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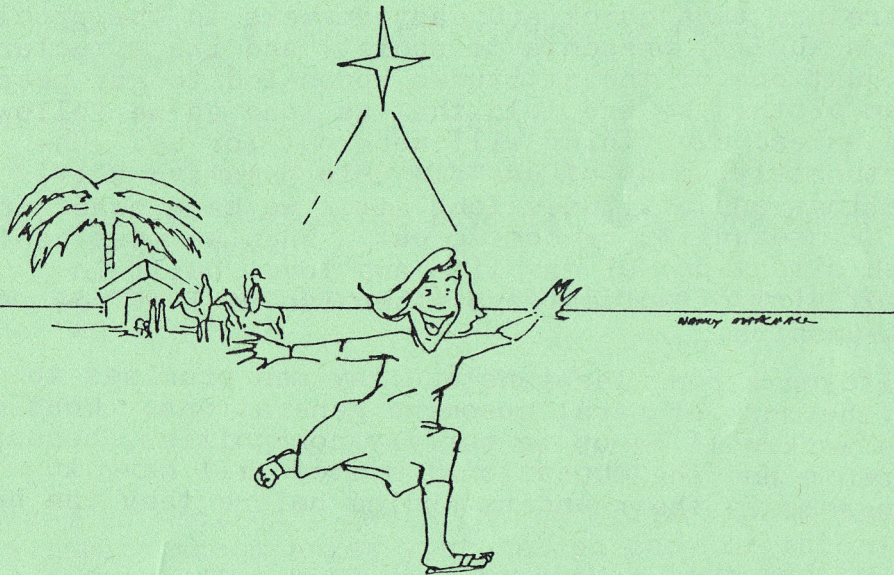
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MORE DANCES A SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Tony, Greg, Mary, Dave, Mark, Rene, Cathy, Jeff and Maureen for the great job they did in organizing the November 7th dance. The dance was a financial success, several memberships were sold and donations were received. It was well attended and the committee is planning another dance in January.



"It's a girl!"

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

To you and yours all the people at G.G.E. wish you Happy Holidays and a Gay New Year!

I would like to inform the membership that Pat L. is acting as our Treasurer-Secretary. Our current financial situation is not desperate, but neither is it enviable. Many thanks to those of you who have donated money and/or renewed your memberships, but we still need more support. A financial statement for the period Sept - Dec 1981 will be included in our January newsletter. Official elections for the executive and board of directors positions will be conducted both by mail and at our meetings in the New Year. Things are looking up!

ARE YOU GAY POSITIVE?

"If there was a pill that would make you straight, would you take it?" A surprising number of us would consider such an option. The notion that there are such quick and easy answers to the problem our sexuality presents to society and its structures is just one of the attitudes spoon-fed to gay people from birth. We are told that as long as we follow the rules, everything will work out for us. Unfortunately, many of us hold onto negative self-feelings and attitudes long after we have owned-up to our sexuality by coming out. When we must deal with situations of gay life and love, built-in negativism often destroys otherwise healthy relationships.

Building strong lesbians and gay men promises to be the work of several upcoming generations. Most of the work will be up to our gay communities, because parents and the educational system will have to progress in their understanding before they can help us.

What can each of us do to bring about change? Obviously some of us will choose to work with groups at a political and social level. All of us will be working as individuals, spreading our person awareness to those close to us, and questioning the negativism in our own and others' lives. Strength begins at a personal level and spreads outwards. Think about it!

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Mommy doesn't understand and thinks I'm going to Hell, and Daddy just doesn't talk,
Faithless friends stare disgustedly and scurry away righteously,
Sneering faces taunt "Kill the fags", and spit at our uniqueness,
Does no one share my lifestyle?
Undying love whispered under bedsheets becomes morning's "See you around",
Stern, yet longing faces populate the aml nitrate bars tossing off "meat market" commentaries,
Lovers of the night before are silent passerby devoid of recognition,
A common bond of loneliness makes us emotional brothers,
But all in one moment He changes it,
A handsome face and an embracing smile,
That travels beyond the physical and knows my need to be loved,
Can we share our lives, our loneliness dissolving in love?

Roy G.

YOUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY

A copy of "Action", the Right to Privacy Committee newspaper, accompanies your mailed copy of this newsletter. The RTPC has launched a campaign to organize support among our friends outside the gay community. If you have friends who are upset about police raids on baths and private homes, here is their opportunity to express their views by putting their names in a full-page advertisement (see back of "Action") in The Globe And Mail. As you will notice from the ad, your friends will be in good company. You should consider sending your name for the ad too, but you should also help RTPC by sending a donation to the general defence fund. Write to:
RTPC, 730 Bathurst St., Toronto M5S 1H8

FOR YOUR LIBRARY

The following publications are now available from G.G.E.. Be informed - send for yours today!

- Equal Protection for the Gay Minority - A Guelph Perspective - A brief presented to Ontario Legislators. Discrimination, denial of health and legal services, violence and some answers. With case examples. 16 pages - \$3.
- The Ontario Human Rights Omission - By the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario. Quiet Terror. Queerbashing. The Police. Discrimination. Childhood and Homosexuality. And more. With lots of actual cases. 32 pages - \$3.
- Gay/Police Relationship Reports - Presents a history of gay/police problems since the early 1960's, and argues for better police training, accountability, etc.. 75 pages - \$5.

Please include \$1.00 for handling.

COMING EVENTS

- Fri. Nov. 27 - DANCE AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE - 9 P.M.
611 Silvercreek Rd., Guelph.
- Tues. Dec. 1 - Film Night - "The Elephant Man" 8 P.M.
9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg., U. of G.
- Tues. Dec. 8 - Guest Topic - "The Gay Church" - with
Rev. Brent Hawkes of Metro. Community
Church- 9th Floor Lounge, 8 P.M. .
- Tues. Dec. 15- Eucre/Backgammon Party - 8 P.M.,
9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg., U. of G.
- Fri. Dec. 18 - CHRISTMAS DANCE AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE -
9 P.M., 611 Silvercreek Rd., Guelph.
- Wed* Tues. Jan. *6* - Film Night - A classic feature film -
9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg., 8 P.M..

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