

The Rainbow History Project:

PLACES & SPACES -- clubs, bars, community centers, etc. of Washington DC's LGBT community (1920 to the present)

Club	Address	Notes	Opened	Closed	Gender	Ethnicity
<i>Important community sites that were not commercial clubs or bars are in italics.</i>						
1352 Club	1352 S Capitol St. SE	A leather/levi disco	4/1/82	1984	M	
1409 Playbill Café	1409 14th St NW	Popular restaurant, featuring drag bingo and performance art	2000		MW	
17th St Bar & Grill	1615 Rhode Island Ave NW	Popular Sunday brunch, in Governor's House Hotel	1990		MW	
1832 House	1832 Columbia Rd NW	Popular Adams Morgan club in the early 70s; chicken wire on the balcony 'screened' standing drinkers. Owned/managed by Kirby Matson.	1966	1973	M	
5878 Club	5878 Washington Blvd Arlington	First gay bar in Arlington, women's bar continued after a false start (see AfterDark); added Latina/o night on Saturdays in July 1992.	Nov-91	Jul-93	W	
801 Club	801 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Replaced the Blue Penguin	Jun-95		MW	
808 King St/French Quarter Café	808 King St, Alexandria	Alexandria's first gay club since the Topkopi bathhouse, complaint about nude mural led to painted on pants with Glasgow (complainant) on label, Glasgow sued but the suit was dismissed	5/16/91	1993	M	
915 Health Club	915 12th St NW		4/1/76		M	
930 Club	930 F St NW	Straight club with gay evenings	Apr-87		MW	
After Dark	2001 Wisconsin Ave NW		1/1/74	May-74	MW	
After Dark	5878 Washington Blvd Arlington	Club at the Italia Bella restaurant, lasted 3 weeks, run by Annette Post & JoAnne Bawiec. Taken over by Giuseppe Motta, owner of the restaurant and run as the 5878 Club.	9/1/91	Sep-91	W	
After Hours Cinema Club	Waterside Mall SW	See Southwest Cinema Club				
<i>All Souls Unitarian Church</i>	2835 16 th St NW	All Souls has been in the forefront of support for civil rights, including GLBTQ civil rights. Its meeting spaces have frequently been used by gay community organizations. In 1970, All Souls was the site of the Black Panthers' Peoples Revolutionary Constitutional Convention, an event staged with the strong support of DC's Gay Liberation Front. In 1970, the Homophile Social League met here as well as the Community Church organized by Rev. Paul Breton, which later became the Metropolitan Community Church of DC.	1970	1975		
Allies Inn	1703 New York Ave NW	Hangout/gathering place noted in <i>Jeb & Dash</i> . Manager: Emma Hahn. Originally at 482 Pennsylvania Ave NW (early 20s)	1925	1958	MW	
Amber Room, also known as "Steve's"	3700 14 th St NW	The Amber Room was located below the Spring Road Café (a building once known for its purple exterior). Steve's was one of the few women's bars in the 60s. Women gathered there on weekend evenings. The clientele was "very" integrated.	1964	?		
Andalu	1214 18th St NW	Deep End, Wednesday night for gay crowd	2000		M	
Annex	812 13th St NW	Part of the bus station club 'strip' in the 70s. Across the street from the Brass Rail. James Singleton, manager (73)	4/1/72	1974?	M	
Annex at Badlands	1413 22nd St NW	Video bar upstairs, over Badlands	1979		M	
Annie's Paramount Steak House	1609 17th St NW	Popular steakhouse and bar.	Sep-85		MW	

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Annie's Paramount Steak House	1519 17th St NW	Originally known as Paramount Steakhouse until the 1960s. A favorite restaurant hangout on 17th St strip	1948	Sep-85	MW	
Annie's Paramount Steak House	1227 Wisconsin NW	Georgetown branch of 17 th St restaurant	1955		MW	
Apex	1415 22nd St NW	In 2002, the owner of Badlands renamed the club Apex	2002		MW	
Ardiente	1129 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Latin disco and drag shows on Fridays and Saturdays, organized by the Carrero sisters. Moved to Sheridan's in mid-2001	2000	2001	M	
Arizona	1211 Connecticut Ave NW	Bar & grill, dancing	Feb-96		M	
Astoria Arms	809 14th St NW	Short-lived as a gay bathhouse, offered entertainment too	5/1/79	1982	M	
Atlas	915 F St NW	Multilevel disco	10/7/90		M	
Atlas	1415 Zei Alley	Fridays only	1999		M	
Bachelor's Mill	500 8th St SE	The Mill followed Club Madame at this location. Owner: BB Gatch. Arson attack in Feb 81.	12/1/78	Sep-84	M	
Bachelor's Mill	1104 8th St SE	Moved in 1984 to present location. Popular multilevel, largely African-American club, with drag shows and bingo on Wednesday evenings, hosted several drag pageants. Lady Tawanna and Tina Tuna Adams among the drag hostesses. Drag promoter Marc King worked as club manager in the 70s.	2/1/88		M	
<i>Back Alley Theatre</i>	1365 Kennedy St NW	Gay friendly community theatre, staged several gay and lesbian-focused plays.	1970		MW	
Backdoor Pub	801 E ST SE	A second floor bar with large windows overlooking the intersection of 8 th St and E St SE. Patrons, mostly African American, entered from a door on the E St. side. The club had a pool table and card tables, where "there always seemed to be a bid whist game going on."	7/1/82	Feb-88	M	African-American
Backdoor Pub	1104 8th St SE	Moved in 1988, co-owner Charles A Jones. Part of the Bachelor's Mill complex.	2/1/88		M	African-American
Badlands	1415 22nd St NW	Popular Dupont dance bar, managed by Sophie Tucker (Don Gilliken) for many years. Home for many years of the Miss Capitol Pride pageant. Accused of carding in the early 1980s.	1984		MW	
Banana Café	500 8th St SE	Restaurant is the latest gay enterprise at this location, Deena Javor at the piano.	Aug-96		MW	
Bank	915 F St NW	Multilevel dance club	1990		MW	
Barbary Coast	2412 Wisconsin Ave NW		1/1/77	Jun-77	M	
Barn	811 Pennsylvania Ave NW	Part of same complex as Louie's and the Hideaway. Top floor. Had drag shows Fri & Sat, country & western. Replaced by the Rogue. Started the Stardust Review in 1973. From <i>Just Us</i> : "With dancing to taped music or a juke box, female impersonator shows on weekends at 10:30 pm and a Sunday sing-along from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am, the Barn has undergone a renaissance in the past several months and is one again one of DC's most popular bars. There is a fee of one dollar for the show. The crowd is predominantly gay male..."	6/1/71	1979	M	
Be Bar	1318 9th Street, NW	Opened in the Shaw area on 9 th St NW. Neighborhood did not welcome a gay bar in the area and there were several incidents of anti-gay violence associated with Be Bar patrons. WaPo review:	September 2006	May 7, 2009		

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Ben Bow Restaurant (The Admiral Ben Bow)	1636 Connecticut Avenue NW	http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/bars-clubs/bebar.1127542.html#editorial-review Closed May 7, 2009 and re-opened as the EFN Lounge. Owner Michael Watson. Next to the Janus Theatre, a straight bar frequented by gays, sawdust on the floor. First owner: Spirios Kyritis. An Irish bar run by a woman named Ellen after 1970. Sawdust and peanut shells on the floor. Also called the 'Bimbo'; it was a step down from other places. Later called Ellen's Irish Pub.	1948	1980	M	
Bent (at the Andalusian Dog) Between Friends	1344 U St NW 1115A U St NW	"For the Hipper Homo", dance club African-American-owned dance club, initially primarily a lesbian club. Offered use of its space to community groups such as SMYAL, Mautner Project, and others. Owners: Ibijinka Hicks, Addie Johnson, Tedara Lindsay, Vicki Harris. The club ultimately closed in 2004 following problems with clubgoers.	4/22/95 1/1/03	Apr-97 2004	MW W	African-American
Black Cat	1831 14th St NW	Drew gay crowd on Saturday nights, lesbian shows late 90s. Home of the popular women's program <i>Mothertongue</i> .	2/1/96		MW	
Blacklight	640 Lamont St NW	Site of the creation and first year of publication of <i>Blacklight</i> , a national periodical for African-Americans published in Washington, DC by Sidney Brinkley from August 1979	1979			African-American
'Black' Nugget/Rosetta's Golden Nugget Restaurant	2504 14 th St NW	Hangout for transvestite/transgendered street kids--Earline Budd. When you entered, you knew you were in a gay place. It was a haven for everyone--Juicy Coleman. The place was officially known as Rosetta's Golden Nugget but was popularly known as the Black Nugget. Rosetta Minor owned it.	1964	1968	MW	African-American
Blue Penguin	801 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Restaurant, bar and dance floor. Hosted drag and karaoke shows.	21-Nov-93	6/2/95	MW	
Blue Plains Dance Palace	1345 Half St SE	Disco club	11/1/77	Jun-78	M	
Bob & Edith's Diner	2310 Columbia Pike, Arlington	Long an after-hours hangout, popular with late night drag crowd	1980s		MW	
Bobs-Inn Restaurant	3316 14th St NW	Bobs-Inn was across the street from the Tivoli Theatre at Park Rd. Advertised "rock-n roll nightly". First performance home of Avis Pendavis (graduate of Dunbar and GWU), who went on to NYC and created Harlem's House of Pendavis. Shows featured Avis and Peaches. Popular nightspot in the 1960s. Owner James E Powell.	1954	1968		African-American
Bohemian Caverns	2001 11 th St NW	Bohemian Caverns, formerly Crystal Caverns, became a venue for occasional celebrations by African American social clubs such as the Best of Washington. A short-lived drag cabaret in 2000 was succeeded by an African American gay dance night called Poison	2000	2002		
Boondocks Restaurant	818 K St NW	Offered "Entertainment & dancing nightly". One of the first distributors of the <i>Gay Blade</i> .	1969	1972	M	
Boston Buffet	417 9 th St NW	Across the street from Carroll's, a popular restaurant and bar known for its cheap drinks, with peanut shells on the floor. The bouncer, Donna, was a "tough diesel dyke"—Kip. Owned by Spiro Dides.	1954	1973		
Boy	3065 M St NW	Short-lived gay dance night on Wednesdays	4/1/91		M	
Brass Rail	811 13th St NW	Started out as "New York style" restaurant at 517 9th St NW in 1966.	1961	1986	M	African-

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		On 13th St., started in the basement and didn't move upstairs until the late 60s. First address was 809 13th St. Later became 811 13th St NW. It was one of the main African-American drag bars. It replaced what was originally a biker, then country/western basement bar. Owners: Gus Papanicolas, Theo Christakos, Greg Cahill, G W Glenn in 1967. Brass Rail had moved upstairs by 1973 when Gus Papadopoulos was running the place. The Railettes were an in-house drag entertainment group. <i>Just Us</i> : "The Brass Rail is a downtown bar and restaurant near the downtown shopping areas and the bus terminals. It has table seating for up to 100 people. The crowd is male with mixed backgrounds."				American
Brass Rail	476 K St NW	The Brass Rail continued fundraisers at its new location through 1994. The Railettes moved with the bar.	1986	Feb-96	M	African-American
Britt's Café	1211 Wisconsin Ave NW	A longtime after hours hangout, mixed straight and gay. Owner: William Britt	1928	1967	M	
Buck Stops Here	1725 G St NW	Fridays for gays. The Buck Stops Here was often used for African American GLBT social events by the DC Coalition and black social clubs.	7/1/84	1987	M	
Buddies	512 2nd St SE	Men's bar in the Union Station area	1981	1982	M	
Bus Stop Deli	1911 7 th St NW	Part of the Georgia/Florida/U Street entertainment district. A late night hangout.	1965	1968	M	African-American
Cadmus Books	11226 Georgia Ave NW	Bookshop with some gay porn etc	Apr-94		M	
Café Metropole	1018 14th St NW	Hangout and 'gay' bar in the 50s and 60s. Listing name changed to the Metropole Café in the 50s.	1937	1950	MW	
Cage	1811 14th St NW	Gay night at Alchemy on Thursdays,	2000		M	
Cagney's	1 Dupont Circle NW	Dupont Circle dance bar	Jul-86			
Cairo Ballroom	1615 Q St NW	Known in the 50s/60s for after hour dances organized by Black Pearl (Ken White) at the Cairo Hotel	1951	1962	MW	
California Brick Kitchen	1234 Connecticut Ave NW	After-hours cruise spot. Became known as California Kitchen in 1955. Added H St locations. Connecticut Ave location became the Copper skillet about 1962. "There was an all night cafeteria nearby [Lafayette Square and the Chicken Hut] on the Southwest corner of Pennsylvania and 18 th Street, which, while certainly not gay, got lots and lots of gay customers in the late evenings and into the early mornings, as people left those two bars and wanted a bite to eat ."-- Franklin E Kameny.	1942	1962	MW	
Capitol Hill Town House Restaurant	506 8th SE	Longtime all night restaurant. Blade: "A new restaurant with seating for 200 will open on Gay Way, the Town House ... In 1974, it added a second floor Cabaret Room. <i>Just Us</i> : "The Townhouse is a small lounge and restaurant, serving dinner until 11:30 pm and sandwiches until closing. It attracts a quiet neighborhood clientele and has a notably good jukebox."	1/1/71	Sep-78	MW	
Carroll Tavern	510 9th St NW	Carroll's "catered to a particular gay taste for sailors, soldiers, and	1934	1986	M	

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		marines, and to the armed services' fancy for a free weekend of entertainment."-Haviland Ferris. "In contrast to the genteel atmosphere of Margaret's and Showboat was a bar on 9th street, a rough trade hangout. Servicemen were very poorly paid at the time and many of them made very aggressive trade."--Ladd Forrester. "On weekends the place was packed with servicemen from the Army, Marines, and especially the Navy. A lot of servicemen went there to be picked up; civilians went there to pick them up and take them home for a weekend. In a sense, you gave them room and board." -- Brett Beemyn. Owner: Solomon Chesivoir				
Cecelia's Restaurant	618 T St NW	It was across from the Howard Theatre, part of the African-American theatre district, and a place to see the stars. " It was the place to see all the artists"--Juicy Coleman. Owner: Mary Barnes.	1954	1968	MW	African-American
Champagne Room	13 th & H St NW	Added drag shows to attract a gay clientele in January 1970 according to the Blade	1/1/70	1970	M	
Chaos	1603 17th St NW	Replaced the short-lived Q Club. Original owners: Wes Sullivan, Carlos Aguilar. Chaos became a very diverse club with Latino, women's, and drag nights. Drag bingo (Tues), women's night (Wed.) drag show (Sat), Latino drag (Fri.). Hosted DC's only regularly scheduled drag kings show. Among other show hosts have been Lena Lett, Leona Hemsley, Xavier Bloomingdale, Jordan Taylor, Gigi Couture, and Regina Joezet.	6/5/98		MW	
Chapter II	900 First St SE	A dance bar favored by some of the black social clubs.	2/1/77		M	
Chapter III	900 First St SE	Successor to Marty's at this location. Owned by Martin Chernoff (part owner of Marty's). Tried to attract a straight crowd.	3/1/85		MW	
Charles Dickens Room	2801 New Mexico Ave NW	Gay supper club tried to attract gay crowd to AU area. Owned by George Dotson.	6/1/73	Jan-74	MW	
Chateau	3439 Benning Rd SE	The Chateau was used by black social clubs for events, especially by the Best of Washington.	1970		MW	
Checkmates Restaurant	3025 Naylor Rd SE	Checkmates was one of the first distribution points for the Gay Blade	1968		M	African-American
Cheers	1500 3 rd St NW	After hours gay club run by Raymond Carter. Raided by MPD March 14, 1987.	1987			
Chesapeake House	746 9th St NW	Owner: John Rock. One of the last 9th St bars to close, one of the first to feature nude dancers. Manager John Tonelli murdered in 1978. A dancer at the Chesapeake was involved in Congressman Robert Bauman's exposure as a gay man. Manager John Tonelli was murdered in 1978.	12/1/75	9/20/92	M	
Chesapeake Inn	3040 M St NW	Gay-oriented hotel.	1972		M	
Chicken Hut (Lafayette)	1720 H St NW	Named the Lafayette Chicken Hut to avoid infringing the name of a chain of local restaurants, but always known as the Chicken Hut. Ladd Forrester: "Eventually the Chicken Hut opened across from Lafayette Square, drawing the pianist Howard away to play there instead. Howard played there seven nights a week until one night, in the mid-	1948	1970	M	

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Chocolate Bar	1928 9th St NW	1970s, he died at the bar's keyboard." Behind the Roger Smith hotel. "It was the center of gay social life in the late 40s and 50s. On Fridays and Saturdays, the place was 'packed to the rafters'."--Brett Beemyn. "It was the Chicken Hut, at 1720 H St NW. They had (bi?) weekly Sunday afternoon dances during the winter of 1961-62. To the best of my knowledge, no special license was needed, but I'm not sure."--Franklin E Kameny. A women's dance bar, Saturday's, organized by Loving People Like You, inc.	2001		W	
Cinema Follies	37 L St SE	Bar with nude dancers. A disastrous fire 10/24/77 killed 9 people. Led DCFD to check all clubs' fire safety. Court case led to fines of owner, Bill Oates.	11/1/75	Oct-77	M	
Circle	1629 Connecticut Ave NW	When Rascals closed in December 1992, after suspension of its liquor license and Riggs' refusal to renew the lease beyond 1 year, the owners applied to transfer the liquor license across the street to 1629 Connecticut. The new location, the Circle, took a year to get its liquor license transferred from Rascal's location. The Circle became a very popular bar for African-American and white gay men. The Sunday evening happy hour had lines down the street waiting to get in.	Jan-94	2000	M	African-American/W
Circus	1821 1/2 L St NW	Dance club in the basement of Anthony House Hotel	12/1/77		M	
Cities	2424 18th St NW	A mixed straight and gay club, held fundraisers and hosted Ladies of the 80s events	1989	Feb-90	MW	
Club 1140	1140 18th St NW	Club 1140 was owned by the Clubhouse partners: John Eddy, Morrell Chasten & Andrea Scott. Had liquor license. Restaurant called le Maze by day, Club 1140 by night..	1982	Jul-86	M	
Club 2424	2424 18th St NW	Cities became Club 2424 in February 1990	2/1/90		MW	
Club 55	55 K St SE	Club 55 was home to Academy Awards presentations on Sunday evenings. by day and other weekdays, Club 55 was a straight stripper bar. Mame Dennis started Sunday Club 55 Playgirls show in the early 90s with LaLa Maharis, Blair Michaels, Diana Spencer, and Victoria Sterling. Playgirls lasted through early 1997.	1970		M	
Club Applause	1214 Connecticut Ave NW	Advertised itself as the "first gay nightclub"	9/1/72		M	
Club de Sade	1420 M St NW	Leather club	8/1/76		M	
Club Fuego	1438 U St	Hispanic gay Saturday dance night at Cada Vez restaurant. The weekly Latino gay night started in 2003 at the Four Points Sheraton and moved to Cada Vez in 2005. It was briefly at the Tequila Grill on K St NW. Neighborhood and ANC pressed for reduced noise and hours, videotaped patrons entering and leaving in 2005. Club first opened at the Four Points Sheraton (K & 12 th NW) in January 2004, then moved to Tequila Grill (K & 20 th NW) in June 2004. Hosted Universo Latina drag pageant in April 2004.	2003		MW	Latino
Club Madame	500 8th St SE	Club for women with "a French accent" opened by BB Gatch and her mother. Had occasional drag shows on Fridays and Saturdays. <i>Just Us</i> : "A discotheque with an international atmosphere, the Club	7/1/74	Dec-78	W	

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Club Manx	2913 M St NW	Madame has a varied program of seasonally oriented festivals, such as Mardi Gras, Oktoberfest, and so on, which require payment of an admission fee. Otherwise there is no charge. The crowd is very mixed, but mostly gay women..."	1978		M	
Club Ten	1345 Half St SW	Gay membership club	2003	2004	M	
Club Vanity	237 2nd St NW	A short-lived leather bar that opened in the old Pier Nine building, Club Ten never attracted enough patrons to keep it going.	9/8/90		MW	
Club Washington Bath II	20 O St SE	Mixed club for men and women, replaced Li'l Sister	6/1/72	March 2006	M	
Clubhouse	1296 Upshur St NW	Also known as Club East II, Club Washington. The only bathhouse to survive the 1980s. <i>Just Us</i> : "The DC branch of the well-known Club Bath chain is open to members 24 hours a day. Special features include a sauna room, a sundeck, a TV lounge, a snack bar, and private rooms for relaxing."	May-75	5/26/90	MW	African-American
Cobalt	1639 R St NW	A disco without a regular liquor license. Famous for its 'acid punch'. A membership club and premier dance club for the African-American gay and lesbian community. It grew out of the Zodiac Den and Third World. Fundraiser/community support helped keep it going in late 80s, supported by Best of Washington & Associates. Known for its Children's Hour events on Sundays. Site of the AIDS forum for the African-American community in 1983. Owners: Aundrea Scott, John Eddy, Chasten Morrell. Managed by Ray Melrose and Rainey Cheeks	Apr-96 Oct 01	19-Dec-98	M	
Coffeehouse	816 I St NE	Above Fonda del Sol restaurant, Featured dancing, drag, women's nights. Club burned down in December 1998. Drag show moved to Omega. Re-opened October 2001. Features drag bingo and Feygele Feud, starring Lena Lett (2001-2002).	1/1/82	1990	MW	African-American
Collector	1630 U St NW	An arts & literature center in a two story carriage house building behind a house at 816 I St NE. DCCBG & Ray Melrose founded the Coffeehouse. It hosted the Sapphire Sapphos, and was taken over by Sapphire Sapphos in November 84. With an open loft overlooking the main floor, a fireplace and a warm atmosphere, the place was unique among gay and lesbian spaces in DC. The coffeehouse was a crucible for artists, writers, musicians, and performance artists. When Melrose moved to the DC Space, many of the performers at the Coffeehouse joined him there.	5/1/87			
Combat Zone	2122 P St NW rear	Gay-oriented restaurant.	3/1/81		M	
Community Bookshop	2028 P St NW (basement) and later 2325 18 th Street NW	Leather-levi bar upstairs at the Fraternity House	1970		MW	
		Increasingly gay-oriented bookshop. The Community Bookshop initially resisted pressure to carry more gay and lesbian-oriented publications. Barbara Labinski, manager 1973. <i>Just Us</i> : "Open Monday through Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the Community Bookshop specializes in radical, avant-garde books, with special sections for gay and women's literature. They give a 20% discount on any book priced over \$3.95. They also feature a bulletin board of local events, housing needed or offered, jobs wanted,				

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Complex, The <i>Congressional Cemetery</i>	1239 9th St NW 1801 H St SE	for sale, etc." Last resting place of Leonard Matlovich, J Edgar Hoover, and Clyde Tolson, all within 20 feet of each other. The corner of the road across from the Matlovich grave has become a resting place for several gay veterans.	3/1/86		M	
Copper Skillet	1234 Connecticut Ave NW	After hours hangout, successor to California Kitchen at this spot	5/15/05		MW	
Court Jester	812 13th St NW	Blade: "has five female impersonators, breakfast shows, buffets, and such ... " Later moved to 2321 Wisconsin Ave NW	5/1/70	Dec-76	M	
Court Jester	2321 Wisconsin Ave NW	Relocation of the downtown Court Jester.	5/1/77	1979	M	
Cousin Nick's	4708 14th St NW	Blade: "Cousin Nick's 4708 14th St NW had lots of women on a recent weekday night"	6/1/72		W	
Coyote Bar & Grill	2020 Florida Ave NW	Dupont area hangout.	11/1/94		MW	
Cozy Corner Bar & Grill	708 Florida Ave NW	Florida Ave. at Georgia Ave., wouldn't allow drags into the bar. "Largely African-American clientele, but whites who were interested in African-Americans would go there too. It was upstairs, had a long bar, and was one of those places that looked like it could burn down easily." "--Brett Beemyn. A long time hangout for the Howard University students, until the fires in April 1968. -Juicy Coleman. Owner William Weaver and Walter Weaver.	1949	1968	M	
Crescent Café	723 14th St NW	A gay friendly restaurant, much visited by Jeb and Dash. At times was an all night hangout, with dancing. Moved to New York Avenue in the bus station area in 1954	1933	1954	MW	
Crescent Café	1338 New York Ave NW	Moved to NY Ave location in mid-50s	1954	1970	MW	
Crew Club	1331 14th St NW	Health club, bathhouse. Owner: DC Allen	1990		M	
Crypt	1010 Half St SE	Leather/fetish bar next to the Edge	6/15/96		M	
Crystal Caverns	2001 11th St NW	"Crystal Caverns was a straight bar, but it welcomed Gays. Its interior had been decorated by a professional and was by far the most elegant of the five bars open Gays at the time."--Ladd Forrester	1939	1941	MW	African-American/W
Curiosity Bookstore	1219 I St NW	Bookshop for gay books and porn. Owner: Lester Randolph (73)	1977	1985	M	African-American
Cy's	2412 Wisconsin Ave NW	Western, levi-leather in upper Georgetown	6/1/77	Feb-85	M	
Dakota	1777 Columbia Rd NW	Dance club, gay and straight, held fundraisers and hosted Ladies of the 80s events	Oct-87	May-90	M	
Danny's	2161 P St NW	P St Station became Danny's, a piano bar.	1987	Aug-88	M	
David's Grill	1123 17th St NW	Edward David, owner, from 1944. " 'Mannish women' began to frequent David's after the management of the Showboat kicked them out; subsequently they outnumbered gay men there" -- Brett Beemyn	1944	1955	MW	
De Lounge	11305 Georgia, Wheaton MD	Mixed but primarily lesbian lounge in Wheaton, MD with billiards/pool and a dance floor.	2004		W	
Deco Cabana	2122 P St NW	Latino club that followed Escandalo at this location, drag shows, popular late 90s.	Apr-98	2000	MW	Latino

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The Deep End	1214 18 th St NW (at the Andalu)	Wednesday nights, men and dancing. The Deep End started in 2000 on 18 th St NW. The weekly dance night moved to 1355 H St NE in early 2003.	January 2000		MW	African-American
Delta Elite	3734 10th St NE	Long-running major after-hours dance club in Brookland area.	May-76		M	African-American
Derby Room Restaurant	1801 H Street NW	A popular gathering place in the late 50s and early 60s. "I recall the Derby Room, at the northwest corner of 18th and H, as opening shortly after I arrived [September 1956]. The Chicken Hut was long there. I was a frequent customer -- a "regular" -- at both, often going back and forth, and was there almost nightly into the early 1960s. ...It opened late in the 1950s and for many years was one of THE Washington gay bars."--Franklin Kameny	1954	1962	M	
Dick's Bar	639 New York Ave NW	Leather-levi and predecessor of the Eagle at this address	1/1/85	Feb-87	M	
DIK	1637 17 th St NW	Bar for men above the Italian Kitchen, formerly Windows.	2002		M	
Diversite	1526 14th St NW	14 th St. dance club, hosted a few drag pageants in the late 90s	Oct-94		MW	
DMZ GI Coffeehouse	918 9th St NW	Gay friendly counter-culture spot in the early 70s	1970	1972	MW	
Dobkins Grille	1104 8th St SE	"It was another singing bar. They had a woman with a wonderful voice named Ruby who led the singing. The waitresses would also sing. Dobkins had a regular clientele. People went to Dobkins either to be with friends or to pick up Marines. 'If you went into Dobkins off the street, just to get a drink, you would leave there in five minutes. It was absolutely a hideous bar'."--Brett Beemyn. Owners: Melvin Dobkins and Mary Schechter	1949	1962	M	
Dolly's Restaurant	1215 New York Ave NW	Part of the bust station scene, with drag shows. Glenn Turner, manager, Sanford Bornstein, owner. <i>Just Us</i> : "Dolly's features dancing, and both male and female go-go dancers. Sunday brunch and monthly drag shows and contests are two of dolly's attractions. The patrons are mostly male, any age over 18, and about fifty percent gay... Admission is 50 cents weekdays and 75 cents weekends."	1969	1979	M	
Dot's Spot	601 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Upstairs, over Mr. Henry's. Owner: Dot Palmerton	1980	Feb-84	MW	
Dot's Town House Restaurant	506 8th St SE	Dot Palmerton took over the Capitol Hill Town House restaurant	9/1/78		MW	
Paul Lawrence Dunbar Home	321 U St NW	Reputedly bisexual, Dunbar moved here with his mother and wife while working at the Library of Congress.	1896	1899?	M	African-American
Dupont Station	1426 21st St NW		1970	1971	M	
Eagle	908 7th St NW	Levi-leather, became Washington Eagle until move to NY Ave	5/1/79	Mar-87	M	
Eagle	904 9th St NW	The Eagle has long been one of DC's institutions, surviving since 1972. It is DC's classic leather/levi bar, a major fundraiser for the community and for Brother, Help Thyself. Don Bruce owner until 1987. <i>Just Us</i> : "The Eagle is Washington's major leather and Western bar, and appropriate attire (leather or denim) is requested. It is also a good restaurant, featuring various specials, Happy Hours and buffets. Dancing is not permitted, and the predominant clientele is	1/1/72	Nov-76	M	

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Eagle (DC)	639 New York Ave NW	butch male." Latest location for DC's classic levi-leather club. Home to many community fundraisers.	Mar-87		M	
Eagle in Exile	950 9th St NW	The leather/levi dance place. Around the corner from the Rogue/Brass Rail at 5 th and K.	11/1/76	Jan-82	M	
Eagle in Exile	925 5th St NW	Levi-leather club, doorman shot in robbery in 1982, owner Lou Ritz died February 1985	1/1/82	1987	M	
<i>Earthworks</i>	1724 20th St NW	"Earthworks was a headshop only in its first year or two of business. Then it became a 'fine quality paraphernalia shop'--it was often referred to by others as 'the Bloomingdales of paraphernalia' and we never used the 'headshop' appellation ourselves after about 1973. In 1991, it ceased being a paraphernalia shop, too, and converted to being a fine quality tobacconist [winning awards from the pipe tobacco industry]. But of course we still carried those small-bowl pipes, too."--Deacon Maccubbin. Earthworks' corner of gay books and periodicals expanded until in 1974 it was spun off into the independent Lambda Rising bookstore.	Jun-71		MW	
East Side	1824 Half St SW	Disco	Jul-86		M	
Ebony Hut	4726 14 th St NW	African American women's bar and restaurant owned and operated by Barbara Anderson. Anderson's venture was the first attempt to create a social space for African American women. The club held several fundraisers for Rev. James Tinney's congregation, Faith Temple. The club also sponsored a Sunday evening gospel hour.	1977	1979	W	African-American
Ebony II	1101-A Kenyon St NW		2001		MW	African-American
Edge	56 L St SE	Followed the Lost & Found at this location. Manager: Jeff Neal. Licenses suspended Dec 1998 for fights	1990	2006	M	
EFN Lounge	1318 9 th St NW	Lounge that replaced the Be Bar	2009			
El Faro	2411 18th St NW	2nd floor, First Latino gay club in DC. Owner: Oscar Guardado. The club drew a lot of hostility leading to violence that undermined its drawing power. Ana Maria Morales killed in front of El Faro in January 1993. Five customers assaulted in front of El Faro in March 1993. Accused killer of Morales acquitted.	10/25/91	1995	MW	Latino
Elan	1129 Pennsylvania Ave SE	On the 2 nd floor. Women's bar, had Wednesday evening drag shows hosted by Michelle Michaels and Courtney Lovelace.	4/4/98		W	
Ellington's on 8th	424A 8th St SE	Women's club on Sundays	May-98		W	
Encore Social Club	1900 Fenwick St NE	Off New York Avenue and Fenwick NE. The Encore followed the closing of the Clubhouse as a center, with raps and discussions, fundraisers for ICAN, Raymond Carter manager	Oct-90	1992	MW	African-American
Equus	639 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Main country-western bar on Capitol Hill. The bar was attacked by Marines twice in 82	4/1/80		M	
Escandalo	2122 P St NW	Latino gay club became very popular, 'community center', for young Latinos and Latinas. Popular drag shows. Owner: Roberto Hermasillo. Paired with Lonestar West restaurant.	Feb-94	Nov-97	MW	Latino

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Essie	816 I St NE	Run by the Sapphire Sapphos at the Coffeehouse.	11/1/84		W	African-American
Exit	910 7th St NW	Leather-levy dance club	2/1/84	Apr-88	M	
Evans-Tibbs Gallery	1910 Vermont Avenue NW	Thurlow Evans-Tibbs amassed an amazing collection of African-American art and displayed much of it at the gallery, formerly his parents home. The gallery was also an important gathering place for African-American gays in the city. On his death most of the collection went to the Corcoran Gallery.				
Excursions	1214B 18 th St NW	Monthly parties organized by Tony Vila, attract mixed gay/straight crowd	Dec 2004		MW	
Fab Lounge	1805 Connecticut Ave NW	Fab Lounge, located above a straight strip club, on the southeast corner of Florida and Connecticut Avenues, was delayed in opening by protests to the local ANC.	May 4, 2006		MW	
Faith Temple	1313 New York Avenue NW	Founded in 1982 by Dr. James S Tinney, a Howard University political scientist and Pentecostal theologian who was forced to leave his church because of his sexual orientation. The congregation originally met at Calvary Methodist in Columbia Heights	1982			
(the) Famous Faces	New York Ave NW	Up the street from the Naples. A place to pick up rough trade.				
Fantasies	1239 9th St NW	Club featured drag performances	12/1/83	Feb-85	M	
Fifth Column	915 F St NW	Straight dance club had frequent fundraisers and gay nights,	1988		MW	
Firehouse	427 11th St NW	Gay friendly restaurant, advertised in the <i>Gay Blade</i> . RGM Storey, owner (73)	1970	1974	M	
Fireplace	2161 P St NW	The Fireplace was a restaurant at this location in the 50s; after being known as P St. Station, it returned to being the Fireplace. Judy, popular bartender/waitress of the Georgetown Grill, works here. Much of the crowd from the Circle moved here after the Circle closed in 2000.	10/1/91		M	
<i>First Congregational Church</i>	945 G St NW	Known as First Church, the Metropolitan Community Church moved here in 1973 from its original Capitol Hill home and remained here until moving to 415 M St NW in 1984. First Church has also made its home available for AIDS forums, other GLBTQ religious groups, and protest groups.	1973	1984		
Follies	24 O St SE	Owners: Edward Dawson, Martin Crowitz. Manager Wilson Fitzsimmons. Indicted as 'bawdy house' November 1992.	10/1/78	March 2006	M	
Fox Lounge	3553 Mt Pleasant St NW	Mixed genders, mostly African-American and Latino club in Mt Pleasant area. Alley area behind it was 'notorious'. Owner: Mrs. Frances Fox. <i>Just Us</i> : "Serving meals, sandwiches and drinks in a lounge atmosphere, the Fox Lounge is predominantly a black male-oriented bar for people over 21. Music is provided by a jukebox. No dancing, no cover."	1958	1972	M	
Franklyn's	2000 18th St NW	18th St. coffeeshop with leather influence. Regularly hosts fundraisers for the drag and leather communities	1999	2002	MW	
Fraternity House	2122 P St NW rear	Had nude dancers, karaoke, and experimented with 2 nd floor restaurant and leather club. Started Sorority Nights for women on	9/1/76	Apr-97	M	

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Freddy's Beach Bar	555 S 23 rd St, Crystal City VA	Wednesdays in April 1995. Restaurant with gay clientele, drag shows	2000			
Friends	2122 P St NW	Piano bar with pianist Carl Barnwell (who moved to Trumpets after Friends closed). Owners: Jay Lamont , Russ Pepin	1982	Mar-94	M	
Friends - Georgetown	3033 M St NW	Piano bar, opening contested by neighborhood groups	12/1/82		M	
Friends - Too	401 M St SW	Piano bar at the Waterfront Mall	3/15/82		M	
Front Porch	317 7th St SE	Popular shop and gathering place for women. One of the early distribution points for the <i>Gay Blade</i> .	1970		W	
Full House	811 Virginia Ave SE	African-American club on Capitol Hill.	Oct-96	Jun-98	M	African-American
Furies Collective	219 11 th St SE, 1861 California St. NW, 217 12 th St SE	The Furies collective was among Washington, DC's best known communal living groups in the early Seventies. The collective constituted an important experiment in lesbians of diverse social and economic backgrounds living together and working to make their political and social beliefs in lesbian separatism a day-to-day reality. Most of the members of the collective wrote for the newspaper which was published from the basement of 219 11 th St. SE. Other members lived in houses at 1861 California St NW and at 217 12 th St SE From January 1972 until mid-1973, the collective published its groundbreaking newspaper, <u>the Furies</u> , and distributed it nationally. When the collective disbanded in late spring 1972, "the core of the newspaper staff decided to continue the paper as a project separate from the collective".	1971	1973		
Gay Community Center	1213-1219 13th St NW	The first community center was organized by the Gay Activists Alliance in 1972. It lasted about a year but offered a place for meetings and for gay and lesbian dances. Ran out of funds.	3/1/72	Jul-73	MW	
Gay Community Center	1469 Church St NW	The second community center was organized with support from the Washington Area Gay Community Council, which started discussions about a community center in 1978. It provided meeting space for community groups but had trouble collecting fees. Was also home to <i>OUT</i> University classes. Was evicted in November 1990 for failing to pay back rent.	7/1/79	Jan-83	MW	
Gay Community Center	1638 R St NW	James Crutchfield pres. 1982 - 1988,	1/1/83	Aug-88	MW	
Gay Community Center	1228 17th St NW	Offered AIDS support groups in late 80s, ran into financial difficulties in 1989, evicted in November 1990, last president Bob Roehr	8/1/88	11/26/90	MW	
Gay Men's VD Clinic	1556 Wisconsin Ave NW	The Gay Men's VD Clinic was the first community health organization. It started with Saturday afternoon hours as the Washington Free Clinic in the basement of the Georgetown Lutheran Church (at Volta & Wisconsin). In 1978, it joined with the Gay Men's Counseling Collective and another group to incorporate as the Whitman Walker	1971		M	

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Gayety Buffet	511 9th St NW	Clinic. A gathering place/hangout next to the Gayety Theatre (which became a porn theatre). The Gayety has the distinction of being one of the two gay places ever raided by the Metropolitan Police (the other was the Uptown Restaurant). Owner George Saslaw.	1952	1964	M	
General Male	1401 H St NW	In the Casino Royale building, the porn shop was originally known as Le Salon	1987	Jul-89	M	
Georgetown Grill	1239 Wisconsin Ave NW	The Georgetown Grill was a gay haven in the 60s and the 70s. Late night cruise spot. Owner George Karafas. Sold in 1977 to Au Pied du Cochon. The Grill was also a performance space for the popular Red Shoes Walking troupe. Judy the very popular waitress/bartender started working here in 1964 (she later worked at the Court Jester, Onyx, Cy's, and the Fireplace). <i>Just Us</i> : "One of DC's standard gay bars, the Grill (or affectionately, Greta's) features a jukebox in a crowded but quiet atmosphere which is easy for talking. Drinks are notably reasonably priced. A fine place to spend a weekend afternoon 'window shopping' the passersby on crowded Wisconsin Avenue, the heart of the Georgetown shopping district. No cover, reservations, or dancing, but a steady regular crowd of loyal patrons, tourists, and college students, mostly male and all gay. The ever popular Block is nearby."	1948	Feb-77	M	
<i>Georgetown Lutheran Church</i>	1556 Wisconsin Avenue NW	Georgetown Lutheran (at Wisconsin and Volta) for many years was the home of the Washington Free Clinic and in November 1973 became the site of the Gay Men's VD Clinic, a precursor of the Whitman-Walker Clinic. The Gay Men's Clinic and a women's clinic continued at the church until the Whitman-Walker Clinic opened.	1970	1977		
GLF House	1620 S St NW	The Gay Liberation Front House was an early meeting place, crash pad, youth center, and planning group for activist actions.	1/1/71			MW
Glorious Health Club	24 O St SE	Owner Bob Siegel	1980	April 2006	M	
Glory Hole	24 O St SE	Owner Bob Siegel	1970			MW
Golden Calf	1133 14th St NW	On Thomas Circle. Blade 1970: "We'll miss the Calf, and will remember it and Billie with warm feelings.". Owner: Morris Katz	1963	May-70	M	
Golden Key Club	North Beach MD	A drag friendly club that hosted many drag balls in the 60s	1950			MW
<i>Grace Episcopal Church</i>	1040 Wisconsin Avenue NW	Grace Episcopal, nicknamed "Amazing Grace", served as a meeting place and haven for early GLBTQ activist organizations, as well as civil rights and Vietnam antiwar groups. The Gay Liberation Front formed here in June 1970 and frequently met here until GLF formed its own collective. During the MayDay protests in 1971, Amazing Grace served as a meeting place and refuge for the antiwar protesters.	1970	1972		

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Grand Central	900 First St SE	One of the early dance clubs. Center of a discrimination suit and complaint to the Human Rights Commission. Lost the case and closed down rather than pay the fine in 1977. Glenn Thompson and George Dotson owners. <i>Just Us</i> : "A huge discotheque with pop music, a restaurant featuring steak and lobster dishes, and an occasional stage for drag shows (including Miss Grand Central, and all with substantial prize money), the Grand Central attracts a conservatively dressed crowd of 21 to 35 years of age. No cover; dinner reservations are suggested on weekends." In 2005, a Baltimore bar formerly known as Central Station re-opened as Grand Central.	2/1/74	1977	MW	
Green Lantern	1335 Green Ct NW	At the same location as the 1920s Krazy Kat. Disco bar behind 1313 L St NW. Fined and closed twice (September 1996 and March 1997) by the ABC for violation of liquor laws/fondling of nude dancers. Re-opened in same location October 2001. ToolShed, an upstairs bar, mostly leather. Owner from 2001: Greg Zehnacker	12/26/92		M	
<i>Angelina Weld Grimké Home</i>	1415 Corcoran NW	Grimke, noted lesbian poet and contemporary of the Harlem Renaissance group, wrote some of her most memorable poetry at this location in the 1920s. She also apparently lived at 1526 L St. NW before the Corcoran address. She moved to New York City in the 1930s	1902?	1930	W	African-American
GT's Famous Faces	3333A Connecticut Ave NW	Happy hour and cruise bar, known for "attitude adjustment hour"	1970	1976	MW	
<i>Guild Press</i>	507 - 13 8 th St SE	Publisher of gay guides, gay and lesbian fiction, and local newspaper <i>Gay Forum</i> . Owner: Lynn Womack Jr. Press and publisher charged with and convicted of obscenity.	1964	1972	MW	
Gusti's	1833-37 M St NW	Italian restaurant "which was not strictly gay, but always quite cruisable. Some gays didn't know that it was a gay bar."--Brett Beemyn	1949	1958	MW	
Halo	1435 P St.	Popular lounge on P St near 14 th St. First smoke-free lounge or bar in the gay community. Halo attracts a youngish largely male crowd.	8/11/2004		MW	
Hamburger Mary's	1337 14th St NW	Popular 14 th St restaurant	2001		MW	
Harlow	515 2nd St NE	A women's bar, owned by Buddies	1/1/82		W	
Heat	18 O St SE	Men's bar, replaced Cage aux Follies. Nude male dancers. Owner Siegel. Taken by eminent domain to build baseball stadium.	1/05	April 2006	M	
Here and Now	2000 S St NW	Dining and bar, mostly women.	3/1/79		W	
Hideaway	303 9th St NW	Also known as Lou's Hide-a-way. Leather bar. Dr Franklin Kameny recalls, "The building was at the corner of 9 th and Pennsylvania and a street which came in at an angle and no longer exists, but was called Market Place and was an extension, at substantially the same angle, of Indiana Avenue ...The entrance to the Hideaway was on 9th Street, and then downstairs; the bar was entirely in the basement of that building. I believe that the Hideaway was still in operation when the FBI building opened, and I remember hearing stories of FBI agents and other FBI employees having lunch there, before it shifted over,	1963	1983	M	

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Hill Café	1310 Pennsylvania Ave SE	each day, for its evening gay operation." <i>Just Us</i> : "A small discotheque in its twelfth year of operation, the Hideaway has intimate tables, shuffleboard, pinball machines, and a jukebox for dancing. This all contributes to its easy-going atmosphere. Do cover, no reservations for this predominantly male and highly mixed bar. One of DC's standards. Downstairs from Louie's and the Barn."	12/31/94		MW	
Hill Haven	516 8th St SE	Capitol Hill women's bar, opened a restaurant in August 1990. Two controversies erupted in 1991. The club was boycotted by black lesbians protesting perceived racism. It was then exposed as not being "lesbian-owned" or even woman-owned in 1991, contrary to its advertising. It came under new management January 1992. In August 1991 Hill Haven started men's night on Wednesdays.	11/30/89	1993	W	
Hollywood House	1846 -1848 Monroe St. NW	Alan Kress, better known as 'Liz Taylor' and founder of the Oscars, DC's first haven for female impersonators, turned his home into a gathering place and after-hours social center. According to Carl Rizzi, each room of the house was named for a different Hollywood star: Judy Garland, Bette Davis, etc. David Harris, owner of the Regency Baths, remembers spending many evenings at after-hours parties at Hollywood House.	1961	1971	M	
Horseshoe	1123 17 th St. NW	The Horseshoe, behind the Mayflower and also known as Margaret's, was the original place where Howard Cooper played piano. "Sundays from 4 to 6 pm, the Horseshoe had a popular Shrimp and Poetry Feast for \$1.25... and promptly at 5 Margaret would announce the Poetry Hour."--Ladd Forrester.	1937	1944	M	
Horseshoe Saloon	430 8th St SE	Country & western bar on Capitol Hill. <i>Just Us</i> : "The Horseshoe is a Western bar with a whole Western atmosphere, including saddles for barstools. The game room includes pinball and pool tables, and meeting space is available for meetings of Western and leather groups. They feature a Sunday brunch from Noon to 4:00 pm, weekly movies, and a Happy Hour on weekdays. There is no dancing and no cover charge."	1/1/75		M	
Howard's Lounge	New York Ave and 12 th ST NW	In the bus station strip, a lounge with female strippers, gay friendly.				
Hubbard House	1900 M St NW	Restaurant frequented by gay men, after hours club. Originally part of a chain with five restaurants. The M St location opened about 1964. Rob Adams manager.	1964	1974	M	
<i>Langston Hughes Home</i>	1749 S St NW	Hughes rented rooms here while working in DC. He had first stayed with relatives in LeDroit Park. From the S St address Hughes moved to the YMCA at 1816 12 th St NW, just off of U St. NW	1924	1926	M	African-American
Hung Jury	1819 H St NW	One of the longest running women's bars in the city, dancing.	1984	2002	W	
Hunt Club	2249 Huntington Ave Alexandria VA	Country-western, drag, dance club in Alexandria VA	1999		M	
Hunting Lodge	2122 P St NW rear	Second floor restaurant at Frat House	1970		M	
Hush	2473 18 th St NW	Gay Thursday nights at Club Chloe	6/9/05		MW	

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Janus Theatre 2	1600 Connecticut Ave NW	Owner: Martin Field. The Janus in the early 70s showed gay films and adult films. Bob Corbett, the Star Wars bandit, worked at the Janus while robbing theatres that were showing <i>Star Wars</i> .	1971	Mar-73	M	
Jenkins Hill/Underground	319 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Jenkins Hill Underground advertised as a "lesbian and gay nightclub" that offered a bar, pool and darts	Nov-96	Jun-98	M	
Jenny's Lounge	401 M St SW	Weekend dance club that also hosted drag pageants and drag shows.	1998		M	
Jerry's Marquis de Sade	4400 Jennifer St NW		1980	1982	M	
Jerry's Marquis de Sade	1111 19th St NW		12/1/80		M	
Jewel Box	1628 L St NW	Followed the Maystat at this location. A piano bar. Mentioned in Mortimer and Lait's <i>Washington Confidential</i>	1950	1952	M	
Jimmie Lake's	421 9 th St NW	Was a hangout after work for the strippers who worked at the 9 th St Bars. Owner James E Lake Jr.	1954	1969	M	
Jo-Anna's	430 8th St SE	The first nice women's bar"--Lilli Vincenz. "Joanna's arrived somewhat later, on the NE corner of 8th and E, directly across E from Johnny's. It was responsible for the initiation of dancing in DC gay bars on a regular basis. It was a women's bar. They put in a small dance floor, which immediately started to attract business including, (I think) some men. Johnnies saw the future, and installed a postage-stamp-sized dance floor, and began getting lots of customers."--Franklin Kameny. JoAnna's closed briefly. The re-opened JoAnna's in 1973 hosted Paul & Billie Gold's <i>Gold Dust Review</i> on Sundays,	1968	1972	W	
Jo-Anna's	430 8th St SE	reopened after Rendezvous closed	3/1/73	1978	W	
Johnnie's	500 8th St SE	Johnnie's was known for its year-round Christmas tree lights and decorations. "A singing bar. Johnnie's had a mixed working-class and middle-class clientele."--Brett Beemyn. "Johnny's goes way back. It was here when I arrived in 1956, and those permanent Christmas decorations were there then."--Franklin Kameny. It was nicknamed the "Tinsel Palace". Owners: John & Josephine Nocente.	1949	1974	M	
<i>Georgia Douglas Johnson Home</i>	1461 S St. NW	Georgia Douglas Johnson, poet and playwright, opened her home at the urging of Jean Toomer to a Saturday evening salon of young writers. These Saturday Nighters began in the mid-Twenties and provided a forum for discussion and recitation for Langston Hughes, Jean Toomer, Angelina Weld Grimke, Alain Locke, Zora Neale Hurston and many others	1925	Mid-1930s	MW	African-American
Jojo's	516 8th St SE	Special women's night on Saturdays, for 'progressive women', at Hill Haven	5/18/91	Aug-91	W	
JP's	2412 Wisconsin Ave NW	Owned by James Papanicolas, opened after Naples closed	9/1/85	Jun-86	M	
JR's	1519 17th St NW	After Annie's Paramount Steak House moved up 17 th St, JR's opened here. JR's has been a regular sponsor of the annual Halloween High Heel Drag Race since the race started. Opened by Travis Thorn.	Oct-86		M	
Kavakos Grill	727 H St NE	A gay-friendly club of the 40s and 50s. In its earlier days it was known for jazz and dancing, in later days for nude dancers Shut down for taxes 1955, "A bar which catered to sailors and 'slummers' (it featured	1935	Feb-55	MW	

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Keith's Theatre	619 15th St NW	nude dancers); the place also attracted many lesbians."--Brett Beemyn. Owners: Louis & Elena Kavakos. The theatre was a favorite gathering place/hangout in the 20s, 30s, and 40s. Jeb and Dash were often there.	1914	1975	M	
Kenyon Bar & Grill	3119 Georgia Ave NW	The Kenyon was a popular after-hours gathering place, cruising place. Owner: Maurice Newsome in the 50s, Stanley Gimble in the 60s. One of the places lost in the fires of April 1968.	1959	1968	MW	African-American
Key	7th & T St NW		11/1/72		M	African-American
Kingdom	2001 11 th St NW	Sunday evening for gay men at the re-opened Bohemian Caverns. The site was one of the earliest African-American and white gay meeting places, as the Crystal Caverns, in the 1930s.	2001		M	
Knickerbocker	539 8th St SE	Men's piano bar	8/1/84		M	
Krazy Kat Club	3 Green Ct. NW	"A bohemian bar in an old stable near Thomas Circle which attracted gays who wanted to 'find some excitement' but not feel out of place" -- Brett Beemyn	1920	1922	M	
La Cage aux Folies	18 O St SE		1/1/84		M	
La Conga	Berwyn MD	This club on Rte 1 in Maryland was a popular gay-friendly club during the 1950s. It got a mention in <i>Washington Confidential</i>	1945	1967	MW	
La Zambra	1406 14th St NW	La Zambra was a major drag and dance spot on the 14th St strip; also called "Lucy's" after Lucy who often bar-walked, to the delight of patrons. "It was a good place to dance."--Christopher Prince	1970	Jun-84	M	African-American
<i>Lambda Rising</i>	1724 20th St NW	Lambda Rising started out as part of Deacon Maccubbin's first store, Earthworks. It became an independent business and quickly became an iconic community presence as both bookstore and community center. <i>Just Us</i> : "This gay liberation bookstore is both gay-owned and gay-staffed. It carries nearly 400 titles relevant to gay interests, plus newspapers, magazines, posters, stationery, original gay artwork, records, and plants. All but the plants are gay-oriented. Special orders are invited and mail orders are accepted. Send 25 cents for a catalog. Also visit Earthworks, a gay-owned headshop in the same building.	5/1/74	Nov-78	MW	
<i>Lambda Rising</i>	2012 S St NW		11/1/78	Jun-84	MW	
<i>Lambda Rising</i>	1625 Connecticut Ave NW		6/1/84		MW	
<i>Lammas Books</i>	1533 17th ST NW		2000	2001	W	
<i>Lammas Women's Shop</i>	321 7th St SE	Founded by as a craft store by Judy Winsett and Leslie Reeves, and later owned by Mary Farmer, Lammas became a bookstore, community center for lesbians, and a performance space. . "What an incredible institution Lammas is. It's been enormously valuable to this community, particularly the women's and the Lesbian and Gay community."--Ivy Young. <i>Just Us</i> : "Lammas specializes in custom-made jewelry and women's arts and crafts, and carries records as well. The management promotes and encourages women's arts,	8/1/73	Apr-89	W	

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<i>Lammas Books</i>	1426 21st St NW	activities, and events, such as softball teams and feature artists. The shop is owned and operated by Lesbians." Lammas also had a mail-order house called First Things First. Cultural center for DC lesbian community. Mary Farmer sold Lammas to Jane Troxell, Rosa Fennell, Marge Darling & Susan Fletcher in March 1993	3/1/86	2000	W	
Larry's Lounge	1840 18 th St NW	Advertised as a "neighborhood bar and coffeehouse".	11/26/93		MW	
Last Hurrah	1415 22nd St NW	Straight club with many gay patrons (Bob Summersgill), preceded Badlands at location	1977	1979	M	
Last National Bank	9th & K St NW	Disco bar	2/1/76		M	
Last Picture Show	7th & Massachusetts Ave NW	Showed gay porn films--Michael Sainte-Andress	1970		M	African-American
Le Salon	1401 H St NW	Located in the Casino Royale building, this was a porn shop and one of the last remnants of the 14 th St. 'strip'. It changed its name to General Male in 1987.	5/1/77	Jul-89	M	
<i>Leather Rack</i>	1723 Connecticut Ave NW	leather-levi store	1980		M	
<i>Leather Rack</i>	918 9th St NW	A leading leather clothing and supplies shop.	7/1/75	May-77	M	
<i>Leather Rack</i>	904 9th St NW	leather-levi store, above Eagle, owner: Don Bruce	5/1/77	May-79	M	
<i>Leather Rack</i>	908 7th St NW	leather-levi store, above Eagle	5/1/79	1980	M	
Life Raft	639 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Blade (June 71): "That new Penn Ave bar ... is the Life Raft. Nicely decorated and with a big dance floor." Had a rubber ducky in a fountain. "It was a meeting place for the Rubber Duckies" Had a drag show before it went country-western."--Jim Wilder. It was also known as "Mary's", after the owner.	6/1/71	1973	M	
Li'l Sister	237 2nd St NW	A women's bar, Fridays and Saturdays	1/1/89	Sep-90	W	
Lizard Lounge	1520 14th St NW	Gay male dance night at the Saint, Sundays. Moved to 1223 Club on CT Ave.	6/21/98		M	
Locker Room	1223 Connecticut Ave NW	Short-lived leather bar above P St Station	1970		M	
<i>Alain Locke's Home</i>	2161 P St NW	Alain Locke, 'godfather' to the Harlem and Washington Black Renaissances, professor at Howard University, and reputedly bisexual lived on R St during much of his time in Washington. He played an influential role in identifying, supporting and publishing the works of young black artists, among them Langston Hughes, Bruce Nugent, Countee Cullen and others. As editor of <i>The New Negro</i> he encouraged artists, poets, writers, and dramatists.	1918	1954	M	African-American
Lodi's	1326 R St. NW	"You walked in and there was this woman from New York. She liked to sing Yiddish songs. A heavy set black woman, she must have weighed 200 pounds, would be there on alternate nights." -- Brett Beemyn. Basement bar.	1935		MW	
Lone Star Café/Beef House	918 17th St NW	Originally a steakhouse. Reputedly the first place to offer nude male dancers. Owner: Daniel Elias in 1965.	1955	1986	M	
Lost & Found	504 9th St NW	The Lost and Found opened in the Fall of 1971 and was almost immediately picketed by the newly formed Committee for Open Gay	10/1/71	9/15/91	M	

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Louis's	301, 303, 305 9th St NW also 811 Pennsylvania Ave NW	Bars because of racist and sexist carding policies designed to keep out African-Americans, women, and drag queens. Original owners were Donn Culver and Bill Bickford. It became one of the biggest discos in town. Culver died in a fall from the roof. Replaced by Quorum in 1991, the name was resurrected in 1993 when Quorum changed its name back to Lost and Found. Replaced by the Edge. <i>Just Us</i> : "Quiet elegance in dining and décor with good disco music re the trademarks of the Lost and Found. Live band Sunday at 3:00 pm for the tea dance. No cover except on Halloween and New Year's. Reservations are definitely in order for dinner. Men and women have separate bar areas with different atmosphere, but mingling is constant. Free popcorn, old prices Tuesday through Thursday nights, pool tables are some special features. The original entrance was on 9 th St at Penn. Louis' (or Louie's) Lounge was a complex of bars on 9 th St, with a different 'personality' on each level. Louis' lounge was at street level and had a dining room; the basement bar was The Hideaway, more leather and motorcycle oriented and home to the Druids MC; upstairs was the country-western Barn bar. When the FBI area was redeveloped, Louis and the Rogue moved to 5 th & K St NW. The <i>Just Us</i> review (1975): "Louie's is a Western and leather bar for men. Open during the day, it is gay only in the evenings... Food is served. There is no cover or minimum. Druid Club night is Tuesday. The Barn is upstairs, the Hideaway is downstairs." Owner: Louis Glinos (Galenos?), also owned boarding house and a restaurant on 7 th St NW.	1965	1968	M	
Louie's	811 Pennsylvania Ave NW	second address for Louis, but same building as above.	1968	Aug-83	M	
Louie's	476 K St NW	moved from Pennsylvania Ave due to construction	10/1/83		M	
Lucy's	18th & Adams Mill Rd	A gay-friendly bar (per Juicy Coleman) in the pre-1968 African-American gay circuit	5/21/05		M	
Lucy's	1204 30th St NW	Short-lived Georgetown bar	9/1/83	Jul-84	M	
Majestic	2400 Wisconsin Ave NW		1950	1954	M	
Man's World	918 9th St NW	Gay porn, movies, cruising	7/1/77	1981	M	
Manuel's Number 2	2463 18th St NW		1971		M	Latino
Mark I	1222 H St NW	Adult bookstore owned by Dennis Pryba, associate of H Lynn Womack and supplied by Guild Press. One of 5 adult bookstores carrying Guild Press's line of adult male books and magazines.	1970	197?	M	
Mark II Theatre	808 K St NW	The Mark II hosted Mr. Groovy pageants in the early 70s. Blade: "DC's first movie house featuring 'male art' flicks opened in late May." Womack was an investor in the theatre which was supplied through Media Arts, a Guild Press subsidiary. JJ Proferes, owner of the Metropole Cinema ran the Mark II.	5/1/70		M	
Marty's	900 First St SE	At the Grand Central location. Owners Martin Chernoff and Randy Hardwick, Hosted Sunday night lesbian shows organized by Papaya	7/1/84	May-85	M	African-American

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Mattachine Society of Washington	1319 F St. NW	Mann In 1966 and 1967, MSW had an office at this location. Because of the expense, it was later closed.	1966	1968	MW	
Maystat Tavern	1628 L St NW	The name comes from its location halfway between the Mayflower and the Statler hotels. "Had a piano player who sang semi-risqué lyrics." - Brett Beemyn	1945	1950	MW	
Metropole Cinema	411 L St NW	Showed gay male porn films. Opened next to the Regency Baths. Owners: J J Profferes, Bill Oates. <i>Just Us</i> : "The Metropole is the first of the DC all-male movie theatres. Membership is one dollar yearly and may be applied for with proper ID. The main clientele is 'gay and/or those that appreciate the beauty of the male body'." Continuous shows from noon to midnight.	Mar-72	Oct-75	M	
Metropole Cinema	104 Rhode Island Ave NW		10/1/75	1977	M	
Metropolis	1755 Duke St Alexandria	Alexandria gay dance club and restaurant, did fundraisers and special events	8/1/91		M	
<i>Metropolitan Community Church-DC</i>	705 7 th St SE	The Community Church, founded by Rev. Paul Breton, and meeting originally at All Souls Church, moved to Paul Breton's home in 1971. The Community Church became a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches on May 1, 1971.	1971	1973		
<i>Metropolitan Community Church-DC</i>	945 G St NW	Having outgrown its Capitol Hill home, the church moved to First Congregational and initially used the church's small chapel.	1973	1984		
<i>Metropolitan Community Church-DC</i>	415 M St NW	In 1984, MCC-DC bought the property at 415 M St NW, a site formerly home to Hebrew congregations and youth groups, and moved into its first owned home	1984	1992		
<i>Metropolitan Community Church-DC</i>	474 Ridge St NW	MCC-DC built its new sanctuary at the corner of 5 th and Ridge Streets NW and celebrated its first event there at Christmas 1992.	1992			
Michelangelo's Supper Club	506 8th St SE		12/1/73		MW	
Mickey's	2161 P St NW		1950		M	
Mickey's!!	1108 8th St SE		Jul-90		MW	
Mickey's Restaurant	1117 17th St NW	Behind the Mayflower Hotel	1937	1942	M	
Micky's Bar & Lounge	1362 H St NE (upstairs)	African-American bar, opened with Shadrock band	6/21/73		M	African-American
Millenium (at 9:30 Club)	815 V St NW	Saturday night dance party	Sep-97		M	
Millie's	8 th St SE	Restaurant frequented by gay men and lesbians, across the street from Joanna's				
Mirage	1330 19th St NW		7/1/86	Jul-87		
Montana	1777 Columbia Rd	Next to the Dakota	3/1/88			
Morgan's	1811 Columbia Rd NW		1979	11-Sep-83	M	
Mother's	8th & E St NW		1970		M	
Mr. Henry's - Adams Morgan	1836 Columbia Rd NW		1970		MW	
Mr. Henry's - Capitol Hill	601 Pennsylvania Ave SE	First and longest surviving location of Mr. Henry's. Owned by Henry Yaffe. Second floor was Dot's Spot in the 70s. Performance space	1966		MW	

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Mr. Henry's - Downtown	1401 I St NW	for Roberta Flack and others. Followed by Victoria Station	1960	Feb-70	MW	
Mr. Henry's - Dupont	2655 Connecticut Ave NW		12/1/81		MW	
Mr. Henry's - Georgetown	1225 Wisconsin Ave NW	Owned by Larry Samuel, who bought it from Henry Yaffe in 1973	1967	Feb-86	MW	
Mr. Henry's - Tenleytown	4321 Wisconsin Ave NW		1969		MW	
Mr.-Henry's - U Street	1334 U St (upstairs)		May-97	Nov-97	MW	
Mr. Henry's - Washington Circle	2134 Pennsylvania Ave NW		1972		MW	
Mr. J's	15th & U		1980s			African-American
Mr. P's	2147 P St NW	First gay club on the P St. strip. Patio behind the building. George Dotson and Gene Newsome first owners. John Mako second owner. Long tradition of drag shows. Hostesses included Erica Kane, Xavier Bloomingdale, and Marilyn Monroe. Upstairs bar called the Loft, Monday night leather crowd, Centaurs.	3/1/76	01/10/04	M	
Mr. Z's Lounge	407 11th St NW	Blade December 1970: "It's got a plush and cozy atmosphere ..."	11/1/70		M	
Naples Café	1209 New York Ave NW 1227 New York Ave NW	Part of the bus station scene. A "hustler bar", The Terminal Hotel upstairs rented rooms by the hour. Owned by Nick Papanicolas. "But the Naples was there forever. It was there when I arrived in DC in 1956."--Franklin Kameny Listed at 1209 in the 50s but at 1227 (under the Terminal Hotel) in 1970s. James Papanicolas took over after his father Nick died in 1971. In 1980, Eddie Regina, a waiter was charged by the FBI with trying to blackmail former congressman Robert Bauman. After Naples closed, Papanicolas opened JP's on Wisconsin Avenue.	12/1/55	Sep-85	M	
New Yorker	1212 New York Ave NW		1970		M	
Nob Hill Restaurant	1101 Kenyon St NW	The oldest continuously operating gay bar in the city, and one of the oldest African-American gay bars in the country. Reportedly operated as private club from 1953-1957. "It's start as a private club helps explain why it is located in a mostly residential neighborhood in Columbia Heights."--Brett Beemyn. Owners: James E. Jones, Leonard Kelly, Wayne Hill, Riley Campbell, and Robert Jones. Later bought by Robert Jones, who started here in 1981. Hosted first AIDS forum in the African-American community. One of the major sites for African-American drag shows.	1957	02/01/04	M	African-American
<i>Richard Bruce Nugent's homes</i>	1231 T St NW 13 th & S NW	Richard Bruce or Bruce Nugent, as he called himself, was a native Washingtonian, artist and writer, part of Georgia Douglas Johnson's Saturday Nighters circle on S St. NW. As a young adult, Nugent lived with his aunt and his grandmother, until moving to New York City with Langston Hughes in 1926. As an 'out' gay man, and outré writer, Nugent published the first black gay story "Smoke, Lilies and Jade" in the ground-breaking journal <i>Fire!!</i> In 1926.	1906	1926	M	African-American
Numbers	1330 19th St NW	A straight bar, with gay events, Sued for discrimination in 1983	10/1/82		M	

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O'Henry's	401 M St SW	In the Waterfront Mall. A women's bar.	2/1/75		W	
Olympic Baths	1405 H St NW	Second to open of the three main 70s era bathhouses, and second to close in the 80s (followed the Regency in both cases)	11/1/77	Aug-85	M	
Omega	2122 P St NW rear	The Fraternity House changed its name and décor to Omega. The dance floor was removed. After Cobalt burned (1998), Omega became the site of a Monday night drag show hosted by J C Van Raine. Popular Thursday night karaoke show. Owner: Glenn Thompson	Apr-97		M	
Onyx	911 F St NW	Disco club with 3 floors of dancing	7/1/87	Mar-88	M	
Opera	1777 Columbia Rd NW	Popular dance club replaced Dakota	5/4/90	Jun-05	M	
Oscar's Eye Theatre	811 Pennsylvania Ave NW	On the 3rd floor in Louis' building the gay theatre was supported by the Academy Awards drag groups.	5/1/75		M	
Other Side	1345 Half St SE	Women's dance and drag bar. Replaced Blue Plains Dance Palace. Ella Fitzgerald appeared in and later hosted drag shows here.	6/1/78	Mar-88	W	
Our Place	811 Virginia Ave SE	community restaurant, fundraisers	Feb-90	1991	MW	
Out of the Blue II	915 U St NW	Second incarnation of original women's club that met above LoneStar East. Lasted about 6 months	Feb-97		W	
Ozone	1777 Columbia Rd NW	part of Dakota complex, Wednesday night gay dancing.	1/1/89		M	
Ozone	1214 18th St NW	Saturday gay dancing. Nude dancers on Fridays. Women's night started in October 1997.	9/1/96	Feb-98	M	
P St Station	2161 P St NW	Succeeded the Fireplace restaurant, became Danny's P St Station in 1986, then just Danny's.	4/1/84	Oct-91	M	
Palm Ballroom	4211 Georgia Ave NW		1950		MW	
Parachute	815 V St NW	Warehouse disco	2/16/92		M	
Paramount Steak House	1519 17th St NW	Annie's was originally known as Paramount Steakhouse until the 1960s. A favorite restaurant hangout on 17th St strip	1948	Sep-85	MW	
Pastimes Pub	1703 Connecticut Ave NW		1970		M	
Phase One	525 8th St SE	The second oldest continuously operating gay or lesbian bar in the city. For long one of the principal women's bars in DC. Owners: Chris Jansen, Allen Carroll. (70s). <i>Just Us</i> : "The Phase One is a bar for gay women. It has dancing and pool tables, and serves sandwiches and French fries. Additionally, the management presents occasional drag shows. No cover, no reservations."	Jul-71		W	
Piccolo's	8th & D NW	Country & western bar	1979	1982	M	
Pier Nine	1824 Half St SW	Commonly known as the Pier. The second major dance club, after the Plus One (8 th St SE), and opened by the same owners as the Plus One. Original owners: Donn Culver & Bill Bickford (who later opened the Lost & Found). The Pier had a second floor dance area, a popular restaurant, and in the 70s an area on the ground floor for those under the legal drinking age. The Pier 9 was the first gay dance club in the South Capitol St. area. In 1975, the Washington Square opened on the other side of South Capital St. at 1345 Half St SE. <i>Just Us</i> (1974):	1970	1986	M	

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Pink Elephant	436 11 th St NW	"Glitter, fashion, and jammy music are the general rule at the Pier, but anything goes. Two dance floors (upstairs and down) and a number of bars, and a restaurant serving dinner, pizzas, and 'heavenly burgers' are some specialties. One dollar cover on Friday and Saturday." Bar at the Hotel Harrington known as a place where hustlers and their clients met.	1956	1982	M	
Plain Brown Wrapper	1210 New York Ave NW	Part of the bus station 'strip'. Long running porn book, film, and magazine shop	6/1/77		M	
Plus One	529 8th St SE	First gay-owned bar to offer same-sex dancing. Essentially broke the owner ban on dancing. It was an immediate success. Owners: Henry Hecht, Donn Culver and Bill Bickford. "The Plus One, the first of the super bars then appearing saw what was going on, and saw what the future held, put in a dance floor, and dancing in gay bars was here to stay." -- Franklin Kameny. <i>Just Us</i> "The Plus One is the first of the Capital City's superbars, and is still a front runner in many ways. Weekends, breakfast is served from 3:00 am to 6:00 am. Happy Hour continues seven days a week. 18-year olds are welcome. Membership in the Gatsby Club is ten dollars annually. The Gatsby Club offers members half-price admission to the Thursday night shows, free movies, and often, breakfast and buffets. The crowd is predominantly gay but otherwise mixed."	1968	Mar-73	M	
Powerhouse	511 11th St NW	Popular gay gym in the 1980s	1985	Jun-05	M	
Pub 9	527 8th St SE	Blade (August 1970): "A new leather bar ... will open at 527 8th St SE	9/1/70	1972	M	
Pump Room	19 th St & Dupont Circle NW	Tuesday evening gay men's night at the Chicago club	6/4/91	?	M	
Purple Iris Inn	3200 Rittenhouse Rd NW	A club in upper NW that reportedly was 'gay friendly'	1948	?	M	
Q Club	1603 17th St NW	Short-lived club that replaced Trumpets. Carl Barnwell, pianist from Friends, played here.	3/1/98	Jun-98		
<i>Quaker House</i>	2121 Decatur St NW	Provided a meeting place for women's groups, AIDS services, gay Zen group and other groups. In 1986, the Friends Meeting established one of the first social havens for people with AIDS, the HIV Coffeehouse, which still continues.	1970		W	
Quorum	56 L St SE	Disco bar in former Lost & Found building but resurrected the Lost & Found name in late 1992, and changed back to the Lost & Found name in the summer of 1993	7/10/92	1993	M	
Rascals	1520 Connecticut Ave NW	Rascals was one of Dupont's major show and dance bars for more than a decade. Amateur drag shows, hosted by Sparkle MaHarris among others, started many female impersonators' careers. The top floor (called Shooters) had nude male dancers (also with a separate entrance from the alley). License suspended in June 92. December 92, Riggs Bank which owned the building, limited lease renewal to only 1 year. Rascals decided to close and move across the street. Owner: Billy Mann.	1979	Dec-92	M	

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Red Capricorn	12222 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD	Gay-oriented coffeehouse. Offered folk music and performance artists.	Apr-94		MW	
Red Door	3530 Georgia Avenue	In the upper NW entertainment area before the April 1968 fires. Gay-friendly jazz club. Doris Allen performed here. Owner: George Stonestreet.	1967	1969	M	African-American
Red House	1247 20th St NW		1972		M	
Redskin Lounge	1628 L St NW	Followed the Jewel Box at this location. Nicknamed the 'Foreskin'. One of the places that drag queens frequented, including Lena Horne, Jamie Washington.	1952	1958	M	
Regency Baths	413 L St NW	The first gay-oriented bathhouse to open after the Riggs-Lafayette Turkish Baths closed. David Harris, owner, opened the baths in an old warehouse. 'Liz Taylor' and 'Judy Garland' of the Oscars drag group helped in setting up and decorating the baths. There was a large Roman style mural in the bath area. Harris had many run-ins with the police who regularly harassed the Regency. On several occasions the Regency has special women-only nights. Annual memberships were \$12 and the nightly cover was \$3. The Regency was known in later days as a 'hustler' bathhouse, but also as a place where 'street people' could stay the night. It was indicted as a 'bawdy house' in the 70s and Harris paid a \$500 fine. The first of the bathhouses to close during the AIDS epidemic. Harris also opened Regency bathhouses in Miami, Norfolk, and Boston. <i>Just Us</i> : "The Regency is a club open to members only, but membership is open to anyone. Rates are fifteen dollars a year and are payable in installments. The club is open 24 hours a day."	1968	1985	M	
Remington's	639 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Country - western bar, followed Equus at this location. Owners: Vince Becht, Dick Brandrup & Bill Bickford. Grand Illusions drag show started here in 1996: Jymmye Jaymes, Blair Michaels, Vita Opulence. Tear gas attack by Marines July 1997.	May-87		M	
Rendezvous Lounge	430 8 th St SE	Country-western bar briefly replaced JoAnnas,	Sep-72		M	
Rendezvous Restaurant & Bar	410 10 th St NW	Lesbian bar near the 9 th St NW strip, 'pretty butch' according to Eva Freund.	1968 - 1973		W	
Republic Cafeteria	1355 U Street NW	Also known as the Republic Cafeteria and later as the Republic Gardens. First at 1350 U St from 1929 to 1932. Gay friendly and interracial in the 20s and 30s. "The Republic Gardens was a large restaurant-bar with a completely gay backroom, which you reached by walking up some steps... If a policeman walked in the door, the vocalist would let us know by Singing 'Alice Blue Gown' from the Broadway musical Irene."--Ladd Forrester. "The Republic Gardens had a backroom bar patronized exclusively by gay men, mostly African-American men gay men. The most popular entertainer was Cassandra, known for her penchant for scarves and ribbons."--Brett Beemyn. owner: W G Tindell. In later years, the Republic Gardens became hostile to gays and lesbians. "You wouldn't dare go in	1929		MW	African-American/W

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Results, the Gym	1603 U St NW	there."—Juicy Coleman Gay health club of the 90s, very popular. Expanded to other locations in 2001.	Nov-96		MW	
Ricky's Club	906 12 th St NW	Private club for gay men. Membership only/	12/1/82		M	
Riggs-Lafayette Turkish Bath	1426 G St NW	"The only baths in town prior to the 1960s, closed for a while in the late 1940s because 'gays took it over'. 50 men were arrested by the vice squad there in 1945 because of complaints from military personnel about gay behavior. The raid occurred two hours after a police officer, posing as a patron, entered the bathhouse to gain evidence. All were charged with disorderly conduct and 30 forfeited \$25 collateral."--Brett Beemyn. The baths were men only from 1913 to 1929, men and women from 1928 to 1947. The men's baths were in the basement of the Albee building at 15 and G. Manager in the 30s was Bill Ackerman.	1925	1946	M	
<i>Rising Women's Coffeeshouse</i>	2121 Decatur St NW	A weekend women's coffeeshouse at the Quaker center	3/1/76	1978	W	
Rogue	811 Pennsylvania Ave NW	The Rogue was on the third floor of Louis' complex at 9 th and Penn. It followed the Barn and Oscar's Eye theatre. The rogue had major drag shows. Ella Fitzgerald was an early performer here. With development of the 9 th St. corridor, Louis and the Rogue moved to 5 th and K, where the Rogue still survives but as a straight bar.	1979	Aug-83	M	
Rogue	476 K St NW	Known as Rogue II, the Rogue at 5 th & K was in the same building as a restaurant, Stage Door, and Louis. Over the years, the other two venues disappeared and the Rogue II became a seedy straight bar in a neglected urban zone. The Brass Rail was a neighbor but didn't last.	10/1/83	1997	M	
Roman Delight	7001 Blair Rd NW	A gay bathhouse in upper NW, near the Takoma Park area. It advertised in the <i>Washington Blade</i> but it didn't last.	6/1/77	1979	M	
Round Up	430 8th St SE	Women's country-western bar on Capitol Hill.	1978	1979	W	
SAJA (<i>Special Approaches to Juvenile Assistance</i>)	1743 18th St.	SAJA's offices were the initial meeting site for the DC Coalition of Black Gays after its formation in 1978. SAJA also arranged the first foster parenting of a gay youth by a member of DC's gay community (Bruce Pennington).	1975	1980		
<i>Saint Margaret's Episcopal Church</i>	1820 Connecticut Ave NW	St. Margaret's provided the first home for the community's first counseling group, the Gay Men's Counseling Collective. It also welcomed the gay catholic group Dignity when it was forced to leave its home on the Georgetown University campus in 1987.	1972	1990		
<i>Saint Mark's Episcopal Church</i>	3 rd and A Streets SE	St. Mark's provided meeting space for the fledgling Gay Activists Alliance in the early 1970s. It was also the first site of early same-sex dances organized by the Mattachine Society of Washington, the Gay Liberation Front, and the Homophile Social League.	1970	1975		
Sanctuary	1811 Columbia Rd NW	Briefly replaced Morgan's	9/24/83	Mar-84	M	
Sand Bar Restaurant	1123 14th St NW	At Thomas Circle. Mentioned in <i>Washington Confidential</i> by Lait and Mortimer. "Famous Bar-B-Qued Chicken & Ribs...See your food bar-	1945		M	

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Sardi's 5	1111 19th St NW	b-qed"--1950 ad for the Sand Bar. It was next to Jerry's Marquis de Sade, same owner, reportedly offered some drag shows.	1979	Aug-81	M	
Saunders Health Center	2105 12th St NW	Reportedly a gay-friendly health club which started as a Turkish bath in 1954.	1954	1975		
Scene	815 13th St NW	Part of the bus station 'strip', the Scene was next to the Silver Slipper, a straight stripper bar.	5/1/77		M	
Secrets	1345 Half St SE	behind Ziegfeld's, featured nude dancers	Nov-89		M	
She-Bar	2253 Huntington Ave Alexandria	Women's dance bar, next to the Hunt Club,	2001		W	
Sheridan's Dance Hall & Saloon	713 8th St SE	Country & western restaurant and dance club. Hosted drag bingo Wednesday nights and drag pageants. Owner: Sandy Thompson	1999	January 2003	MW	Country-Western
Shooters	3 Riggs Ct NW	Entrance behind Rascals. Nude male dancers on top floor of Rascals.	1/1/85	October 1992	M	
Showboat 1	1310 H St NW	The Showboat was originally at 1303 H St. and moved to 1310. It was the main lesbian bar for most of the 30s and 40s. "More specially [gay], sporadically hustlerish... It was at the Showboat that the great horizontals of the [Thirties] flourished"--Havilland Ferris; " "Located in the basement of an all night cafeteria across from the New York Ave Presbyterian church..." "A lesbian couple, Chloe and 'Lover Boy' performed nightly in the mid-1930s. 75% of the taproom's clientele were queer and were placed together behind a dividing rail in the middle of the bar separating them from other patrons."--Brett Beemyn.	1936	1947	W	
Silver Fox	5324 Wisconsin Ave NW	Owner John Dracopoulos	1956	1974		
Soho	2150 P St NW	Coffeehouse on the SE corner of P and 22 nd St. Soho is popular with SMYAL-aged gay and lesbian youth. Art shows, occasional musical performances.	11/15/94		MW	
Sojourn	1329 Connecticut Ave NW	Men's bar	1970		M	
Sonny's Restaurant	639 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Men's bar, tried discouraging gay clientele in 1970 but relented when business took a dip.	May-70		M	
<i>Sophie's Parlor</i>	1736 R St NW	Coffeehouse located at the women's center Sophie's hosted many lesbian performers in the early 70s including Meg Christian. Sophie's moved to radio on WGBT when Friends was on the air and moved with Friends to WPFW when the archdiocese closed down the radio station.	1971	1973	W	
Sophisticated Ladies	501 Morse St NE	A Saturday night women's club at G & G Italian Villa, which later became an organizer and promoter of women's events. Vicki Harris organized many of Sophisticated Ladies events, including women's nights at Wet.	Oct-94		W	
Southwest Cinema Club (also known as After Hours Cinema Club)	401 M St SW, Waterside Mall	In the Waterfront Mall. Also known as After Dark, it was harassed by the police in 1976 before the bicentennial celebration and finally closed down. <i>Just Us</i> : " The After Hours Cinema features gay, all-male films and the audience is also gay and all-male. Membership is one dollar yearly, and somewhat higher rates than the normal three	2/1/74	May-76	M	

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		dollars are charged for premieres.				
Spy Club	805 15th St NW	Spy Club had Sunday night women's parties	11/1/91		W	
Stage Door	476 K St NW	A restaurant opened when Louis' and the Rogue moved to 5th & K	10/1/83	1986	M	
Stage Door	1433 P St NW	Restaurant	11/1/95	1997	MW	
Stanton Art Theatre	3100 18th St NE	A neighborhood theatre in Brookland just off Rhode Island that showed straight 'art films' and was reportedly very cruisy		1979	M	
Statler Hotel	16 th & K	Bar in the center of the lobby, visible from all sides. Reportedly a place where high-priced hustlers went to meet their clients.				
Strand Theatre	811 D St NW	The Strand became a cruising theatre in its later days.	1939	1965	M	
Strap	914 9th St NW	Men's leather bar	1977	1981	M	
Studio	Eastover Shopping Center	A women's bar near SE DC	8/1/82		W	African-American
Studio 26	2619 Columbia Pike, Arlington	Behind Bob & Edith's Diner, it was a women's dance bar on Saturdays	4/4/92	1992	W	
Sugar Kane Palace	221 Riggs Rd NE	A African-American gay club on the site of the former Third World	10/7/93		M	African-American
Sunday Mass	1214 18 th St NW (at FIVE)	Occasional early Sunday morning gay dance nights	2003	2004	M	
Sundown Club	3040 M St NW	Men's membership club. <i>Just Us</i> : "The Sundown has a sunken dance floor, two bars, a lounge area with sofas, and a restaurant area. Lavishly decorated with a winding staircase and a cascade, the Sundown gives seasonally oriented parties for members and their guests. Happy Hour operates seven days a week. Admission to the bar at all times is for members and their guests only. Membership fee is five dollars a year. The clientele is mixed but primarily gay male, from age 21 to 35."	2/1/75		M	
Swim	2473 18 th St NW	Sunday gay club night at Chloé in Adams Morgan	June 2005			
Tantrum	1400 I St NW	Fridays, dance club at Zei Alley	2001		M	
Tastee Diner	8516 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring	A popular after hours hangout for upper NW and Silver Spring	1970	1972	MW	
Terminal Hotel	1225 New York Ave	Hotel rooms above the Naples Café rented by the hour for 'short term assignments'. Used by gay sex workers. Owner: Nick Papanicolas	1955	1985		
Tess's	2000 S St NW	"A woman's pub"	4/1/79		W	
The Owl & the Tortoise	916 19th St NW	A gay restaurant.	11/1/77		MW	
Third World	221 Riggs Rd NE	The Zodiac Den moved upstairs and replaced Ben's Hideaway and changed its name to Third World, a mostly African-American lesbian and gay dance club. When it outgrew the space, the Third World moved to Upshur St NW and became the Clubhouse. <i>Just Us</i> : "With food, drinks, quadraphonic disco dancing, and regular live entertainment, the Third World has one of the most varied programs of any gay bar in the DC area. Their Sunday entertainers include jazz, blues, rock and gospel singers. There is a one dollar cover charge on Thursdays and Sundays for disco dancing, three dollars on Fridays and Saturdays. It is predominantly a black bar attracting both sexes	5/1/72	1976	MW	African-American

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Thirty Degrees at Cobalt	17 th & R Sts NW	from age 21 to mid 50's. Reservations are suggested for Sundays." Upstairs bar at the new Cobalt	2002			
Thomson's	Pennsylvania Ave NW	After hours restaurant frequented by Marines.				
Tiffany's Film Club	411 L St NW	Replaced the Metropole Cinema as a private gay film club.	10/1/75		M	
Titan	1337 14th St NW	Upstairs bar above Hamburger Mary's. Used by BHT for annual grant awards and for fundraising events. Briefly home to Ester Goldberg's comedy revue after she left Chaos.	2001		M	
TJ's Steakhouse	1910 K St NW	Steakhouse restaurant and bar	8/1/82		MW	
Top of the Town	811 Pennsylvania Ave NW	Short-lived bar on 3rd floor of Louis building	1971		M	
Topkopi	6818 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria	Gay bathhouse in Alexandria	2/1/72		M	
Town and Country Bar	1127 Connecticut Ave NW	"More fashionably than openly gay"-Havilland Ferris. The bar at the Mayflower was known as an upscale cruise bar and a place to meet the 'better sort' of hustler.	1930		M	
Tracks	1111 First SE	Popular dance club in SE. Owners: Kim Postzman, Randy Hardwick. Lesbago on Tuesdays started in July 1991.	9/1/84	11/6/99	MW	
Trumpets	1633 Q St NW	Popular restaurant with jazz brunch on Sundays.	6/1/90	Mar-98	MW	
Uncle Ron's	2253 Huntington Ave Alexandria	Alexandria country & western bar, leather-levi. Drag shows as well.	2000		M	
UnderGround	3047 15th St NW	Underground was meant to be a monthly event with a new location each month. The circulating party did not circulate for long.	2/8/91		M	
Up Up & Away	1001 Connecticut Ave NW		7/1/93		M	
Uptown Restaurant & Cocktail Lounge	3433 Connecticut Ave NW	"It was upstairs over one of the restaurants in that strip across from the [Uptown] theatre. It was short-lived. The residents objected to it. The management tried to push the envelope for that day, and had a floor show which the vice squad (probably 'sicked' onto them by the neighbors) found obscene--although no one would think twice about it today--it was raided--the 'other gay bar raid [the Gayety was the first gay place raided]... Performers were arrested. It closed. Finis."-- Franklin E Kameny. The impresario of the club, Bill Frey, began a costume ball which later became the Miss Gaye America pageant in the Academy.	1943	1971	MW	
Velvet Nation	S Capitol & K St SE	Saturday night gay night at the Nation nightclub. Ed Bailey and John Guggenmos, producers. Popular gay dance club closed due to development around a new baseball stadium site.	3/27/1999	7/15/2006	MW	
Venus	1001 Connecticut Ave NW	Women's bar, open Friday and Saturday nights.	3/8/92		W	
Victoria Station	1401 I St NW	Gay club. Replaced Mr. Henry's downtown location at this address. Owned by Henry Yaffe.	2/1/70		MW	
Village Books	819 13 th St NW	Adult bookstore owned by Guild Press/H Lynn Womack. The Village Books was originally a New York adult bookstore taken over by Womack and extended around the mid-Atlantic. In the Norfolk VA area there were an additional five Village Books stores.	1970			
Village Books	1401 H St NW	Another in the chain of adult bookstores run by the Guild Press.	1970			

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Village Books	928 14 th St NW	Third in the chain of Guild Press adult bookstores	1970			
Village Books	4807 Allentown Rd., Camp Springs MD	Fourth in the chain of local Guild Press adult bookstores	1971			
<i>Waaay Off Broadway</i>	55 K St SE	Owned by the Lost & Found. The theatre attracted many out of town performers. It opened with a production of <i>Cabaret</i> staged by the Washington Academy drag group and featured local drag performers in musicals and other productions. The board of <i>Waaay Off Broadway</i> was originally composed of the heads of drag houses in the Awards Club and Academy groups.	12/1/72		M	
WannaBe's	1344 U St (downstairs)		5/1/97	Nov-97	MW	
<i>Washington Area Women's Center</i>	1736 R St NW	The Women's Center lasted nearly 20 years in a wide variety of locations and roles. In the early 70s it hosted the popular <i>Sophie's Parlor</i> coffeehouse, which became the radio program of the same name.	1972		W	
<i>Washington Area Women's Center</i>	1350 Pennsylvania Ave SE	Last home of the Women's Center	1988	1990	W	
<i>Washington Area Women's Center</i>	2453 18th St NW		May-75		W	
<i>Washington Area Women's Center</i>	2335 18th St NW		Oct-81	1986	W	
<i>Washington Area Women's Center</i>	1825 18th St NW		Dec-78	Oct-81	W	
<i>Washington Free Clinic</i>	1556 Wisconsin NW	First location to offer STD counseling to gay men	1969		M	
Washington Square	1345 Half St SE	Dance club off of South Capitol St. Preceded Blue Plains Dance Palace, Other Side, and Ziegfeld's at this location.	11/1/75	1978	MW	
Wave, The	1731 New Hampshire Ave NW	A club at the Carlyle Suites hotel.	1-Mar-97	1998	M	
Wayward Books	325 7 th St. SE	Noted lesbian author Doris Grumbach (<i>Entering the End Zone</i> , etc.) and her partner Sylvia Pike owned a second-hand book store called Wayward Books just two stores away from Lammis and next door to the Post Office. The shop was furnished with comfortable armchairs for readers to use while browsing the books.	1986	1993		
Westwood Restaurant	8233 Georgia Ave NW	Popular after-hours diner in Silver Spring.	1978	1984	MW	
Wet	52 L St SE	Followed Lost & Found and Quorum at this location.	1999	2006	M	
Whispers and Secrets	1120 19th NW	Bar and drag club owned by Dana Terrell, leading female impersonator and drag promoter.	6/1/85		M	
<i>Whitman Walker Clinic</i>	1556 Wisconsin	The Gay Men's VD clinic (1973), the Gay Men's Counseling Collective (1974) and other groups combined and incorporated in 1978 as the Whitman-Walker Clinic, first located at 1606 17 th St NW. Through the years, the Clinic has expanded from general health to become the foremost provider of AIDS services in the area with branches in Virginia, Maryland and the Anacostia area of DC.	1978			
<i>Whitman Walker Clinic</i>	1606 17th St NW		Oct 78	Jan 80		
<i>Whitman Walker Clinic</i>	2335 18th St NW		Nov-80	1987		
<i>Whitman Walker Clinic</i>	1825 18th St NW		Jan 80	Nov 80		

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Wild Oates	539 8th St SE	Country-western dance bar opened by Bill Oates Jr and Travis Thorn.	4/5/91	Dec-93	MW	
Windows Upstairs	1637 17th St NW	Above Dupont Kitchen restaurant, nicknamed "widows"	6/14/96		M	
Womon	19th St at Dupont Circle	Sunday night women's night at Chicago dance club.	Jun-91		W	
<i>Wrenchwoman</i>	801 Virginia Ave SE	lesbian owned and operated car repair company, early example of lesbian self-reliance and entrepreneurship	July 10, 1983			
Zei Alley	1415 Zei Alley	Club that hosted a variety of gay dance nights.	Nov-92	Oct- 2001	MW	
Zephyr Cocktail Lounge	4912 Wisconsin Ave NW	owner: Fred Norris. In November 1970, Gay Liberation Front members returning from the Panthers' People's Revolutionary Constitutional Convention at All Souls Church were refused service because of their 'genderfuck' dress. The GLFers returned to their sleeping quarters at American University and augmented their numbers with additional GLFers who returned to the restaurant where a riot ensued. Twelve GLF members from DC and Chicago were arrested and became the DC Twelve who had to stay in DC, causing overcrowding at the GLF commune on S St NW.				
Ziegfeld's	1345 Half St SE 1824 Half St SW	Club that followed the Other Side at this location. Backroom (Secrets) had nude male dancers. Ziegfeld's hosted drag shows Thursday through Sunday. Ella Fitzgerald hostess and show director. Thursday nights were hosted by Sabrina White, Vita Opulence and others. Owners: Chris Jansen, Allen Carroll. Closed by eminent domain to use site for new baseball stadium on April 6, 2006. Ziegfeld's re-opened on February 14, 2009 in the building that formerly housed Pier Nine.	11-Mar-88	April 6, 2006	MW	
Zodiac Den	221 Riggs Rd NE	Started by the Metropolitan Capitolites African-American social group, Owners: Aundrea Scott, John Reddy, Morrell Chasten. It started as a house party at 4011 14th St NW; It moved to the basement at 221 Riggs Road under Ben's Hideaway (a straight biker bar). Aundrea Scott recalled, "We needed more space so we found this little, honky-tonk, country and western club at Riggs Road and South Dakota Ave. We moved into the basement apartment and operated off the owner's liquor license." --Aundrea Scott. When the MCs took over the whole building they renamed it The Third World.	1969	1972	MW	African-American
Zombies Restaurant	5828 Georgia Ave NW	A mixed crowd but primarily women. Zombies courted the gay women's' business and then the straight crowd. In the early 70s the owners tried to discourage lesbian customers but lost business and returned to encouraging lesbian customers. Owners: James and Pearl Lake.	1956	Oct-84	W	
Zone	56 L St SE	When Quorum took over the Lost & Found, the Zone opened "a video pool hall for the 90s." With nude male dancers. Wet replaced it.	Jun-92		M	