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# *The Voice of PFLAG Hartford*

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## IN THE PFLAG HARTFORD FAMILY:

**ANNUAL MEETING** Our regular monthly meeting, on September 19, will begin with a brief Annual Meeting of the membership. Our primary business will be to elect our Board members for the coming year.

## **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

It's that time of the year, and membership dues are now due and payable for fiscal year October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. For your convenience, an envelope, addressed to our Treasurer, is enclosed. The schedule of dues is listed below. Thank-you in advance for your prompt membership renewal or enrollment.

**RON SEEDS** (PFLAG Hartford Librarian Extraordinaire) **HONORED** as he passes on his duties to Bob & Karen. (See pages 2-3 for details.)

PFLAG is a welcoming place for parents and friends of lesbians & gays, but we are much more than that. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex people are also encouraged to attend our meetings. GLBTI people come with or without their family members, and parents and friends come with or without their GLBTI loved ones. PFLAG is for YOU!

**PFLAG HARTFORD MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETS:** Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Congregational Church House, 10 Woodland Street (Just North of Farmington Ave.), Hartford. For more information, please call Marie & Bob at (860) 633-7184 or Becky & John at (860) 633-5111.

### **REFRESHMENT REMINDER:**

September 19 – Jeanne & Jim

October 17 – Charlotte & Glen

November 21 – Bob & Karen

December 19 – Maryann & Carol

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Student/Limited Income: \$10

Household Membership: \$40

Individual Membership: \$25

*Please make your check payable to **PFLAG Hartford** and Send it to:  
PFLAG Treasurer, 12 Colchester Commons, Colchester, CT 06415*

### **UPCOMING PFLAG BOARD MEETING**

**7 p.m., Tuesday, September 11**  
**Hosted by**  
**Jean Cormier**

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and their families and friends through:

**SUPPORT:** To cope with an adverse society

**EDUCATION:** To enlighten an ill-informed public


**ADVOCACY:** To end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

*PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.*

## **UPCOMING /ONGOING EVENTS**

- **RAINBOW ROOM** (a program of the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective**) – a welcoming place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning “LGBTQ” teens and young adults (up to 21 years old). Sundays, 3-6 p.m., 1841 Broad Street (the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective building). For more information please visit our website at [www.hglhc.org](http://www.hglhc.org) or contact us at [sensae@aol.com](mailto:sensae@aol.com) or call 860/278-4163.
- **Trans SOFFA Support Group in Connecticut:** This is a group specifically for Significant Others, Family, Friends and Allies of Transgendered, Transsexual and Gender Variant people (SOFFAs). Trans people who are SOFFAs are welcome. Meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month and are facilitated by Kristal Barnes and Kasha Ho. Contact Kristal - [u2kristal@yahoo.com](mailto:u2kristal@yahoo.com) (860) 878-5256 or Kasha - [kho@afsc.org](mailto:kho@afsc.org) or call (860) 523-1534 for more information.
- **HGLHC Transgender Support Group:** This professionally facilitated group offers an affirming non-judgmental environment for Transgender folk to explore issues and concerns that matter to them, and to give and take support. Each participant decides what to do with emotions and personal life-choices or body image, sexuality, relationships, HIV issues and anything else of concern. As with all other HGLHC Support groups, all participants must register in advance to determine whether this group is right for you. Location: Hartford. Contact HGLHC at (860) 278-4163 X21 or e-mail [lizy@hglhc.org](mailto:lizy@hglhc.org)
- **PFLAG'S 20TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, Family Voices: Moving Equality Forward, Oct. 11 - 14** at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner in Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Approximately 1,000 members and supporters from across the United States will attend this event. The PFLAG National Office is committed to providing a wide range of workshop opportunities (50) for our members and allies that address the interests and needs of first-time attendees as well as those who are ready for more advanced sessions. For details about the application process, submission review criteria, timelines and registration, please visit our online instructions and submission at [https://www.letsmeet.net/forms/pflag\\_session/](https://www.letsmeet.net/forms/pflag_session/)
- **OUT** National “coming out” day, held each October 11<sup>th</sup>, is an opportunity for those now comfortable with their homosexuality to “come out”. This is also a time for PFLAGers to “come out” to family members and friends.
- **ATTENTION, THE FOLLOWING IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO PFLAG FAMILIES.**  
*PFLAG HARTFORD co-sponsors MOTHER/SON at Charter Oak Cultural Center, Saturday, October 13, 8 p.m.* Jeffrey Solomon's one-man show, depicting a mother and son's evolving relationship as they navigate the coming out journey has been hailed by critics across the country as funny, poignant, powerful and tender. Mr. Solomon plays the dual roles of mother and son in a performance the *Chicago Tribune* calls "powerfully personal, yet universal as family values." Tickets: \$15 (gen. admission); \$10 (seniors, Charter Oak & Let\*s Go! Members); \$5-students. For information and reservations call 860 249-1207. (Article by Jeff on Page 6, “**The Conversation.**”)
- **FAMILY FUN-RAISING EVENT FOR LGBT FAMILIES & ALLIES, Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 8pm at the Carousel at Bushnell Park, Hartford** – Unlimited Carousel Rides, Playground, Pizza & Popcorn, Face Painting! Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews—All are welcome! Rain or shine. Reserve Your Tickets Today at [www.lmfct.org/familyfun](http://www.lmfct.org/familyfun). Suggested Donation: \$40 per Family. (RSVP by 9/4)
- **BUSTED! TRANSADVOCACY FASHION SHOW**, Friday, September 14, 8pm, Tommy’s Restaurant, 825 Saybrook Road, Middletown. Music, fashion show, food & drinks to benefit the *CT TransAdvocacy Coalition*. Tickets: \$10 (no one turned away for lack of funds) For more information, go to <http://www.transadvocacy.org/> Co-sponsored by *Love Makes a Family*

## **RON SEEDS RETIRES AS PFLAG LIBRARIAN:**

At our July meeting, we honored Ron Seeds for his hard work and dedication as our PFLAG Librarian. Ron transported our huge inventory of GLBTI literature to monthly meetings for many years. We cannot remember a time when we didn’t depend on him to be there. Ron diligently kept track of books loaned and returned, and reviewed and purchased up-to-date material. As a result, our formerly shrinking library has grown. Ron made many other contributions to our PFLAG chapter, including serving on our Board of Directors for many years; keeping our membership lists up-to-date; and taking on the task of updating our mailing list for delivery of our newsletter. Ron is a true organizer! 

We presented Ron with a plaque to honor him for his volunteer efforts at both PFLAG Hartford and Central Connecticut State University, especially the donation of the LE-HI-HO collection to the CCSU library. This plaque will be hung in the Equity and Diversity Section. The plaque reads as follows:



**IN APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE  
TO  
RONALD E. SEEDS  
FOR HIS GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE  
ELIHU BURRITT LIBRARY'S  
GENDER EQUITY COLLECTION  
AND HIS MANY YEARS AS LIBRARIAN  
OF THE HARTFORD CHAPTER  
OF PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
OF LESBIANS AND GAYS  
JULY 2007**



Special thanks to Frank Gagliardi, Associate Library Director at Central Connecticut State University, for helping us honor Ron for his invaluable work on behalf of PFLAG Hartford and the CCSU library.

### **FOR OUR LIBRARIAN, RON SEEDS**

**The years have passed so quickly  
that we hardly even knew,  
how lost we'd be without your help  
and dedication true.**

**Forever you have schlepped the books,  
newsletters, tapes and more.  
Without complaint or issue,  
you were our info store.**

**The ways in which you organized  
all titles, zines and lists,  
amaze, astound and help us  
read whatever we may wish.**

**Your service to the BOD  
has long been much respected.  
Your dedication well beyond  
what might have been expected.**

**Today we bid you thanks and love  
for offering your time,  
your talent, passions, interests,  
and whatever else will rhyme.**

**Your activism constant  
since 1969.  
So many of us glad to say  
"Ron's been a friend of mine".**

**So when we need a reference  
we can always look right here,  
'cause YOU have built a stash so great,  
collecting all things queer.**

**WITH MUCH LOVE AND APPRECIATION  
PFLAG HARTFORD  
JULY 18, 2007  
By Donna Shubrooks**

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### **PRIDE 2007**

The sun was bright, and so were the spirits at PRIDE on June 30, and our PFLAG chapter made some money selling "Brill Scholarship Rainbow Beads", passed out loads of informative booklets and sun visors and, much more importantly, made a lot of new friends at our tent.

Our thanks to those who helped make it a great day. To those of you who stopped by during the day. To the staffers of the tent: Jean Cormier, John Barlow, Rose and Larry Pysh, and to Donna Gore, who extended her stint far beyond the time she signed up for and did such an effective job engaging passers-by. To Donna Shubrooks, who made us proud with her speech on behalf of the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective. And special thanks to John Currie, who, in addressing the crowd on behalf of our chapter, captured the essence of the family support and advocacy functions that are at the core of PFLAG's mission. Thanks, John, and everyone.

*Becky and John*

*(Read John Currie's remarks on the next page.)*

**Remarks of John K. Currie—VP of PFLAG Hartford  
Connecticut Pride Rally— Bushnell Park, Hartford, Saturday, June 30, 2007**

This is the first time I have spoken following a Janis Joplin tune!! Can you hear me? Can you hear me now? I have 4 minutes and 4 points—so let us get going.

1. In 1972, thirty-five years ago, an important event happened in Manhattan. A proud mother marched in the New York City Pride Parade. She carried a sign that read: “We love our gay and lesbian children.” That march and that mother’s expression of love led to the founding of PFLAG---Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Today there are many PFLAG chapters in the world.
2. I have a wonderful 29 year old son. Peter is his name. Peter is gay. I am a PFLAG dad and a non-gay ally in the effort for gay equality.
3. About ten years ago I received an email from Peter. Peter was a visiting college student in the Boston area for a semester. My AOL flag went up and my computer announced “You’ve got mail.” Peter opened with these words: “I have something to tell you.” I have learned that when you hear “I have something to tell you” you better take a seat and prepare for big news.

Peter came out to me as a gay man in that email. When a child comes out to a parent, the parent often feels as though the child is pushing the parent away. The reality is that the child is attempting to draw closer to the parent—to reveal a fundamental reality about himself. For parents who want to embrace their child’s coming out message, it often takes one to three years to fully support that child.

Some of you in the crowd today have initiated the words “I have something to tell you.” Others have been on the receiving end of that message. That message can come from your child, your parent, your spouse, your sibling, a friend or a co-worker.

4. PFLAG Hartford meets monthly and is about Support, Education and Advocacy. The support is for persons who have recently heard the words “I have something to tell you.” Education is provided to counter the homophobic cultural mindset prevalent in our country and world. Advocacy happens as members grow and want to make the world a better place for our gay and lesbian friends.

I am an advocate for marriage equality for same-sex couples. Peter met his partner while a student in England. They are back in the States as a bi-national couple. If my son’s partner were Britney Spears, then they could be married during the first day of their relationship. My son and his partner have been together for a good number of years—yet marriage, with attendant immigration and naturalization rights, is not available to them.

Restricting classes of persons who may marry is bad public policy. We ought to follow the lead of Martin Luther King, Jr. who called for us to judge individuals on the “content of their character”.

The primary opposition to same-sex marriage in Connecticut comes from the Religious Right and those who believe in male supremacy, in male domination. It is not unusual for these two views to be intertwined. A good example is the politically influential James Dobson, head of Focus on the Family. I have one thought for Mr. Dobson. I saw it on a bumper sticker. “Focus on your own damn family!”

***How about this one for an unsolicited endorsement of what PFLAG is all about?***

Dear Abby:

My husband and I raised our two sons and two daughters. One son and both daughters married well. Our other son, "Neil," is gay. He and his partner, "Ron," have been together 15 years, but Neil's father and I never wanted to know Ron because we disapproved of their lifestyle.

When I was 74, my husband died, leaving me in ill health and nearly penniless. No longer able to live alone, I asked my married son and two daughters if I could "visit" each of them for four months a year. (I thought living out of a suitcase would be best for everyone.) All three turned me down.

When Neil and Ron heard what had happened, they invited me to live with them. They welcomed me into their home, and removed a wall between two rooms so I'd have a bedroom with a private bath and sitting room. They also include me in many of their plans. Since I moved in with them, I have traveled more than I have my whole life. They never mention that they are supporting me, or that I ignored them.

When old friends ask how it feels living with my gay son, I tell them I hope they're lucky enough to have one who will take them in one day.

Please continue urging your readers to accept their children as they are. My only regret is that I wasted 15 years. –  
Grateful Mom

*(See the next page for Abby’s reply.)*

**Abby's Reply:**

Dear Grateful Mom:

You are fortunate to have such a loving, generous and forgiving son. Sexual orientation is not a measure of anyone's humanity or worth. Thank you for pointing out how important it is that people respect each other for who they are, not what we would like them to be. You could have learned that lesson long ago, had you and your husband contacted Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) when you first learned that Neil was gay. Among other things, the organization offers support groups and education for parents who need to learn more about gender issues. The address is 1726 M St. N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036.

**LOVING FOR ALL**

*by Mildred Loving*

*Prepared for delivery on June 12, 2007, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Loving vs. Virginia Announcement*

When my late husband, Richard, and I got married in Washington, DC in 1958, it wasn't to make a political statement or start a fight. We were in love, and we wanted to be married.

We didn't get married in Washington because we wanted to marry there. We did it there because the government wouldn't allow us to marry back home in Virginia where we grew up, where we met, where we fell in love, and where we wanted to be together and build our family. You see, I am a woman of color and Richard was white, and at that time people believed it was okay to keep us from marrying because of their ideas of who should marry whom.

When Richard and I came back to our home in Virginia, happily married, we had no intention of battling over the law. We made a commitment to each other in our love and lives, and now had the legal commitment, called marriage, to match. Isn't that what marriage is?

Not long after our wedding, we were awakened in the middle of the night in our own bedroom by deputy sheriffs and actually arrested for the "crime" of marrying the wrong kind of person. Our marriage certificate was hanging on the wall above the bed.

The state prosecuted Richard and me, and after we were found guilty, the judge declared: "Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with his arrangement there would be no cause for such marriages. The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix." He sentenced us to a year in prison, but offered to suspend the sentence if we left our home in Virginia for 25 years exile.

We left, and got a lawyer. Richard and I had to fight, but still were not fighting for a cause. We were fighting for our love.

Though it turned out we had to fight, happily Richard and I didn't have to fight alone. Thanks to groups like the ACLU and the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, and so many good people around the country willing to speak up, we took our case for the freedom to marry all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. And on June 12, 1967, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that, "The freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men," a "basic civil right."

My generation was bitterly divided over something that should have been so clear and right. The majority believed that what the judge said, that it was God's plan to keep people apart, and that government should discriminate against people in love. But I have lived long enough now to see big changes. The older generation's fears and prejudices have given way, and today's young people realize that if someone loves someone they have a right to marry.

Surrounded as I am now by wonderful children and grandchildren, not a day goes by that I don't think of Richard and our love, our right to marry, and how much it meant to me to have the freedom to marry the person precious to me, even if others thought he was the "wrong kind of person" for me to marry. I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same freedom to marry. Government has no business imposing some people's religious beliefs over others. Especially if it denies people's civil rights.

I am still not a political person, but I am proud that Richard's and my name is on a court [case] that can help reinforce the love, the commitment, the fairness, and the family that so many people, black or white, young or old, gay or straight seek in life. I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what *Loving*, and loving, are all about.

***Together, with her husband, Richard Loving, Mildred Loving was a plaintiff in the historic Supreme Court case, Loving v. Virginia, decided 40 years ago on June 12, striking down race restrictions on the freedom to marry and advancing racial justice and marriage equality in America.***

**“THE CONVERSATION”**

by Jeffrey Solomon

“You may see things today that will surprise you, even shock you,” I found myself warning my family with some trepidation before they joined me in their very first gay pride parade. I wasn’t quite sure how Mom was going to react to the sight of, let’s say, a ritual whipping performed by a dominant Daddy with a riding crop on a horny bottom in assless leather pants. (Can anyone tell me exactly who on the StoneWall 25 planning committee thought it was a good idea to sandwich the P-Flag contingent directly in between the leather fetishists and the Disciples of Discipline?) As it turned out, there was no need for me to try and shield them from the more colorful segments of our community. They greeted everyone they encountered that day, from the baton twirling Ecuadorian drag queens in rainbow tutus to the bus-full of P.W.A.’s with a sense of wonder, curiosity, and empathy.

“I can’t believe there are so many people,” marveled my mother at the endless throng of gay humanity who had come from every corner of the globe to march past the United Nations that day. Suddenly, I was no longer a part of a despised minority, but of a special group of people - unique, artistic, and brave. How we got to this day still seems like a miracle to me. Not that Mom was ever openly condemning of my “lifestyle.” (“A lifestyle is wearing a nice summer hat and sipping daiquiris by the pool,” I used to scold her. “Being gay is a life.”) Nor did I ever really fear rejection, thank God. She just didn’t “get it.” She took the news well enough, at least initially. We were sitting on the beach in my hometown of Niantic, Connecticut and she began to agitate for grandchildren. “Don’t hold your breath,” I scoffed. “What does that mean?” she shot back. “Are you a homosexual?” And, with a single nod, I walked through the door she had been brave enough to open, and ended seven years of silence, evasive maneuvers and emotional distance. After convincing her I wasn’t joking, she wept, smiled and remarked that maybe it wasn’t so bad because “Liberace was gay and he let his elderly mother come live with him in his mansion.” She laughed, still wiping away her tears. “Fat chance, huh?”

That day began our conversation. I use the singular, because while we had many talks about my sexuality, it was an ongoing process. She desperately trying to understand, and sometimes change my gay identity. Me, passionately trying to be understood, and sometimes resenting the need to justify my life. “Explain it to me again,” she would ask me, when I would give her news of some new love interest. “How do you actually know you’re gay?” And I would heave a frustrating sigh, because no matter how many times I had tried to explain to her the instinctual nature of my innermost romantic feelings, here we were back at zero. Then she would ply me with all the usual arguments: “If you’ve never had sexual intercourse with a girl, how do know you wouldn’t like that more?” ... “But if everyone was gay there would be no people.” ... “This is such a difficult life. Why would you choose this?” ... “But even the bible says it’s wrong.” The biblical argument infuriated me the most. We were twice-a-year-Jews who headed straight from Yom Kippur services in our temple finery, to secretly violate the ritual fast at the International House of Pancakes on BACON!!!!

While some of our talks were annoying to me, even insulting, I realize now that Mom was doing her best to understand and accept. Homosexuality was something she simply had no reference point for. The references she did have were sad and outdated. Boys in the Band. Or a dark gay bar on the left bank of Paris she and my father visited on their honeymoon. After the drag show, the maître di whispered to them, “Leave this place you don’t belong here...these men may look happy, but it’s pretend. They lead sad, lonely lives.” Nothing in her experience told her that it was possible for me to have a happy, fulfilling life. Until I met Bill. And fell in love with him. And she saw how happy I was. And she fell in love with him too. Suddenly, she understood. And I never had to explain again.

All these experiences I poured into a play called *Mother/Son* that I have been performing around the country at theaters, colleges, high schools, churches and synagogues, and in Hartford at the Charter Oak Cultural Center on October 13th (details on page 2). Sharing the play with audiences has been a revelation to me about my relationship with my mother, who died in 1995.

*Mother/Son* often causes people to reflect on their own experiences. And I have heard one too many stories of parents meeting their child’s honesty in coming out to them with condemnation, or what may be even worse: an icy wall of silence. Silence, thankfully, was not acceptable to Mom, so even when the subject matter made her uncomfortable –the risk of HIV, my lover becoming sick with AIDS, gay marriage, adopting children, she struggled to talk with me about my life. I came to understand how brave my mother was. She would have denied it herself, as she did with fierce determination at the Stonewall 25 Parade when so many gays and lesbians hugged her and thanked her for her courage. “I’m not brave,” she insisted. “If you love your children, this is what you do!!!”

But she was brave. In the conservative, heterosexual, largely blue-collar environment of New London, Connecticut she came out one day. Her friends were over for cards, and one of them, a retired Navy man made one too many cruel, homophobic remarks about gays in the military. And my mother wept, because as she explained to me “~~what~~ why say

such things about you it hurts me so.” And silence was no longer an option for her. She screamed at him, and stormed into her bedroom. When the dust cleared, her friends apologized to her, and they too began to have the conversation.

I think the most important thing I learned from my mother is that true pride is not marching with thousands down a street waving a banner, although that is certainly meaningful in its time and place. But real pride, I’m convinced, is having the guts to start the conversation even when it’s scary or uncomfortable for you. And to never leave that conversation. Not for a moment.

*Jeffrey Solomon is an Emmy-nominated writer and actor.*

### **NOTABLE GAYS, LESBIANS & BISEXUALS**

*By Jean W. Allen, PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville*

Achtenburg, Roberta (HUD Official)	Carlyle, Thomas (English Author)	Fricke, Aaron (Activist/Author)
Ackerly, J. R. (British Educator)	Cather, Willa (Novelist)	Galindo, Rudy (Ice Skating Champ)
Alexander the Great (Macedonian ruler)	Catherine The Great (Russian Empress)	Gauguin, Paul (French Painter)
Alger, Horatio, Jr. (Author)	Chamberlain, Richard (Actor)	Geer, Will (Actor, Grandpa Walton)
Anderson, Hans Christian (Author)	Charles, Otis (Episcopal Bishop)	Genet, Jean (Author)
Anne 1665-1714 (Queen of England)	Charleson, Ian (Actor, Chariots of Fire)	George, Stefan (Poet)
Anthony, Susan B. (Feminist, Suffragist)	Cheney, Mary (VP Dick's daughter)	Gershwin, George (Composer/Pianist)
Aristotle (Greek Philosopher)	Christina, (Queen of Sweden)	Gide, André (Writer)
Auden, W. H. (poet)	Claiborne, Craig (Chef and Author)	Gielgud, Sir John (British actor)
Bacon, Francis (Scientist)	Clarke, Sir Arthur (Writer, 2001 A Space Odyssey)	Ginsberg, Allan (Poet)
Baker, Josephine (Entertainer)	Clift, Montgomery (Actor)	Goodman, Paul (Am. Poet/ Reformer)
Baldwin, James (Author)	Cocteau, Jean (Ballet, Theater, Arts)	Grieg, Edvard (Norwegian Composer)
Bankhead, Tallulah (Actress)	Colette (French Novelist)	Guinness, Sir Alec (Actor, Bridge Over the River Kwai; Star Wars)
Barber, Samuel (Composer)	Copland, Aaron (Composer)	Hammarskjöld, Dag (U.N. Secy.Gen.)
Barker, Clive (horror writer)	Coward, Sir Noel (Playwright)	Hawthorne, Nathaniel (Author)
Beecher, Henry Ward (Lecturer/Pastor)	Crisp, Quentin (British Author)	Henri III (King)
Benedict, Ruth (Anthropologist/Poet)	Da Vinci, Leonardo (Artist)	Herman, Jerry (Composer-Lyricist)
Bennett, Michael (Choreographer)	Dailey, Dan (Dancer/Actor)	Hoover, J. Edgar (F.B.I. Director)
Bernhard, Sarah (Stage Actress)	David (Israelite King)	Horowitz, Vladimir (Pianist)
Bernstein, Leonard (Composer/Conductor)	Dean, James ( Actor, Rebel Without A Cause)	Hosmer, Harriet (Sculptor)
Boswell, John (Historian of Gay Culture)	Degeneres, Ellen (Comedienne, actress, talk show host)	Hudson, Rock (Actor)
Bowie, David (Rock Star/Actor)	Demuth, Charles (Am.Painter)	Hughes, Langston (Poet)
Boyd, Malcolm (Clergyman, Author)	Diaghilev, S. (Impresario)	Hunter, Tab (Actor/Singer)
Bradley, Marion Zimmer (Author)	Dickinson, Emily (Poet)	Ian, Janis (Singer/Songwriter)
Britten, Benjamin (Composer)	Dietrich, Marlene (Movie Actress)	Isherwood, Christopher (Writer)
Brown, Howard J. (NYC Comm. of Health)	Dürer, Albrecht (Artist)	Jacobs, Paul (Pianist)
Brown, Rita Mae (American Author)	Eliot, T. S. (Author/Poet)	James I (King and Bible Translator)
Buchanan, James (US President)	Ellis, Perry (Fashion Designer)	James, Henry (Novelist)
Burr, Raymond (Actor, Perry Mason)	Epstein, Brian (Beatles' Manager)	John, Elton (Musician/ Composer)
Burstein, Karen (Family Court Judge)	Erasmus (Philosopher)	Joplin, Janis (Rock Star)
Buscaglia, Leo (Author, Teacher)	Everett, Rupert (Actor, My Best Friend's Wedding)	Jordan, Barbara (TX Congresswoman)
Button, Dick (U. S. Olympic Skater)	Fierstein, Harvey (Composer, Actor)	Julius III (Pope)
Byron, Lord (Poet)	Flaubert, Gustave (French Author)	Keynes, John Maynard (Economist)
Caesar, Julius (Roman Emperor)	Flynn, Errol (Actor)	King, Billie Jean (Tennis Champion)
Cammermeyer, Margarethe (Nurse)	Forster, E. M. (Novelist)	Kirk, Tommy (Actor, Mouseketeer, Old Yeller; The Shaggy Dog)
Capote, Truman (Author)	Frank, Barney (Politician)	Klein, Calvin (Fashion Designer)
Caravaggio (Italian Renaissance Artist)	Frederick the Great (Prussian King)	Kopay, David, (Football Player)
	Frey, Leonard (Actor)	Krupp, Fritz (German Arms-Manufacturer)
		Landowska, Wanda (Harpsichordist)
		lang, k. d. (Pop Vocalist)
		Laughton, Charles (Actor)

Lawrence, T. E. (Arabia, Diplomat)	Mineo, Sal (Screen Actor)	Shiltz, Randy (Author & Journalist)
Lehman, Bruce (Clinton Appointee)	Mishima, Yukio (Novelist)	Smith, Bessie (Blues Singer)
Liberace (Pianist-entertainer)	Monette, Paul (Author)	Socrates (Greek Philosopher)
Lindsay, Vachel (American Poet)	Moorehead, Agnes (Actress, Bewitched)	St. Laurent, Yves (Fashion Designer)
Locke, Alain (African/Am. Author)	Murphy, Audie (War Hero & Actor)	Stanwyck, Barbara (Movie Actress)
Loewe, Frederick (Composer Lerner & Loewe, Camelot)	Navarro, Ramon (Actor-silent screen)	Stein, Gertrude (Author)
Lorca, Federico Garcia (Poet/ Dramatist)	Navratilova, Martina (Tennis Champ)	Studds, Jerry (Politician)
Louganis, Greg (Diving Champion)	Nureyev, Rudolf (Ballet Dancer)	Sullivan, Sir Arthur (Composer)
Louis XIII (King of France)	Pasolini, Pier Paolo (Filmmaker)	Takie, George, (Actor, Star Trek)
Lowell, Amy (Poet)	Perry, Troy (Founder, MCC Church)	Tchaikovsky, Peter (Composer)
Maharis, George (Actor, TV-Rt. 66)	Peter the Great (Russian Czar)	Thompson, Virgil (Composer)
Mann, Thomas (German novelist)	Plato (Philosopher)	Tomlin, Lily (Comedienne/Actor)
Mapplethorpe, Robt. (Photographer)	Porter, Cole (Composer & Lyricist)	Turing, Alan (Mathematician/Code breaker)
Marais, Jean (French Actor, Jean Cocteau's lover)	Power, Tyrone (Actor)	Valentino, Rudolph, (Actor)
Marcus, Eric (Author)	Proust, Marcel (Novelist)	Verlaine, Paul (Poet)
Marlowe, Christopher (Author)	Python, Monty (British Comedian)	Vidal, Gore (Author)
Mathis, Johnny (Singer)	Reed, Robert (Actor, father on The Brady Bunch)	Village People (Pop Music Group)
Matlovitch, Leonard	Renault, Mary (French Novelist)	Visconti, Luchino (Film Director)
Maugham, Somerset (Author)	Richard The Lion Hearted (King)	Von Steuben, Baron Friedrich (Prussian- born American patriot)
Maupin, Armistead (Author- Journalist)	Rimbaud, Arthur (Poet)	Walpole, Horace (Author)
McDowall, Roddy (Actor, Lassie Come Home, My Friend Flicka, Planet of the Apes)	Röhm, Ernst (Nazi Leader)	Warhol, Andy (Pop Artist)
McKellan, Ian (Actor)	Roosevelt, Eleanor (Social Activist)	Waters, John (Film Director )
McNally, Terence (Playwright)	Rorem, Ned (Composer)	White, Mel (Filmmaker, Pastor, Author)
Melville, Herman (Author)	Rossetti, Christina (English Poet)	Whitman, Walt (Poet-Leaves of Grass)
Menotti, Gian-Carlo (Composer)	RuPaul (Entertainer )	Wilde, Oscar (Playwright)
Mercury, Freddie (Singer- Queen)	Saint-Saëns, Camille (Composer)	Williams, Tennessee (Playwright)
Michelangelo (Artist)	Sappho (Lesbian Poet)	Wilson, Ransom (Flutist)
Milk, Harvey (Politician)	Sargent, Dick (Actor, Darren on Bewitched)	Winckelmann, J. J. (Greek Scholar)
Millay, Edna St. Vincent (Poet)	Schindler, Allen (US Navy)	Wittgenstein, Ludwig (Philosopher)
Millet, Kate (Author, Feminist)	Schlafly, John (Son of Phyllis)	Woolf, Virginia (Author)
	Schubert, Franz (Composer)	Xefos, Chris (Rock Musician)
	Seigfried & Roy (Magicians/Animal Trainers)	Yourcenar, Marguerite (Novelist)

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