

16TH ANNUAL
WHITE PARTY

WITH A FLAIR OF AMETHYST

Saturday
August 17, 2019
6:30 pm

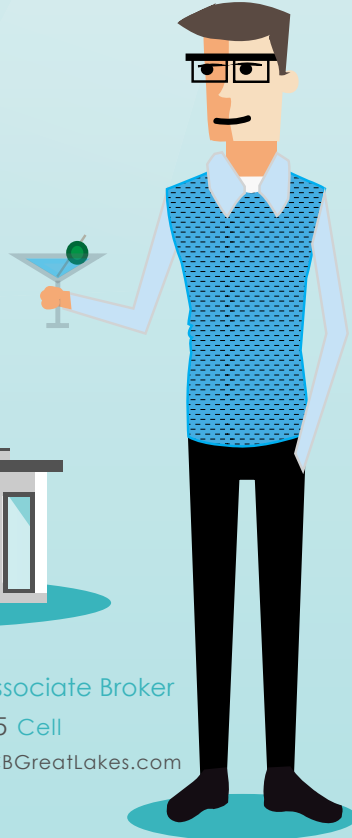
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WELCOME

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for attending the 16th Annual West Shore AWARE White Party "With a Flair of Amethyst". On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire West Shore AWARE membership, thank you for choosing to attend this evening filled with fun, entertainment and culinary treats. Through tonight's event, your generosity will positively impact the lives of our Lakeshore neighbors.

Sixteen years ago the founders of West Shore AWARE had a vision to come together for a night of philanthropy and celebration of positivity through pride, with the goal of improving our community and the lives of our lakeshore neighbors. Since our inception in 2002, we have raised and awarded over \$800,000 for individual scholastic scholarships and 501 (c) 3 charitable organizations. This year the West Shore AWARE membership has selected the following organizations to award financial support:

- West Shore AWARE Scholarship Fund, along with scholarship recipients at Grand Valley State University and Saugatuck High School.
- Wings of Hope Hospice
- Children First Lakeshore
- Arbor Circle
- Center for Women in Transition
- Out Center (Benton Harbor)

We extend sincere appreciation to our membership; to the Dunes Resort for their year round support through hosting Bingo events and monthly Meet & Greet, to numerous Donors and Sponsors for their generosity that ensured the success of this magical evening. Thanks to all for your support, we are creating an environment of positive change for the lives of the lakeshore neighbors we touch. We ask that you support the businesses that have so generously contributed to this event.

Sincerely,



Scott Habermehl

President, West Shore AWARE

RIP CARL

SEPTEMBER 23, 1938 — FEBRUARY 3, 2019



Carl Ivan Jennings passed into his new life on February 3, 2019. We would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for all that he has done for our community. As co-founder of West Shore AWARE he helped create an organization with the goal of changing the perception of the LGBTQ community through an avenue of enriching lives within our community. This year marks 16 years of celebrating the joy of life, respecting individuality and philanthropy. Through the generosity of the AWARE membership and our supporters, we have raised and donated over \$800,000 that was used for scholarships and local charities within our community. The success of this organization in large part was the result of the vision and efforts of Carl and his beloved husband of 50 years Larry Gammons. On behalf of West Shore AWARE board of directors, members and our community, we say thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott H Habermehl

Scott Habermehl

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

16TH ANNUAL WHITE PARTY

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

COCKTAILS, HORS D'OEUVRES & 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET SALE

ARRIVAL SIGNATURE DRINK: AVIATION

Full bar featuring: Five Husbands, Five Wives Vodka & Madam Pattirini Gin from Ogden's Own Distillery

HORS D'OEUVRES

- Assorted Slice Cheese with Crackers
- Spinach & Artichoke Dip with Flatbread Crisps
- Assorted Veggies & Ranch Dip
- Bacon Wrapped Dates
- Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms
- Spinach & Artichoke Stuffed Mushrooms

7:30 PM – 7:40 PM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Habermehl, *President*,
West Shore AWARE

7:40 PM – 8:40 PM

DINNER FAMILY STYLE

- Garden Salad
- Chicken Wellington – Puff Pastry Wrapped & Filled with Provolone, Pancetta, Spinach & Onion with Mushroom Sherry Cream
- Grilled Prime Cut Pub Steak – Topped with Bordelaise Sauce (GF)
- Roasted Baby Carrots – Tossed in Honey, Brown Sugar, Herbs & Butter (GF)
- Butter & Cream Mashed Potatoes (GF)
- Assorted Dinner Rolls with Butter

DESSERT

Assorted Cake Bites

8:00 PM

Section #1 Silent Auction Closes

8:15 PM

Section #2 Silent Auction Closes

8:30 PM

Section #3 Silent Auction Closes

8:40 PM – 8:45 PM

50/50 Raffle Drawing
Scott Habermehl, *President*,
West Shore AWARE

8:45 PM

Live Auction
Joel Petroelje, *Auctioneer*

Dancing & Entertainment
Featuring DJ Sound Solution

9:30 PM

Redemption of Auction Items –
Cashier Open

2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS

AS DETERMINED BY 2018–2019 MEMBERSHIP VOTE RESULTS

WEST SHORE AWARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship program offers a renewable annual \$3,000 scholarship for Saugatuck High School graduates. In addition, two scholarships annually are awarded to LGBTQ students attending GVSU. These programs are managed through an endowment held by Allegan County Community Foundation. The scholarship board is developing a ten year plan to build the fund into a permanent scholarship endowment fund.

ARBOR CIRCLE

For over 80 years, West Michigan has looked to Arbor Circle and its predecessors to address issues surrounding trauma, mental health, addiction, poverty and stigmas. Arbor Circle's Mission to transform the lives of children, adults, and families facing mental health, substance abuse and family concerns in a caring partnership with our clients and diverse community. This grant will fund a project consisting of comprehensive initiative to recruit, retain and support LGBTQ foster and adoptive parents, and to support LGBTQ+ youth in their welfare program.

CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION

For over 40 years, Center for Women in Transition has provided a safe place for thousands of individuals and families. The Center for Women in Transition is dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence. They offer support, services, and safe housing to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, and they provide programs to engage and educate.

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CHILDREN FIRST LAKESHORE

The mission of Children First Lakeshore is to feed all children in Allegan County who are in need of food without exception. The Children First Lakeshore goal is to drastically reduce the number of students in need of food by creating sustainable backpack meal programs within the schools we align with. Children First Lakeshore supports weekend backpack meal programs at Douglas and Fennville Elementary Schools. They are currently feeding approximately 170 students ranging in age from preschool to 6th grade.

OUTCENTER / BENTON HARBOR

The OutCenter of Southwest Michigan, LGBTQ+ embraces both the work of charity and the work of change – responding to the needs of LGBTQ+ people and their families, helping to make sense of the world we live in now, and mapping the way toward a more equitable, diverse and inclusive future. The funds will assist them in meeting their mission to serve the Southwest Michigan LGBTQ+ community.

WINGS OF HOPE HOSPICE

Wings of Hope Hospice Mission: “We provide compassionate care in the later stages of life and support through the grief experience for individuals and families.” The goal is to help patients cope with the pain and symptoms that accompany these illnesses. This is accomplished through the use of medications, oxygen, medical equipment and supplies especially tailored to the needs of each patient. Wings of Hope Hospice provides compassionate care to patients and their families regardless of whether they are insured or uninsured. The funds will assist in their ongoing operation and delivery of services.

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ABOUT THE AUCTION ITEMS:

All items are sold "as is." Services and /or gifts must be used within the limits specified, or within one year of sale. All dollar values or estimates are provided by the donors, and are not guaranteed by West Shore AWARE. Payment is due on the evening of the purchase. There will be no refunds or exchanges; all sales are final. Please note that \$55.00 of each event ticket is deductible as a charitable contribution as allowed by law. West Shore AWARE is required by Michigan Law to charge 6% sales tax on all auction items, except for gift certificates.

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FIVE HUSBANDS



3 Bottles 750ml of
Five Husbands Vodka



3 Bottles 750ml of
Five Wives Vodka



4 Madam Pattirini, 4 Five Wives
Glasses, 4 Five Husbands Shot
Glasses plus 2 White Towels,
1 Five Wives and 1 Five Husbands
Backpacks



3 Bottles 750ml of
Madam Pattirini Gin



3 Bottles 750ml of
Handcrafted Herbal
Spirit



Suncast Outdoor Rolling
Garden Scooter — Durable Plastic
Portable



2- 30" x 60" Rainbow/Gay
Flag Beach Towel

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2 SEASON TICKETS

2020 Mason Street Warehouse Summer Theater Season
at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts

With \$200 gift certificate from
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For those that love the theater and great food, this is a wonderful opportunity. Your theater experience begins with Everyday People Café's unique culinary delights that will set the stage for the evening of escape at The Bertha Kruger Reid Theater. Journey with actors and actresses through the story lines and musical scores of the 2020 summer theater season. This is a delightful opportunity to complement the 2020 summer.

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Saugatuck Center for the Arts and
Everyday People Café

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SMALL PLATE AND WINE PAIRING FOR 6 AT THE COAST 236 RESTAURANT & BAR



The Coast 236 Restaurant & Bar invites 6 to a culinary event that will surely delight the palates of the most discreet foodie in you. The event will be hosted by Mindy Trafman, general manager, chef and sommelier of the Coast 236 Restaurant & Bar. She will create 6 small plates paired with wine to be savored by the 6 attendees. The event to be enjoyed on a date that is available for all parties prior to July 31, 2020.

SPONSOR:

The Coast 236 Restaurant & Bar

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7– DAY ISLAND ESCAPE TO THE KA'ANAPALI BEACH CLUB, LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAII



DATES: Check-in on April 11, 2020 Check out April 18, 2020
(Easter Sunday is April 12th)

Deluxe Ocean Front and Pool Front Fixed Corner Single Room Bedroom Suite. The wrap around balcony featuring a 270 degree view of both the ocean and pool, king size bed, oversized BATHROOM, LIVING ROOM WITH PULL OUT SOFA AND KITCHENETTE.(ROOM 908).

The Resort is nestled halfway between the charming and busy Lahaina town center, home of, "Cheeseburger in Paradise" and the Kapalua Resort and Ritz Carlton. Walking distance to fabulous Dukes Beach House in The Westin Villas near Ka'anapali. Very short drive to Whalers Village at Ka'anapali for shops and beach front restaurants and cocktails.

Overlooking Lanai'i to the west with views north toward Molokai'i you bask in the sun and surf among the Hawaiian islands.

The resort has everything you need to make for an enjoyable and unforgettable getaway. Fully stocked kitchenette, including dishware and service pieces. Large master suite with large living area with additional sleeping from the sofa sleeper. Wake up and bike down Mt. Haleakala one morning, zip line through the West Maui mountains and drive up and take the Road to Hana near Wailea. Plenty to see and do on or under the water as well. Scuba, snorkel, boat excursions and trips to Lanai'i where you can rent a Jeep and explore the nearly un-populated island. Aloha and Mahalo!!!

SPONSOR:

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FARMHOUSE DELI PRESENTS A 5 COURSE FARM TO TABLE DINNER FOR 10



The menu can be custom designed to reflect your guests' preferences as well as the season's offerings. The event can either be at the deli or an offsite location of your choice. The dinner with wine includes a chef and service staff. The event to be enjoyed on a date that is available for both parties prior to July 2020.

SPONSOR:
The Farmhouse Deli

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

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DOUGLAS DINNER PARTY FOR 12



An evening of drinks and dinner at the fabulous home of Larry Gammons and catered by Sharon Shanahan, in honor of her father, Carl Jennings. This enchanted evening will include a tour of the Beautiful Gardens and large art collection in the home.

The event to be enjoyed on a date that is available for all parties until Oct. 12, 2019 or June 1, 2020–Oct. 1, 2020.

SPONSOR:

Larry Gammons & Sharon Shanahan

West Shore AWARE
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“Life is a (Big Gay) Cabaret”
with Tom Vendafreddo

featuring special guest Kurt Stamm

Friday, October 11

6:30 pm cocktails & appetizers

by Coast 236

7:30 pm performance

\$75 includes appetizers
and 1 drink ticket
Cash bar also available



Event sponsored by: Howard Rochte & Russ Lamesfield, Jerry Carpency, John Slater & Mike Penrod, George Stoutin of Edward Jones, Wally Petersen & Mike Schneider / Amazwi Contemporary Art, Larry Gammons, Dan Klask & Tim Chalus, Mike Mulcahy & Chris Seidel

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West Shore AWARE is a 501© 3 not-for-profit organization of LGBTQ people and their friends working for the good of the lakeshore communities in which they live.

All net proceeds of this event will be distributed to charitable organizations and projects that have requested AWARE support and have been selected by a vote of the West Shore AWARE Membership.

EVENT COMMITTEE

16TH ANNUAL WHITE PARTY

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Larry Gammons and Paul Hix

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SPECIAL THANKS

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SPECIAL THANKS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

16TH ANNUAL WHITE PARTY

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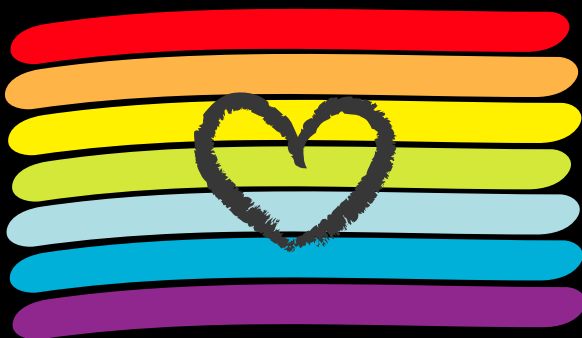
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The 17th Annual
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Saturday, August 15, 2020

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