

# Grand River Rainbow Historical Project

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

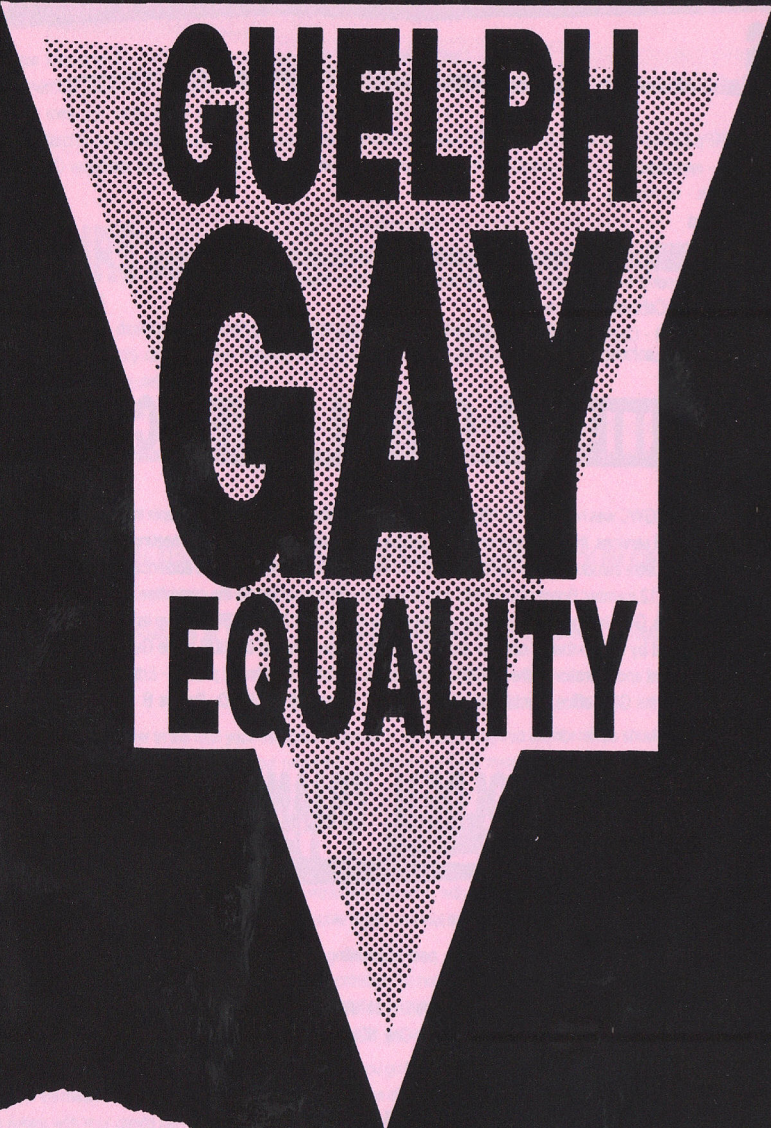
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**GUELPH  
GAY  
EQUALITY**

**NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1988**



## EVENTS

- FEB. 2  Movie nite - popcorn  
FEB. 9  Social nite - refreshments  
FEB. 16  Spring Break - no meeting  
FEB. 23  GGE Elections  
MAR. 1  Movie nite - popcorn

If you have suggestions for weekly events please let us hear about them. Other events to remember:

- GLOW DANCE  FEB. 13 - Cabaret, Kitchener  
GEM-GCO DANCE  FEB. 19 - Clarke Hall, 161 Lakeshore Rd., Mississauga, Ont. (just E. of Miss. Rd.)  
GGE DANCE FEB. 26

## AIDS COMMITTEE OF GUELPH & WELL.CTY.

The first annual meeting of the ACGWC was held Jan. 14, 1988 at the General Hospital. A large turnout of people from assorted backgrounds including the medical profession, social services, the gay community, and religious organizations attended this meeting. A brief history of the group was given and the founding members were introduced. The Contact Person for each task force addressed the audience giving a brief outline of the needs and objectives of the ACGWC. A 12 member Board of Directors was elected to officially incorporate the committee. Jim Dougan, a GGE member is a member of this Board of Directors. GGH has generously offered space for the ACGWC at 73 Delhi St. to set up its first office. The need for this AIDS Committee has been emphasized by the number of calls for assistance from people affected by AIDS in the Guelph area already. Volunteers are needed to assist the establishment and operation of the ACGWC. Three areas are being targeted at present - Education, Support and Fundraising. Volunteer forms are available in the GGE office. Contact people in the GGE at present are Jim D., Reggie B. and Jim Chaput.

## GAY LIFE IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

(Guelph, Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo)

### SERVICES/GROUPS

- Guelph Gay Equality (GGE) - weekly meetings, monthly dances, peer counselling, library, resource materials. 836-4550  
Gay Care - Men's Support Group 822- [redacted] Guelph  
Gays and Lesbians of Waterloo (GLOW) - weekly coffeehouse, Wed. 8-11 UW Campus Centre - monthly dances at The Cabaret, Kitchener.  
Gays out of Doors - social club, write GOOD, Box 2751, Kitchener, Ont. N2H 6N3  
Gay Radio of Waterloo - Wed. 6 - 7 pm on CKMS FM 94.5  
Leaping Lesbians - Thur. 6 - 8 pm CKMS FM 94.5  
Kitchener-Waterloo Gay Media Collective - media watchdog, publications 579- [redacted]  
AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County - 73 Delhi St. Guelph 822-5350 ext. 253  
AIDS Committee of Kitchener - 579-3800  
AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area 745-2528

### BAR/CLUBS

- Half & Half Club - Kitchener, Ont.  223½ King St., Mon-Sat. 9-1:30, rear entrance, near Gray Coach Stn.  
Robin's Nest - Cambridge, Ont.  Galt Agr. Hall - 2nd Floor, just off of Hwy 24 and Park Hill Drive, Sat. only, largely but not exclusively a woman's bar  
In Guelph - there are no exclusively gay bars, however note : Bullring esp. on Tues. nites & Albion Hotel - MacDonnel St. and Norfolk

## CLGRO

Note that CGRO is now known as CLGRO (Coalition for Lesbian & Gay Rights in Ont.)  
CLGRO comprises 22 member groups and hundreds of individual members across Ont. Founded in 1975 CLGRO is committed to the fight for liberation of lesbians and gay men. For more details see CLGRO newsletter in GGE office.  
The CLGRO meeting for March is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in March here in Guelph. People are needed to help organize and accommodate approx. 12 CLGRO members while in Guelph. More details will be available during February.

## MISC. AFFAIRS

GGE ELECTIONS: FEB. 23, 1988

Nominations needed for: Executive director - vacant, Dance director - vacant, Education director - vacant  
Nominations received to date: Publicity director - Jim Chaput, Activities director - Reggie Borneo, Financial director - Lonny Cool  
Note: Valid memberships required to vote!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Accommodations available can be listed in the GGE office at no charge. Need a place to live? Need a gay positive household? Check out what's available.

### FOR SALE:

Two 150 watt speakers with power amp \$150.00 or B.O. Call Gayline when staffed weeknights 7:30-9:30 PM 836-4550.

### HELLO FROM LONDON, ENGLAND

John W. sent the GGE a couple of postcards as well as a gay guide to pubs, clubs and restaurants in London. It's available in the GGE office.

### NEWSLETTER MAILINGS:

If you want to receive the GGE newsletter in the mail your membership must be up to date. Expired memberships should be updated if you want to continue receiving our newsletter. Contact Lonny C. about renewing or obtaining a GGE membership.

## FUN IN THE SUN: PART I

Trinidad and Tobago, the most southerly Iles in the Caribbean; the most cosmopolitan, with a population just over 2 million. last October in 6½ hours. I went from low single digit temperatures and falling leaves to high double digits, coconut trees and scantily dressed natives. I was ready for some fun in the sun.

There is only one Gay bar in Trinidad and Tobago - LOTES - which is located on the northern end of Port of Spain (the Capital) at the corner of New and St. Vincent streets. The bar itself is a renovated Victorian style house. To enter, you ring the door bell and you're let in by the manager to whom you pay \$10.00 T.T. cover charge which entitles you to a drink of your choice. To get in either the manager or members of the club must know you.

You enter into an enclosed veranda where you are on parade to many. As you go further, you enter into a large room with the bar and "wailing" bodies moving to the rhythm of the music and of course more lustful eyes. There is the official dance floor; another small room with black lights used mostly for "grinding" to slow songs with your dance partner. Next to the dance hall there is yet another room with tables and chairs used for conversation and other things. Washrooms, kitchen and office are at the back.

The people are usually friendly and just like any other West Indian (including myself) they love a good party. The pub is open at 7 p.m. but no one gets there until around 10:30-11 pm and they party until 4:30-5:00 am. A few times after a night at the Pub I got home a few minutes before sunrise.

Gay life in Trinidad and Tobago is very oppressed and going to the Pub is the safest and most discreet way to meet other Gays. This is the only way to spend an enjoyable and relaxed evening since its the only opportunity gays have to be themselves.

Look for Part II of Fun in the Sun in the March newsletter: the Effects of Gay Oppression on relationships in Trinidad and Tobago.



# BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION

Imagine a world with no gay pubs and clubs, no gay and lesbian press, no helplines, no gay positive books in the library, no equal opportunities policies. Imagine fear, blackmail and licensed queerbashing. All this may happen in G.B. if Clause 27 of the Local Government Bill is passed. The ILGA - London Branch sent us an urgent memo in early Jan. outlining the implications of this anti-gay Clause. The GGE sent a letter of concern as requested by the ILGA to the British Ambassador in Ottawa, a copy of which follows.

P.O. Box 773,  
Guelph, Ont.  
Jan. 6, 1988

Sir Allan Urwick,  
High Commissioner,  
British High Commission,  
80 Elgin St.,  
Ottawa, Ont.  
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Your Excellency:

We are gravely concerned to learn that Her Majesty's Government is supporting legislative proposals which will be seriously damaging to the rights of lesbians and gay men. As now drafted, these proposals will inhibit fair and enlightened teaching about homosexual relationships in state schools. They will prevent Local Authorities from supporting lesbian and gay youth groups, community centres, and telephone helplines, from stocking books in public libraries which give a positive view of homosexuality, and from licensing gay pubs and clubs.

But the support of Her Majesty's Government for these proposals has even wider implications: it indicates most clearly that it supports repressive and discriminatory behavior towards a particular minority, the gay community; it is thus a direct encouragement to the general public to indulge in anti-gay and discriminatory practices.

The fair treatment of minorities is an essential element of a free and democratic society. These legislative proposals constitute unfair and discriminatory treatment of a particular minority and should have no place in a Western democracy. Please convey to Her Majesty's Government our urgent request that this legislation be withdrawn. Britain's international reputation as a civilised and democratic society which protects the rights of its citizens is at stake - nothing less.

Yours faithfully,

Guelph Gay Equality



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537 University Centre  
University of Guelph  
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Your reference

Our reference INF 315/5

Date 12 January 1988

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6 January addressed to the High Commissioner about Local Government Bill - Clause 27(2A) - which has been passed to the appropriate authority in the United Kingdom.

*Yours faithfully,*

DED/tfs

Douglas E Donald  
First Secretary  
(Information)

In response the British High Commission acknowledged receipt of our letter on Jan. 12/88. We have yet to hear about the status of Clause 27 in the British House of Lords.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S, EVERYONE!

### STAFFED MONDAY THRU THURSDAY, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

# THE GAY LINE 836-4550