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N.E.P.G.A.

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The meeting was called to order at 2P.M. with Peter speaking on Proposition 13 in California which would prevent the hiring of a Gay person as a teacher or other public service job. Also anyone who advocates ~~writes~~ rights for Gays can be denied employment or fired. He reminded us the same thing could happen here so thats why we have to join together to keep what freedoms we now have. Following this our Social Director gave a list of the upcoming events:

Oct. 29 Halloween Party, at 2P.M. Toms House covered dish, B.Y.O.B.

Nov. 26 Champagne Party, at 2P.M. Toms house also bring a hor-de-horve

Dec. 17 Christmas Party Town House in Dallas buffet dinner will be served charge of \$5.00 a person, B.Y.O.B. at 4 P.M. with a \$.2.00 grab bag gift.

A meeting will be held before the Christmas Party with the election of officers for the following year to take place.

We were told to inform the membership of the fact that the bar known as the Chrystal Lite is now straight and Gays are no longer welcome there so please pass it along to your friends who may not know. If you like you may attend a new Gay bar in the area that being the Quarterdeck (formerly the Speakeasy) on George Ave. in Wilkes Barre, or the Butler House a mixed bar on Butler Ave. Also in Wilkes barre. We also have a very nice bar in Edwardsville in the Mark Plaza known as the Gallery, or you may attend Dennis Paradise on South Main St. Wilkes Barre a Gay Bar.

Our final speaker was Tom who informed us of the wonderful time he has had speaking to the medical students at Nesbitt Hospital on the Gay lifestyle he stated he has been treated with kindness and respect by the staff of this fine institution.

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We were also read a letter for a member of the group who is now in Pittsburg and he compares the Gay lifestyle there to what he has seen in this area. He had some very kind things to say about our organization and of the ever lasting friendships he has made in N.E.P.G.A. once again we thank you Jeff for your kind letter.

Let us now take up a very serious matter that being where the hell were all you so called Gays in Bloomsburg. It seems at though all you hear are excuses as to why they were not there to protest for our rights. We thank those five members of N.E.P.G.A. who had the courage to march that day and show people we do exist in this area and not just the peopple they see on the telivision in other areas of the country but their own sons and daughters it just hit closer to home. True we did not stop Anita from appearing but I think those of us there no matter how small showed we will not be pushed around any more. So lets forget all the excuses why we were not there the rest of us will carry on the fight. I hate to be so blunt but it seems as though many Gays would rather party and worry where they will get their next trick is the most important thing to them , well its not, its about time the Gay community wakes up to the fact that we are going to have to fight for our rights like other minorities did in this country, Excuse me for speaking like this but its just something that had to be said. Like was stated in the last news-  
letter if you want this job just ask so, far no one has.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
SUNDAY OCTOBER, 29, AT  
"1 P.M."