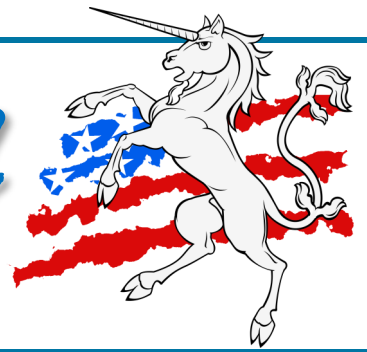


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Unicorn's Honored at CLAW Closing Ceremonies

Cleveland - Well CLAW has once again showcased everything that Cleveland has to offer the LGBTQ Community, besides the Workshops, the Play Parties, and the Venders who participated, the attendees also were welcomed by the city's Bars, Clubs, and Restaurants. The reviews of the event are pouring in on the CLAW webpage.

One of the Highlights of the Event was the Parades of Colors where Levi, Leather, and MC's were well represented before the Big Banquet, Saturday evening. Our own Road Captain, Noel Walters presented our Colors, as several of our Members were in attendance.

During the closing Ceremonies on the Sunday evening, Awards were given out for those who have provided exceptional service to the Community. John Brittain representing the John Brittain Food Drive which provides Groceries and meals for HIV/Aids



Victims, Announce the Traveling Trophy goes to the Unicorn MC in recognition of the Unicorn Charities Contribution for 2018, as we were the largest donation by a non-business entity. Noel gratefully except the award and it will be delivered once it has been engrave. Arrangements are being made for it's display at our home bar, the Leather Stallion Saloon. We would like to thank the Community for your support of the Unicorn Charities Fund!

Two Ohio cities in the

"Top 20 Cities for LGBTQ Retirement"

"Approaching the Golden Years might bring visions of quitting a job, traveling, exploring new hobbies, or spending more time with friends, family or grand kids. For many aging adults, the idea of moving after retirement is exciting. The next phase of life can present many new considerations including location, healthcare options, cost of living, senior living facilities, culture, activities and weather. It can take a lot of planning, but there is even more to consider for older Americans who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ)."

The cities were chosen based on multiple factors, including the percentage of **LGBTQ** population in the area, the city's score according to the **Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index**, **LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce presence**, the number of gay-friendly senior communities, local and state legislation protecting the **LGBTQ community**, cost of living for the area, the city's **Senior Score** and more. **Toledo and Dayton** are among the best cities in America for **LGBTQ Seniors** to retire to:

Toledo Ranked #4 in the Country

Sprawled along the mouth of the Maumee River, Toledo's long history in glass-making has earned it the title of **"Glass City"**. Home to an array of activities including unique dining, art and musical performances, museums, a variety of sports attractions, and thousands of acres of Metroparks, Toledo is a diverse city with lots to offer older LGBTQ adults.

Almost 14 percent of the population in Toledo is over the age of 65 and the LGBT population makes up 4.3 percent in the State of Ohio.

Scoring a 70 on the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index back in 2013, the city has made strides in LGBTQ protections since and received a perfect score in 2018. In fact, 6 of 8 Ohio cities on the list scored perfectly. Toledo has a ban on Conversion Therapy, a domestic partner registry, anti-discrimination protections, and many employers offer same-sex partner benefits. Officials, not only in the city, but in the State of Ohio continue efforts to foster and embrace diversity.

Other area resources and groups supporting the LGBTQ senior community in Toledo include: **Equality Toledo, Advocating Opportunity, TAGALA, and the Toledo Pride Festival**.

According to Sperling's reporting the average home prices in Toledo are just under \$70,000 and life in the city costs less when compared to other major cities in Ohio and the U.S. This and many other factors make Toledo an ideal location for LGBTQ seniors to thrive in their golden years.

Dayton Ranked #9 in the Country

Located in Western Ohio, Dayton has a lot to offer its senior LGBTQ residents. Referred to as **"Little Detroit"** due to its prominence in manufacturing, the cost of living in Dayton is low compared to similar cities, and it is a good location for older adults who enjoy a variety of parks and trails, and dozens of golf courses. In addition, there are over 300 miles of paved trails and a plethora of metro parks in the city. Several historic neighborhoods attract residents of all backgrounds to Dayton.



Unicorn MC Meeting Dates 2019

After many hours of contemplation, conciliation, and deliberation, imbibing in salacious amounts of libations, and in a delirious moment of weakness the following Dates have been set in Stone:

May 19, 2019 - UMC Meeting, LSS, 6PM

June 2, 2019 - UMC Post-Pride Bar Matinee, LSS, 3PM

June 15, 2019 - UMC Meeting & Cookout, Bill & Robert's, Hiram OH, 3PM

June 21/23, 2019 - All Club Leather Weekend & Cookout, Circle JJ Ranch Campground, RSVP with Circle JJ

July 20, 2019 - UMC Annual Steak Roast, Jim B & Jim H, Columbia Station OH, 3PM

Aug 10, 2019 - UMC Meeting & Cook-out, Jack & Dennis', Willow ick OH, 3PM

August 11, 2019 - UMC Annual Flea Market and Circus, LSS, 3PM

September 15, 2019 - UMC Meeting, LSS, 6PM

October 12, 2019 - UMC Meeting, LSS, 6 PM, Bar Event, LSS, 9PM

November 17, 2019 - UMC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers to Overthrow the Tyrant and Return Jack Giles from Exile, LSS, 6 PM

A non-discrimination ordinance on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in private employment, housing and public accommodations has been in place in Dayton for several years. It is one of only 6 cities in Ohio with a ban on Conversion Therapy. Dayton is one of several Ohio cities which scored perfectly on the 2018 Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index.

Currently, the senior population is just over 12.5 percent of the city's population and the LGBTQ population in Ohio is just over 4 percent.

There are a number of community programs and services in the city specifically for the benefit of its LGBTQ citizens: Rainbow Elder Care of Greater Dayton, Miami Valley LGBT Horizons of Aging Summit, Senior Resource Connection, Dayton Medical Center - Equitas Health, The Greater Dayton LGBT Center.

There are over 100 senior living facilities in the Dayton area and half a dozen community and senior centers with fun social activities and events for older crowds to enjoy and participate in.



Sir Rocky Joseph Mccombs, Ms. Kaye Lube, slave Bare-it (Ric Scardino & Jimmy Foster)



Mr. Classic Leather 2016, Jon Brittan, Road Captain, Noel Walters, And Secretary Dennis Sherrill



Curtain call (L to R): Rocky, Jimmy, Ric, Mikkal, Brandi, Chris, Morgan Azzura, Kel, Mark, Rob, and Sam.



Leather Titleholders Variety Show

Cleveland - The Patio at *The Stallion* was the sight of this year's Titleholder Variety Show to benefit the *AIDS Health Fund*, previously known as the *AIDS Task Force*. The event grew out of the minds of the gang who Host and Produce the *Annual Titleholder Turnabout* traditionally held on Thanksgiving weekend and benefits the *Sub-Zero Mission*.

Emcees for the evening were Godfather Ric Scardino and *GLLA Leather Sir*, Jimmy Foster, who were dressed as *Miss Kaye Lube* and *slave Bare-it*, respectfully. Ric has stated online after forty years of wearing facial hair and have never dressed in Drag before, this was the one event that was worth it. Additionally, to the performances by the Titleholders, some in drag others just as themselves, Gift Baskets were auctioned off and a 50/50 Raffle held, with the Winner donating it all back to the cause.

Jon Brittain was in attendance and he had the Traveling Trophy back from the engravers so he once again presented to Road Captain Noel Walters and Secretary Dennis Sherrill, who were on hand to represent the Unicorns. (See Pictures in the righthand column)

Remembering Our Roots

By Jim B (AKA Bad boy from Detroit)

It was the summer of 1994, and Art, a fellow club member/motorcycle rider, who I taught how to ride and sold one of my bikes to, were trying to find something to lift our spirits, during the hot summer. My partner Albert had passed away from the Big A, last January, and I found Art's company fun with no demands. The Twenty Fifth Anniversary of Stonewall was approaching, and Art and I decided to fly out to New York to join in the celebrations and protests in June.



Who would have thought the little hole in the wall bar called Stonewall would have awakened a movement that would start a change in attitudes, perceptions and changes in laws dealing with the Gay population in this country. It was 1969, the country was ripe with protest, and our youth were

angry with the way things were. A decade of assassinations, race riots, the Vietnam War, left our generation, angry and tired of the old ways. The Gay community was particularly down because Judy Garland had just passed away! On the night of June 26th 1969, police raided The Stonewall Bar, according to the laws on the books that considered such gatherings perverse! Setting the spark that would ignite a movement still going on today!!! Raids on minority groups were common then. I ought to know, since the Detroit Riots of 1967 were started by the police raiding a private party at a Blind Pig, (a bar that stays open after hours), celebrating the return of Black Soldiers from Vietnam. The next seven days exposed the nation to the plight of repressed minorities in Detroit and across the Nation!



The weekend celebrating Stonewall, in New York, turned out to be a moving event! Positive public signs for the Rainbow Community were everywhere! The New York Public Library had a huge banner on its main entrance which read; "Becoming Visible", advertising their exhibit on the Gay community's coming out and being more in the eyes of the nation!

A group called GMSMA provided a gathering of clubs to put on demonstrations open to the public at one of the hotels! All were invited who registered!

Gay, straight, bisexual, men and women were represented to provide demonstrations for a various activities and discussion groups!



On Sunday a huge parade was winding through New York City passing in front of such buildings as Saint Patrick's Cathedral and even Donald Trump's Tower and ending up in Central Park! Numerous dignitaries and entertainment figures were lined up on a temporary stage!

The crowd was peaceful and friendly, and the police were nonthreatening and approachable! Many wearing flowers and smiling! I saw one police officer fluttering an oriental paper fan!



The large parade ended in central park listening to speeches, bands and celebrates singing and dancing to an enthusiastic crowd! One of the singers was Liza Manili! Whose mother, Judy Garland, died just before the Stonewall Riots broke out, twenty five years ago, and is consid-

ered by many to be the spark that ignited the tender! Art and I were getting thirsty, hungry and tired, so we left Central Park! As we went walking around the fenced in perimeter, we passed a large opened gate, were a limo was pulling out behind us, as we walked by! The limo stopped and beeped its horn, and we turned around! As the glass rear window rolled down, we peered in and found Gregory Hines sitting alone, who just wanted to talk to us, before leaving the park!



When we finally left New York City and The Stonewall Celebration, I took this picture of the Rainbow Flag attached to the wall of a church! Thinking back on this trip I realize that there has been progress, but there is still a lot of work needed to be done! I hope that we will remember our past history and work for a better

future despite what seems to be a back stepping present! Many churches are rethinking their views on Homosexuals including Catholics, Methodists and Mormons!

Years before we got the right to get married, I sat in on a speech by the former Mayor of Detroit, Dennis Archer! In it he said that the gay members of our society needed to be treated like full citizens! Let's remember this June, what Stonewall was about and fight to keep the right and spread more understanding! And not hate!



A Married Gay Man is Running for President That's a Big Fucking Deal

Analysis by Kyle Blaine, CNN



When South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg entered the 2020 race for president, announcing his intentions with a video featuring scenes of him and his husband, Chasten, cooking and playing with their dog, Buddy.

Should Buttigieg win his long-shot bid for the Democratic nomination, he will become the first nominee of a major political party who publicly identifies as gay. If he goes on to defeat President Donald Trump, it'd be a historic win.

This appears unlikely (but by no means impossible) at this point; Buttigieg is not very well-known outside of Indiana and he's entering a crowded field of more established contenders. That a gay married man is running a serious campaign for president, however, is a big deal, and we shouldn't let the improbability of his candidacy stop us from acknowledging this moment.

Only a decade ago, his run would have been unthinkable.

Gay marriage was legal in only two states in January 2009 -- Massachusetts and Connecticut. Voters in California -- one of the most Democratic states in the country -- had just passed Proposition 8, banning same-sex marriage in the state. Barack Obama became President, and although he was supportive of expanding legal rights for the LGBT community and gay couples, he was on the record during his campaign as being opposed to same-sex marriage.

"I believe marriage is between a man and a woman. I am not in favor of gay marriage," Obama told MTV News during the 2008 campaign.

It would have been fair to think that progress would come slowly for the LGBT community if even Obama, who was considered to be a progressive within the Democratic Party on many critical issues, was publicly opposed to same-sex marriage at the time. But the next eight years of his presidency saw rapid change.

In 2010, President Obama signed into law the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act, ending a policy enacted in 1993 that prevented gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military. In 2012, in the heat of a presidential campaign, Obama became the first sitting US president to support same-sex marriage, telling ABC News, "At a certain point I've just concluded that for me, personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married."

Three years later, the Supreme Court ruled that states cannot ban same-sex marriage, making it legal nationwide for gay and lesbian couples to marry.

Public attitude shifted as well. In 2009, 54% of Americans opposed same-sex marriage and only 37% supported it, according to Pew Research Center. By 2017, that number had flipped: 62% of Americans supported same-sex marriage, while only 32% opposed it.

And during this time, candidates who publicly identify as gay, bisexual and transgender have broken barriers with their wins. In 2012, Wisconsin's Tammy Baldwin became the first gay person elected to the US Senate (she was re-elected in 2018). Kate Brown became the first bisexual governor in the US in 2015 when she was appointed in Oregon. She has been elected twice since then.

In last year's midterm elections, Colorado's Jared Polis became the first gay man in the US to be elected governor; Kyrsten Sinema, who is bisexual, won a US Senate seat in Arizona, and Sharice Davids, a lesbian, won her US House race in Kansas.

All of this is to say, quite simply, that in a relatively brief period of time, the politics surrounding gay marriage and LGBT equality shifted dramatically. And even though issues surrounding LGBT equality are hardly settled, Buttigieg's announcement is a good reminder of the progress that has been made.

Buttigieg, who was elected mayor in 2011 at the age of 29, came out in 2015 -- days before the Supreme Court struck down same-sex marriage bans nationwide. In a column titled "Why coming out matters," he wrote about the difficulty he had coming to terms with his sexuality and being open about it publicly.

"We Midwesterners are instinctively private to begin with, and I'm not used to viewing this as anyone else's business," he wrote. "But it's clear to me that at a moment like this, being more open about it could do some good. For a local student struggling with her sexuality, it might be helpful for an openly gay mayor to send the message that her community will always have a place for her. And for a conservative resident from a different generation, whose unease with social change is partly rooted in the impression that he doesn't know anyone gay, perhaps a familiar face can be a reminder that we're all in this together as a community."

Buttigieg might not have a real chance at winning the Democratic nomination. But by announcing he is running for the highest office in the land with a video that features his husband, he's already on the path to accomplishing what he set out to do in his column.

He acknowledged as much to CNN's Dan Merica on Wednesday, saying, "I am also mindful of the fact that this just might make it a little easier for the next person who comes along. My sincere hope is that by the time my kids are old enough, once we have kids, to understand politics, that it won't even be newsworthy."

And who knows. Maybe he'll make the debate stage. Maybe he'll take off in Iowa, and that momentum will propel him further than we can foresee now.

But one thing is for sure: Having a gay candidate -- or nominee, or president -- is no longer such a farfetched idea.

Every day in our work to protect *LGBTQ Americans* from discrimination, I hear stories of folks from across the political spectrum who support fairness and equal protection for LGBTQ people nationwide.

When *Kimberly Shappley's young child came out as transgender*, Kimberly found strength in her lifelong Texas conservative values and made it her mission to fiercely defend the dignity of her daughter. When *Kentucky's Republican Secretary of State Trey Grayson saw attacks on the LGBTQ community*, he spoke out because he knows that discrimination is both wrong and bad for a community's business interests. When *Katie Joyner's sibling came out as bisexual*, Katie, a Republican in South Carolina, knew that it didn't change who her sibling is.

These are the kinds of stories that give me tremendous hope for our movement. But they're also the kinds of stories that we aren't hearing enough of. And that's why we need your help.

Are you a conservative who supports protecting LGBTQ people from discrimination? Or is one of your loved ones – a parent, sibling, friend, child, neighbor, employer, or coworker – a conservative who supports LGBTQ nondiscrimination?

At this critical moment in our movement and in our country, it's more important than ever to talk about the values that bring us together, instead of focusing on what tears us apart. The reality is that we need both conservative and progressive support to win the nondiscrimination protections that will keep us and our families safe.

The good news is, bipartisan support for LGBTQ-inclusive nondiscrimination protections is growing. **A strong majority of Republican voters support protecting their LGBTQ neighbors from discrimination in employment, housing, and public places.** We need to harness and elevate this support, alongside support from Americans of all walks of life, **to show state legislatures and Congress that America is ready to fully protect LGBTQ people from discrimination.**

Can you help us get the word out?

The reality is, Americans from all walks of life agree that LGBTQ people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect in their daily lives - now we need to channel that agreement into action.

Take the pledge with Conservatives Against Discrimination if you're a conservative who supports protecting LGBTQ people from discrimination.

<http://action.forallusa.org/page/m/64d94897/11bcae37/1609a3b1/29705ea4/687008670/VEsF/>

Ohio Ranks Among Worst States For LGBTQ Equality

By GABE ROSENBERG

A new report from the *Human Rights Campaign* ranks Ohio among the worst states for LGBTQ equality. *The 2018 State Equality Index*, released earlier this year, grouped Ohio along with 27 other states that are a **"high priority to achieve basic equality."**

"In these states, advocates focus on raising support for basic LGBTQ equality, such as non-discrimination laws," the report explains. **"These states are most likely to have religious refusal or other anti-LGBTQ laws."**

Critically, Ohio lacks state laws that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. **An anti-discrimination bill proposed last year by state Rep. Nicki Antonio (D-Lakewood) failed to advance in the Republican-dominated legislature, despite support from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.**

The state also lacks laws protecting LGBTQ youth from conversion therapy, laws protecting health care benefits for transgender people, and laws allowing gender updates to birth certificates.

One area that HRC applauded was Gov. Mike DeWine's recent executive order prohibiting housing, public accommodation and employment discrimination against LGBTQ state employees. The order was first signed by John Kasich soon before he left office.

"Today, by continuing these crucial non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ state employees, Governor DeWine did the right thing, and we hope his administration will push for the fair treatment of all LGBTQ Ohioans over the next four years," said HRC Ohio state director Shawn Copeland in a statement, at the time.

A bill that would prohibit discrimination in Ohio on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity had its first hearing in front of a Senate panel in March of this year:

Senate Bill 11 — dubbed the Ohio Fairness Act — would update the state's anti-discrimination laws to include employment, housing and public-accommodation protections for members of the LGBTQ community. The bill has been introduced four previous times by sponsor **Sen. Nickie Antonio, D-Lakewood;** it gained little traction in past Republican-dominated legislatures.

Despite Ohio's low ranking, many of its cities perform strongly in the *HRC's annual ranking of municipal equality.* Last year, **Columbus, Akron, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo and Cleveland all scored a perfect 100 for LGBTQ inclusion.**

Antonio, the legislature's only openly gay member, told the Senate Judiciary Committee: **"It is a fair proposal that will simply give people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender the same freedom to work, the same freedom to live anywhere they choose, and the same full protection and participation in society, just as anyone else in Ohio."**

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine extended a similar executive order in January protecting LGBTQ state employees from workplace discrimination.

"When we say the words of the Pledge of Allegiance, we say 'with liberty and justice for all,' not just 'some,'" Antonio said. **"With the Ohio Fairness Act, we can send a message: Ohio is open to all for business in the 21st century."**

Contact your State Senator in Columbus to Support this Bill

ARE YOU — OR IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE —

A CONSERVATIVE WHO SUPPORTS LGBTQ NONDISCRIMINATION?

TAKE THE PLEDGE WITH

CONSERVATIVES AGAINST DISCRIMINATION



a member of the gastric disorders group

SPRING CLEANING

Yes, you heard it right, Spring is here, 'though it's hard to believe with record breaking chill and endless rain: today it's snowing in New England! Of course the present (let us pray) government still maintains that it's all a myth cooked up by the fake news media, but whatever, it's time for the annual titivation of our mansion, hovel, flat, man-cave, penthouse or rat's nest; where'er ye dwell! Lord only knows what one can turn up that simply strikes one as simply all wrong or too, too right and therefore can be converted into cash which will accrue to the social side of club life, such as pizza at meetings or raw meat for the annual steak roast. (This, of course, is different funding from door donations and other events at our bar nights which go strictly to our charities which have in the past have included such worthy destinations as the Free Clinic, the Cleveland Clinic HIV research, the LGBT Center, The Jon Brittain AIDS Food Bank, and the Pilgrim Church Food Bank.) So, polish up that unwanted Paul Revere silver, those high or low style duds (excluding polyester bell bottoms or Nehru jackets), and join our fabled treasure hunt at the highly anticipated Unicorn Flea Circus Bar Matinee on Sunday, August 11th, 2019, beginning at three o'clock at, where else, the Leather Stallion Saloon, Home Bar of the Unicorns, Ohio's Oldest Leather-Levi Club!

THE BU, beginning at 3 o'clock, TTERY

Many of my readers know that I'm a retired chef and cooking teacher. They also know that at my age, I no longer really like to spend hours hanging over a hot range and, except for holidays and special occasions, do not prepare ornate, complicated recipes which are time consuming and really in rather bad taste for serving at home. Recently, a food writer for the New York "Times" was asked "Why can't I cook like Le Bernardin?", a very special French restaurant in Manhattan which specializes in seafood. The initial reason given in the reply was that the writer most likely lacked twenty-two fewer professionally trained cooks in her kitchen. So keep it simple and make it with an emphasis on quality. Here is a baker's dozen of my own personal favorites, in alphabetical order. Books marked with an asterisk (*) are not recommended for a beginning or average cook, despite the fact that they might make excellent armchair reading and lure you into better food. Certain media chefs, such as Martha Stewart, whose recipes are beautifully organized and very well tested are, good as they are, extremely costly to reproduce. I have omitted other books which call for ingredients which are far out and really impossible to obtain: no rattlesnake canapes or plover's eggs here! This doesn't mean I've neglected Asia. Most supermarkets now stock Asian ingredients, fresh or canned, usually at much higher prices than at local Asian food stores. So here, is my own personal, well-thumbed list of favorites.

Marion Cunningham, **THE BREAKFAST BOOK**. Some authorities maintain that breakfast is the most important meal of the day; others call it the best. Frankly, I could eat breakfast at any time of the day. For fellow breakfast fans, this delicious little book is Ali Baba's treasure cave. Try the yeast waffles!

Julia Child, **THE FRENCH CHEF COOKBOOK**. These are NOT the long, highly detailed recipes of her two-volumes of "Mastering the Art of French Cooking", but streamlined recipes from the popular, eponymous PBS television series. The emphasis is on do-able French home cooking and many of her recipes in this book are benchmark! (Available in hard or paperback.)

Craig Claiborne, **THE NEW YORK TIMES COOK BOOK**, A fine and all-inclusive primer to fine American and international cooking. Available in newer and used editions, just make sure that Claiborne is the author.

Elizabeth David **CLASSICS**. This is actually an anthology of three books by England's legendary cookery write, now collected into a single volume reprint by Biscuit Books of Massachusetts: **MEDITERRANEAN FOOD, FRENCH COUNTRY COOKING, and SUMMER COOKING**. Each one is an important work. David was an exceptional writer as well as cook. Two of these works have been reprinted in paper by the New York Review of Books Press and available separately.*

Elizabeth David, **FRENCH PROVINCIAL COOKING** an essential volume for David's careful cooking based on simplicity and high quality. A major survey by each province; available in an English hardback, or the famous Penguin paperback.*

Elizabeth David, **ITALIAN FOOD**, said to be the author's personal favorite of her writings. This is Italian Food as it is cooked and eaten in the various provinces of Italy itself. The emphasis is again on freshness and simplicity. Poles apart from such pretension as Lorenza di Medici's purplish works, but decidedly not your neighborhood spaghetti joint either*

Edna Lewis, **THE TASTE OF COUNTRY COOKING**. Classic southern country fare of the highest mark, by a daughter of slavery. **ALSO IN PURSUIT OF FLAVOR**, lots more of the same. Perfectly wonderful!

Copeland Marks (with Mintari Soeharjo) **THE INDONESIAN KITCHEN**. This was my first introduction to the lesser known cooking of Indonesia. The recipes are reasonably simple to follow and once tasted, addictive. Indonesian condiments and ingredients are now available at most local Asian markets.

Molly O'Neill **THE NEW YORK COOKBOOK**, Ms O'Neill, who grew up in Columbus to eventually become, briefly, Food Editor, at the New York Times, is well known for more esoteric studies of elegant "now" cookery, but this is her undoubted masterpiece. It pulls out all the stops in Gotham's five boroughs, from, as the cover maintains, walk-ups to Park Avenue, from firehouses to elegant 4-star eateries; a five hundred-page blast! Warning, your friends will probably try to steal this book! (Available in hard or paperback; the book, not your friends.)

James Oseland, **CRADLE OF FLAVOR** this is a beautifully written survey of home cooking from Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore that is as wonderful to see as well as delicious from which to eat the cuisines.*

Betty Rosbottom, **FIRST IMPRESSIONS**, NOT the first draft of Jane Austin's "Pride and Prejudice", but a smashing collection of lip-smacking hors d'oeuvre from the Lorenza di Medici of Memphis, Tennessee. One can't possibly strike for A-list without it.

Brinna B. Sands, **THE KING ARTHUR FLOUR 200th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK** Buy the flour (I think it's the best!) and bake confidently from this realistic work.

Ellen Schrecker, **MRS. CHIANG'S SZECHWAN COOKBOOK** Some like it hot and so do I. In fact, I've thrown out all of my other Chinese cook books (Except Craig Claiborne and Virginia Lee's in case my local carry-out has been closed by the Board of Health!) . Very do-able and necessary as the baton for hot Chinese has passed to even hotter so-called Hunan restaurants, almost all of which locally bear as much fidelity to real Hunan cooking as Burger King.

Anne Willan, **LA VARENNE'S BASIC FRENCH COOKERY**, casually dismissed to me during a book signing by its author as: oh, my god, THAT thing! My battered old paperback copy, published by an Arizona outfit called HP Books, and culled years ago from a revolving metal rack of their publications in a gift shop on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, is, in my estimation, the finest low-cost, basic, lucid introduction to French cooking that I've ever seen. The recipes are splendid and the color photographs beautiful. The Chocolate and/or Grand Marnier soufflé recipes are the best I know;

worth ten times the book's \$7.95 price, with the entire Ohio to New Jersey toll thrown in. The back cover reads "French Cuisine for Everyone". VERY SCARCE.

* A brief word about Elizabeth David's books and their possible difficulty. David expects that anyone using her books already knows his or her way about the kitchen. Certain English culinary terms are also explained in glossaries: eg. caster sugar means superfine sugar, a wineglass is 6-fl.oz, and such a food as eggplant is called "aubergine" in France, and in every other English speaking country in the world. Her measurements are not always as precise as those in American cookbooks, and she abhors shortcuts and bogus ingredients. There are tables for conversion from metric, a system used in every other country in the world except Miranmar (Burma), Lyberia, and the United States.

COMING SOON...Coffee Table cookbooks. Go to Mennards, buy a set of four screw-in legs, serve coffee or tea, piping hot! Accompany with our Editor's superb peanut butter cookies. And speaking of THOSE, our Editor, Jack has very kindly sent me the recipe for them; herewith.

DADDY JACK'S PERFECT PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 1 Cup Smooth Peanut Butter
- 1 Cup Unsalted Butter (that's 2 sticks)
- ¾ - cup Granulated Sugar
- ¾ -cup Light Brown Sugar (firmly packed)
- 1-teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 1 ½ -teaspoons Baking Powder
- 1 ½ -teaspoons Baking Soda
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1-teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 2 ½ cups All-purpose flour

. It is important that ALL ingredients are at room temperature.

. Preheat oven to 350-degrees, Fahrenheit.

. Whip together the Peanut Butter and the Unsalted Butter (Jack uses a Kitchen Aid stand mixer on medium speed.)

. Gradually add in the next 5 ingredients, stirring constantly.

. Incorporate the eggs, one at a time, until blended in.

. Stir in the vanilla.

. Lower the mixer speed to low, and gradually add the flour, ½-cup at a time until completely blended. Do NOT over beat the dough

Scoop or hand roll 1 ½ -Tablespoons Dough and place on ungreased cookie sheets. (I line mine with parchment paper to keep them clean. Flatten the balls of dough with the tines of a fork (dipping the fork into flour to prevent sticking), to make a cross hatch design. Place into the preheated oven. Bake 8 to 10 minutes depending on desired crispness. Let the cookies cool 2 minutes on the baking sheet before transferring the cookies to cooling racks. Yields approximately 6 Dozen.

*Dough can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to a week and frozen for a month. Bring to room temperature before baking.

*Helpful hint: For fresh cookies anytime, freeze your formed cookies on the cookie sheet, then place them in airtight freezer bags. Pull out individual cookies, thaw for 15 minutes, (while the oven pre-heats) then bake as needed.

WATCH ON THE CUYAGOGA

(with apologies to Lillian Hellman)

The holy writ of the Brothers Warner informs us that the most beloved movie in American history is that marvelously tearful, Old Faithful fountain

of flag waving "Casablanca". Ironically the word translates into "White House" to which, at the present time, with the exception of Conrad Veidt and his gaggle of goose-stepping Nazis, this classic bears positively no resemblance. This film is a story of love, idealism and patriotism.

Legend has it that the film was scripted piecemeal, quotidian fashion, by its four principal writers. The subsequent insertion of a long flashback written by a fifth which probably accounts for its scene by scene freshness, which holds up to this very moment. It also has a brilliant group of stars headed by Humphrey Bogart, inventing the "anti-hero" genre, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, and the incomparably radiant Ingrid Bergman whose first entry into the film at Rick's Cafe defines natural beauty. One seethes with envy. The supporting cast is to the man, or woman, almost perfect.

I seem to have misplaced my old DVD of "Casablanca", and recently found another copy in a thrift shop for a mere, crisp Jefferson. Once home, I slipped it into the player merely to see if it actually worked. Bravo, it did! All it took was viewing the titles and I was hooked, sitting on the edge of my chair, as time goes by, to the very end. "Casablanca" is just that kind of film. Imitations and remakes for television, lacking the simple magic of the original, naturally have all flopped, but you might enjoy the Looney Tunes take on it called "Carrotblanca" with Bugs reprising the anti-bunny role, and Tweety Bird in the Peter Lorre part.

The auteur filmmaker Jordan Peele, in the aftermath of his successful "Get Out" is the reigning darling of the film critics, but not Cyclops. In his latest outing, called simply "Us", Peele has created a sardonic horror film of a secret black uprising, with an army of fro-bro zombies tunneling under the entire nation, but given a trial spin at a multi-racial summer resort where they are preying upon a middle-class African-American family who seem more to reflect white middle-class values, even to wearing spiffy designer duds, tooling about the lake in an outboard motor boat, and horror of horrors, having white friends. It's all about hatred engendering hatred with endless bloody violence as the result. These creatures are madly graphic in wreaking their carnage but, like Mr. Peele's film, bereft of any sound solution to such a ghastly social dilemma. Perhaps Peele should have sold the idea to the Marvel Comics people who, one hears, is in dire financial straits. And yet, I noted, with some personal shame, that the paterfamilias of the marauding zombies wears a hand-woven bathrobe that one might kill for.

ROAD RAGE Well, it's happened again. Lakewood's Riverside Drive is closed to vehicular traffic, between Detroit Avenue and I-90 for yet another year. I'm not sure just what is going on but the road itself is in perfectly bad shape as are so many streets in the western suburb. It is also a State of Ohio highway which could spell a long closure as O.D.O.D. does not like to pay overtime to hasten the process of using the cheapest materials possible on state routes which is the major cause of frequent repairs and rebuilding. You get what you pay for and it's costing local drivers a lot! The Republican balanced budget down in Moo-town usually spells continuous agony for northeast Ohio drivers.....The latest update on the six-year, meg-million-dollar conversion of the West Shoreway into a gypsy cart lane, and the accompanying conversion of lower Edgewater Park into a parking lot for the combination Beach House and Cocktail Lounge shows that most of the trees in the weed besotted parkway have died and that worries of erosion of the embankments are rife as the experts in City Hall have chosen to use grass instead of deep rooting plants as an earth stabilizing ground cover; very risky in this rainiest of years. But the Grand Booby Prize for disastrous road engineering is the new, and constantly under repair, intersection of Martin Luther King East Boulevard, and East 105th Street. At normal times of day, it's any man's guess as to just what's going on. At rush hours, it's pandemonium; every man for himself and ME first! It all could have been solved by constructing a generously sized traffic circle and the cooperation of careful drivers (fat chance). Of course this would have been a larger, more costly project which is never a popular option downtown. It also would have required that the Cancer Survivors' Memorial be moved to a distant, more remote location; a twin triumph both for vehicular movement and the aesthetics of University Circle. Ride warily, **CY**

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June 1, 2019 - "Pride in the CLE", Public Square, Downtown Cleveland, All Day Long, contact the LGBTQ Center for details

June 2, 2019 - "Unicorn Post-Pride Party", The Leather Stallion Patio, 4-9 PM

June 2, 2019 - "Iron Eagles General Membership Meeting", Cocktail 2.0, Akron OH, 6:30 PM

June 5, 2019 - "Empire City MC Open Membership Meeting", NYC, NY

June 9, 2019 - "Ranger's Sash Bash", Leather Stallion Patio, 4 PM until ?

June 11, 2019 - "Tim Tavcar's Birthday"

June 14-15, 2019 - "Columbus Pride", Columbus OH

June 14, 2019 - "Flag Day"

June 15, 2019 - "Unicorn Meeting & Cookout", Bill & Robert's Home, Hiram, Ohio 3 PM

June 16, 2019 - "Father's Day"

June 21, 2019 - "Empire City MC Blessing of the Bikes", NYC, NY

June 21-23, 2019 - "All Club Weekend & Picnic", Circle JJ Ranch Campground, Scio OH

June 22, 2019 - "Empire City MC's Biker Picnic", Motorcycles Mandatory, NYC, NY

June 23, 2019 - "Jim Todd's Birthday"

June 23, 2019 - "22nd Annual Folsom Street East", NYC

June 30, 2019 - "50th Stonewall Anniversary/ NYC & World Pride March", NYC, NY

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