

# **LGBT History Project of the LGBT Center of Central PA**

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**Title:** Essential Gay Services – Berks County, Harrisburg to Philadelphia

**Date:** circa 1978

**Location:** LGBT-001 Joseph W. Burns Collection

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Essential Gay Services- Berks County, Harrisburg to Philadelphia

READING

The Berks County Gay Coordinating Society (Reading), Box #5 Fleetwood, Pa. 19522

Heavy Social Schedule, Activist, Soon will list Gay Services Committee (oriented toward practical help and non-professional, but trained counsellors) informational switchboard, and regular coffeehouse. Pub: Newsletter Meets: 3rd Sunday, 2:00 P. M., Society of Friends (Quaker) Church, Reading

Lancaster

Gays United of Lancaster, 3002 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pa. 17603  
Tel: 717-898-2876

Switchboard, ~~Room~~ Tues., Thur., Sun. 6:00 to 9:00 P. M.; Coffeehouse, Sundays 3:00 to 10:00P. M. (Marietta Avenue), Public Speaking Group. Meets: Tuesdays 8:00 P. M. (Marietta Avenue). Pub: Lancaster Gay Era (monthly newsletter), and the Pennsylvania Grassroots Caucus Newsletter (an organization of representatives from all homophile groups outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh)

Bethlehem

Lehigh Valley Homophile Organization (LE-HI-HO), Box 1003, Moravian Station, Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

Library (free loan on a monthly basis, Over 300 Volumes dealing basically with gayness, Bibliography on request), Public Speaking Group. Meets 4th Sunday, 2:00 P. M., Unitarian Church of the Lehigh Valley, 701 Lechuaweki Avenue (Fountain Hill), Bethlehem, Pa. Pub: Newsletter  
Film Strips available.

Harrisburg

Gay Swithhboard, Harrisburg, Pa. Ph: 717-234-0328

Information insufficient. Assumed to be for local info.

Gay Community Services, P. O. Box 297, Federal Squafe Station, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108

Information incomplete. Definitely Homophile Movement similar to the above listings.

Philadelphia

COUNSELING

Eromin Center, Inc., 1735 Naudain Street, 19146 Tel.: 215-732-3212  
Monday-Thursday 10am-10pm. Professional counseling for minority sexuality, including individual and couples counseling; sensitivity groups. Also community related services; speakers; reference library.

Gay Switchboard, Mon.-Fri., Noon to Midnight; Sat.-Sun.- 3pm - 11pm  
~~215-978-5700~~ 215-978-5700 Medical & Legal referrals: Information

Gay Coffeehouse, 60 N. 3rd Street, Thur/Fri 8-12; Sat. 7-12

Gay Actvists Alliance, Box 15748, 19103

Essential Gay Services- Philadelphia, Cont'd

Lesbian Hotline, c/o Women's Center, 4634 Chester Avenue, Phila. 19143  
Tel.: 215-729-2001 Lesbian Openhouse Sat. 9pm - 2pm Donations at the door.

Bisexual Group, C/O Eromin Center

Transexual Action Organization, C/O Sandy Mesics, Box ~~13271~~ 13271, Phila. 19101  
Tel.: 215-985-0121

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Metropolitan Community Church fo Philadelphia, Box 8174, Phila. 19101  
Tel.: 215-WA2-3967 Non-denominational Christian Church, founded and supported  
by gays mostly who do not find acceptance in most churches. MCC Churches  
are found all over America, including Harrisburg.  
Services: Sun. 8:00 P. M. , First Unitarian Church, 2125 Chestnut Street

Dignity (Catholic Gay Organization) 1735 Naudain Street, Phila. 19146  
Also found all over America, including Harrisburg.

Beth Zion Israel, Box 15786, Phila. 19103

Gay Pagans & Atheists, C/O Gay Students at Temple, Room 205, Student Activities  
Center, 13th & Montgomery, Phila. 19122 Tel.: 215-787-7902

New York City

Parents of Gays , 201 W. 13th Street, 10011 Tel: 212-539-2459 or 674-5543  
Meetings 3:00 P. M. , 4th Sunday of month