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GAY COORDINATING SOCIETY OF BERKS CO.

As in the past, we must again appeal to the readers of the G.C.S. Newsletter for financial help. So far the Newsletter has been sent free of charge and we would not want this to change; however, the costs are great when only three or four members are footing the bill. So when you see our bottle in the bar, PLEASE drop some of your loose change in it. With a little help from everybody we can continue to publish the Newsletter.

Another way you can be of help, and have some fun, too, is to support and attend the G.C.S. social functions such as our hayrides, skating parties, bowling parties, etc.

We would also like to start an advertisement page. If you have something to sell (your bod?), rent, or buy, the fee is \$1.00.

Contact Jim, Jan Sweat, or any active member of the G.C.S., or write

G.C.S. Newsletter
P. O. Box 3131
Reading, Pa. 19604

THE LAMBDA PATCHES ARE HERE!!!!!!!

After waiting several months we have finally received the heart and Lambda patches we've been telling everyone about. The cost is \$1.00 per patch and they can be purchased at "This Is It" any Saturday night from one of our active members. This is another way you can help support the Newsletter and get something for your money.

MALE COMPANION: Age 25-30 interested in sharing mutual interests such as theatre, trips, tennis, flea markets, etc., with male of same. Apply to P.O. Box 3131, Reading. J.P.S.

19 YEAR OLD MALE desires young, fun-loving guy into partying and good times. Write P.O. Box 3131, Reading. A.B.

FEBRUARY '76

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 G.C.S. Council Meeting at Jan's 2:00	2 G.C.S. Skating Party 6:30 - 9:30	3	4 By-Law Committee at Jan's 7:30	5 N.O.W. Business Meeting 7:30	6	7 Rural Caucus 2:00 Lancaster
8 Gay Neighbors at Jan's 7:30	9	10	11 By-Law Committee at Jan's 7:30	12 P.A.C. Meeting Kevin's 7:30	13	14 Le-Hi-Ho Valentine Dance 9:00 - 1:00
15 Women's Pot Luck 7:00 Gen. Mtg. 2:00	16	17	18 By-Law Committee at Jan's 7:30	19	20	21
22 Le-Hi-Ho General Meeting	23	24	25 By-Laws at Jan's 7:30 Art Alliance 7:00	26	27	28
29 Bowling Party 1:00 P.M.						

- Feb. 1 - Council Meeting, 2:00 P.M., 616 Locust St., Reading
- *Feb. 2 - Skating Party, 6:30 to 9:30 P.M., Skatearama, Sinking Spring
- Feb. 4 - By-Law Committee, 7:30 P.M., 616 Locust St., Reading
- Feb. 5 - N.O.W. Business Meeting, 7:30, Y.W.C.A., 8th & Washington
- Feb. 7 - Rural Caucus, 2:00 P.M., 3002 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, Pa. 898-2876
- Feb. 8 - Gay Neighbors meeting, 7:30, 616 Locust St., Reading
- Feb. 12 - Political Action Committee, 7:30, 528 Pike St., Reading
- Feb. 15 - General Meeting, 2:00, 528 Pike St., Reading
- Feb. 15 - Women's Pot Luck Dinner, 7:00 P.M., 644 N. Sixth St., Reading
- Feb. 22 - Le-Hi-Ho General Meeting, 2:00, Unitarian Church
- Feb. 25 - Art Alliance - Dried Flower Arrangement, 7:00, 137 S. Fifth St.
- Feb. 29 - Bowling Party, 1:00 P.M., Bowl-A-Rama

*For those who wish to attend the skating party and do not know how to get to Skatearama, a car caravan will be leaving from Horrigan parking lot, 135 S. Fifth St., Reading, at exactly 6:00 P.M.

POT LUCK DINNER

Feb. 15 -- Women only. We are having a dinner and group discussion on lesbian problems. This dinner is designed to bring the gay women together from other towns. So many times we want to go to out-of-town bars but are hesitant simply because we don't know anybody. Help us break this barrier among the gay women and support us by coming to this dinner. In the future we would like to have another pot luck dinner in another town, and keep this procedure rotating so we can become one -- not groups. Dinner will be at 7:00 P.M., at 644 N. 6th St., Reading. If anyone would like suggestions on what to bring, call Sue at 372-2811.

A BOWLING PARTY !!

Feb. 29 -- 1:00 P.M. G.C.S. is having a special bowling party at Bowl-A-Rama for the gays. Price will be \$2.25 per person which includes three games and free rental of shoes. SO COME ON OUT, PEOPLE, AND HAVE A BALL!! Contact Cindy or Ginger at 373-4866, or Jim at 372-2390.



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UPON A STAR WHAT
WOULD YOU WISH FOR TONIGHT?

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the

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SALOON

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OPEN 3 P.M. ~~to~~ 2 A.M. MON-SAT
COCKTAILS ^{and} SANDWICHES SERVED DAILY



HELP FIGHT SENATE BILL 743

Senate bill 743, which bans employment of homosexuals, such as: (1) State Police, (2) State Correctional guards or staff, (3) Correction counselors, (4) State probation officers, (5) Officers, nurses, or staff for any State institution dealing with mental illness and mental retardation, (6) Officers or staff for any state institution which treats or rehabilitates individuals suffering from physical handicaps, has been passed by the State Senate. It is at present in the Labor Relations Committee of the State House of Representatives. Below you will find the membership list of the Labor Relations Committee. Please contact your representative and express your opinion on Senate Bill 743. It would not hurt to write letters to both your representative and the chair of the committee.

LABOR RELATIONS

A. J. Valicenti, Chairman @ Allegheny (412) 824-1339
Raphael Musto, Sub-Committee Chairman - Luzerne (717) 654-1483
Charles Caputo, Secretary - Allegheny (412) 281-8284
John S. Davies - Berks (215) 678-6066, 2422 Cleveland Ave.,
West Lawn, Pa. 19609

LESBIAN MOTHER LOSES CUSTODY OF HER SON

Mary Jo Risher is an attentive and loving mother, but a Dallas jury of ten men and two women recently awarded custody of her nine-year-old son, Richard, to his father Doug. The reason: Ms. Risher is a lesbian.

"I had no suspicion the boy's mother was a lesbian", maintains Doug Risher, an aircraft mechanic, who remarried in 1972. "It hit me like a bomb."

Mary Jo plans to appeal the decision, and, oddly enough, one man who hopes she wins is Ann's (Mary Jo's lover) ex-husband. He has been advised by a psychiatrist that his daughter is better off with her lesbian mother. "We were told that Judie Ann was probably a most unlikely candidate to become a homosexual," he says, "because she will have seen society's disapproval of her mother and Mary Jo."

"Doug Risher's action," he adds, "opened up his children and my daughter to ridicule. He is not going to change the facts. All he did was make them public."

END QUOTE

"We used to hang homosexuals years ago. We hanged blacks. God be praised, we stopped some of this idiocy." - Cmdr. Vernon E. Berg, Jr., a Navy chaplain, testifying before the Navy Discharge Board considering the discharge of his son, Ens. Vernon E. Berg III, who publicly admitted being a homosexual.



A
FRIEND

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FORMED

There was recently formed within G.C.S. a Political Action Committee. This committee has the function of meeting with area political leaders, both in open and behind the scenes. The P.A.C. also entails a speakers' pool, from which we can draw competent speakers for various organizations that are receptive to the Gay Rights issue. The P.A.C. has three main projects right now, the first of which is to get the G.C.S. name out to the general public; to make them aware that such an organization does exist. Second is the meeting with area political leaders; and last, but most important, to introduce in City Council an amendment to the Human Relations Ordinance which would bar discrimination against gay people in Housing, jobs, etc. It would, in effect, guarantee the gay community the same rights enjoyed by most other minorities.

In the past two weeks the P.A.C. has met with all Reading City Council members plus the mayor. Very positive feedback has been received from Councilwoman Karen Miller, Councilman Hawman, and Councilman Brown. Councilman Leonardziack is considering the matter. Mayor Kuzminski is waiting to hear the Human Relations Commission's findings, which P.A.C. is meeting with in the beginning of February.

P.A.C. has met with Charles Wilson, City Editor of the Reading Eagle, and gotten assurances that future events will be published in the "Coming Events" column. Mr. Wilson also said that when G.C.S. does introduce its amendment to the Human Relations Ordinance, we should be sure to notify the press.

G.C.S. is a group on the move -- fighting for Gay Rights --
Fighting for your rights! Get interested -- Get involved. How?
Call 372-5123

OUR NEED TO BE

Why must our love end in hate,
With anger and rage where love used to be?
Is this what must be for you to survive?
Though we no longer refer to each other as lover,
The love we shared need not disappear,
But take another form of love that we can again share,
On those lonely nights, when we each need a friend.

You have restored a part of me that had for a
long time been lost,
For that, I will always be grateful.
And as your grief and wounded pride begin to recede,
Then together we can explore
Our need to be.

Jan Sweat

