

Grand River Rainbow Historical Project

www.grandriver-rainbowhistory.ca/

celebrating the lives and times of rainbow folk in Grand River country

Guelph Gay Equality Newsletter → Guelph Gay & Lesbian Equality Newsletter → Guelph Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Equality Newsletter

Publishing History: Issued by **Guelph Gay Equality (GGE)** from 1977, May - 1990, August. Issued by **Guelph Gay & Lesbian Equality (GGLE)** from 1990, September - 1993, April. Issued by **Guelph Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Equality (GGLBE)** from 1993, May - 1995, September.

Copyright Permission: Copies of individual issues of this *Newsletter* have been reproduced with the kind permission of its copyright holder, **Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)**. This permission is part of a broad agreement to grant the **Grand River Rainbow Historical Society** copyright permission to reproduce publications of **Guelph Queer Equality** under its current and prior names back to its inception in 1973 (**University of Guelph Homophile Association → Guelph Gay Equality → Guelph Gay & Lesbian Equality → Guelph Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Equality → Guelph Queer Equality**). No further reproduction is permitted.

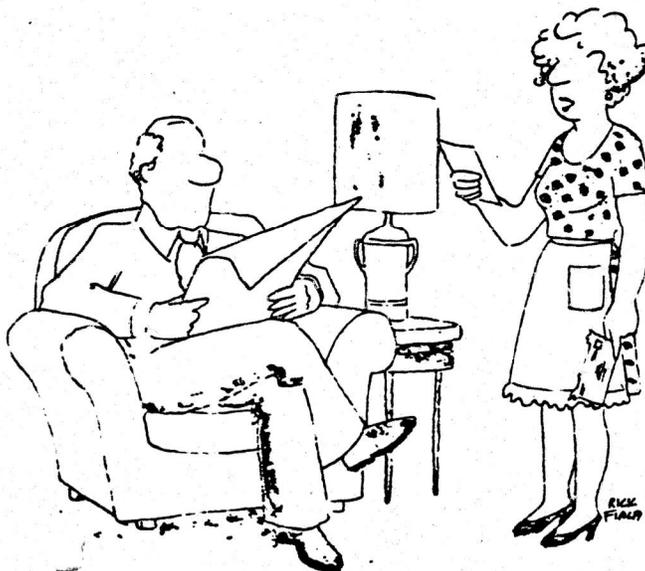
Digitized Files: After the PDF file has displayed, we suggest that you **set your viewing window to a fairly large size** and then **adjust the PDF magnification** so that the text can be read comfortably.

Telephone Numbers & Email Addresses: These documents were published many years ago. Please do **NOT** use them as a source for telephone numbers or email addresses for local businesses or agencies. Reliable sources for that kind of information include <http://www.canada411.ca/> and other search engines on the Internet.

Redaction: Certain parts of the digitized text have been **blacked out** in accordance with our [Redaction Policy](#). The **Grand River Rainbow Historical Society** maintains a separate collection of unmarked (unredacted) copies of the issues of this magazine for consultation as necessary.

Guelph gay equality

OCTOBER 1981
NEWSLETTER



"Henry, you know that phase little Hank was going through?
Well, it just turned into a lifestyle"

AT QUEEN'S PARK

On Sept. 23, G.G.E. member Jim Dougan appeared before the Standing Committee on Resources Development of the Ontario Legislature. Jim presented a brief which outlined ways in which gays in our area would benefit from Human Rights Code Protection. The Committee was fairly receptive and asked many questions. To date many gay groups have appeared before the Committee.

For a copy of our 16 - page brief please send \$2.00 to the P.O. Box below. It's not too late to write to your MPP c/o Queen's Park, Toronto, to say, "I urge you to support the amendment of Bill 7 to give equal protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation". Do it today!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SAVE

If you haven't renewed your membership in the past 12 months you will receive the newsletter for only one more month. Memberships are \$10.00 per year and entitle you to receive: newsletter, dance discounts in Guelph, Waterloo (GLOW), Hamilton (HUGS), London (HALO), Windsor (GSOC).

Send your cheque today. Check the expiry date on your G.G.E. card. Additional donations are always welcomed. Send to address below.

COMING EVENTS

- TUES. OCT. 6 - Election Night - 9th Floor, Arts Bldg., U. of G. - 8 p.m. .
- TUES. OCT. 13 - Discussion - Gays and "Promiscuity" - 9th Floor, Arts Bldg., U. of G..
- FRI. OCT. 16 - NEW - Swim Night - Athletics Centre, U. of G., 8-9 p.m., bring your own towel and suit.
- TUES. OCT. 20 - Film - "The Boys in the Band" - 9th Floor Arts Bldg., 8 p.m. .
- FRI. OCT. 23 - EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY DANCE - At the schoolhouse (U.E.W. Hall), 611 Silvercreek Rd. in Guelph, 9 p.m. .
- TUES. OCT. 27 - Dessert Night - Bring a dessert enough for 4 to 5 people. 9th Floor, Arts Bldg., 8 p.m. .
- FRI. OCT. 30 - GLOW Dance - Faculty Lounge, 5th Floor, Math/Computer Bldg., University of Waterloo.
- SAT. OCT. 31 - HALLOWEEN PARTY - call 836-4550 for location.
- WOMYN'S HALLOWEEN DANCE - sorry, women only, U.E.W. Hall, 611 Silvercreek Rd. in Guelph. Sponsored by Lesbian Organization of Kitchener.
- TUES. NOV. 3 - Film Night - "La Cage aux Folles" - 9th Floor, Arts Bldg., 8 p.m. .

Gayline - 836-4550 Office - 824-4120 ext 8575

Box 773, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6L8 - Office: 221 U.Centre, University of Guelph

As most of you are aware, among the many other services and activities, Guelph Gay Equality also operates a local telephone service, geared to educate and inform the gay population of Guelph and surrounding areas. Our phone line is in operation 24 hours a day, with a recorded message outlining most of the areas gay activities including the subject content of our weekly meetings, dates and times of our monthly dances and other information of interest.

Tuesdays through Fridays, from 7 to 10 P.M., the line is answered personally by one of our volunteers. One of the most important aspects of this service is that many times we are the first contact some people have with the gay world. This gives the person just coming out an opportunity to talk with someone who is gay to have their questions answered, and their myths dispelled. The main goal when speaking to them is to attempt to get them to come out to one of our meetings and/or our monthly dances.

Another service we have just recently begun is an accomodation service for gays. We invite anyone who has a room or apartment for rent or to share, or who is looking for same to give us a call Friday evening. We will try to co-ordinate these listings. Since discretion is sometimes a requirement, we will treat all cases in this manner.

And finally, remember, the Gayline is financed in part, by your membership dues. The line is yours. Don't hesitate to use it. It is a direct pipeline to your executive. It gives you a perfect opportunity to voice any complaints, compliments and ideas pertaining to the operation of Guelph Gay Equality. Remember, the executive can only act on new ideas and complaints if you make them aware. Let them know how you feel. Incidentally, we are always looking for prospective volunteers to staff the line, so if you are interested in sitting in on one our training sessions, give us a call.

OUR EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

On October 24, 1973, 30 people gathered at a downtown Guelph apartment for the first meeting of the University of Guelph Homophile Association. On Friday, Oct. 23 we will celebrate our anniversary with a dance.

GLOBE AND MAIL AD BY RTPC

The Right to Privacy Committee in Toronto is planning to place a full-page advertisement in the Globe and Mail, Canada's National Newspaper, to ask for the appeal of Canada's Bawdy House Laws. These Victorian laws are being used by police to get around the 1969 Criminal Code Amendments which legalized homosexual acts in private. RTPC is organizing to have 2,000 names printed in the ad, including the names of non-gay public figures and organizations who support our right to privacy. To be included you would contribute \$10.00. If you are interested in helping out in this mammoth job and/or know of individuals or groups who support us, please call 822-[REDACTED].

Our regular letters column. WRITE TO CHRIS TODAY!

Write us!

Dear Chris,

I recently moved to Guelph from Vancouver. I was quite surprised that there is apparently no gay bar in town, even though there are lots of gays. Why is this?

Dear Tom,

Tom P.

At one time many of us congregated in a downtown bar which has now closed. In 1976 our organization operated a weekend after-hours bar for 6 months, but we were forced to close due to financial problems. Many people would like to see a regular coffee house or bar open up in town, but we ourselves don't have the capital to do this. We need to either frequent an existing bar or entice some local people to help us open a place. Any offers?

SELF-DEFENCE COURSE

The course will begin on Thurs., Oct. 15th. Please call 822-[REDACTED] today if you are interested.

ROOMS FOR RENT:

2 rooms in private home, \$125.00 and \$140.00. Use of kitchen facilities included. Washer and dryer available. Available immediately. Call Dave837-[REDACTED].