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N.E.P.G.A.

NEWS

Box 1710 Shavertown, Pa. 18708

All members are urged to attend this months meeting. It will be held on Dec. 30, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. at 149 South Lehigh St, Trucksville, Pa; our Christmas party will follow at 8:00 P.M. B.M.O.B. and a \$3.00 gift. The election of officers will be held at this meeting. A committee was appointed to look into the possibility of buying a mimeograph machine for N.E.P.G.A. ~~Our wine and cheese party will be held on Dec. 10, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. at 75 Orchard St. Glen Lyon. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Ron or Pete at 736-6103. by Dec. 3, 1976.~~

The following is an excerpt from The Wilkes Barre Times Leader.

Cites Discrimination

Editor:

Adult book stores, Adult book stores, X-Rated movies, X-Rated movies. Thats all you hear about today. Our society has this fight against all of this so-called trash. Our politicians diligently put up their arms to rid our society of these "evils".

What about abortion? This is very legal, killing innocent unborn children. We have to cater to every whimper of a woman seeking an abortion, even using our tax money. This is her right to do whatever she wants to with her body.

Well, how about the homosexual? Where does he stand on this right? If a woman has the right to do with her body as she pleases, then why can't a homosexual do the same? Isn't this his right? The homosexual is pushed to the side by society. Beaten, threatened, despised, and probably from my observation, considered the scum of the earth.

One man can't look at another man, let alone love him. Likewise for the lesbian, although a male homosexual is considered the worst of the so-called evils. Well if this is so evil, then a lot of people are in the same boat. There are a lot of us hidden because of our society's discrimination. We don't anyone to feel sorry for us. We want respect and our rights. Society will respect a murderer before they will a lover.

Maybe if we had what we are looking for, there wouldn't be any need for a book store, the obscene literature, the X-rated movies, or the dark alley ways. I, as a gay, look forward to that day I can walk hand in hand with the one I love. I am proud of what I am. At least I face my reality. Obviously I couldn't sign this, but maybe someday I will be able to. I really was tempted.

A LOCAL GAY

P.S. ---- Christmas Party bring a covered dish.

N.E.P.G.A. Officers --- Director--Thomas J. Schmidle, Secretary--Peter R. Padagomas,  
Treasurer--Mona Bowman, Editor-- Ronald De Remer

Article #1 Name:

The name will be the Northeastern Penna. Gay Alliance

Article # 2 Officers: (Elected yearly)

# 1 Director;

Qualifications;

- A. Able to lead the group in things pertaining to Gaiety.
- B. Ability to guide and counsel when needed.
- C. Able to conduct meetings.
- D. Ability to act on own initiative in emergencies.

# 2 Secretary-treasurer;

Duties;

- A. Record minutes.
- B. Send out and answer letters.
- C. Deposit monies in checking account.
- D. Sign checks along with Director, (Two signatures at all times)
- E. Keep membership roster up to date with names, addresses, donations.

# 3 Editor of Newsletter;

Duties and qualifications;

- A. Gather information.
- B. Present said information in intelligent and fair manner in newsletter form, monthly if possible.

Article # 3 Committees: (Elected yearly)

# 1 Social committee;

- A. Think up social events.
- B. Work with persons appointed to carry these functions to their conclusion.

# 2 Legal committee;

- A. Gather the latest information on Gaiety.
- B. Be prepared to give help and advice if legal problem arises

and refer the matter to a properly qualified person if necessary.

# 3 Publicity committee;

- A. Contact Gay Papers and Organizations about our social events etc.
- B. All publicity released under this committee must be approved and sanctioned by the Director or Secretary.

Article # 4 Membership:

The membership of the Northeastern Penna. Gay Alliance is open to any one regardless of age, sex, race, creed, national origin, handicap, disability, or affectional or sexual preference.

All members in attendance are eligible to vote.

Article # 5 Meetings:

- A. Meetings will be held the last Sunday of every month at a designated time and place.
- B. Meeting dates subject to change by vote of membership in attendance.
- C. A special meeting can be called by 5 members presenting a signed petition to the director or by the director himself.

Article # 6 Mailing list:

A mailing list shall be kept up to date and shall be restricted to internal use only. Any outside use of this list is strictly prohibited without the express permission of the persons involved.

Article # 7 Emergencies:

The director is given freedom and authority to act alone in emergencies when time is essential and the membership cannot be contacted, unless said emergencies are covered in the written bylaws.

Article # 8 Purposes of N. C. P. G. A. :

- A. Provide mutual help, understanding, and camaraderie.
- B. Be a source of pride to Gay people.
- C. Establish friendships with persons of the same affectional preference.

## D. Sociability.

- E. Be a central information center where people can call or visit when they need information, or help with a problem, or simply someone friendly to talk to.

## What we are not:

- A. We are not an activist group that pickets, parades, etc. unless voted on by the complete membership.
- B. We are not a sex club.
- C. We are not a drinking club.

## Article # 9 General rules:

- A. Any member drinking alcoholic beverages during a meeting will be asked to leave.
- B. Meetings are to be conducted in an orderly, non-argumentative fashion.
- C. No person, except the director, is to appear as a representative of the Gay Alliance without full approval of the complete membership.
- D. Dismissal of a member is to be by majority vote of the full membership.
- E. All officers are subject to recall by a majority vote of the full membership. A minimum of 5 members may request in writing a special meeting to discuss the recall of an officer who may be derelict in their duties.
- F. Election of officers is to be held in December, newly elected officers to take over in January 1st.

## Article # 10 Funds:

The Alliance is to be funded by voluntary contributions. Your financial help will be greatly appreciated. Please call the director or secretary-treasurer for further "information".

Director 696-2326  
Treasurer/Secretary 7366103

Please make all checks payable to N.E.G.A. - Treasurer.

- P.S. We are not responsible for the personal lives of our members, whatever they do outside the group is not justification for their removal.