



Woman bikes for Facebook Covenant House fundraiser

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Advocacy has always been a part of Sarina Brett's life. She says she is built to inspire and motivate others. The LGBTQ community is especially important to her as a transgender woman. "A lot of gay trans kids [and] queer kids don't have the family support that they should; we become a big family," Brett said.

Currently a Millsboro resident, she biked for the LGBTQ community during Pride Month in June last year with her Facebook fundraiser 2020 Pride Bike DE. She is currently a board secretary for the Equity Alliance of Chester County to advocate for her commu-

nity. This summer, she plans on bike riding in Rehoboth for the Covenant House.

The Covenant House is based in Philadelphia and is an organization that supports trafficked and homeless kids. It provides food, shelter and immediate crisis care for youth in need. Brett is especially interested in donating to this charity because there is a large LGBTQ population who are runaways and homeless.

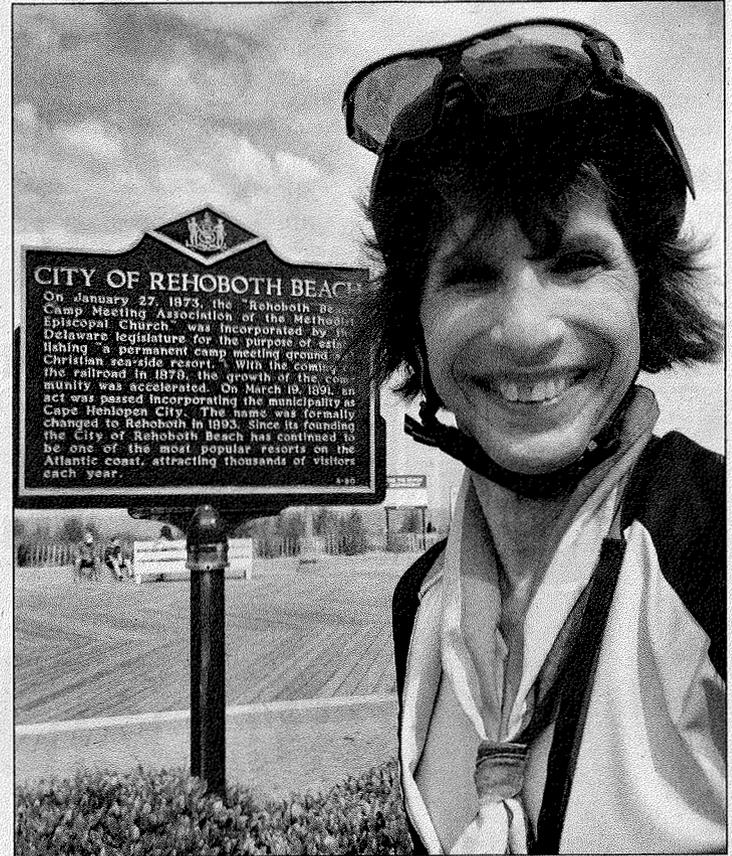
Brett started biking when she was younger and then stopped. She picked it up again when she was older and wanted to do an enjoyable physical activity. Brett enjoys the many bike paths and roads in Delaware, specifically the Jack Markell Trail in Wilm-

ington.

Her goal is 100 miles for LGBTQ-based charities that support morals and values. She plans on riding 25 miles each week. Facebook is a valuable resource in her fundraising efforts. She does livestreams and encourages people to donate to the causes that she rides for. Last year she made \$3,400 by biking for various charities, and Brett hopes to match the donation this year.

Donations can be made to the Covenant House at www.covenanthouse.org in honor of Salina Brett 2021 Pride Bike DE.

Follow her live updates on her Facebook profile www.facebook.com/salina.brett.5.



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SARINA BRETT bikes in Rehoboth.

Rehoboth's First Historical Marker To Be Dedicated Aug. 31

By BETTY FLEMING

"It's hard to believe it," says historian Russell McCabe, "but this is the first historical marker in Rehoboth Beach." He's speaking of the one that will be dedicated near the bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. with the all the dignitaries present, everyone from Rep. John Schroeder and Mayor Sam Cooper, to Russell McCabe, the writer of the words that go on the marker. The public is invited.

"We've been doing these markers since the 1930s," says Mr. McCabe. "About 300 have been placed." The markers are about two-by-three feet in size and are made of cast aluminum. They cost \$1,125 apiece. There are additional installation costs. Rep. Schroeder was responsible for getting the project approved and funded by the state legislature, after Patty Derrick, chairman of the Rehoboth Beach Centennial Committee, got the OK from the local commissioners.

Mrs. Derrick sent information for suggested marker text to Mr.

McCabe, the coordinator of the Delaware Historic Markers Program with the State Archives Bureau of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. Mr. McCabe drafted the first version of the wording, and with a few small changes, this was approved by the Rehoboth Beach commissioners and Mayor Cooper. "It's 13 lines and about 50 spaces and letters wide," says Mr. McCabe. "That's the most you can get on a marker and still be able to read it. We could have said lots more but it just wasn't possible."

The Rehoboth Beach marker is known as "S-90" (S being for Sussex County). It will come to the beach from a manufacturer in Ohio who has been making these for the state for three decades. "It's painted blue and gold, the state colors," says Mr. McCabe. "And, it's double-sided so you can stand on either side and read it." It will also have the state seal on it.

Mr. McCabe says this is their first project for this fiscal year. "We're doing 14 markers this year. That's more than last year

and last year was the busiest single year since the program started in the '30s." A couple of markers are planned for the Lewes area. "We figure the one in Rehoboth Beach will be the most valuable one in the state," says Mr. McCabe.

Here is the wording for the marker:

City of Rehoboth Beach

On January 27, 1873, the "Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church" was incorporated by the Delaware Legislature for the purpose of establishing "A permanent camp meeting ground and Christian sea-side resort." With the coming of the railroad in 1878, the growth of the community was accelerated. On March 19, 1891, an act was passed incorporating the municipality as Cape Henlopen City. The name was formally changed to Rehoboth in 1893. Since its founding the City of Rehoboth Beach has continued to be one of the most popular resorts on the Atlantic coast, attracting thousands of visitors each year.

Rehoboth Beach in five sentences

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REHOBOTH BEACH —

Condensing 100 years worth of history and days of research into five sentences was frustrating for Russell McCabe.

He couldn't mention an 1890 letter to the editor that complained Rehoboth Beach lacked a restaurant. There was no space to mention the conflict between the town's 1890s' church image and three large hotels with vaudeville shows. And he couldn't talk about a ventriloquist who tricked skinny dippers into thinking someone had drowned. Nor could he mention Howard Pyle's disgust with public drunkenness and loud youths.

What McCabe did write in those five lines may be the most visible marker in Delaware after it is dedicated in front of the bandstand 11 a.m. Saturday, part of the yearlong Rehoboth Charter Centennial Celebration.

"We noticed that Rehoboth does not have a marker," said McCabe, director of the Delaware Historical Markers Program. "Most towns have a marker that gives basic information. The traffic moves so slowly in front of the bandstand and thousands of people visit Rehoboth each summer. This is probably going to be the most single visible and most read markers in the state

of Delaware."

The General Assembly in July gave the money for the 2-by 3-foot, \$1,125 aluminum marker. It's one of more than 14 to go up around the state this year.

McCabe, through research and paperwork, helps towns obtain markers. Though the former Rehoboth native could not use all of Rehoboth's history, he decided to mention four points: How the town began, when it was incorporated, its most significant early development and when it became a municipality.

"It will give people an idea of how the town started and how it grew," he said.

The blue and gold marker states: "On January 27, 1873, the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated by the permanent camp meeting ground and the Christian sea-side resort. With the coming of the railroad in 1878, the growth of the community was accelerated. On March 19, 1891, an act was passed incorporating the municipality as Cape Henlopen City. The name was formally changed to Rehoboth in 1893. Since its founding, the city of Rehoboth beach has continued to be one of the most popular resorts on the Atlantic Coast, attracting thousands of visitors each year."