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**From one to three nights a month!** 1994 will be a fun and busy year for CKWBL.

by Lyn McGinnis

Happy New Year and welcome to Volume One, Number One of our very own newsletter! If you wish to contribute to the next issue, please send your submissions to our post office box listed above. Be sure to mark "newsletter" on the envelope.

The Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo Bisexual Liberation is making other changes in 1994 to better serve the bisexual community of Waterloo region.

First, we have decided, with the help and assistance of our allies the Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo (GLLOW), to meet at our University of Waterloo location twice a month. It became clear if

we are serious about building a bi-positive community, we had to start seeing each other more often.

**Mark your Calendars!!!**

We are booked in room 104 (called the Faculty Lounge) of the Modern Languages Building at U of W for Monday January 10th and 24th (we didn't meet Jan. 3 because the University was still closed), February 7th and 21st, March 7th and 21st and April 4th and 18th. The dates for the Spring and Summer will be published in the next newsletter. At any meeting if someone wants to host a gathering at their home they are more than welcome to do so. We had many meetings of this type, offering not only a chance to discuss issues, but to get to know each other in our own home space. This also creates an opportunity for the host to share in the task of community building.

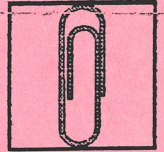
Second, along with our regular first Monday of the month discussion, CKWBL and GLLOW are introducing in January 1994 a regular film night at the same location. There is a large body of queer positive film, running the range from tragic to comic, having much to say about us. Along with seeing some excellent cinema countering the usual homophobic and biphobic messages the media rains down on us daily, it will provide a sometimes funny and often dramatic context for continuing to explore the many issues around sexual orientation.

We will keep our eyes peeled for specifically bi-positive films and will announce them with great fanfare. These film nights will always be held on the third Monday of the month.

\* **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** On January 24th, we will be seeing a classic "Maurice". Written by E. M. Forster, the late British novelist of such well known works as "Room with a View," "Howard's End" and "A Passage to India." What wasn't so well known was that Forster was gay. Set in pre-World War One England, the film concerns the coming age of two young men who meet in Cambridge and fall in love. The film is 140 minutes long.

On February 21st we'll show "Salmonberries" (94 min). Marking the film debut of k. d. Lang, this is a story of two women cast away at the end of the world, somewhere between the snowy heavens and the polar sea. One is trying to find her past while the other is trying to escape hers. They develop a bond of friendship transforming them in the breathtaking beauty of an arctic landscape.

On March 21st, "My Beautiful Laundrette" (93 min.) Set in the south of London, this offbeat



\* We are asking for a \$2 donation per person, per film

comedy examines the coming of age of a young man, Omar, who undertakes to manage a run-down laundromat. Omar, along with his old school chum, Johnny, now his lover (played by Daniel Day Lewis), quickly learn the art of cheating, hustling and conniving.

On April 18th we'll see the Canadian film that won a Genie Award, "Forbidden Love (85 min.) This National Film Board of Canada's acclaimed documentary is compelling, often hilarious and always rebellious. Composed of 10 interviews with women who paint a portrait of lesbian sexuality and survival in Canada during the 1950's and 60's, when lesbian love was "the love that dare not speak its name."

Show time for all films is the same as our regular discussion time, 7:30 p.m.

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Finally, we are going to have a regular Saturday evening out at the Robin's Nest bar in Cambridge to dance! Those who know the bars in the area agree this is the most open and welcoming crowd for us. A "CKWBL crowd" went one Friday night for a fun evening of Western Line Dancing. Saturdays the main bar on the first floor will be open for regular dance fare. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Jan. 29, Feb 26th, March 26th and Apr 23rd all members of CKWBL and friends are welcome to get together for a fun evening. The Robin's Nest is on 26 Hobson Street in the Galt part of Cambridge. For directions and other information call [REDACTED].

We know that Monday night is bad for some members to get to our meetings, hopefully some will be able to get out on a Saturday night!

As with our discussion night and movie night, anyone wishing to get together on another evening in someone's home to talk, see a film, or go to "the Nest" or some other venue, is welcome to announce their plans at any one of our three events each month.

If you have any questions, leave a message on our phone line, [REDACTED].

## Phone Line and BBS Info!

by Tami Dean



Good news regarding the CKWBL telephone line! Since the phone line went into service, I have been monitoring the

calls that have been coming in. In October, we were only getting a few calls a day but in November, things really picked up! Maybe this was because of the advertisement that went into the Kitchener Records "Bulletin Board" or "Help Line" but it is really incredible. At first, when I was telling Lyn about the numbers it sounded too good to be true (and still is), so what I did was tally up all the calls and average them out for the month. For the month of November we had 233 calls, making that 7.7 calls to the CKWBL line a day! In December we had a total of 306 calls, making it 9.8 calls a day! So far, into the 5th day of January, we have had 14 calls, making that 2.8

calls a day. The numbers for January will change as I keep tallying them up. I will keep you posted in the next issue. Calls ranged from information requests to hangups (this is due to people just calling to hear the recorded messages) as well as an interview request and queries on movie nights and requests for directions to the meetings.

There has been a little bit of confusion regarding the computer BBS (Bulletin Board System) so I will take a minute out to explain it. I am the System Operator of Bonfire BBS and have taken on an E-mail address to make it easier for other networks such as OBN to contact us. We are operating under TWO main addresses. One is FidoNet and our address is 1:221/421 and the other is PrideNet, address is 157:4851/3. ANY BBS system within FIDO and PrideNet can E-Mail us. As well, PrideNet is keeping us informed in their "EVENTS" echo of upcoming do's etc. You can call the BBS at [REDACTED] and log yourself on as a user of the system (all you need is a modem with a speed of 1200 baud or higher) and read the messages posted in these areas of the BBS as well as converse through private E-mail (electronic mail) to other systems as well. I am offering FREE public access to anyone who wants to use the it. In the near future I will be adding a text library specific to CKWBL, so people may get further information. Will keep you informed of its progress.

WISHING EVERYONE IN THE QUEER - POSITIVE COMMUNITY THE BEST IN 1994 AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!!

Please remember to bring a couple of legal-size envelopes stamped + self addressed, to help us with postage costs.