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GAY COORDINATING SOCIETY OF BERKS CO.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have been gay as far back as I can remember, but what does gay mean? In our language a Homosexual; by the dictionary

1. Happy and full of fun; merry.
2. Bright colored; showy.
3. Fond of pleasures.
4. Dissipated; Immoral.

In that case, I'm a merry, immoral person, full of fun, and happy with what I'm doing, indulging too much in evil or foolish pleasures, and like to wear bright colored clothes, and show myself off to the world.---FAR FROM IT!!!

Our counterparts---Straight, according to the dictionary---

1. Without a bend or curve.
2. Leading or going directly to some point; direct.
3. Evenly formed or set.
4. Frank; honest; upright; in proper order or condition; right; correct.
6. Continuous.
7. Unreserved; unmodified; indiluted.
8. Reliable; Frank; honest; upright.
9. Without qualification of any kind.
10. Undeviating, unbroken, or in other words---An honest, upright, reliable, frank, unmodified, undiluted person without qualifications of any kind; set in his ways, going directly to some point without a bend or curve, who doesn't want his cherry broken by a deviate!!!

Our lives are much harder than our counterparts because we have yet to be considered normal by society's standards. So get out of your closets and support your local GCS, read up on all Equal Rights Amendments, and VOTE. You, yourself can help change the laws, but I don't know whether we can change the dictionary.

ANONYMOUS

***** SOFTBALL GAME

The GCS softball game is scheduled for July 11 at 2PM at the West Reading playground (on the Museum Rd. across the street from the hospital). Everyone is welcome to come out and play or watch and have a good laugh. SEE YOU THERE.

PRESS RELEASE**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON SEXUAL MINORITIES

In order to establish a central agency to exchange information about the problems facing gay youth, the Governor's Council For Sexual Minorities has formed a Gay Youth Committee and has appointed Janet Cooper convener. We look forward to all interested gay youth and other concerned people to attend our first meeting. This meeting will be held in Harrisburg at the Human Relations Building, second floor, large conference room on July 6, 1976 at 1PM. The address is 100 N. Cameron St. For further information please write to:

Janet Cooper
c/o Community Advocate Unit
344 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

GCS PICNIC AND PAJAMA PARTY

Jerry's farmhouse on the Pricetown Rd. will again be the center of activity for area gays on Sat. nite July 17, beginning at 9PM. The picnic and pajama party will continue thru Sunday at 9PM. Everyone is invited-no charge.

This will be a time for us to sit by a campfire, eat, drink and be gay. And for those who wish to sleep under the stars can bring sleeping bags. (There will be a limited amount of space in some of the buildings.) It is not necessary to stay overnight, however, if you would like to come out after the bars close and stay for a short while you can find the farmhouse by looking for the glow of our campfire.

GAY PRIDE MARCH

by Jan Sweat

In keeping with Gay Pride Month (June) gay organizations all over the state have sponsored gay pride marches to inform the public and legislators that on this, the eve of our country's 200th birthday, we as a proud people are throwing off our 200 year old bondage and are declaring our freedom as first class American citizens.

One such march was held Sunday, June 27, in Philadelphia. Literally thousands of gays gathered there to the chant of "out of the closets and into the streets!"

It is time for all gays everywhere to refuse to accept the second class citizenship the government, law officials, and uneducated people have forced upon us in this country for over 200 years.

Now is the time to stand up with pride and say-we are not going to put up with this BULLSHIT anymore!!

COMING EVENTS

- July 6- Gay Youth Committee 100 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg
- July 17-19 GCS PICNIC AND PAJAMA PARTY
- **NOTE There will not be any GCS meetings this month
- July 11- Softball game 2PM

4-DAY NATIONAL ART ALLIANCE WORKSHOP

The Glines Gallery in NYC, a nationally recognized gay cultural center has asked the GCS Art Alliance and the National Gay Art Alliance to submit works of art for their gallery in Greenwich Village. The gallery is run concurrent with a theatre that supports, exclusively, gay performers (artists, photographers, musical groups, music, dance, and filmmakers.)

This workshop is designed to provide gay artists a chance to develop their portfolios for the show:

July 16- arrival of out-of-state (or county) artists

July 17- NUDE MODEL (3PM to 5PM) Drawing and composition (5PM to 6PM) Latter-GCS PAJAMA PARTY

July 18- Tree study (9AM-11AM), Register for dossier to be sent to NYC

July 19- OUTDOOR SKETCHING ON LOCATION (1PM-5PM)

GCS PICNIC B.Y.O.F. (6PM-8PM)

Still life arrangements (8PM-10PM) GCS PAJAMA PARTY (10PM-?)

July 20- ANATOMY AND FIGURE SKETCHING, NUDE MODEL, TEXTURES (1PM-5PM) CANDEL CANDLE LIGHT AND WINE PARTY

(B.Y.O.B.) 5PM-7PM

NUDE MODEL (7PM-9PM) 9PM-Departure (Those who have a long distance may depart the next morn.)

REMEMBER-PLEASE BRING SLEEPING BAGS OR BLANKETS

SETTING: The workshop will take place in a 200 yr. old farmhouse-a place that has never changed for two centuries. This place has been selected because of its quaint, secluded atmosphere. No modern plumbing-no refrigerator-etc. The entire workshop will have a summer camp effect and will run concurrent with the GCS PAJAMA PARTY AND PICNIC.



COMPLIMENTS
OF A
FRIEND

GCS NEWSLETTER

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SISTERS

Angry, pushy, ball-busting broads.
Castrating bitches.
Men-haters.
Frigid cunts.
Hysterical, overly-emotional dames.
What do you women (thanks for remembering) want anyway?
Everything we can get, baby.

We don't all have to be angry like Rebin.
ner lesbian like Susan,
ner cool like Gloria,
ner vocal like Bella,
ner national like Karen,
ner morbid like Sylvia,
ner professional like Betty Jean,
ner published like Erica.
We just want to be ourselves.
Give us a chance!

Louise Marcotte Bridges

(I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Louise for allowing GCS to print her poem)



221 N 5TH
READING,
PA.

"GAY FREEDOM FESTIVITIES"

PHILADELPHIA: 2-7PM, Sat. July 3-
BLOCK PARTY below 4th & Kater Sts.
7-9PM - picnic dinner
9-12PM - square dance \$1
50-50-RAFFLE

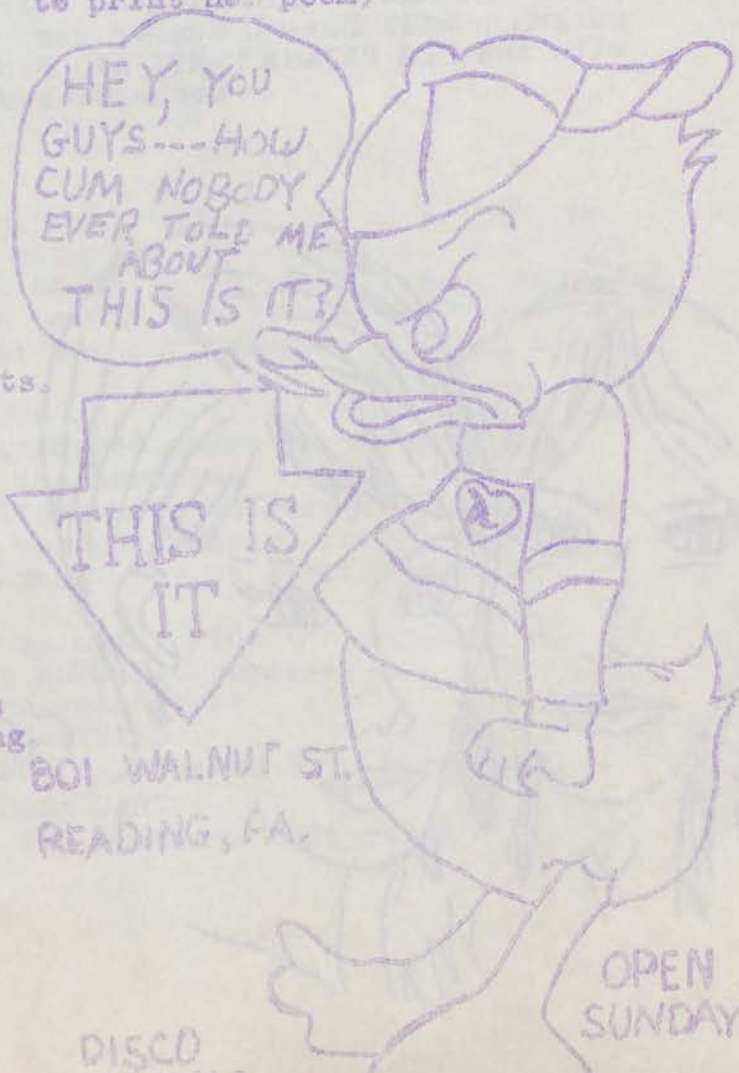
Sunday, July 4, 9PM-1AM -
DISCO DANCE - \$2
(326 Kater St.)
50-50 Raffle

Proceeds will go toward renovations
of the Gay Community Center building.

PAID AD

Attn: S.J.J. I'm in love with
you.

J.A.S.



DISCO

OPEN
SUNDAYS

THE BARE FACTS REVEAL

RECOMMENDED READINGS FOR GAY WOMEN

143 N. 10th ST.
READING, PA.
373-9575

THAT
THE

RED
STAR
SALOON
IS
A
DARN GOOD PLACE
TO GO!

OPEN 3 PM - 2 AM

COCKTAILS
SANDWICHES



1. LESBIAN IMAGES; Rule, Jane
2. THE LESBIAN MYTH: INSIGHTS AND CONVERSATIONS; Wysor, Bettie
3. LESBIAN WOMAN; Martin, Del & Lyon, Phyllis
4. SAPPHO WAS A RIGHT-ON WOMAN: A LIBERATED VIEW OF LESBIANISM; Abbott, Sidney & Love, Barbara
5. RUBYFRUIT JUNGLE; Brown, Rita
6. WOMAN PLUS WOMAN: ATTITUDES TOWARD LESBIANISM; Klatch, S.
7. LESBIANISM AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT; Myron, Nancy & Bunch, Charlotte

PA. NOW PRIORITIES

1. ERA
2. LESBIAN RIGHTS
3. HOUSEHOLD VIOLENCE
4. EDUCATION/CHILD CARE
5. ABORTION
6. EMPLOYMENT

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Berks Co. NOW holds its meetings the first and last Thursday of the month at the YWCA, 8th & Washington Sts., Reading 7:30PM. The NOW area chapters offer a great opportunity for gay women to get involved in an organization that has made gay rights one of its top priorities.

HERE COME THE JUDGES!

A former nominee to the United States Supreme Court, G. Harrold Carswell, was arrested and charged with battery and attempting an "unnatural and lascivious" act on a plainclothed vice squad officer.
(It was only a matter of time until they get around to us - the promiscuity of our heterosexual(?) national leaders was getting to be a bit boring.)

Anyone interested in migraines, headaches, ulcers, acute anxiety, nervous tension, heartburns and a state of deep depression? All this will be given away free to the first person to contact me.
Write: EDITOR, GCS NEWSLETTER, BOX 3131, READING, PA. 19604

Lesbian Pot Luck Dinner

July 18, 6:30PM. All are invited. Just bring something to share. Contact Jeanne at 215-434-7807 (Allentown) for info and directions.