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# HERE'S HOW

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Extra! Extra! Read all about it! We interrupt our regular format of reporting to bring you this important announcement. HOW is celebrating its first anniversary with a combination dinner-conference-party, and all local members, past and present, are invited to attend. It will be held October 22, 1977, Saturday, at Carpenter's Hall, 128 East Third St., Williamsport.

Advance reservations are required, at \$3.50 per person, payable on or before October 15. Out of town guests and friends have been invited, and reservations are already coming in. Try to reserve early; we'd really like to see a good local turn-out.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.; cocktails and Officers' reports, 6:30; Dinner, 7:30 (catered and buffet style); entertainment to follow; "spin-off" parties, afterwards, at members' homes will be announced then. It is strongly recommended that you bring your own liquor to these parties. Contact Michael Waltz, 1500 High St., Wmspt., 326-5654, or Daniel Maneval, 659 Beeber St., Wmspt., 322-7987, for reservations and information.

We may also need another home or two for out-of-town guests for the night. If you have the room, contact an officer. Want to host a spin-off party? We have 2 sites now and could use 1 more.

## HOW CALENDAR:

- Sept. 30: HOW's night at the Bloomsburg Fair; car pools from Dan's, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 1: Rural Gay Caucus, 1:00 p.m. New MCC Center, Second St., Harrisburg. Information: call Joe, 437-2642.
- Oct. 6: Regular social meeting, Rick Smith's, 610 W. 4th St., 2S, 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 7-9: Pa. NOW convention, Americus Hotel, Allentown. Information: Linda or Louisa, 322-6243.
- Oct. 14: National Gay Blue Jean Day (see article).
- Oct. 20: Business meeting, Dan's, 659 Beeber St. 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22: HOW anniversary (see preceding article).
- Nov. 3: Monthly social meeting, 8:00 p.m. Place open.
- Nov. 17: Monthly business meeting, Dan's, 659 Beeber St., 8:00 p.m.

NATIONAL GAY BLUE JEAN DAY will be Friday, October 14, 1977. This is an idea from the National Gay Task Force in which HOW members are urged to participate. All gays nationwide are to wear blue jeans that day, and anyone seen in blue jeans should be assumed to be gay. Societal pressure on straights should make them avoid wearing them that day, or, if they forget, it hopefully will be educational, heightening the awareness of the daily prejudices experienced by gays. In other words, point and giggle. HOW will submit articles to the local media on this subject.

DAN'S SOCIAL NEWS:

Michael and Bob are doing their thing, again; acting that is! Be sure to see both of them, together for the first time, in the Lycoming College Arena Theatre production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Oct. 14, 15, 19-22.

Questions. What HOW co-ordinator was so pre-occupied one weekend that he missed his own picnic? Who will be first to the alter? Linda and Louise or Bob and Ed? Who's the cute new neighbor, in Dan and Gary's neighborhood, and does he or doesn't he?

REPORT ON MEETINGS:

It was a "hot time in the old HOW" the night of Sept. 1, when Michael and Paul hosted the monthly social. It was a very lively evening of conversation, dancing, snacks, and a lot of sweating (due to a heat wave). There were several new faces, including three new females, in attendance, and it is hoped that they will return. Also on the social scene, a picnic at Gary's and a party at Linda and Louisa's were enjoyable departures from the month's business.

A workshop, for the anniversary preparations, was held with 6 or 7 workers helping on invitations. Our thanks to them, and to Richard, who is doing posters advertising HOW. Some of the posters have already gone to area colleges, and others will be sent out. Our newspaper ad will be appearing in the Sun-Gazette, and, hopefully, in the Lock Haven Express. So we are trying to increase our membership.

At the business meeting Michael reported on the state of the treasury and gave the new proposed budget for the 4 month period (Now.-Feb. - see article). Also, the touchy subject of financial help for hosting meetings was discussed. Dan and Linda stressed that all events should be a shared responsibility by those in attendance.

The proposed concert by Sherry is cancelled so that her military aspirations are not risked. We thank her very much anyway.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK all who helped with the recent garage sale. The \$48.60 received will help to offset our current expenses.

FINANCIAL:

The budget for the next four month period was reviewed at the last meeting; it will be presented again, Oct. 6, and will be voted upon Oct. 20. If we wish to continue to gain money for major projects, it is imperative that this 4 month period is self-supporting. In view of this the Treasurer has proposed two amendments to the By-Laws.

1. Any member of HOW who's pledge is past due at the beginning of the new budget period should be allowed to reduce his pledge and pay the new rate for past months until the pledge is current. This is a one time adjustment and should not be repeated in the near future. (The change is encouraged only to aid those who actually over estimated their abilities to give in their initial enthusiasm for HOW).

2. Because of bookkeeping and the need for all those actively involved in HOW to aid in the financial needs, it is proposed that no new pledge of less than \$1.00 per month be accepted.

The new budget is for a brief period because of the need to experiment with our resources and expenses and because officers will be elected again in January, and the new officers will establish a new budget. If

you have any ideas about the budget and where your money is going, the next meeting is the time to give your opinions.

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HOW does not expect to realize a profit from the anniversary celebration. We have kept the price at a minimum considering the costs of catering the dinner, fixing the wine punch, renting the hall, making decorations, mailing tickets, etc. Anyone wishing to make a contribution is encouraged to do so, to sustain the treasury, and those attending the parties after are urged to help the hosts and hostesses with refreshments. Checks to help with the dinner may be addressed to HOW. Regardless of what you may be able to give to help defray expenses we hope that everyone on the mailing will make reservations to join in the celebration of a successful first year and a kick-off to an even better second.

LATE RELEASE:

Pennsylvania Gay Conference and Festival will be held at the Americus Hotel in Allentown, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 20, 21, and 22, 1978. Guest speakers will include Representative Elaine Noble, Bruce Voeller (Co-executive Director of the National Gay Task Force), and Tony Silvestre, Chairperson of the Governor's Council for Sexual Minorities. Mark this very exciting week-end on your calendar. Further information is forthcoming.

WE HAVE MAILED THE NEWSLETTER to as many people as possible so that everyone will know about the anniversary celebration. If you would like to continue to receive HERE'S HOW, and are not yet a subscriber, the annual subscription is \$2.00. Mail your subscription to HOW, P. O. Box 1072, Williamsport, Pa. 17701.