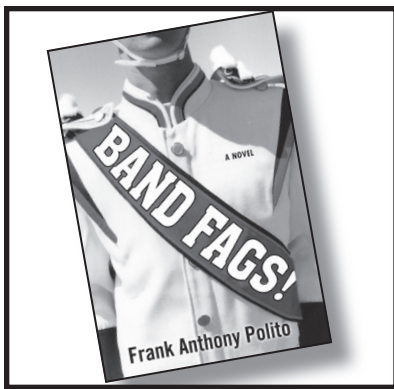


Critic's Pick

Editor's Choice

~ BY RUSSELL FLORENCE, JR.



BAND FAGS!

Band Fags!, the terrific debut novel from Brooklyn playwright and 2007 Dayton Playhouse FutureFest finalist Frank Anthony Polito, is a charming, funny, poignant coming-of-age tale set in the 1980s that takes adolescent angst to endearing heights. Loosely based on Polito's upbringing in the Detroit suburb of Hazel Park and delightfully doused in '80s pop culture, *Band Fags!* (Kensington) centers around the squeaky clean Jack Paterno, a die-hard Kristian Alfonso fan grappling with his sexual identity at a time when labels mean everything. As Jack's quandary evolves with ample humor and sensitivity rather than overt heavy-handedness, the deep bond he shares with his best friend and fellow band member Brad Dayton adds an engaging layer to the story that makes for a truly engrossing read. Polito's refreshingly personable characters, which have been expanded from his 2001 play *John R.*, leap from the page with a flavorful magnetism that will leave you craving for a sequel, or better yet, a TV or film adaptation.

temporary quilts on display. National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, Brush Row Road, Wilberforce, 937-376-4944 1-800-752-2603.

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"Artists Against Naked Walls"

Join artists Rosie Huart, Trich McKinney, Donna Rogers, Gregg Smith and Leonard Williams on the "First Friday" evening of each month from 5 pm-10 pm for a glass of wine, snacks and great art. The Cannery Art & Design Center, 434 E. Third St.

Sketch Saturday at Cannery Art & Design Center

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sketch Saturday, a weekly open studio, at Cannery Art & Design Center, 434 E. Third St. in Dayton, gives artists an opportunity to work from a live model. This self-directed session is open to all mediums: Drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, etc., as well as all levels, from beginning to advanced. The Cannery Art & Design Center is sponsoring Sketch Saturday at no charge. Donations to the model are accepted. For more information, (937) 228-2232, or www.canneryarts.com.

Gallery 510 Fine Art

Highlighting the work of Loretta Puncer and Rosemary Baumann, Gallery 510 Fine Art is now open. Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 12-5 pm, and Friday 3-8 pm. 510 East Fifth Street, Historic Oregon District. 937-672-6717. www.lorettapuncer.com/gallery.html

BENEFITS

21 june

Arena Dodge Charity Car Show

12 to 4 p.m. Arena Dodge and the Viper Club of Ohio present inaugural Annual Show and Shine for Charity at Arena Dodge, 924 Shiloh Springs Rd. All makes and models of cars and motorcycles welcome. Show car registration \$10. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Spectators Free. 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes. Contact Randall Arnold at (937) 470-8306 or visit www.viperclubohio.org

Light the Night for Sight Walk

6 p.m. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. A family-oriented way to celebrate safe, summer fun. Food, raffle prize drawings, and entertainment. Proceeds will be used to educate the public about the vision risks from personal use of fireworks and to support Prevent Blindness Ohio's vision screening and educational services to more than 800,000 Ohioans annually. Boonshoft Museum of Discovery at 2600 DeWeese Parkway. For more info, call (937) 223-8766 or visit www.lnswalk.org.

Clambake for Kids' Sake

7-11 p.m. Benefit, helps Big Brothers Big Sisters provide mentors to Miami Valley youth, and provides young professionals access to potential employers. Huge beach-themed cocktail attire party featuring Grammy winning bands Vertical Horizon, Stroke 9 and other entertainment, street performers and door prizes. Tables \$2,500 for ten seats; individual tickets \$250. Young professionals encouraged to attend (half price) to network and market their skills. Contact Arlene Finch at BBBS. 937-220-6856. McCormick & Schmick's at The Greene. www.clambakeforkidssake.com

Solstice Benefit Dinner

In Celebration of Solstice Benefit Dinner
6:30-9:30 p.m. \$75. Celebrate the arrival of summer; benefit event for SunWatch. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction, special activities in the 800-year-old reconstructed Fort Ancient Village along the Great Miami River. Proceeds support SunWatch. SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park, 2301 West River Road. www.sunwatch.org for tickets call 937-275-7431 x136.

23 june

MDA, karaoke and pasta event

5-10 p.m. Spaghetti Warehouse will donate ten percent of their food sales, and Donna Cason will host karaoke. Donations from singers, please, and anyone else. Have dinner, have fun and contribute to a good cause. (937) 461-3913. Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W. 5th St.

29 june

Tea on the Terrace

12:30, 2 and 3:30 p.m. Kuhn's Building, 15 W. Fourth St., Second Floor Terrace. Help raise money to rejuvenate the Dayton Arcade. Enjoy English Tea, Hors d'oeuvres and pastries and swing and jazz music. Tickets are \$25. For information, call Susan Gruenberg at (937) 374-3211 or e-mail her at sgruenberg@hotmail.com

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Rooms With A Reason

Shopping, sponsored by The Little Exchange. Restored Victorian farmhouse featuring holiday gifts, infant and toddler clothing, toys, books, blankets, ornaments, decorations. Benefits Children's Medical Center of Dayton. 45 Park Avenue (off Far Hills Ave/Rte. 48 South), Oakwood. 937-299-1561

Greene Co Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society

Meets monthly on 1st Sat., 1:30 p.m., Greene Co Library, 76 E. Market St., Xenia.

Adopt-A-Book Program

Give a personalized book as a gift and support the library at the same time. For each "adopted" book, a bookplate is placed inside commemorating a special person, event, favorite pet. Brochures at all Dayton Metro Library locations or at www.daytonmetrolibrary.org or call 227-9541.

Pet Advocate League/Low Cost Spay/Neuter for Cats

\$30 males, \$40 females. Sponsored by N.O.M.A.D. mobile clinic. 278-8330.

SISCA Spay/Neuter Program

Limited income spay/neuter program based on household income. 294-6505 x 16.

CLUBS & MEETINGS

18 june

Audubon Society annual meeting

7-9 p.m. Dayton Audubon Society's annual meeting. Officers and directors reports for the past year; future plans of the club, elections of officers and directors for the coming year. Program: "Questions About Water Quality? - Ask a Bug!" presented by Sarah Hippensteel. The program is free and open to the public and will take place in the main auditorium; enter through the front doors, take elevator or stairs. Everyone encouraged to attend and bring friends. Light refreshments; parking is free. Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue.

Glen Helen Association Board Meeting

7 p.m. Fees: none. Monthly board meeting of the friends-of organization to the Glen Helen nature preserve. Glen Helen Building, 405 Corry St., Yellow Springs. 937-769-1902

19, 26 june

Adult Computer Training at Xenia Community Library

12:30 p.m. Adults can learn and practice computer skills during Adult Computer Training, at the Xenia Community Library, 76 East Market St. Adult Computer Labs will be held at 12:30 p.m. Patrons can come and practice their computer skills and build confidence. Staff members will be available to provide one-on-one assistance. Introduction to the Internet session will be held on June 19 at 12:30 p.m. Patrons can learn the basics about the Internet, what it is, and how to use it. Search the Web sessions will be held on June 26 at 12:30 p.m. Patrons can learn how to search for and evaluate information on the World Wide Web. For more information about any of these programs, stop by or call the library at 352-4000.

30 june

Ohio Arts Council meeting

1 - 4 p.m. Members of the Ohio Arts Council Board will meet in Columbus. The business meeting is open to the public. The Council Board will review grant recommendations for Arts Access, Arts Innovation, Arts Learning, Artist in Residence Program, Arts Learning: Arts Partnership Program, Individual Creativity: Artists and Communities and Individual Creativity: Traditional Arts Apprenticeships. The Board will also review ratifications for Artists with Disabilities Access, Building Cultural Diversity Initiative, Capacity Building, International Partnership, Percent for Art and Special Projects. Also discussed: updates from Ohio Citizens for the Arts, Ohio's arts advocacy organization. www.oac.state.oh.us. Ohio Arts Council, 727 E. Main Street, Columbus.

22-23 august

Madison (Trotwood) High School Class of 1958 Reunion

The 50th class reunion for Madison(Trotwood) High School Class of 1958 will be held on August 23 at 6 p.m. at the lower level of Brookside Plaza on Wolf Creek in Brookville. The Class of 1958 will also hold an Alumni Reunion for Classes of 1924-1970 at Holiday Inn in Englewood on August 22 at 7 p.m. All classes' members in these years are urged to let their fellow classmates know. For more details call 837-7800 or 836-1230.

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Fair Tax Meeting

First Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Miami Twp. Library, 2718 Lyons Rd.

South Dayton Singles Over 50

6 p.m. meeting on Fridays at Dr. Nadine's, 1615 S. Alex Rd. in West Carrollton for social time, to meet others, to pick up calendar and sign up for activities. Dinner afterwards (call for reservations). Membership fee is \$30 per half year. For more information, call Dr. Nadine at (937) 623-7593.

Resolve of Dayton

Support group and educational meeting for people dealing with infertility or difficulty building their families. Meets at 7 pm the first Monday of each month at the Kettering-Moraine Library 3496 Far Hills Ave. resolveofdayton@yahoo.com

Survivors of Suicide

Support group for people left behind after the suicide of a loved one. First and third Monday of every month at Miami Valley Hospital's Center for Health Education Building Room 4800. 7-9 pm.

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Women's Study and Support Group

Meetings every Sunday, 9:30 am. Miami Valley Unitarian Fellowship, 8690 Yankee St. Washington Township. 436-3628 www.mvuuf.org

Tarot Gathering

Third Tuesday Meetings at 7 p.m. Tarot readers meet and network. Discussions range from card meanings to spreads and games. Meetings every third Thursday of the month at Panera by the Fairfield Commons Mall in Beavercreek. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dayton tarot, or email dayton tarot-owner@yahoo.com.

Investment Club

Monthly, third Wednesdays 7 pm. Dayton Model Investment Club of Better Investing (formerly NAIC) DayMIC meets at Beavercreek City School, Board of Education 3040 Kemp Road, Beavercreek. Visitors welcome. To attend, please email pmazzone@wohrr.com or call Ruth Mazzone at 937-648-4823.

North Dayton Chapter of Dar a Luz Network

Support and education for pregnant women and new mothers. Meets the second Wednesday of every month at 10 am at Shiloh Church, 5300 Philadelphia Dr., Dayton, (corner of Shiloh Springs Road and North Main Street). Call 276-5808 for info.

Dayton Mothers of Twins Club

Meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm at Epiphany Lutheran Church located at 6430 Far Hills Ave in Centerville. All current mothers or expectant mothers of multiples (twins, triplets or more) are welcome. (937) 640-3001 or www.daytonmothersclub.com

Camera club meets

7 pm. Tripod Camera Club. All photographers welcome, hobbyist to professional. Regular Club meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, plus outings and workshops. Far Hills Masonic Temple, 5501 Far Hills Ave., Kettering. www.tripodcamera.com

Miami Valley Backgammon Club

Meets on the second Sunday of every month. Free parking in the lot behind Panera Bread. Play begins at 1 pm. A tournament format is utilized with half-off entry fees for newcomers to our club. Call 643-2257 for more information or dospalas@mindspring.com. Please bring your own board. All players welcome. Panera Bread, 1203 Brown Street, Dayton

Emotions Anonymous Support Group teleconference

4-5 pm. Thursdays. MST. Another Life Foundation will hold Emotions Anonymous Support Group Meetings by Teleconferencing. You only need a telephone and internet access. Free. Helping individuals battling suicidal behaviors by promoting wellness, empowerment, and support to save lives. For more information call Stephanie at 1-888-543-3480 or www.anotherlifefoundation.org.

Book Clubs at Books & Co.

Healthy Living, Beautiful Woman, Writers Group, NightTime Knitters, Manga, Daytime Knitters, Book Lovers Group, Great Books, Teen Book Club, Tuesday Night Book Club. All book clubs welcome new members. For more info, call Jenny Caplan at 298-6540.

Canon Club Shakespeare Club

Twice-monthly meetings at Mercantile Library, 414 Walnut Street 11th floor. Cincinnati. Membership \$70, for more info call Judy Sharp (513) 621-0717.

Dayton Animation Club

Monthly meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 1-5 pm at Miami Valley Unitarian Church, 8690 Yankee Street, Dayton. Please check with President Deborah J. Brown at 937-848-6835 to confirm dates and times. Free admission, but donations to help cover room rent welcomed. www.members.tripod.com/Anarchy_Acre/Animer.html

Dayton Area Visually Impaired Persons (DAVIP)

Support and advocacy organization for low-vision or blind individuals. Meetings on the third Saturday of the month at 1 pm in the sixth floor conference room at Miami Valley Hospital, 1 Wyoming St. 937-285-0009.

Dayton Audubon Society

Meets monthly, third Wednesday at 7 pm from September-June. Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. 937-277-6545. For more info, call Judith at 274-7134 or visit www.dayton.net/audubon

Dayton Chapter, Embroiderers' Guild of America

Community United Methodist Church, 339 Meyer Avenue. Day Group meets the Second Wednesday of each month at 10 am. Evening Group meets the Third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. 890-5593 or email for current meeting location. No experience necessary! www.geocities.com/ega_dayton

Dayton Ghost Hunters Society

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Main Library on Third Street in the meeting room at 6:30 pm. Anyone 18+ is welcome.

French Club of Dayton

Twice-monthly meetings, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 6-8 pm. Donato's Pizza, 5600 Airway Rd., Beavercreek. Email B_Maryama@yahoo.com or call 767-9987.

Gardeners & Nature Lovers

Cox Arboretum holds regular meetings and public programs for the African Violet Society, the Focus Photo Club, the Miami Valley Hosta Society, the Miami Valley Orchid Society, and the Miami Valley Water Garden Society. Call 275-7275 for more info and individual club phone numbers.

Greater Dayton Crochet Guild

Meetings every month on the first Monday. Summer hours from 6-7:30 p.m. Fall/Winter hours from 7-9 pm. Lohrey Center, 2366 Glenarm Ave. 333-3131 or email gdcg2004@hotmail.com

Greater Dayton Area Vegetarian Society Potluck Dinner

Monthly dinner every 2nd Friday, 7 pm. Hosted by the Greater Dayton Area Vegetarian Society. Bring your favorite vegetarian dish. Basement Meeting Rm., Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. (937) 277-6545. www.metroparks.org

Expressions of Life

A group for cancer survivors, family, and friends to develop and share creations using forms of journaling, scrap booking, photography and art. Meet at Victoria's Bed and Breakfast in Xenia on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7-9 pm. Call 226-7583 for more info.

High Flyers and Low Landers

Support group for those clinically diagnosed as bipolar/manic depressive. Meets first and third Thursdays every month at Miami Valley Hospital, 6th floor, Rm 604. Smith Conference Center; at 7:30 pm. For more info, contact Lucy at 286-5430.

LifeTalk Support Group

for adults who have known incarceration and wish to grow and rise beyond it. First and third Tuesdays every month. 7:15-8:45 pm. Monthly Pot Luck dinner. Otterbein United Methodist Church, 111 Xenia Avenue and Keowee, Dayton. (Across from Boys & Girls Club, Rt. 35 Keowee exit, on bus # 4) Please call before coming. 937-256-8344.

Lupus Support Group

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Dr. Charles R. Drew Health Center, 1323 West Third St. 225-5045. (225-6300/24-hr lupus info line).

Other Passages

Support group for people experiencing suicidal thoughts and behavior or are individually trying to help a suicidal person. Meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at Miami Valley Hospital's Center for Health Education Building, Room 4800. 7:30-9:30 pm.

Other Passages for Adolescents

A group for teenagers who are depressed, having suicidal thoughts, or are close to a teen who is. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 pm at Miami Valley Hospital's Center for Health Education, Room 4800.

Overeaters Anonymous

A program of recovery with meetings throughout the area. For times, call 252-6766.

I Chiacchieroni Italian Conversation Group

Monthly meetings-last Thursday at Paolo's Cafe, 140 S. Main St., Waynesville. Requires no membership fee or dues; only cost is your meal. 513-897-0617. ichiacchieroni2@yahoo.com

Lydia's Vision

Support and networking group for female Christian entrepreneurs, business owners and ministry leaders. Meetings every second Monday of the month. 7 pm at Fairborn Alterations, 413 Main St, Fairborn. No cost, but love offering accepted. 937-879-2806 or www.brokenboxministries.com

Miami Valley Astronomical Society (MVAS)

Meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, 2600 DeWeese Pkwy, at 7:30 pm. Visitors are welcome. Free admission. www.mvas.org.

Progressmakers Club of Dayton

We are seeking to get progressive-minded voters to the polls. Meetings are the first and third Tuesday evening of every month www.progressmakers.org or email progmaker@progressmaker.org

Singles Club Group Interaction, Inc.

Friday night meetings at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6430 Far Hills Ave. Lower level, northern entrance. 7:30 pm. \$3. 640-3015.

Singles Night/Wash Your Dog

Every Friday night from 5-9 pm at Wash Your Dog, Dayton's hottest pet-friendly night club. Music, refreshments, and the smell of wet dog! 6237 Far Hills Ave. 312-1200.

Southern Hills Church Youth Group

Meets every Wednesday from 6-8 pm. 2287 South Dixie Drive. 293-2249.

Sunnyview/Catalpa Park Neighborhood Assn.

Monthly meetings on third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. FROC Priority Board, 901 W Fairview Ave. 333-2333.

ABC: Advanced Breast Cancer Support Group

For one-on-one support, call KMCN Oncology Services at 395-8115.

Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups

for family and friends of Alcoholics. For times and locations, call 427-5439.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at Grandview Hospital, Basement Conference Room. 405 W. Grand Ave. (937) 222-2211.

ALS Association Caregivers Support Group

meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month, from 7 to 9 pm at the Kettering Medical Center; dining room 2B. Call 866-273-2572 for more info.

Caring Families

offers phone support services, education classes (parenting, anger management and rebuilding relationships) and community mentoring. Call 643-4000 for more info or to register. \$5 donation per class.

Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome

Greater Miami Valley D.A.D.S. was formed to assist and support the fathers and families of individuals with Down Syndrome through fellowship and action. Meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Hickory River BBQ, Tipp City. 937-750-7337.

Parents Without Partners

Free orientation. If you are a single parent and have at least one living child you are eligible to join. Every Tuesday at Shiloh Church from 6:45 to 9 pm. Shiloh Church, Corner of Philadelphia & N. Main St. (937) 860-1877 or (937) 294-0101.

COMEDY

19-21 june

Sean Morey at Wiley's

Morey's numerous TV appearances include The Tonight Show with both Johnny Carson and Jay Leno. Very popular on The Bob and Tom show famous for "The Man Song." Performances are Thursday at 8:30 p.m., Friday at 9 p.m. and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 Thursday, \$10 Friday and \$12 Saturday. 101 Pine St. 224-5653

26-29 june

John Roy and Roy Haber at Wiley's

Roy was the 2003 "Star Search" champion and has appeared on "The Late Late Show" with Craig Ferguson" as well as HBO, "Hollywood Squares"