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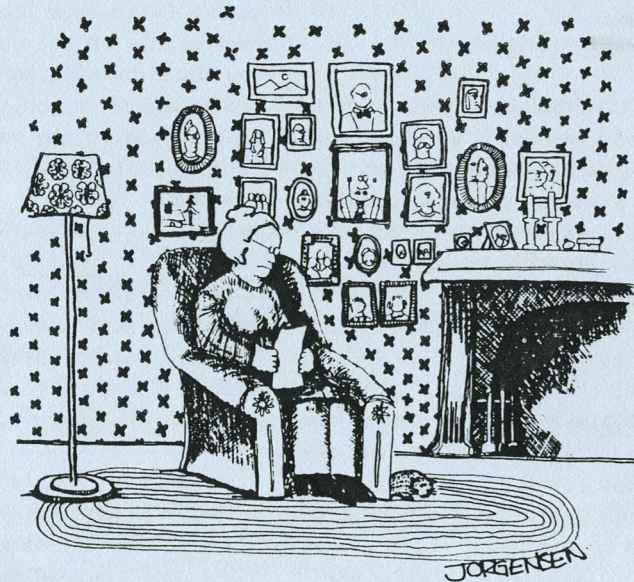
DIALOGUE ON HOMOPHOBIA

WHAT IS HOMOPHOBIA?

Homophobia is the irrational fear of homosexuality and homosexuals. A Conference on this subject is planned

for Feb. 18-20/83, organized by the Gay-non-gay Coalition. This Coalition is made up of Women and Men from Guelph Gay Equality, the Womens' Issues Collective, and other interested persons or groups.

The Conference will be free of charge, except for Refreshments on Friday and the Pink Triangle Dance on Saturday, and is open to all persons regardless of sexual orientation. Listed inside this newsletter are the main events of this Conference. A Conference brochure is enclosed with the the mailed copies of this Newsletter.



*"Dear Miss Barker,
Congratulations! This is to inform you that, with the recent death of
Miss Gracie Ellsworth of Cape Girardeau, Mo.,
you are now the oldest living lesbian in the United States..."*

PINK TRIANGLE DANCE

On Saturday, February 19, 1983, we will hold our second Pink Triangle Dance in Peter Clark Hall, University of Guelph, starting at 8 PM. Tickets for this Dance cost \$3.00 advance or \$4.00 at the door. Please order your tickets early to avoid being turned away. Come out to our Tuesday meetings or call Pat at 821-████ or Jim at 822-████ to arrange to pick up advance tickets.

This Dance is in support of the Southwest Region of CGRO, Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario.

If you remember our first Pink Triangle Dance back in 1981, you will remember that everyone had a super time. So don't be disappointed, pick up your tickets soon.

NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM

The GGE library is expanding in leaps and bounds. We have just acquired some 20 new books and are in the process of adding them to the system. Some of these books we have had in the past, but the majority are newly written publications dealing with our lifestyle.

To help alleviate past problems of books missing or being kept too long, we are setting up some new guidelines for library users.

The new system will allow for books to be taken out for a 2 week

period, and we must insist on having your name and telephone number, so that we can keep track of the books out. You will receive a friendly reminder by phone, if you exceed the 2 week limit.

Although we are trying to make the library available every evening of the week, at the moment we are limiting it's use to Tuesday evenings only.

Incidentally, over the past few years many books from the library have disappeared, probably due to an oversight by the borrower. If you have any books now in your possession from the GGE library, please drop them by at your earliest convenience. No questions asked, we will be very happy to have them back.

CAN YOU HELP?

During the 'Dialogue on Homophobia Conference' we will be providing Child-care so parents can participate in the conference. If you would be willing to care for a small number of children for a 4 hour period on the weekend, please call Jim - 822-████ or Laura - 837-████.

WANT ADS

Gay male student, 20, seeking same for room-mate for F'83 and F'84 in South Residence. Non-smoker. Ask for Jim only, at 824-████ on weekends.

Male gay couple have 1 furnished bedroom for rent in older home. Use of kitchen, laundry

facilities, and recreation room. 20 minute walk to University. For more information call 837-████.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

This space can be yours for only \$1.00 per insertion. Mail your ad to Box 773, Guelph, Ont., N1H 6L8 in care of the Newsletter Staff.

Since last month we have received 13 new members or renewals. This is a good sign, but if you are not a member we still need your support. A \$10 membership can save you money. Join now!

CONFERENCE ON HOMOPHOBIA - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY 8.00 - 12 Mid. - A selection of short films, beer, soft drinks and pizza. Room 442, University Centre.
- SATURDAY 10.00 - 11.00am - Welcome and introduction, Room 442, U.C.
11.00 - 12 Noon - Identifying Homophobia - a panel of 5 Gay and Non-Gay women and men look at Homophobia in their lives. Room 442, U.C.
12.00 - 1.30pm - Decoding the Gay Mystique - myths and lifestyles - 2 speakers. Room 442, U.C.
1.30 - 2.30pm - Lunch
2.30 - 4.00pm - Power and Privilege - skits and discussion on power and privilege. Room 442, U.C.
4.00 - 5.00pm - Choice of Workshops:
-Feminism and Lesbianism
-Gays and the Family
-Gays involved in Non-Gay issues.
- 8.00 - 1.30am - Pink Triangle Dance - Peter Clark Hall, University of Guelph. Please purchase advance tickets.
- SUNDAY 11.30 - 12 Noon - Coffee, Tea and Muffins. Room 536, U.C.
12.00 - 1.00pm - Choice of Workshops:
-Strengthening the Gay Community.
-Role of Non-Gays in Gay Issues.
1.00 - 3.00PM - Overcoming Homophobia - skits and discussion to help develop strategies against the Homophobia in our Gay and Non-Gay lives. Room 442, U.C.
3.00 - 4.30pm - Final plenary: Workshop reports, comments and evaluation.

THE GAY/NON-GAY COALITION LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - FEB. 19 - PINK TRIANGLE DANCE - PETER CLARK HALL

the gayline 836-4550

COMING EVENTS

- Tue. Feb. 8: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
'Inherit the Wind' starring Spencer Tracy and Frederick March. An Excellent film dealing with the famous 'Scopes Monkey Trial'.
- Thu. Feb. 10: GENERAL MEETING
A General Meeting of GGE members to discuss and set policy of the organization. Everyone welcome. Room 334. U.C. Building, U. of G. 8PM.
- Tue. Feb. 15: DROP-IN
An informal drop-in meeting. A chance for interesting conversation and meeting of new friends. Refreshments.
- Fri. Feb. 18: DANCE
GLOW and Gay Media Collective of Kitchener-Waterloo will hold a dance at the Legion Hall, 48 Ontario St., Kitchener, at 8PM.
- Sat. Feb. 19: CGRO DANCE
Regional Dance will be held in Peter Clark Hall, University of Guelph, at 8PM. See announcement inside Newsletter.
- Tue. Feb. 22: WOMENS' NIGHT
Guest speaker. The owner of the Cameo Club, a Lesbian meeting place in Toronto, will discuss the workings of a Gay-oriented business.
- Fri. Feb. 25: DANCE
611 Silvercreek Prkwy, Guelph, at 9PM. Don't forget your Membership Cards for admission discount.
- Tue. Mar. 1: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
Another film in the group of Gay Positive films from Hollywood. "Victor/Victoria starring Julie Andrews.
- Tue. Mar. 8: GUEST SPEAKER
Subject: A.I.D.S. and General Health for Gays. This meeting is tentative, check Gayline for confirmation.

PLEASE NOTE

ALL MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE ARE HELD IN ROOM 536
UNIVERSITY CENTRE, U. OF G. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.