

LGBT History Project of the LGBT Center of Central PA

**Located at Dickinson College
Archives & Special Collections**

<http://archives.dickinson.edu/>

Documents Online

Title: *Lilygram*

Date: Summer 1994

Location: LGBT-043 Lily White & Company Collection

Contact:

LGBT History Project
Archives & Special Collections
Waidner-Spahr Library
Dickinson College
P.O. Box 1773
Carlisle, PA 17013

717-245-1399

archives@dickinson.edu



The Lilygram



Volume 3 Issue 1

2711 North Fourth Street Harrisburg, Pa 17110 (717) 232-2918

Summer 1994

A Busy Year (so far)!

1994 has been a busy year for the guys and girls of Lily White & Co., Inc. Lily's tour show (*Loose in Paradise*) was performed for four separate audiences and was responsible for gaining more exposure for the company and its purpose.

Lily performed the April 9 & 10 production in the Strawberry Coach House with thanks to the benevolence of Strawberry Café owner Al Kochick who housed dinner for 30 individuals prior to each of the three performances, donated the food for the dinner as well as removing a section of a wall to accommodate the stage! For all that, we are extremely grateful!

Lily also took its act to Bridgside Square in May raising more funds for the Lily White Patient Relief Fund. Total funds raised via *Loose in Paradise* is in excess of \$2,500!

Lily White & Co. had a productive May which included not only the *Loose in Paradise* performance, but a performance at the May 14th Harrisburg Men's Chorus concert (thanks guys!), the May 15th Spaghetti dinner at the Paper Moon (thanks to Frank and Ron for the space and gas, to Jack Sowers and Jeff Whitcomb who donated the spaghetti and salad fixin's and to company members who donated the desserts) and the Strawberry Café show on May 21st (thanks to Eddie Steigerwald). Both the spaghetti dinner and Strawberry show raised in excess of \$1,000 towards production costs for *Lily in La-La Land*.

Congratulations are extended to Bryan Bigelow who, at the last minute, took charge of the planning and execution of Harrisburg's AIDS Candlelight Vigil held at Italian Lake on May 22nd. Great job Bryan!



Congratulations on a job well done...so far!

It's a Miracle!

Yes, it is a miracle! One of Lily's dames is getting married. You'll never guess which one of them it is. Missy, can you believe it? She will be tying on that old apron and it took a man from Massachusetts to do it. This miracle worker's name is Sean P. Hutchison (I wonder if Sean will be able to keep that drag queen under control? Personally, I doubt it.)

The big day is set for September 10, 1994. Good luck Missy and especially you Sean. You'll need it.

Lily Needs Your Help!

Lily & Company will participate in the Gay Pride Festival this year on July 31st at Reservoir Park. We are undecided as to what type of concession stand it will be, but we do know that no matter what we decide, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jeff Nagle (Missy) at 238-1102.

Lily needs YOU!

Lily in La-La Land Hits the Hotel July 24th!

The Harrisburg Hotel will be over-run with drag queens and drag wannabe's this summer as *Lily in La-La Land* hits the stage in the hotel's ballrooms. Showtime is 8:00 p.m.

The Public Relations and Ways and Means Committees have been working in earnest to ensure this production raises the goal of \$15,000 to support the work of Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, South Central AIDS Assistance Network (SCAAN) and York House Hospice. Producers Daryl Morris, Ken Oakes and Jack Sowers are overseeing the points that will make our third hotel benefit a rousing success.

All tips, ticket sales and program ads as well as money collected for the Lily Bucks (thanks Lindsay for the idea!) go to the Lily White Patient Relief Fund.

So far, twenty-one performers are hard at work on *Lily in La-La Land*. The show, based loosely on the stories of *Alice in Wonderland*, will take the three-quarter stage format that was used successfully during *The Hysteria of the World According to Lily* show in 1992.

Call Paul Foltz at 232-2918 if you want to volunteer your time in helping us reach our \$15,000 goal!

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

Well maybe not quite that far, but Lily White & Co. will be guest stars in the Judy Garland fundraiser at Altland's Ranch in Spring Grove (York) on Friday, June 10th at 8:00 p.m. Follow the Yellow Brick Highway and join us there.

From Our Managing Director

There are so many people to thank for their unending patience, understanding and direction in this, my first attempt as Managing Director. So, to avoid any errors by missing any names, I would like to say thank you very, very much to all performers and company members who have helped make my job easier.

Also, I feel congratulations are in order to all involved with making *Loose in Paradise* a tremendous success at the Strawberry Coach House in April. Our traveling show, which we took to Bridgeside Square raised over \$600! Not bad for a one-night stand!

The Lily Spaghetti Dinner turned out to be an outstanding success as well. Jack Sowers and Jeff Whitcomb would like to extend a gracious *thank you* to everyone who participated by supplying the goods for the feast i.e., baked goods as well as the ingredients for what turned out to be a delicious meal. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to those who showed up to support the cause.

Bob "Boboo" Leonard

**MISS NEPTUNE BEAUTY
PAGEANT
JUNE 12TH
8:00 P.M.**

Talent
Evening Gown
Contemporary Wear
Plus...
Many Special Guests!

It's a Class Act

Ray Myers, also known as Ramona or Cheap Grace, is starting up a class to teach us drag queens how to lipsynch, move, present ourselves and, on the whole, to show us all how to perform better.

For more information, please call Ray at 233-1844. And yes, there will be homework! So come and join us and let us all learn together!

Helpful Hints From Polly Grip

The process of bust enlargements is much easier than you think!

1) Start with four Nerf basketballs.

2) Cut two in 3/4 sizes then, cut the other two in equal fourths.

3) Now you have your breast enlargements for drag queens.

4) You keep adding the pieces to achieve the appropriate size required.

See you at the next show!

Polly

**Help Needed
For Summer Show!
Call Jack Sowers
at
236-6209**

Renaissance Education
Association meeting
First Saturday of each
month at 8:00 p.m.
LSU Chapter meeting in York at
the Greens Club House.

What Do You Think?

**Give your suggestions, articles,
ads, letters, etc. to Kathy
Michaels, editor of the Lily
Gram.**

And Now, a Word From the Prez...

Another summer and another burst of activity put forth on another fund raiser for *our* PWA's in the area. I'm glad that the enthusiasm for these efforts have not diminished in the time that I have joined Lily & Company. In fact, since my initiation to the world of drag in 1988, I have never witnessed a flagging of the mission that is representative of Lily and its members.

Though it seems early to thank folks for work done on a summer show not yet up, this show, by far is the best prepared of our summer ventures. Please give our producers help if they ask because their job, difficult in nature, can be bearable by your offer of assistance. Thanx in advance.

Having said that, I must ask all members and friends of Lily to consider the following. January is forthcoming and with it a change of leadership for our company. Three board positions will be up for consideration. Due to our By-Laws, Lily Secretary Sharon Staub and yours truly as President are ineligible to run for another consecutive term and so we will step down from our board responsibilities.

Though we are in the process of placing Community Members on the Board, a task to be completed by September, *Lily* needs to begin thinking who will best represent the interests of the company who will lead Lily White & Co., Inc. through our next two years.

No matter the position, a member of the Board of *Lily* doesn't enjoy any special privileges, but does have an opportunity to set the course of the company's future and through its success receives, as I have, the thanx from many in the community who recognize *Lily* for the selfless deeds we continue to accomplish.

Please begin to consider a role for yourself in the future of Lily White & Company. Remember, a group is as good as its members and a board is as good those who are dedicated to see the group succeed.

Eric W. Selvey

P.S. Next Board meeting Sunday July
10th at T.O.B. Manor at 5:00 p.m.
All Welcome!!!