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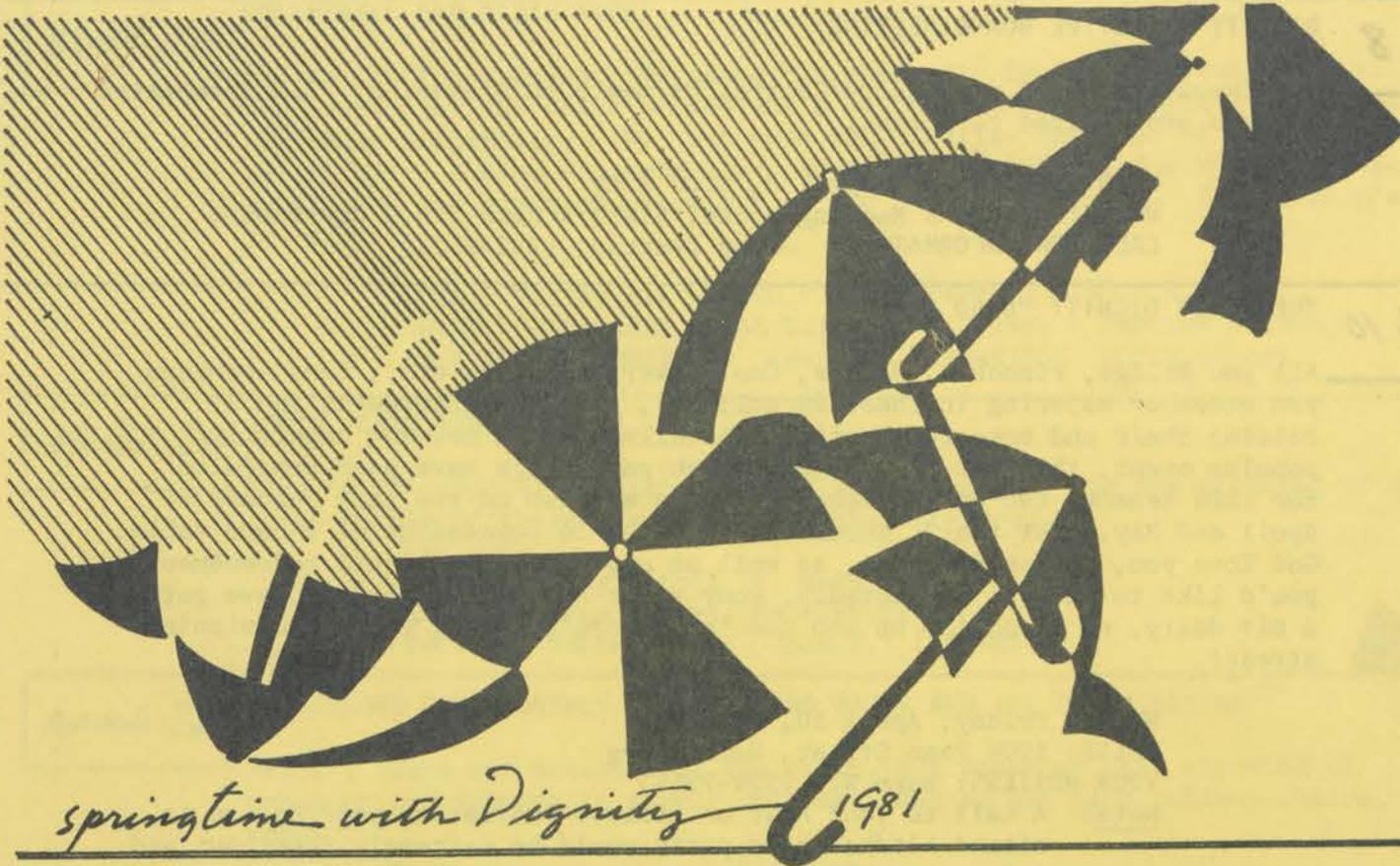
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*springtime with Dignity 1981*

*april 3* DINNER NITE OUT - HUNAN RESTAURANT

This season's opener involves traveling East, East on Chestnut Street, that is, to the Hunan Restaurant, which, during the past year or so, has become justly popular as the place for authentic Hunanese cuisine. For the uninitiated (or those who have not read the back of the menu), the province of Hunan in China is known for its particularly spicy foods, ranging from tangy to incendiary, and Hunan's chef prepares them all masterfully, as well as a variety of less highly-seasoned fare. Bring along a couple of Roloids if you're not too sure, but be prepared for a real treat.

WHEN: Friday, April 3, 8:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Hunan Restaurant, Chestnut Street, Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION/RESERVATIONS: Steve L. (232-6517)  
(DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 1)

*april 6* DIGNITY/CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you, or anyone you know, is not a member of our Chapter and has been considering joining for some time, now is your opportunity. During the months of April and May only, Dignity/Central Pennsylvania is offering a reduced membership dues of \$12 to new members. This is a \$6 savings over the regular membership dues. In these times of inflation and austere budgets, take advantage of this time-limited offer. If you don't have access to a membership form, simply make your check payable to D/CP, Inc., along with your name and address, and mail to Dignity/Central Pennsylvania, Inc., 297 Federal Square Station, Harrisburg, PA 17108. We're counting on you!

*april 7* VOLLEYBALL - ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK

The ball goes on, into its third year in fact. Truly a popular activity, volleyball is the perfect place to meet or make friends and to get some good exercise as well. And beginning this evening, Dignity will be collecting food for the Harrisburg Ecumenical Food Bank. This food is distributed freely, and with no questions asked, to the needy of Harrisburg. We ask you to bring, on the first Volleyball Tuesday of each month, canned or packaged foods for distribution, such as canned meats and vegetables, tunafish, pasta, canned fruits or juices, breakfast cereals, etc. Fresh, home-canned or frozen foods cannot be accepted. Make it a point to remember to bring an item or two to volleyball and/or the potluck suppers.

"I tell you this: Anything you did for one of these, however humble, you did for me . . . ." (Matthew 25:40)

WHEN: Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 P.M.  
WHERE: PAL Building, 1110 North Third St., Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION: John B. (233-8105)

*Dignity/Central PA Box 297, Harrisburg PA 17108*



*april 8*

DIGNITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of Dignity/Central PA meets this evening. All interested persons are invited to attend.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 8, 8:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, Sixth & Herr Sts., Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION: Jerry Brennan (232-2027)

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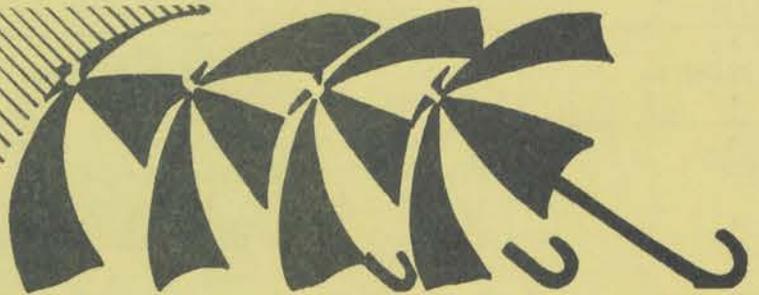
THE FIRST DIGNITY "CARD NIGHT"

All you Bridge, Pinochle, Hearts, Uno, Poker, Go Fish, etc., fans (perhaps you remember majoring in these in college), grab your partners, and a folding chair and come to the first installment of a new and hopefully popular event, the CARD PARTY. Four such gatherings have been scheduled for this season, two on the second Fridays and two on the last Sundays of April and May. Got that? Should you also be in possession of a card table, God love you, please bring it, as well as any snacks or liquid refreshments you'd like to share. Undoubtedly, your visor and sleeve garters have gotten a bit dusty, so clean 'em up and use 'em. Here's hoping you hit a winning streak!

WHEN: Friday, April 10, 8:00 P.M.  
WHERE: 1204 Penn Street, Harrisburg  
YOUR HOSTESS: Barb N. (234-7364)

Note: A call to your host or hostess indicating your desire to attend his/her card party would be extremely courteous and quite the polite thing to do. So do it already!

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A SEDER CELEBRATION

Dignity celebrates its sixth annual commemoration of hope and liberation this evening with its traditional Seder meal. The Seder, a Jewish custom recalling the liberation of the Jews at Passover, has also come to be an important and meaningful part of the Dignity calendar as well. As always, the Seder celebration will be followed by a potluck supper, but this time, in keeping with traditional Jewish custom, we ask that dishes containing pork or shellfish not be brought. If you've never attended a Seder, do try to make this one, and bring a friend. You'll be the richer for it.

WHEN: Sunday, April 12, 5:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, Sixth & Herr Sts., Harrisburg  
YOUR HOST: John F. (652-6570)  
Note: Contributions of food for the Harrisburg Ecumenical Food Bank may be brought to this evening's meal.

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VOLLEYBALL

Refer to Tuesday, April 7 for details.

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A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A devotional service consisting of the Way of the Cross, hymns and meditations will be held to commemorate the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. All persons are most cordially invited to participate.

WHEN: Friday, April 17, 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, Sixth & Herr Sts., Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION: Bob S. (234-8179)

*april 19*

EASTER SUNDAY - A SUNRISE SERVICE

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Metropolitan Community Church will be conducting an Easter Sunrise Service this morning, followed by an Easter Morning breakfast. Join our MCC friends in this special commemoration of the miracle of Easter.

WHEN: Easter Sunday, April 19, 6:30 A.M.  
WHERE: Service: North Front St. at Hamilton St., Harrisburg  
Breakfast: 446 S. 13th Street, Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION: Gary N. (238-3746)

VOLLEYBALL AND PIZZA NIGHT

*April 21*

The food's the same but the place has changed! Tonight's pizza night will be courtesy of the folks at Neptune's Lounge, and we thank them in advance for their hospitality. We just hope they realize the kind of appetite thirty or so hungry volleyballers can have! So join us for V-ball at the usual time and place and stop off at the Neptune later on. You'll be glad you did.

WHEN: Volleyball - 6:30 P.M. Pizza - 9:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Volleyball - PAL Building Pizza - Neptune's Lounge  
CALL FOR INFORMATION: John B. (233-8105) North Street

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

*April 26*

Dignity/CP's Social Committee, which is responsible for the planning of a large number of these events, meets this afternoon.

WHEN: Sunday, April 26, 4:00 P.M.  
WHERE: 56 Fox Street, Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION: John F. (652-6570)

THE SECOND SEMI-MONTHLY DIGNITY CARD PARTY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

*April 26*

Well, I guess not necessarily ice cream, but remember that any kind of snack or refreshment is surely welcome. And so are card tables, chairs, cards . . . .

WHEN: Sunday, April 26, 8:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Home of Steve M.  
CALL FOR INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: Steve M. (944-2230)

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

*April 27*

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A special public meeting will be held to discuss plans for a one-day conference of workshops, addresses and whatever scheduled for the early Fall to be sponsored by Dignity/CP. If you have any ideas, interests, resources, etc., or if you are just plain curious, you are invited to attend. The regular monthly meeting of the Education and Social Outreach Committee will follow at 8:30 P.M.

WHEN: Monday, April 27, 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: 216 Boas Street, #1, Harrisburg, PA  
YOUR HOST: Bob S. (234-8179)

VOLLEYBALL

*April 28*

Refer to Tuesday, April 7 for details.

THE SECOND ANNUAL LEONARDO DA VINCI KITE FLY AND PICNIC

*May 3*

What had promised to be one of Spring, 1980's most unique and possibly bizarre events was, alas, cancelled on account of those April showers (which fell in May). So here we are again, folks, none the worse for wear and ready to attempt it once more. Of course, you'll need a kite, bought or homemade, and the necessary accoutrements and naturally something to eat for the picnic afterwards. The prizes which were offered last year for a variety of "bests" and "mosts", (best-looking, highest flying, largest --- and these are for the kites) have been painstakingly preserved in an old Amaretti di Saronno tin for just this day. So once again, pray for dear skies, hold your breath and drag out your flying machines. We're gonna try it again!

WHEN: Sunday, May 3, 2-5 P.M.  
WHERE: City Island, Northeast side, Harrisburg  
YOUR HOST: John F. (652-6570)

VOLLEYBALL

*May 5*

Refer to Tuesday, April 7 for details.  
Remember to bring donations for the Harrisburg Ecumenical Food Bank.

THE THIRD BI-WEEKLY DIGNITY CARD PARTY AND EMBROIDERY KAFFEKLATCH

*May 8*

You should know this pretty well by now. Repeat after me, "Card table, chairs/cards and brownie squares./ Card table, chairs/cards and . . ."

WHEN: Friday, May 8, 8:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Apt. 5-J, Riverview Manor, Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: Richard & Bill (238-0642)

VOLLEYBALL

may 12

Refer to Tuesday, April 7 for details.

DIGNITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

may 13

Tonight's meeting of Dignity's Executive Board will include plans for the upcoming Summer Calendar. Interested persons are invited to attend.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 13, 8:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, Sixth & Herr Sts., Harrisburg  
CALL FOR INFORMATION: Jerry Brennan (232-2027)

MASS FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY AND POTLUCK SUPPER

may 17

Our May Mass and supper signals the end of Dignity's indoor season of these monthly gatherings. We intend to go out with a bang, though, and have declared tonight's theme as Greek night. Here's a chance to try some of those recipes you've stashed in back of your Joy of Cooking as well as an opportunity to get rid of any surplus feta cheese or grape leaves you may have laying around. Don't forget the Ecumenical Food Bank either. Your donations may be brought to this evening's supper, following which a movie, as yet to be chosen, will be screened. Make it a point to attend tonight's Mass, meal and movie; it's our last opportunity before summer to come together as both a spiritual and social family, and to share a little or ourselves with one another. See you there!

WHEN: Sunday, May 17: Mass - 5:00; Supper - 6:30; Movie - 8:00  
WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, Sixth & Herr Sts., Harrisburg  
YOUR HOST: Bill O. (732-2027)

VOLLEYBALL

may 19

Refer to Tuesday, April 7 for details.

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

may 19

The regular monthly meeting of the Education and Social Outreach Committee will take place this evening.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 19, 9:00 P.M.  
WHERE: 216 Boas Street, #1, Harrisburg  
YOUR HOST: Bob S. (234-8179)

HARRISBURG ARTS COUNCIL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

may 23

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Once again, that eagerly awaited weekend has arrived. The plaza of the William Penn Museum will be transformed by craftspeople and their work, artists, performers and lots of good, good food. Come, enjoy!

WHEN: Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25  
WHERE: William Penn Museum and Plaza  
North Third & North Streets, Harrisburg

VOLLEYBALL

may 26

Refer to Tuesday, April 7 for details.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

may 31

The Social Committee of Dignity/CP will meet this afternoon.

WHEN: Sunday, May 31, 4:00 P.M.  
WHERE: 56 Fox Street, Harrisburg  
YOUR HOST: John F. (652-6570)

THE FINAL, EVERY-OTHER-WEEK DIGNITY CARD PARTY AND HUSKING BEE

may 31

Remember now, this one's not necessarily the last one, provided you had a good time and faithfully remembered all those tables and chairs and things. So be good and maybe, just maybe, we'll have more of the same for you later. Bye!

WHEN: Sunday, May 31, 8:00 P.M.  
WHERE: 1202 Penn Street, Harrisburg  
YOUR HOSTS: Jon L. and Jeff D. (234-4550)

watch for "summer with Dignity" . . . . . coming soon!

