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*Proud of Our Past . . .*

*Preparing for the Future*



**Dignity**  
**Central Pennsylvania**  
**1975 - 1985**

*Celebrating A Decade of Ministry*  
*July 20, 1985*

## DIGNITY/CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

### 1984-1985 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Richard Hill	President
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During the installations of officers in 1975 the D/CP chapter was placed under the patronage of Our Lady of Humility. Since July 17th is both her feast & our anniversary, we commemorate and renew our dedication.

Dearest God:

We thank you for the strengths you have given each of us individually and all of us as a people. We rejoice in our giftedness as whole and holy people. At this celebration we wish to renew the dedication of our Chapter under the patronage of Our Lady of Humility. Through her intercession may we always be willing to share our spirit of kindness, empathy, and love. Pour into us the richness of your blessings and peace.

Amen.

Kathleen Leopold

## *In Memoriam*

DARYL ERNST

WALTER LIEBERNIGHT

GEORGE WASHINGTON

ALAN HARCOURT

GARY NORTON

Rest in the Peace of the Lord.

# Program

Saturday, July 20, 1985

6:00 PM

Anniversary Mass for the Lesbian and Gay Community

Lakeside Lutheran Church  
245 Division Street  
Harrisburg, PA

Fr. John Allen, Celebrant  
Sr. Jeannine Gramick, SSND, Homilist

7:15 PM

Cocktails/Dinner/Birthday Party

Excellent Inn  
4125 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA

Special Entertainment  
"An Evening With Quentin Crisp"

# About Quentin Crisp

Quentin Crisp, a man who maintains that he is one of Britain's reigning queens--Queen Elizabeth being the other--has delighted both audiences and critics alike.

Crisp, as described by New York Times critic, Richard Elder, is "...witty, touching...with the artistic deference that marks the genuine performer: has interest in ideas more than himself...he is the message in the bottle." A world acclaimed author, Crisp's works include Chog, A Gothic Fable, All This and Kevin Too, Love Made Easy and How to Have a Life Style. In 1981 he published two books, How to Become a Virgin and Doing It With Style. His autobiography, The Naked Civil Servant, was filmed and televised in the fall of 1976, causing the late Kenneth Tynen to proclaim that it alone might justify television's existence. His latest book, Manners From Heaven, released in March, 1985, set new standards.

Quentin Crisp has brought his wry, indefatigable humor to stages around the world as well as to a number of talk shows, never failing to amuse his audiences. He considers L.A. "...a happy Ireland" and designer clothing "...a commercial for someone's merchandise.

But Crisp's message is much stronger. He is a rugged individualist whose belief in "the self" is not only to be admired but emulated as well. At a time when the "Me Generation" has given way to the quest for "self-actualization", Quentin Crisp has been a model practitioner for over fifty years. "Self-knowledge is not the easiest thing in the world to come by. But it is the best thing in the world to have."

# Dignity & Its Mission

Dignity C/P attempts to minister to the needs of all gay and lesbian people to develop leadership among them, and to be an instrument through which they may be heard in the church and in society.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

D/CP celebrates monthly Mass and evening prayer service at members' homes...holds days of recollections (Fr. Wallace Sawdy/Sr. Kathleen Leopold on "Our Spiritual Life"--1977) and lectures by John McNeil [Homosexuality & the Future--1980], Sr. Jeannine Gramick ["Theological, Pastoral & Scriptural Considerations of Homosexuality--1976]...holds an annual Seder celebration...observes blessing of homes at Epiphany...joins with other gay groups in an ecumenical Christmas observance...went to see Pope John Paul II in Philadelphia [1980]...distributed a bibliography of readings on "Pastoral Theological Aspects of Homosexuality [1977].

## OUTREACH

D/CP has a speakers' bureau and provides speakers for community programs...participates in area food banks...donates money to Gay Switchboard & Ethiopian Relief Fund...publishes a seasonal calendar of chapter events, a bimonthly newsletter and a chapter brochure...supports the work of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays...is an active participant in Harrisburg Gay Coalition...contributed to the Harrisburg Privacy Legal Defense Fund...sends representatives to the Dignity National Convention, hosts Region III meetings, helped form Wilkes-Barre Chapter.

## EDUCATION

D/CP sponsors educational programs & workshops ... "Coming Out"--1976, Assertiveness--1977, Public Health--1978, Relationships--1976, discussion on rape/film "No Lies"--1977, Dr. Jo-Ann Farr on "Sexuality & Intimacy"--1981, Dr. Moylan Mills on "Sexual Minorities: image in Current Films & TV"--1983, Dr. Nicolas Iff on "AIDS"--1983, Attorney Herschel Lock on "Gay/Lesbian Legal Issues"--1985, Peter Willms on "Christian Fundamentalists"--1984, D/CP held an awareness series on Intimacy--1984, sponsors book discussion groups..participates annually in Gay Pride parade.

## SOCIAL

D/CP celebrates summer with picnics at City Island and various state parks..organized weekly volleyball games, swim parties, bowling, game nights..sponsored a benefit performance by Robin Tyler: Comic With a Cause and theater outings--The Gingerbread Lady (1981) and Torch Song Trilogy (1985)..raises money through flea markets & raffles....participates in the Open Air Festival in celebration of Gay Pride Month..holds wine & cheese parties..celebrates the chapter's anniversary and recognizes the contributions of an outstanding member..observes the 12 days of Christmas through various festivities.

## WOMEN'S CONCERN COMMITTEE

D/CP conducts a women's worship service...holds a Women's Awareness Day and a women's rap group..sponsored chapter camping trips and trips in conjunction with Region III...spearheaded fund raisers for the chapter..responds to referrals by Gay Switchboard and Contact.



# Thanks to Our Patrons

## BENEFACTORS

Neptunes Lounge & Key Largo Restaurant  
268 North St., Harrisburg, PA

Pegasus Bar & Restaurant  
400 Forster St., Harrisburg, PA

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- Good electric typewriter with self-correcting mechanism
- Office space for the Chapter 
- Filing Cabinet
- Telephone
- Answering Machine
- Roman Catholic Church in which to meet regularly
- Dialogue with the Bishop
- Wealthy Benefactors
- Increase in Membership
- More active members 
- Harrisburg Gay Community Center
- Cure for AIDS
- End to Sexism, Racism, Prejudice, Discrimination and other Oppressions
- End to World Hunger
- World Peace



# The Trivia Game

1. Name the fictional work that made "28 Barbary Lane" famous.
2. Name the Hanover, PA born author of Ruby Fruit Jungle.
3. What is the symbol for Dignity/Central PA?
4. Name the disciple whom Our Savior called "The Beloved".
5. What do the letters A.I.D.S. stand for?
6. Who is the founder of the Metropolitan Community Church?
7. Name the novel and 1985 TV movie that portrays a mother coming to terms with her son's homosexuality.
8. Name the Greek Isle where the term "Lesbian" originated.
9. Name the famous ancient Greek poet who wrote poems to other women.
10. During what month in 1969 did the Stonewall Riots occur?
11. What symbol did the Nazis use to designate homosexuals?
12. What word is used to describe a person with an unreasonable fear of homosexuals?
13. How did Aaron Fricke first achieve national fame?
14. Name Gertrude Stein's female companion.
15. Name the Englishman who referred to "the love that dare not speak its name" during his trial.
16. Who shot George Mascone and Harvey Milk?
17. Who founded the Mattachine Society?

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| 10. June                  | 1. Tales of The City   |
| 11. The pink triangle     | 2. Rita Mae Brown      |
| 12. Homophobe             | 3. The Keystone        |
| 13. By taking a male date | 4. St. John            |
| 14. Alice B. Toklas       | 5. Acquire Immunity    |
| 15. Oscar Wilde           | 6. Deficiency Syndrome |
| 16. Dan White             | 7. Rev. Troy Perry     |
| 17. Frank Kamey           | 8. Consenting Adults   |
|                           | 9. Lesbos              |
|                           | 10. Sappho             |