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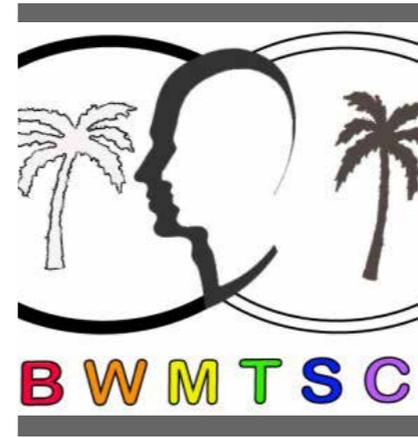


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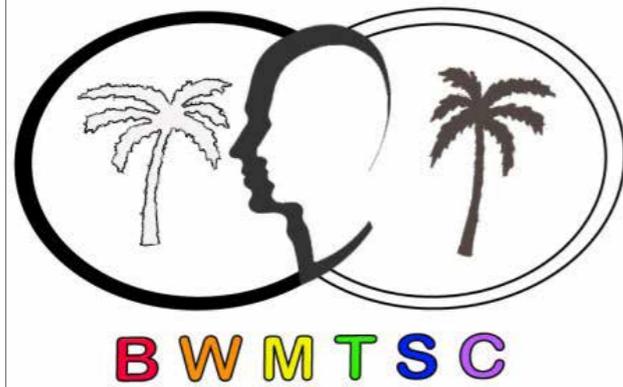
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BWMTSC Develops A Gabfest (Multimedia)



In an interactive and multimedia session, NA Chairs Emerita Mack and Ken addressed methods of talking about race. Using a podcast from a teacher and resources from “Teaching Tolerance” for the talking points, they explore, as the teacher did, interactions that white folks have in this area. However, unlike the podcast it will added the rich narrative of people of color.

The objective was to foster a harmonious understanding of black and white experiences. A must for interracial culture development and the fight against racism.

85 percent of teachers in the USA are white. In contrast, the race and culture of students continue to be evermore diverse. BWMTSC has developed this presentation to move away from the “Black anger, white guilt” narrative to a move towards “Collective Liberation”.

These are lessons for transformative organizations with the challenges and the opportunities of anti-racist work in white communities, and by extension, feminist work with men, cis-gender understanding of transgender community and more.

Environment Racism-Editorial

We rarely assign the word **Environmental** racism to events in our country, but the current crisis of water quality in Flint Michigan certainly deserves that phrase.

Michigan's state government could have responded more quickly and with competence to address its lead-polluted water disaster.

The emails of Governor Rick Snyder included no discussion of race. The costs of the city's water supply were evident. In addition little data was available or obtained to help solve the problems>

The majority of Flint residents are Black and many are poor. We cannot prove the inference of racism, the result was the same: thousands have been exposed to lead in their drinking water. And the long-term health effects of that poisoning may not be fully understood for years.

Throughout history there has been a disproportionate exposure of people of color to bad air, water and soil as a result of poverty and segregation that has relegated many blacks and other racial minorities to some of the most industrialized or dilapidated environments.

We do not expect things to get better, since the current administrations, in states and our capital have curtailed the regulations.

Friends and Allies of the NA, resist all forms of racism, as well as those outlined here.

Featured



In my opinion the \$100,000 plus in private donations paid for the plaques was well spent.

SO, why not visit the [NABWT History](#)

Rainbow Walk of Fame by Ken Scott Baron

Our LGBT History is often buried or forgotten, so I finally was able to relive it in San Francisco and view the special plaques on the sidewalk to honor heroes in the LGBT community.

Taking a walk down Castro Street and I saw the faces of 20 of our heroes in the Rainbow Honor Walk first unveiled in 2014. .

Of Interest



Join the NA

We have fought for the NABWMT for over 30 years. Help us continue, visit our [website](#).



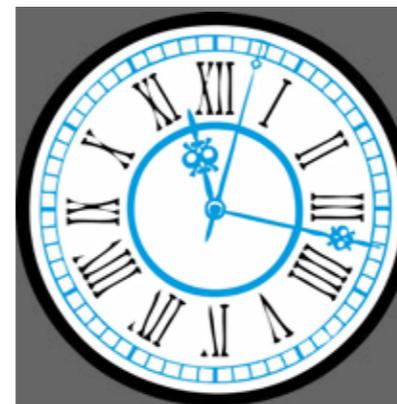
NA Skunkworks

The Media Committee is working with students to produce a mobile app to teach Resisting Racism...stay tuned!



Facebook stuff

Tidbits from our Social Media Friends and Allies and Critica!



Our History

Visit our website and see the historic [Video Archives](#)
Over 30 years of fighting racism and homophobia



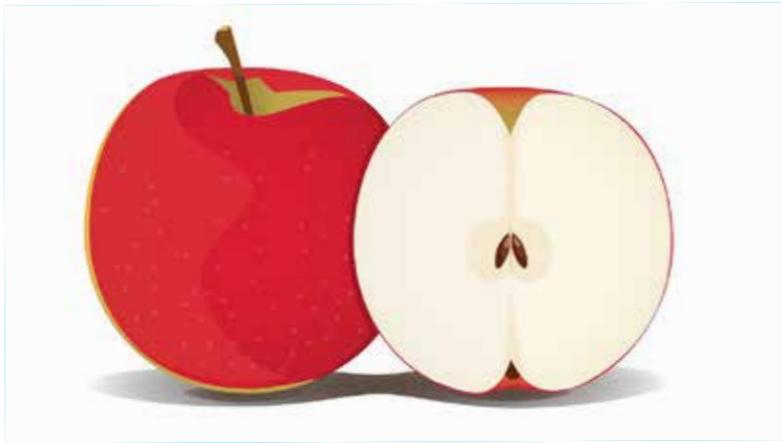
Wiki us

...”is a network of chapters across the United States focused on LGBT and racial equality, founded in May, 1980 in San Francisco”. [Wikipedia](#)



Contact Co Chairs

[Gavin](#) and [Scott](#) are only too happy to answer your questions.



**Meetings are held at the
LGBT Community Center at
208 West 13th St. unless
otherwise indicated. During
the evening they take up a
collection (\$5.00
recommended) for the room
rent and organizational
expenses. Refreshments are
served**

BULLETIN FROM THE BIG APPLE

NATURE VS. NURTURE:

What Makes Us Gay?

In the debate about the issues surrounding sexual orientation, much is unknown.

According to Charles Darwin, writing in the 1800's, "... we do not, even in the least, know the final cause of sexuality.

The whole subject is hidden in darkness."

The truth is, not much has changed since the 19th century in this regard. What makes people gay?

Do people have a genetic makeup that predetermines their sexuality, or do environmental and social factors influence sexual orientation?

The ongoing debate of nature versus nurture continues to expand as researchers and others alike search.



From the City of Brotherly Love MACT-Phily

**MACT/NY
Contact Men of All
Colors Together
Philadelphia.**

**Add jspeer10@msn.com
to your address book**



MACT Phily holds regular Steering Committee Meetings at William Way LGBT Community Center 1315 Spruce St.

The Steering Committee meeting is open to anyone who wishes to observe it. So come early and see how it functions.

You might want to become part of it, or volunteer for a committee!

MACT Philadelphia Celebrates 36th Anniversary By Scott Duty

On Friday, May 5, 2017, MACT Philadelphia held a celebration to celebrate their 36th chapter anniversary. The event, attended by approximately 50 people, was held at the JNA Institute for Culinary Arts and was wonderfully emceed by long-time member and Philadelphia activist Gary Hines. The program included a delicious dinner prepared and presented by the students of the Institute, reminders of life in the early 1980's, several awards and a silent auction.

Chapter Awards:

The MACT Philadelphia Community Service Award was presented by Aaron Libson to newly elected Congressman Dwight Evans. Congressman Evans' district includes Philadelphia where many of the chapter members live. Mr. Evans spoke about the need for unity in this difficult time and how MACT Philadelphia has a long history of action and holding politicians accountable. The Founders Award was presented by Stevie & Arthur Martin-Chester to Deja Lynn Alvarez and Sakina Dean. Ms. Alvarez and Ms. Dean were instrumental in founding The LGBTQ Home for Hope. The Home provides shelter and a recovery center that specifically caters to the LGTBTQ community in Philadelphia.

The Dr. Gerald L. Mallon Resisting Racism Award was presented by John Spears to Asa Khalif. He is a long-time activist in the Philadelphia community and is the leader for Black Lives Matter – Pennsylvania Chapter. Scott Duty presented John Spear and Aaron Libson with an NABWMT Proclamation from Co-Chairs Scott Duty and Gavin Morrow-Hall celebrating the many, many accomplishments of the Chapter.

A great time was had by all, including the 12 people who happened to be dining at the Institute that evening. They heard a message that the Chapter was thriving in 2017 and is looking forward to the next 37 years!

With acknowledgements to --**John Speer**



The NABWMT Facebook group has 12,639 members with a variety of interests and a spectrum of opinions. The snapshots here are just a small sampling of them. If you have comments or ideas on our Facebook group, please email them to nabwmt@nabwmt.org

POST:

As a white guy, how do I find black guys who are into white men?

COMMENT:

"I find there are plenty of middle aged white guys into black guys, but not many younger ones. But lots of younger Latinos are into black guys. Where do you find the guys you're looking for? Try the myriad gay dating sites. Frankly, I think groups such as this one are fairly useless for meeting a potential partner because the number of members is relatively small relative to the area that is covered. Since the area covered is essentially the entire world and it's not arranged by area it's unlikely to find a partner here. But it is good for information and

Facebook Findings

networking".

POST:

Why are so many gay dudes effeminate? I can't stand that in a guy. I really can't. It just doesn't look right, maybe they have a testosterone imbalance and can't help it.

COMMENT:

Why do you care? People say the same thing about gay men, period. You are fighting the wrong battles, put your time in something more productive and beneficial to gay men.

POST:

Republican senator responds to student's concern about LGBT bullying: "A guy who wears a tutu and goes to bars ... asks for it"

COMMENT:

If a generalization would help, my reading and thinking has led to this: right wingers love rules and laws; they get their emotional reward from being obedient and not thinking too much. What drives them crazy is people who don't fall within the simple categories. So many of them do not recognize the existence of transsexuality, referring to trans people emphatically and angrily by their birth pronouns. And cross-dressers are horrible because they have so much more fun.

POST

Seriously... Why are you on this site, Black OR White, if all you can manage is blanket racist statements about one or the other?

It is my understanding that this site is about working TOGETHER...

If your intentions are no higher, than to simply further fan the flames of, hatred, and miscommunication, then why are you here?

COMMENT:

Good points, ****. However people on this site all have different life experiences, different families and support groups, and may be farther along than others in understanding their own racism, homophobia, etc. This space is a safe one to explore different ways of effectively reaching out and communicating with one another. Sometimes it may generate unexpected reactions, or sometimes someone wishes to say something provocative to get responses.

POST

Our organization (BWMT-SC) is holding an open forum today to help educate white people about learning to proactively discuss racism. Please provide your personal and honest answers to the questions below to help guide and empower others:

- 1). Do you feel that talking about race is like stepping into a minefield?
- 2). Do you feel that you cannot contribute to the national racism dialogue?
- 3). Have you sometimes felt like you want to never talk about racism again?(Post continues...)

COMMENT:

1. Yes. But it is possible to have discussions of the affects on groups and individuals without having to totally focus on it as a "race" situation.
2. No, but I'm frustrated that with so many different points of view that some people feel that expressing anything other than their opinion is opposition.
3. Yes, but buiring our heads in the sand won't solve anything.

Co-Chairs Collections

Gavin Morrow-Hall and Scott Duty

Overview:

In March, we held a Board Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The local chapter MACT Phoenix was a delightful hosts organizing a pot luck dinner and rap session for Saturday evening.

The BMI committee, led by Co-Chairs Emeritus Mark Behar and Darryl Fore, have been doing amazing work to enliven our Statement of Purpose. This project will be unveiled at the Convention in August.

The Executive committee has selected a cloud database to organize our membership lists and convention registrations. Once all the lists have been loaded, we will be sending out requests to you for updated information – address, date of birth (yes you can leave out the year), phone numbers, etc. This new database will allow us to more efficiently and effectively communicate with you.

The Membership committee worked very hard this past year on membership renewals. There was a dedicated effort to steer people to the website to renew their annual membership and fulfil convention pledges with mixed results. The new database will greatly help in mailing out the renewal letters this October.

The entire board has been challenged to partner with an LGTBQ organization to reintroduce NABWMT and look for ways to support the statement of purpose. To date, we have partnered with Equality Pennsylvania, Black Lives Matter, Human Rights Campaign, Southern Poverty Law Centre to name a few. While it is early days, the efforts to share our message and be the voice in the LGBTQ community for interracial issues is promising.

The Together Strong – All Hands on Deck convention being held at The Gallery One Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale from August 2 – 5 looks to be amazing. Led by long time members Ollie Lee Taylor and Pat Carron, the program is packed with interesting workshops, dynamic speakers and some great fun too - including morning walks on the beach, a pool party and events in the Wilton Manors gayborhood. In addition, we have added some pre and post convention activities (at additional cost) for those that arrive a little early or stay a little late. On Wednesday, August 2nd, we will be touring the Everglades on Air-boats and on Sunday, August 6th, we will be kayaking through Wilton Manors. The registration for these 2 extra events will be through Eventbrite ticketing service. Look for your invitation through email, nabwmt.org, or our social media channels. This convention is not to be missed! Also, the co-chairs have already begun work on the 2018 convention. Details to be shared in Ft. Lauderdale.

Our webmaster and newsletter publisher, Ken Scott-Baron, has done a terrific job this year on cataloguing our legacy for the website. For years, Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Doug Noble, has interviewed members and leaders on a variety of topics including racism, dating interracially and events in the LGBTQ community. Many of these were recorded on VHS tape and were recently digitized. The Legacy Project is a must see on our website. Thank you Ken for reminding us whose shoulders we stand!

Want to Resist Racism (and other issues) ?...

There's finally an app for that.

This summer the National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) will launch the first US based interactive app to address issues of racism.

The app based on the Australian app called "Everyday Racism" will be available first on Apple's iOS system and then on Google Play.

Since NABWMT is a gay multi-racial multi-cultural organization for all people we developed the app to follow the lives of three gay male characters (William a Black gay man, Oscar a Latino gay man and Jared a HIV positive Jewish gay man) as they encounter instances of racism, bias and discrimination in their lives. The app is unique in that it not only addresses if institutional racism, but also the distinctive issues of race that occur within gay communities as well as within cross cultural relationships.

The app, using videos, photos, texts and other media asks the user to go through seven days of events in the life of each character as if they were that character.

For instance William: "is driving through a predominantly white neighbourhood. In your rear view mirror, you notice a police car's flashing lights, so you pull over. You feel sure you've obeyed all driving laws. When the officer, who is white, approaches, he remarks that you were driving 45 in a 35 mile per hour zone. How do you respond?"

On another day William notices a post by a white man in a Facebook group that he'd love to find a black man, adding that he's always been attracted to BBC. How do you respond?

Oscar has similar experiences that in addition to race deals with the current day issues of immigration: "A friends texts you to give you a heads up that you've been accused by a prominent community member of being in the US illegally. What do you do?:"

NABWMT was also intentional in bringing up other issues within the NABWMT Statement of Purpose like in this instance of HIV bias: Jared- "You are talking with a friend when you disclose that you are HIV positive. Your friend responds sympathetically and then says he had no idea you used to be promiscuous. How do you respond?"

After each scenario the user is given up to five options of how to respond. After the user responds the app will provide a "result" of possible consequences of each response.

The app has over 100 scenarios that the user can "experience" and is a product of NABWMT's Bush-Mallon Institute for Social Justice, All together Now and the University of Wisconsin. Additionally NABWMT is indebted to the generous and invaluable contributions of Tim Carter. Tim is a 12 time Emmy winner writer and producer and used his talents to serve as writer, producer, director, cameraman and actor for this project.

The app will include links to articles, videos and other resources for those interested in discussions of race. NABWMT hopes that this app will begin for some and supplement for others the crucial conversations on race, relationships and sexuality.

Join us this summer as NABWMT addresses explores issues of race and sexuality in the Post Obama digital age.



Passionate People Preferred



The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT)was created to be a safe haven for inter racially minded gay men, we have often been at the forefront of addressing racism and racial inequality in our communities. As we celebrate over 35 years of activism and involvement on national and local areas of interest, the energy and commitment of people like you has never been more critical. One need only turn on a television, computer or phone to know that the work of an organization such as ours is not complete.

NABWMT is also the only national gay, multiracial, multicultural organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. In order to effectively move the organization forward it is imperative that we recruit and maintain qualified and productive leaders as Officers and Board members.

As such, the NABWMT is governed by a Board of Directors consisting five Executive Officers made up of two co-Chairs, a Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary and no more than ten (10) Directors elected from among the Chapter, National, and Life Memberships

Officers and Board members serve for two year terms with generally half the Board up for election each year. In 2017 there are two Officer positions up for election, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. In addition to the two officer positions there are six (6) Director positions up for election. Five (5) two-year positions and one (1) one year position. To qualify individuals must be either a member of a dues paying local Chapter, a member of the National Association, or hold a Life Membership in the National Organization. NABWMT is a Charitable Non-Profit as defined by the IRS and is regulated as a 501(c)(3) organization.

The Elections Committee is actively seeking nominations for all positions. You may nominate yourself, or a person whom you feel qualified to hold office.

Running is simple. Persons may declare their candidacy at any time up to two (2) hours before the scheduled start of the Candidates' Forum. However candidates who have accepted nominations by July 8th will have the opportunity to have their candidate's statement included in the Elections Committee report disseminated at the General Membership Meeting. A Declaration of Candidacy for Office is available on the NABWMT website or can be requested from either chairperson of the Elections Committee listed below.

During the Convention, there will be a Candidates' Forum. The forum consists of a program in which each candidate may address the audience uninterrupted and may then be questioned by other members. Voting commences after the Candidates' Forum.

We hope you will consider adding your experience and insights into helping NABWMT live up to its fullest potential and be part of a community of men seeking to make our world a better place for all.

To declare your candidacy or to nominate other qualified individuals Please contact your elections committee co-Chairs by phone or e-mail at:

Del Korte: 425/820-8818 or through email: dhkorte@hotmail.com

Robert Graham: 678/994-3719 or through email at: grahamjr@hotmail.com

It's Award Season in NABWMT

On behalf of the National Association of Black and White Men Together, we invite you to nominate individuals, chapters, or other groups to be recognized for their noteworthy contributions at the upcoming 36th annual NABWMT Convention to be held Fort Lauderdale, FL August 2-6. Your help and guidance as to who to recognize would be greatly appreciated. We are requesting nominations for awards to be given in the following categories:

FOUNDERS AWARD: Recognizes individuals instrumental in starting NABWMT chapters, those whose consistent efforts sustain chapters, and/or those whose leadership has been instrumental in reviving chapters

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Given to individuals working within the NABWMT or one of its chapters who have made outstanding internal contributions on behalf of the NABWMT Statement of Purpose.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Presented to individuals and/or groups who have made outstanding external (outside the NABWMT and its chapters) accomplishments in furtherance of the NABWMT Statement of Purpose.

NATIONAL ACTION AWARD: Presented to a chapter and/or individual for an accomplishment with national impact in furtherance of the NABWMT Statement of Purpose.

CHAPTER ACTION AWARD: Presented to chapters that have made outstanding contributions on behalf of the NABWMT Statement of Purpose.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR AWARD: Presented to a chapter's newsletter editor whose work demonstrates particular excellence as to form, content, style, and distribution. Note: To be accepted, nominations in this category **MUST** include a copy of the chapter newsletter and the name of the editor(s).

WEBSITE AWARD: Presented to an individual or chapter whose internet presence demonstrates particular excellence as to form, content and style. Note: To be accepted, nominations in this category **MUST** include the website address and the name of the webmaster(s).

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AS A MAJOR DONOR: Presented to an individual and/or organization that made a significant financial contribution to the NABWMT.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Presented to an individual whose life work and achievements exemplify (or exemplified) the NABWMT Statement of Purpose. Note: Because this is the NABWMT's highest honor, nominators are encouraged to provide a detailed explanation.

We are looking for nominees who have furthered the NABWMT Statement of Purpose in a tangible way. Nominees do not have to be national or chapter officers or NABWMT board members. Anyone who has made a special contribution (within the guidelines of a given category) can be nominated. This is a special way of saying "Thank You" for a job well done!

To nominate individuals or chapters/groups, forms are available on the [NABWMT Website](#), or by e-mailing Gavin Morrow-Hall: gavinmorrowhall@gmail.com with "Awards Form" in the subject line. To be valid, nominations must include your contact information for verification purposes. Also, please note that for a chapter nominee to receive an award, the chapter must be in good standing with its dues paid. If you have someone to nominate for an award that does not appear to fit any of the categories, you may still submit the nomination. The Awards Committee may be able to place it in a category.

Please include how you believe the nominee has furthered our Statement of Purpose (in 50-125 words). Nominations may be submitted electronically or on paper. Please return all nominations so they are received no later than July 15, 2017 to Gavin.