21, Tuesday – Men's Discussion Group**

7:00 to 8:30 pm. Zael Memorial Library, 3100 Center Road, Saginaw. This gathering is intended as a discussion and informal support group for gay and bisexual men. The group will be facilitated by Thomas Brubaker. You may contact him at [Thomas@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Thomas@PerceptionsSV.org) for additional information or to let him know you'll attend. Light snacks will be provided. You may bring your own beverage into the library as long as the container has a cover or cap.

### **August 24, Friday Night Dinner**

7:00 pm. **The Stock Pot**, 1007 Washington Ave., Bay City. If you plan to attend, please reply to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday.

### **August 25 - PFLAG & Perceptions Luau**

6:00pm. Jay and Leisa Crane will host the festivities at 1206 Borten Ave., Essexville.

### **August 31, Friday Night Dinner**

7:00 pm. **The Panda House**, 1010 N. Niagra, Saginaw. If you plan to attend, please reply to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday.

# Respect Fest 2007

**Will be held at the SVSU Performing Arts Center on September 22, 2007 at 7pm!**

Support Respect Fest 2007 - a benefit concert designed to celebrate our similarities and our differences. All proceeds will go to the Perceptions College Scholarship Fund which is dedicated to educating Michigan's youth through respect.

Join us in promoting respect while celebrating diversity among every member of our community regardless of age, race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, handicap, or disease.

Just as every person was created equal, every person should be respected.

Singers, musicians, and inspirational speakers from across the country will be performing. Featured artists include: [Deb Barber](#) and her band of Las Vegas, NV, [Jeanette Jackson](#) of Saginaw, MI and [Andy Reed](#) of Bay City, MI.

**Tickets  
on sale  
now!**



**Look for a  
full write up  
coming soon  
in Between  
the Lines!**



*Perceptions Saginaw Valley is looking for partners to assist with this event by donating funds, educators, volunteers, services, and/or merchandise. If your organization would like to be involved in this ground-breaking event, please contact [joy@perceptionssv.org](mailto:joy@perceptionssv.org). Additional information about Respect Fest opportunities can be found at [www.respectfest.com](http://www.respectfest.com).*

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