

"Spirit of Stonewall March"

Act-Up! (AIDS Awareness)

Ass'n of Stonewall Vets

Allysonians (F/I group)

Allyson Ann Allante

Americans (Gay & Lesbian)

Africans of Stonewall Descent

And that's just the A's!!!!!!

Authentically Avenued up The Fifth
for the "Spirit of Stonewall March"
on Sunday, June 27, 1994.

Just like June 27, 1969, there was a very Gay controversy! Obvious to everyone, some Gays "still don't get it". Maybe now they will since it has been exposed fully and, hopefully, all will act upon unity instead of dissention, demonization and exclusion--as shadily shown by the "INT'L GAY MARCH COMMITTEE". If that \$3 bill group were here to arrange next year's event, it would then be *in* the East River (instead of just next to it) and limited only to Gay lawyers, accountants, viatical brokers and a few imported Drag Queens who bring yesteryear hang-ups and cheap umbrellas (which witchy Nicole Ramirez calls "*parasols*").

Here it was 25 years later and Native New Yorker **Queen Allyson Allante** and many members of the **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NY & LI** were again jeopardizing their lives, spending their time, energy and money and risking their property (some exactly the same property---namely, the classic 1969 blue CADILLAC convertible, gaily known as "THE STONEWALL CAR"). Others also jeopardized.

Back then, the threat, the disregard, the abuse, and the disrespect came from *outside* the Gay community. Now, 25 years later, it came from *within* the global Gay community.

Ellie Gee says, "long story short": You do not leave a "ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE"---and were he still alive---leave out ST. PATRICK! In fact, do not leave out his shrine, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, either. Ours, by the way, is . . . THE STONEWALL (GAY) CLUB.

Well, you do *not* have a "Gay March" (bad enough they--inside the community--surrendered OUR parade) and "leave out" a majority of the legendary STONEWALL Vets--such as:

- Rollerina
- John O'Brian (who flew in from CAL.)
- Ina Desjuines

**I.Q.N.Y.
IMPERIAL
QUEENS
OF
NY & LI**

- Mama Jean Devente
- Sylvia Rivera
- Randy Wicker
- Queen Allyson
- John Ranieri (in from WIS.)
- Patti Stone

as well as:

- The pre-STONEWALL transgender club, **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK**
- Huge ACT-UP organization
- Overflowing GAY & LESBIAN AMERICANS
- Et Al.

And. . . you do not *ever* attempt to leave out "THE STONEWALL CAR", which has been in all 24 parades prior to 1994 and was in the "unofficial", and, if you will, illegal, 1969 "march" to the NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEP'T 6th PCT. How many from the "INT'L COMMITTEE OF EGOTISTICAL GAYS" were at *that* event? The answer is the same as their brazen and rude attitude: ZERO. Many of them do not even know the correct date or day!

Unlike the year-long, no-response, no-return phone calls from the phone-y "INT'L MARCH COMM." (notice to keep the ST-25 logo--which they

exploited--away from THEM), in contrast, the symbolic ACT-UP & OTHERS took about one second to "decide". Of course, "YES" they wanted "THE STONEWALL CAR" to rightly lead "THE STONEWALL MARCH". And, so it did. And, so did all the media report in print and on television!

Public officials who supported and marched in "THE STONEWALL 5 AVE. MARCH" included U.S. Congressman **Jerrold L. Nadler**, former N.Y.S. Senator and Judge **Karen Burstein**, several representatives of N.Y.C. Councilman **Antonio Pagan**, among many others. Even N.Y.C.P.D. Commissioner **William J. Bratton** personally and pleasantly oversaw "THE STONEWALL MARCH."

At 57th St. & Fifth Ave., a truly incredible, historic/herstoric Gay scene and display of unity--at last--was demonstrated. Both marches arrived at that critical junction at the exact same moment in time!! The exclusionary "INT'L GAY MARCH ON THE (closed) U.N.", the offending, ignoring, insulting group, met their overwhelming numbers of excluded and reacting objects.

The former "Big Wigs" quickly pow-wowed and at last "recognizing" the immensity of all those excluded--headed by "THE STONEWALL CAR"--acquiesced and yielded the "right-of-way" to the STONEWALL Marchers. Twenty-five years ago, it was the N.Y.C.P.D. who "acquiesced" to the righteous and determined STONEWALLERS.

Ultimately, in 1994, all converged in a 1.2 million CENTRAL PARK GAY PRIDE RALLY & SHOW, which featured entertainment by the late **Judy Garland's** great daughter, **Liza Minnelli**; **Gregory Hines** (whose brother is Gay); **RuPaul** (speaking of Drag Queens); **Harvey "Torch Song" Fierstein**; "Sister Act" **Cathy Najimy**, Et Al.

More important, there were poignant, hopeful speeches. At the very last moment--after the STONEWALL VETERANS ASS'N "fought" the "INT'L COMM. BIG WIGS" in one of the latter's last-minute, attempted, final insults (they were going to give their own speech on behalf of the ASS'N OF STONEWALL VETS)--**Qn. Allyson Allante**, with thunderous applause for the STONEWALL VETS, presented the authorized speech composed by the actual STONEWALL VETERANS ASS'N (S.V.A.). Many of the original STONEWALL VETS were on stage with her. It was very emotional and inspiring.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you . . ." the crowd chanted to the VETS of "THE GAY WAR". The War (a series of 5 nights back on June 27, 28, 29 and July 2 and 3 of 1969) sparked "Gay Power", "Gay Rights", "Gay Now" and the entire "Gay Family MOVEMENT". This is what all the real Gay People and the Gay Lip Servicers were actually supposed to be celebrating.

"SOMEDAY WE'LL BE TOGETHER", the last #1 song of the 1960's and a Gay Unity theme for ALL Gay, bisexual and transgender people, **Queen Allyson** urged its message to the accepting crowds and *all* includes the victims of THE AIDS WAR--past, present and future. The STONEWALL VET won the 1969 GAY WAR and ignited the Gay Rights Movement. Now, in 1994, out of necessity, we are urging Gay Unity. Can you feel it?

"STONEWALL 26" will be the first year to demonstrate the new awareness, bravery, comradery, determination, visibility and U-N-I-T-Y, which are the *real* "SPIRIT OF STONEWALL". Gay diversity was a strength--not a weakness--at THE STONEWALL REBELLION. "Go ask ALICE".

