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# GAY COORDINATING SOCIETY OF BERKS CO.

## GAY LOBBY DAY

On March 23rd gay lobbyists from all areas of the state converged on the Capitol Building in Harrisburg to meet with their Representatives concerning Senate Bill 743 that would prohibit the employment of gays in certain areas of state employment. Following is a list of our Representatives who are favoring the passage of this Bill.

Rep. H. John Stahl  
126th District  
Box 32

Rep. Lester K. Fryer  
130th District  
Box 101

State House of Rep.  
State Capitol  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

Rep. John S. Davies  
129th District  
Box 19

Rep. James J. Gallen  
128th District  
Box 19

These Representatives will be voting in favor of this Bill because they believe there are very few homosexuals in their areas. Fellow gays it is time we throw the veils from our face and let these people know we do exist and are concerned for our rights as American citizens and that their vote for this bill (743) will classify gays as 2nd class citizens and put us in the category of sex criminals. Let us now write and express ourselves and insist that as our representatives they should attend to state business and keep their noses out of private bedrooms !!!

In gayness and solidarity,  
Jan Sweet

Rep. LaMarca has voted against anti-gay legislation. Please remember to drop him a line and encourage his continued support.

Rep. Russell J. LaMarca  
127th District  
Box 78  
State House of Rep.  
State Capitol  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101



# A FRIEND

### REMINDER

May 1, 1976 is the deadline for those who wish to continue getting the newsletter. We must have your \$2.00 by then or this will be your last newsletter. The \$2.00 entitles you to voting privileges and a newsletter each month.

G.C.S. would like to express our thanks to our printer for membership cards and tickets. She has also donated material for the newsletter for the past few months.

THANKS!!!

### "1776"

Time is growing short. Don't miss your chance. Get your ticket to see "1776" on May 9th at Genesius Theatre. Tickets may be obtained from G.C.S. members or by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 3131, Reading, Pa. 19604

### REVIEW

Christina Louise (Billy Horn) of Lancaster held a captive audience through a medley of songs on March 21st at the Gay Coffehouse. The G.C.S. is truly appreciative and grateful for the opportunity to present such a magnificent performer. Our love and sincerest thanks to Billy. WE LOVED YOU!!!!

### PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Macrame: Pot Hangers Up to 30 inches \$2.50, 30 inches and up \$3.50. Colors: Natural, White, Grey, Green, or Brown. Choice of knots Spiral or Straight or Single. Size of pot required or may order pots from us. Call: 779 6190 ask for "Sam".

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MON-SAT  
 193 N. 10<sup>th</sup> ST.  
 READING, PA.  
**RED STAR**  
**SALOON**  
 5PM TO 2AM  
 Cocktails and Sandwiches Served Daily

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

2 homes for 1 price-corner well, sewage, garage, and yard, needs minor repairs. Will finance \$22,000.00.  
 PHONE: 215-395-4534. Effa E. Yeich.

I have bought a larger home. This property I have for sale is located 5 blocks to the north of Dorney Park. Nice section, live in one and rent the other. Will even help with financing if party has  $\frac{1}{2}$  or if they finance it them self I'll sell for \$20,000.00.

Thank You  
 Effa E. Yeich  
 4003 Chew St.  
 Allentown, Pa. 18104

(ALLENTOWN-CETRONIA)

GIRLS !

Invitation to Women's Day Party May 2nd, 1 'til? Railroad House, Marietta, Pa. Beer-food-cards-disco-friends:  
 Donation \$5.00 to, W.O.W. P.O. Box 1155, Lancaster, Pa. 17601  
 \$6.00 at the door.

FEMINISTS!!

A feminist bookstore will be opening on April 3, 1976 at 10 N. 4th St. in Reading. Drop in and browse, I'm sure there will be some good literature on feminism and homosexuality on the shelves.

What have you got to Offer Me

What have you got to offer me, in the way of love?  
 Cause I've been hurt before, and I know I couldn't stand being hurt anymore.

So what do you have to offer me in the way of Love?  
 Material things like silver and gold, I want you to know they don't fill my arms when I need someone to hold.  
 So tell me please, what do you have to offer me in the way of Love?  
 I want tenderness, sweet caress, loyalty, and no misery,  
 Oh ! Please come and offer me sweet love,  
 All I want is happiness.

(To someone close in my heart)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				N.O.W. 7:30	2	3
4 Council Meeting 3:00	5	6	7	8	9	10 Jerry's Farmhouse Rural Caucus
11	12 7:30 Conscious- ness Raising (Men Only)	13 P.A.C. 7:30	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 3:00 General Meeting	26	27 P.A.C. 7:30	28	29	30	

- April 1 N.O.W. general meeting 7:30 P.M. at the Y.W.C.A.  
 4 G.C.S council meeting 3:00 P.M. at 616 Locust  
 10 Clean up party at Jerry's farmhouse 12:00 until??  
 12 Consciousness Raising (Men Only) 7:30 P.M. 528 Pike St.  
 13 P.A.C. 7:30 P.M. 528 Pike St.  
 25 General Meeting 3:00 P.M. at  
 27 P.A.C. 7:30 P.M. at 528 Pike St.  
 10 Rural Caucus at Wilkes Barre

#### CLEAN-UP

Anyone wishing to participate in a clean-up party at Jerry's farmhouse on April 10, 12 noon til? should bring with them paint brushes or rollers, old newspapers, and also a covered dish. This is a great opportunity for some fresh air, exercise, and fellowship. See you there!

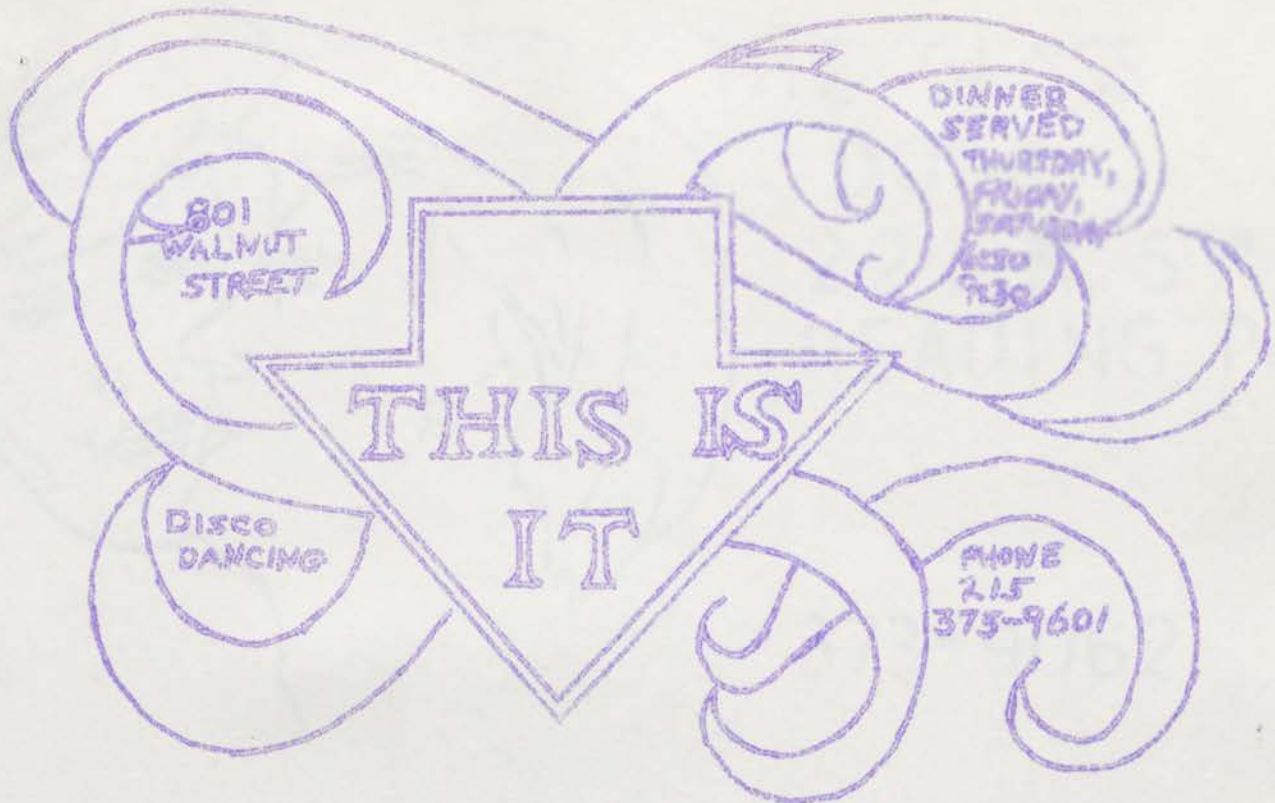
Take Pricetown Rd past Breezy Corners about 4 miles. Jerry's is the house on the left. There will be a sign.

#### COFFEEHOUSE

The Gay Coffeehouse at 42 S. 4th St. will be closed for the month of April.

#### SOFTBALL

Anyone interested in joining a mixed softball team, please contact Jo at 373-3643. We would like to form one or two teams to play other Gay organizations from eastern Pennsylvania.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear gays,

Why do we all take LOVE so lightly? Why do most of you use it as a joke? Believe me, love is no joke.

I've only been out of my closet three years, and I've seen just about all that I can stand----people using other people, playing games with other people's minds. Sometimes I feel that I should go back to where I came from and say, "gay people are all P----- up in the mind."

I truly believe that very few gays really understand love. When someone tells you they really love you, don't only listen to those words, but also listen between those words. And if you can do that, then you might hear--"I want to be with you, protect you, live with you and most of all love you for the rest of my life".

You've got to remember a person has to take the good times with the bad times. There is no such thing as "living happily ever after". When something goes wrong, don't just call it quits. Talk to each other and listen to what the other is saying.

ISN'T LOVE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ON EARTH?  
I'm sorry if I offended anyone by writing this letter, however, this is the way I feel---and feelings are important too.

If you don't understand love now, then you probably won't understand love until it's too late.

Sincerely,

LOVE'S HOPE

P.S. - Verily, the lust for comfort murders the passion of our souls.



THE GLASS  
DOOR  
221 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
READING, PA.

373-9062

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Anyone who has a vacated store front or empty room to donate for the G.C.S. meetings please contact Jan at 373-3648 after 6 p.m. weekdays. It will be greatly appreciated.

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The staff of G.C.S. Newsletter wishes to thank Jeff Polonski for getting our April issue published. Jeff has also been recently appointed to the Newsletter staff. He has a lot of good ideas and great potential in helping this organization realize its goals.

We hope he continues to exercise his efforts to help our organization.

Thanks again.

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