

**Michael Chanak**

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The mystery of Harry Hay - at least partially resolved - this from [Jan Scholler](#) (I say partially because I have an additional account that he spoke at a dinner, either then 83, or later 85-87 and I'd like to know about that as well!!)

So, Michael, I found it! THE YELLOW PAGE of June, 1983 reported that Harry Hay was one of two main speakers at the 1983 Pride Rally on Fountain Square, the other being Dr. Rhonda Rivera. It was the sixth Pride Rally on the Square, held on Sunday, June 19. Harry was a founder of the Mattachine Society, and helped establish the Radical Faeries. His theme was "Gays - a separate people whose time has come. Share the Pride. Feel the Magic." I know he, Larry Wolf, and Bob McNee were kindred spirits, and he very well may have stayed at Bob's. I remember meeting Harry at St. John's Unitarian with Larry, if my memory is correct. I hope this helps. [Pat North](#) [John A. Maddux](#) [Scott McLarty](#) [Kirk Prine](#) [Ron Clemons](#) [John A Bell](#)

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John A. Maddux I know of Harry Hay, but I did not have the good fortune to meet him when he was here in Cincinnati. I'm glad Jan was able to help you solve the questions of "when was he here." I surely don't know and couldn't tap my memory enough to remember.

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Michael Chanak I appreciate the effort...I truly do.[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 6w

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Michael Chanak [Kelvin Dickinson](#) I've been moving heaven and hell to get this answer, of course [Jan Scholler](#) was a great help, Ed Hicks of the old Gay Beat and Gay Nouveau had nothing to give...and Kirk Prine - wasn't able to answer this directly...

I'll still digging to see if he did a dinner in 1983 or other speaking engagement or came back at a latter time to do same.

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Kelvin Dickinson I knew he was close with Bob and Shane - they went with Todd and I to Magic Mountain where I met Harry and John. Todd found my midwestern reaction to Harry amusing and John was the real storyteller. Sadly, the trip to Cinti was before I was there (starting Fall 86). I remember more the event when we had Michael Signorile come speak at UC about the ROTC controversy (who I had met earlier at an ACTUP protest).

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Michael Chanak Perhaps, I will bug Shane...[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 6w

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Cincy Pride a few years ago. After the fireworks the group that was hanging with him split up, and it felt wrong to let our iconic Grandmaster walk alone through the dark empty city streets to his hotel late at night, so I was honored to chaperone him on foot. I will remember that walk forever, inconsequential though it was. For some reason it sticks in my mind and glows with his benificence in my memory The sound of his laugh is a nourishing slice of the The Sublime Divine, isn't it? FYI: he seems to ignore FB so you'll need to phone or email, methinks.

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Michael Chanak [Steven Michael Roussos](#) oh yes, I sent him an email.

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Shane Que Hee Harry did stay at Bob 's in 1983. We took both Harry and John to see the Great Serpent Mound on the Saturday before. When he noticed anti-Gay graffiti on the washroom door, he kicked it and slammed the door. Harry also wanted to see the caves at Chilicothe but we started off too late to include those. Jason Byers was in charge of the Rally on Fountain Square and Bob was slated to speak, but never did because Harry and Rhonda Rivera went on and on. Bon and I later in the year joined Harry and John at the national Radical Faerie Circle.....Shane Que Hee, June 29 2020

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John A. Maddux [Michael Chanak](#) I recall being at Bob's in 1987 or 1988 for a meeting about what I do not remember. Bob was telling us about the previous evening when his house has once again been plastered with raw eggs thrown all over the place. It turned out that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept. cops that came out to investigate were headed by my nephew who told his crew prior to their arrival that If he heard or saw one homophobic word or action that person would be written up and put on leave. I didn't know at the time that it was my nephew. Not until several weeks later, during a discussion with my nephew, that I found out when he innocently remarked about the incident. My nephew had learned about queers from me and from then on insisted on equal treatment for all gay people. I was, and still am, proud that way back then he at least began breaking down the homophobia in that department.

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Michael Chanak [John A. Maddux](#) I was there that night the eggs were thrown! It was all very dramatic.

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Michael Chanak [Scott McLarty](#) question for you, other than Jan information on 1983 Pride visit, do you have a recollection of Harry speaking elsewhere on that trip or his even returning at a few years later?

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Scott McLarty No. 1

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Michael Chanak John A. Maddux do you have any memory of when Harry Hay was in town. Obviously Jan Scholler has documented his appearance at Pride in 1983 but I've also heard he may have gone to a dinner or spoke elsewhere, maybe even made another trip to Cincinnati?

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Michael Chanak The balance of 1980s on Harry's activities ...

1987 Speaks at Georgia State University in Atlanta. In June, participates in question-and-answer session at San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Historical Society. Nomenus purchases Wolf Creek, Oregon site. Marches in San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. Participates in March on Washington.

1989 In March, speaks at University of Southern California. In April, West Hollywood city council issues a proclamation honoring his activism. Speaks at twentieth Stonewall anniversary in New York in June.

1990 Participates in Leadership Training Conference in San Francisco and marches in Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. In July, holds first Sex Magic workshop at Wolf Creek. In September, addresses Colorado Gay and Lesbian Congress. In November, speaks at Univer-

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Michael Chanak Radically Gay - Harry Hay...this is just part of his chronology - other than 1983 I could not find any Cincinnati reference.

Chronology

Late June, addresses Cincinnati Gay Pride event and then the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. In August, travels with Roncoe, Rose, Pat Goutley, David Woodyard, and Joey Cain to New Mexico and stays in the Kent Compound for two weeks. Attends gathering in Napa, California, in October, where he has a dream about his father and, following a healing circle, his ankle finally begins to heal.

1984 In San Francisco, Roncoe, Rose, and others start holding meetings leading to the formation of Nomenus as the successor to the Gay Vision Circle. In June, Hay speaks at Boston Gay Pride Day and visits Walden Pond with Charlie Shively. Active in Lavender Caucus of the Rainbow Coalition. Attends second Napa gathering.

1985 In April, Ruth Geremich dies. In May, Hay speaks during Gay Awareness Week at University of California at Santa Cruz. Suffers serious hearing loss and is no longer able to enjoy music.

1986 Visits San Francisco in February, May, and September on Nomenus business. In May, serves as grand marshal of Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. In June, causes controversy at Christopher Street West Gay Pride parade with sign supporting Valerie Terrigno and protesting the exclusion of NAMBLA. Marches in San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. Attends Napa gathering in October.

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