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# Guelph Gay Quality

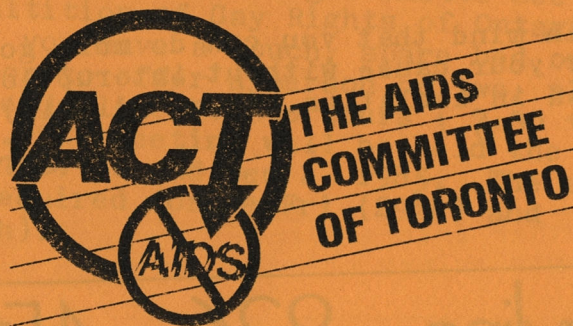
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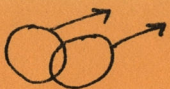
I was appalled to read on the front cover of Newsweek magazine that a young child was being banned from attending school because she possibly has AIDS.

AIDS. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It is no longer the "Gay Plague" as dubbed by society. It is affecting people of all ages and of all races, regardless of sexual orientation. This month we will be having a guest speaker from the Aids Committee of Toronto (ACT). This meeting is of special interest to ALL. So everyone come out and bring a friend or two. Attend this meeting and pass some useful information on to your friends. Together we can help put an end to the misinformation surrounding AIDS.

( editor's comment )







## Coming Out

Early in 1985, I wrote a coming out letter to my brother. I have just recently received a reply (about eight months later). I am including a portion of the letter here because it is of value to anyone involved in social reform.

"What I wish to say Cheryl, is We have been given more potential to do good within this world than many will ever know. We will be subject to numerous abuses along our paths, but we will have the wisdom to adjust our courses so that we suffer minimal setbacks.

In as much as we will have to fight(work) for what we believe to be right, we must avoid antagonism. The best way to remove an enemy, is to make him or her a friend. Patience and sensitivity are key components in this process as every person we encounter is unique and therefore must be dealt with differently. (To "FIGHT FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN..." However, "Avoiding antagonism" might be more appropriately called "WORK!")

Be direct. State (speak) your truth quietly and clearly! (Desiderata)

"and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant: they too have their story."

Keep in mind that you can do more good working for your cause without interruption, than you can in isolation. (i.e. in jail)

cont'd....

the gayline 836-4550

The best military men know when its time to retreat. This allows you a chance to try again.

(Fairly good example)- LECH WALENSA?  
(Wish I was Polish) "

This letter was started March 27 1985 and finished Sept. 16 1985. (This is an excerpt from a very long, positive and loving letter.)

Cheryl

\*\*\* CLASSIFIEDS \*\*\*

Person willing to give organ lessons to one or two students. Interested and serious students only. 836- [REDACTED].

GGE is looking for volunteers to help out and dances and help with meetings etc. For more information please contact the Gayline and leave a message or contact an executive member at any meeting.

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## Accommodation Required

GGE is hosting the steering committee meeting of the Coalition of Gay Rights of Ontario (CGRO). If you have a couch, spare bed or a soft floor to offer a person or two, please contact the Gayline Mon to Thurs ( 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.). The meeting will be held the weekend of Nov 30 and Dec 1, 1985. The space would be required for the Fri (29th) and Sat ( 30 th).





## OCTOBER'S ATTRACTIONS !

Tues Oct 1 : Video night. Sure to be a terrific movie so don't miss it!

Tues Oct 8 : Members own night! Ever wondered why you label yourself as you do? Well come on out and find out why we choose the labels we use.

Thurs Oct 10: General meeting. This is your chance to express your views on GGE and things related. So attend and be a more integral part of this organization. For room and time please phone the Gayline.

Tues Oct 15 : Special event night! Tonight a representative from ACT will be speaking on AIDS. There will be a video and discussion. Spread the word, more education on AIDS is necessary to combat the ignorance.

Tues Oct 22 : BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION!!!!!! Come on out for coffee and cake and help celebrate GGE's 12 years serving the community.

Tues Oct 29 : Special event night! A guest speaker from Metropolitan Community Church. This is tentative so check the Gayline for confirmation.

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DANCES!!!

SAT OCT 12 : NAVY CLUB DANCE! 16 COMERCIAL ST.  
GREAT SOUNDS. COME ON OUT AND  
PARTY IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN  
GUELPH. 9 P.M.

FRI OCT 25 : SCHOOLHOUSE HALLOWEEN DANCE!!!!!!  
YES IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN TO DRESS  
UP IN FAVORITE COSTUME. 9 P.M.  
PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUME.  
611 SILVERCREEK PARKWAY NORTH.

For further information please call the Gayline  
All events unless noted held in Rm 536 U.C.