

Contact Information

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Seacoast Gay Men
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We meet every
Monday evening,
7-9 pm.

We meet downstairs at the
Unitarian Universalist
Church at 292 State Street,
Portsmouth, NH

The first 30 minutes is
social time to catch up
with old friends (or make
new ones).

The first Monday of each
month is a Potluck Dinner.

Join us to hear informative
speakers, share good food
with good company, make
some new friends, and
enjoy our interactive fun
and games!

See the website for complete
schedule of upcoming events.

Seacoast Gay Men

Portsmouth, NH



Proudly Serving the Gay
Community Since 1979

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Who may attend meetings?

As the name implies, Seacoast Gay Men is an all-male organization. While we do invite women as program presenters on occasion, the integrity of the group has always depended on retaining its initial goal of being a place for gay men to meet, exchange ideas, and form new friendships in comfort and safety.

Attendees, both members and non-members, are of all ages, races, religions, political affiliations and degree of "being out" - from closeted to flamboyant.

Our meeting place is in the lower level of the Unitarian Universalist Church (a rented space - there is no religious affiliation). We provide a means of meeting other gay men in a safe and friendly environment, without the complications of the bar scene or internet chat rooms.

How do I become a member?

The easiest way to become a member is to attend an SGM meeting and get a membership form, or contact us through the website. Individuals may join for \$15 or \$20 annually (cheaper for our electronic newsletter option); couples or roommates may join for \$25 or \$30. Membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter and contact list, voting privileges, discounts at area businesses, and discounts on some SGM functions.

Remember, you do not have to be a member to attend SGM meetings!

How much does it cost to attend SGM meetings?

SGM is open to all men 18 years or over who share in the desire to make friends among the gay, bisexual, transgender, or allied community. We do not charge for attendance at our regular Monday meetings.

As with any group, we do have expenses that must be covered. In addition to the weekly rental of our meeting space, we have various costs incurred in the day-to-day running of the organization. With that in mind, we do informally pass a basket at the beginning of each meeting. We ask those who *can* to contribute \$4. We accept any contribution, no matter how small. If your finances are such that you cannot contribute, don't let it keep you away. There is nobody that will take notice of who gives and who doesn't. We want to be as inclusive as possible!

What if I am not "Out" to anyone?

The SGM membership consists of a broad spectrum of men. Some of our members are still in the closet; some have been out since pre-Stonewall. We do require that members be at least 18 years of age, but there is no upper limit. A good mix is typically represented at the weekly meetings. Our front door is staffed by our friendly greeters. Don't be afraid to let them know that you are new and that you might feel a bit uncomfortable. They'll point you in the right direction.

Is SGM a political group?

No. SGM has never had any political or religious affiliation. Our main function is as a social vehicle for gay men in the area. Part of our philosophy is that we should remain informed about what is happening in our communities, our area, our States, this country, and the world. In that respect, we sometimes discuss matters that may be political in nature so that our members are aware of what is going on around them. We also invite a variety of guest speakers to share their ideas and views with us. Inviting these speakers and allowing them to speak does not lend endorsement to their ideas or issues.

Are my membership and other contributions tax-deductible?

No. SGM is registered as a social club and thus contributions to it are not deductible in the eyes of the IRS.

Does SGM protect my privacy?

SGM takes your privacy very seriously. Our membership database is held in the strictest confidence. This information is never sold, leased, or given away. Members have the option to share pieces of their information with other members in our bimonthly contact list; however, we assume that you want nothing shared until you tell us otherwise.

In addition, we do not use members' names or photos in our publications without express permission.