



# Father of LGBT Civil Rights Movement dies



Frank Kameny

“The LGBT civil rights movement stands on the shoulders of Frank Kameny,” stated Malcolm Lazin, executive director, Equality Forum and executive producer of *Gay Pioneers*. “Frank Kameny is the father of the LGBT civil rights movement.”

Kameny spearheaded the first organized Gay and Lesbian demonstrations of activists at Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell each July 4<sup>th</sup> from 1965 to 1969. The first of the “Annual Reminders” was

attended by 40 activists from Washington, New York and Philadelphia. At that time it was the largest gathering for Gay Rights. It was the first time that demonstrators self-identified as Gay and

Lesbian and openly and proudly demanded equality. The Annual Reminders laid the groundwork for the Stonewall Riots.

*Gay Pioneers* is a documentary produced by

WHYY/PBS and Equality Forum about the Annual Reminders and the start of the LGBT civil rights movement. There is a Historic Marker directly across from Independence Hall and Liberty Bell recognizing the site where the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Movement was launched with Annual Reminders organized by Frank Kameny, Barbara Gittings and other Gay Pioneers.

“When the Annual Reminders took place, Gays and Lesbians were denied employment by the federal government. Frank Kameny was single-handedly responsible through remarkable intensity and perseverance in having the United States Civil Service Commission end the prohibition of

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There was no **UPDATE** last week because your editor had an corneal eye transplant.

I had forgotten that you must stay flat on your back for a time and then not use a computer, drive a car or pick up anything off the floor for a week.

I had remembered that after a cataract operation you are good to go in a couple of days but this was not that operation.

I want to thank all of you who phoned or e.mailed me to make sure all was

well.

I want to thank Michael Chanak for spreading the word.

I also want to thank longtime friend Don Deters for taking me to the hospital, staying until I was rolled into the operating room and then coming back to drive me home.

And I want to thank another friend, Sam Robinson and Paul Flaucher, a friend from church to for taking me to appointments with the surgeon.

## *We missed a week!* **Sorry/Thanks!**

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 Gays and Lesbians from government service,” Lazin stated.

“The American Psychiatric Association included homosexuality as a mental disorder. Frank Kameny and Barbara Gittings successfully demonstrated at the 1971 annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. At the 1972 annual meeting, Kameny and Gittings presented a program with Dr. No, a Gay psychiatrist, who was disguised to avoid recognition. With Dr. No, they explained why pervasive homophobia was the cause of emotional problems, not being Gay. A committee was formed to study the issue. On December 15, 1973, homosexuality was removed as a mental illness,” said Lazin. “I traveled across the nation with Frank Kameny at screenings of Gay Pioneers and at other

events,” said Lazin. “Frank had a Ph.D. from Harvard, a computer-like mind and even into his 80s was a feisty, lovable and committed activist for human rights. American history will remember Frank Kameny as an iconic civil rights leader.”

Equality Forum is a national and international civil rights organization with an educational focus. Equality Forum co-produced Gay Pioneers ([www.gaypioneers.com](http://www.gaypioneers.com)). Equality Forum coordinates LGBT History Month ([www.lgbtHistoryMonth.com](http://www.lgbtHistoryMonth.com)). Frank Kameny is a LGBT History Month Icon with video, biography, bibliography and images available on the site.

**Adult leaders sought for youth group**

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Greater Cincinnati is

looking to hire two part-time contractors for the GLSEN Greater Cincinnati Youth Group.

The GLSEN Greater Cincinnati Youth Group will meet weekly on Sundays from 3-5pm. The Youth Group will be a weekly meeting for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) high school age students and straight allies who hope to come together in a fun, safe and supportive environment. GLSEN Greater Cincinnati strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

A description of the position can be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/GLSENposition>



**Women Out Front upcoming events**

The Girlfriend Ride Dayton, a bicycle ride for the ladies is set for Saturday, the 15th.

Get your best girlfriends and join Women Out Front for a day of pampering and fun. Choose from a 10 or 20 mile route. Starting point - Artemis Center - 310 W Monument Avenue - Dayton, Ohio.

For more information see website at Girlfriend Ride Dayton


Lesbian Book Club will meet Sunday, the 16th. Book: Sara’s Key Social time: 1:30 p.m. book discussion: 2-3 p.m.

Bring snack or drink to share. Meeting location will be announced

[www.meetup.com/lesbianrainbowohkyin](http://www.meetup.com/lesbianrainbowohkyin) or contact [marsha3@zoomtown.com](mailto:marsha3@zoomtown.com)

Saturday, the 22th - 7-9:30 p.m. Save the Date!! Willow Morning will perform at The Below

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**PFLAG Cincinnati**

Meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays  
 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at  
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Zero Lounge, 1122 Walnut Street in Cincinnati. With special guest artist, Whitney Szabo (*aka WhitneyB*) Tickets will be \$10 at the door. Partial proceeds to benefit The National Women’s Music Festival. Join them for a night of great music, originals and some favorite covers.

### Slagle sermon part of Coming Out Day

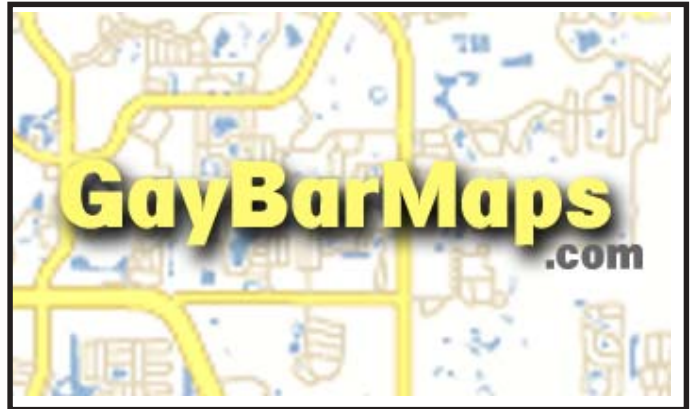
The Rev. Doug Slagle’s message, delivered on PRIDE Sunday, July 10th, was featured as a part of HRC’s National Coming

Out Day.

At deadline, Slagle didn’t have a link to what would be done with it, that was to be provided to him by National Coming Out Day, Tuesday, the 11th.

Here is a link to the message as it appears on the Gathering’s website. <http://thegatheringcincinnati.org/?p=1171>

In it, Slagle, pastor of The Gathering, describes his own experience of coming out to his daughter. The message is focused on being authentic and having inner PRIDE in who we are as people — because as Lady Gaga sings, “baby you were born that way.”



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