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Guelph Gay Equality

NEWSLETTER - JULY 1977

Hello out there! A few things are happening that you should know about.

You've all heard about Anita Bryant's campaign of hate which is spreading all over North America. It's something to be alarmed about. On the enclosed sheet there are some ideas on

what it is all about and what you can do. No one but YOU is going to take the steps necessary to stop her.

At our June 15th meeting we had intended to hold a values session on relationships. We talked instead about Anita and what she means to us. We were informed that a petition has been created, addressed to Prime Minister Trudeau, from the concerned hetero and homosexual citizens of Canada. The petition states that the issue is one of job security rather than of children, and urges Mr. Trudeau to implement human rights for all Canadians. It is hoped that this position will be endorsed by the labour movement, which has been supportive in the past. If you would like a copy to circulate among friends or at work, send a stamped envelope to:

CONCERNED
Station 'B'
Box 2424,
Kitchener, Ont.

Our session on relationships has been rescheduled for July 6th, so don't miss it this time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed. July 6th - Values clarification and learning session on singles, couples and multiples; friends and lovers. Falling in and out of love. 9th Floor lounge, Arts Building, Univ. of Guelph. 8PM
- Fri. July 15th - Dance at the country schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Parkway just north of Woodlawn Ave. in Guelph. 9PM
- Wed. July 20th - a report from our delegate to the 5th National Gay Conference held in Saskatoon from June 29 to July 3, the biggest ever in Canada.
- Watch the news for coverage!

COME TO OUR EVENTS AND MEET NEW FRIENDS! BRING IDEAS FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND FUN!

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" A LETTER A DAY CAN KEEP ANITA AWAY "

SOME ANTI - ANITA TIPS

Anita Bryant is attacking something precious to everyone - THE RIGHT TO WORK. Her war affects heterosexuals too - oral sex is out, adultery and non-married sex will be in the next battle.

ANITA IS OUT TO GET US! We ourselves must start our defence - no one else will do it for us. Speak up for YOURSELF and your FUTURE!

THINGS TO DO
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PETITION - there is a national petition being circulated, which speaks for both homo and heterosexuals. Its addressed to Pierre Trudeau. For a copy write:

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LETTERS - one letter to the right person is worth 100 signatures on a petition. Politicians often respond to issues they have received a lot of mail about. If we write lots of letters, we'll get results.

1. GET ANITA OFF THE AIR! EVERY time you see an Anita ad on TV, call the station and tell them that she is a bigot and that you don't want to see her on Canadian TV. IT REALLY WORKS!
CBLT - 925-3311** CFTO - 291-9111**CITY - 867-7979**GLOBAL-446-5311
2. GET ANITA FIRED! Send letters to the Florida Citrus Commission telling them you won't buy any more citrus until she goes. If she is fired, it will downgrade her public image and prestige. The address is:
Mr. Edward Taylor,
Executive Director,
Florida Citrus Commission
1115 East Memorial Blvd.,
Lakeland, Florida 33801
3. BOYCOTT FLORIDA CITRUS! Don't buy any oranges, grapefruit or lemons or their juices unless you are positive they are from elsewhere. ASK YOUR GROCER FOR CALIFORNIA CITRUS!
4. KEEP ANITA BRYANT OUT OF CANADA! If itsannounced that she is coming to CANADA, write the federal Minister of Immigration as well as your federal member, and request that she be denied entry on the following grounds:
a) she is preaching hate about a significant number of Canadians, over 2 million in fact.
b) her presence will incite violence - it already has in the U.S.
Write to: Mr. Robert Andras
Minister of Immigration & YOUR LOCAL M.P.
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa
5. GIVE US THE RIGHTS ANITA IS FIGHTING AGAINST! Write to or visit your federal member of Parliament and tell him/her that you want your rights spelled out in the new Canadian Human Rights Code. Write to the Minister of Justice too.
The address is: Mr. Ron Basford,
Minister of Justice & YOUR LOCAL M.P.
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa.

Send a letter to your provincial member asking that 'sexual orientation' be added to the ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS CODE.