

The Rainbow Seniors Logo



***Promoting and addressing life issues affecting the
general welfare of older gay, lesbian, bisexual,
transgender, and intersex (GLBTI) individuals***

[RSWNY](#)[HOME](#)[ANNUAL
REPORTS](#)[BY-LAWS](#)[COMMITTEES](#)[CONTACT LIST](#)[UPCOMING
EVENTS](#)[NEWSLETTERS](#)[ARCHIVES](#)Empty Closet
Articles[May 2005](#)[April 2005](#)[March 2005](#)[February 2005](#)[December/January
2004-2005](#)[November 2004](#)[October 2004](#)[September 2004](#)[August 2004](#)[July 2004](#)[June 2004](#)[May 2004](#)[April 2004](#)

The Empty Closet

May 2005

A Message to the GLBT Seniors Community

By Marilyn Mitchell

Happy Spring! It feels like this winter has been longer than some from the past. I wonder if that is because I am aging and not enjoying shoveling snow or driving in winter weather like I did in the past. Denial is a great tool you know! I am so grateful that spring is here at last. I wonder if there are other seniors in our family who are grateful spring is here too. Perhaps many of them (or you) have been feeling “stuck inside” for the past several months. Perhaps there haven’t been the longed for phone calls and visits or opportunities to go out to events or join in activities with friends and families during those months either. I consider myself “hale and hearty” but there are many of our seniors who are leery of driving in snow or dare not venture out in cold weather. They don’t have access to many events and activities that I take advantage of.

That is what I would like to write about this month. I feel so fortunate to have an organization like Rainbow Seniors of Western NY (RSWNY) in Rochester. It has given me the opportunity to make many new friends, attend interesting and fun activities, and feel like a real member of our senior community, It would be wonderful if those of you reading this article would contact Rainbow Seniors of Western New York and ask for a ride to events or ask for friends to contact you. If you are already a busy person, already an active participant and maybe even a member of RSWNY, share with others who might like to learn more or have a need for friendship and activities. RSWNY has monthly potlucks with fun activities after eating with friends like Bingo, Brown Bag Auctions, picnic in the summer, card games, etc. We meet monthly at the First Universalist Church on Court Street. Please come and join us, from 4:00 until about 7:00 the third Sunday of each month. This month, April 17th, we will join the GAGV Youth Group for an Intergenerational panel and it will be at ARI. The time is the same, 4:00 until about 7:00.

Imagine Western NY with a variety of events, activities, and workshops to meet the needs of every senior in our community! Imagine eventually having an office, and executive director and dream of senior citizen homes welcoming the GLBTI community! Wouldn’t that be fabulous? Some of these things are happening and more will happen. It takes all of us to support and advocate for what we want and need. As we progress toward more and better communication and wholeness in the aging GLBTI community, we want your voice, your thoughts, your participation in activities. Come and join us. We would love to have you. If you have a computer and use the internet, check out our web site, www.rainbowseniorswny.org. You’ll find out how to contact us, find links to other valuable organizations for senior GLBTI persons, newsletter articles with dates for the potlucks, other events and the map to the First Universalist Church, fun photos, and many other interesting things. If not, please contact our president, Bob Hammond, 442-6369.

[March 2004](#)

[February 2004](#)

[December 2003](#)

[January 2004](#)

[November 2003](#)

[**PHOTO
COLLECTIONS**](#)

[**MEMBERSHIP
FORM**](#)

[**FEEDBACK
FORM**](#)

[**LINKS**](#)



© 2004 by RSWNY. All rights reserved.

Designed by Karmicom Design.

[Click here to contact](#)