



FORGE Calendar

2008 Social Support Meeting

Meeting Dates and Topics

January 5, 2008

Masculinizing Chest Recontouring
GUEST SPEAKER!
Dr. Paul Steinwald

February 2, 2008

Sexuality, Negotiation, and
Staying Safe(r)

March 1, 2008

Trans+ at Work

April 5, 2008

Staying Sane and Alive:
Suicide and Mental Health

May 3, 2008

Testosterone!
GUEST SPEAKER!
Dr. Steven Brown

June 7, 2008

Activism: What's in it for you?

July 5, 2008

Tricks of the Trade

August 2, 2008

Living Long Term

September 6, 2008

Isms (Racism, ablism, sexism,
sizism, and more!)

October 4, 2008

Dis/abilities

November 1, 2008

Intimate Relationships:
Finding and Sustaining

December 6, 2008

Wellness: It does a body good!

Topic Descriptions available
on the web:

www.forge-forward.org/socialsupport



What is FORGE?

FORGE is a Milwaukee-based, progressive organization whose mission is to support, educate and advocate for the rights and lives of female-to-male (FTM+) transgender individuals and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies). FORGE is dedicated to helping move fragmented communities beyond identity politics and forge a movement that embraces and empowers our diverse complexities.

FORGE hosts monthly social support group meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in addition to special events such as guest speakers, movie nights, or structured "all community" events. Many printable resources are available on the FORGE website.

Is it for me?

FORGE social support meetings are open to ALL people interested in transmasculine (FTM+)/SOFFA issues. We support and honor the plethora of ways to be FTM+ / masculine / butch / trans+ and welcome the wide variety of people who fall under the broad category of SOFFA.

FORGE tries to offer something for everyone. Join us if you are new to gender issues and want a supportive place to explore. If you are well-versed in trans issues, you are invited to share your experiences and help elevate discussion to a more complex, philosophical level. Partners, allies, friends and professionals are always encouraged to attend - on their own, or with a trans loved one (or client).

Where?

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
315 W Court Street, Milwaukee, WI

When?

6:00—6:45 Open discussion
7:00—9:00+ Topic Discussion

What happens at meetings?

FORGE meetings provide a friendly facilitated setting for FTM+s/SOFFAs to network, share their personal experiences and stories, become more informed, and gather resources. Each meeting has a topic that helps focus our discussion. Although we don't strictly adhere to the pre-selected topics, we try to stay focused, since many individuals attend specifically for particular subjects.

Open discussion/new members (6:00pm) If you are new to the exploration of gender, new to the Milwaukee area, early in a gender transition, or have a pressing issue that won't fit into that night's meeting topic, join us from 6:00—6:45pm. In this smaller meeting, we can get to know each other, connect people to resources, discuss individuals' particular concerns and options, and jointly problem-solve.

Topic discussion (7:00pm) Following brief introductions and an icebreaker question, we will delve into that evening's topic. Discussion is free-flowing and loosely facilitated. Attendees can participate as much or as little as they like.

Special Events! (More info available soon)

- *Southern Comfort* (film)
- *Odd One Out* (film)
- A Woman's Touch Toy Adventure
- Mythbusters: Uniting Our Diverse Gender Community
- How to Find a Therapist (skills building)
- Parents of T Folks Potluck

Where can I get more information?

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