

# **LGBT History Project of the LGBT Center of Central PA**

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**Title:** *Memo about Petition from Peg Welch*

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**Location:** LGBT-080 Peg & Delma Welch Collection

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While we recognize the value of, and gain from, as many of us as possible being fully open and honest about our orientation, we also recognize that each of us has our own set of considerations and circumstances to weigh in this decision and process: with family and friends, with job or profession and in our living situation. It is therefore the position and policy of York Area Lambda that the inherent right of each individual-- including our members and officers-- to decide to what extent and in what manner they "be out" must be respected.

While we recognize the necessity for York Area Lambda to be accessible to the media and the desirability of one or more of its leaders to be willing to be quoted by name, we believe that duty need not be incumbent on any one officer as long as one or more members of the Board are willing to perform that duty.

We believe that York Area Lambda, in the first six months of 1994, has engaged in many activities and projects for the benefit of the lesbian and gay community in York. We brought the Fierstein play "Safe Sex" to York for our January meeting. We've provided founding support for a youth group and P-FLAG chapter, and supported the Short Film Festival in York and the Pride Festival in Harrisburg. We attended the Pride Festival in Baltimore and supported the Task Force in Philadelphia. We assisted in bringing the AIDS quilt to York, and contributed a panel. We joined the larger community by participating in the Street Fair and co-sponsoring the victims' observance. We've provided speakers to college classes and donated periodicals to college and public libraries. We raised over \$1,000 for the VNA at the Judy Garland Bash and decorated the library window for Gay Pride month. We could not have accomplished all of these things without the leadership of an effective president and Board, and the hard physical work and generous financial support of some of our members. We could not have accomplished them if we dictated to anyone just how far or where they must "come out".