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- PENNSYLVANIA STATE GAY CONFERENCE -

October 17 & 18, 1975  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Welcome to Harrisburg, the Capitol City of Pennsylvania, and this Statewide Conference on Gay Rights. This Conference is being sponsored by members of the Governor's Task Force on Gay Rights and is being hosted by Gay Community Services of Harrisburg, Gays United of Lancaster, the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg, and the Gay Activist Alliance of Philadelphia. We hope your stay with us will be enjoyable and if you need assistance, please check at the hospitality desk or ask anyone wearing a yellow armband for assistance or call the Gay Switchboard at 234-0328. Arrangements for the Conference were provided through the assistance of the Gay Activist Alliance of Philadelphia, Gay Community Services of Harrisburg, and the Persad Center of Pittsburgh, with special assistance from Mr. Terry Dellmuth of the Governor's Office and Ms. Kay Pickering of the Friend's Meeting House in Harrisburg.

Housing is at a premium and is provided on a first come, first served basis. We ask that you attempt to make some contact with your Housing Host sometime early in the Conference. If you have difficulty with your housing, please check at the housing desk or call the Gay Switchboard. For those who choose commercial housing, the following list is provided:

Alva Hotel 19-21 S. 4th St. (\$15-\$24)	Holiday Inn Town 2nd & Chestnut Sts. (\$19-\$24)
Capital Motel 4646 Jonestown Rd. (\$15-\$19)	Host Inn Rts. 283 & 441 (\$22-\$36)
Cloverleaf Motel 631 S. Eisenhower Blvd. (\$14-\$16)	Penn Harris Moter Lodge US 15 & Taylor Bridge (\$19-\$27)
Congress Inn 1350 Eisenhower Blvd. (\$12-\$20)	YMCA Front & North Sts.
Econo-Travel Motel 7th & Reily Sts. (\$10-\$16)	YWCA 4th & Walnut Sts.

A MAP OF CENTRAL HARRISBURG IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

Lunch is provided only at noon on Saturday, October 18, with coffee and doughnuts at 10:00 A.M. Arrangements have been made for a Buffet Supper on the evening of October 17 at NEPTUNE'S LOUNGE, 268 North Street, at a cost of \$2.00, which will include one drink. For those choosing other food services, a list of convenient restaurants in the immediate area are provided below:

Affinity Tea Room 1435 N. 2nd St.	Bar-B-Que Grill 22 N. 4th St.	State Restaurant 409 N. 2nd St.	Capital Restaurant 272 North St.
Alva Restaurant 19 S. 4th St.	Blue Star Grill 211 Market St.	Canton Inn 204 Walnut St.	Castiglia's Restaurant 706 N. 3rd St.

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Forum Restaurant 405 Walnut St.	Harris House Tavern 16 N. 3rd St.	The Ranch 209 N. 2nd St.	Lagoon Sub House 100 N. 2nd St.
Coventry North St. (Down from Neptune's)	Mother's Sub Shop 3rd & Forster Sts.	St. Moritz 714 N. 3rd St.	

Entertainment for the evening of October 17 will be a DISCO DANCE at the Central Democratic Club, 213 Walnut Street. This is a benefit dance for Gays United of Lancaster, Gay Community Services, and the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg. Cost is \$2.00 and drinks at reasonable prices will be available. For those choosing alternate forms of entertainment, the following is provided:

BARS: Neptune's Lounge (A cruisy bar, excellent drinks, no dancing,  
268 North Street and primarily gay men)

The Dandelion Tree (Jukebox dancing. Gay Women and Men)  
400 N. 2nd Street

The Hotel New Plaza Bar (Primarily Gay Men. Limited Dancing.  
423 Market Street Tearoom Action)

CRUISING: On State Street between Front and Third Streets. In front of the Main Capitol Building. Occasional police activity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE GAY SWITCHBOARD AT 717-234-0328.

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Friday October 17, 1975

Registration at the William Penn Museum auditorium 5:00 to 7:00p.m.  
The museum is located at the corners of North & 3rd Sts. across from  
the capitol.

Buffet Dinner is being offered by the Neptune Lounge 268 North St.  
down the block from the museum. Buffet & one drink is \$2.00 from 5:00p.m.

General Session will start in the museum auditorium at 7:00p.m. (opening  
Speakers, award to Governor Shapp and information on the Task Force)

Dance: A dance will be given by the Harrisburg organization from 10:00p.m.  
until ? Location not known at present.

Saturday October 18, 1975

Breakfast: Coffee & Donuts will be served from 10:00-10:30a.m. at the  
Friends Meeting House 6th & Herr Street. Registration will also be  
taken at this time.

Workshops: All workshops will be at the Friends Meeting House the sessions  
are 10:30 to 11:30, also 11:45 to 12:45 and 2:45 to 3:45

Lunch: Lunch will be served from 1:00 to 2:30p.m. at the Meeting House

Final Session: Will be from 4:00 to 5:30 at the William Penn Museum

Registration: The cost is \$2.00 which covers housing, dance, breakfast, and lunch.

Workshops: State Police (Entrapment & Employment.)  
Health (Hospital regulations, inservice training, and V.D.)  
Welfare (mental health regulations, State Hospitals, and Aversion Therapy)  
Education (dealing with the sexist education or re-education society)  
Corrections (the prison system)  
Legislation (gay rights in the state house, and the P. Human Relations)  
Employment (Civil Service, Unions, and Affirmative Action)  
Religion  
L.C.B., Banking, and Insurance

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\*\*\* Schedule of Activities \*\*\*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1975

- 5:00 P.M. Registration at the William Penn Museum Auditorium, Third and North  
to Streets.  
7:00 P.M. Buffet at Neptune's Lounge, 268 North Street (\$2.00).
- 7:00 P.M. Opening of the Conference and General Session. Members of the  
to Governor's Task Force will present information on what the Task  
9:30 P.M. Force has been doing and some ideas on what needs to be done.  
Award to Governor Shapp and selected speakers.
- 10:00 P.M. DISCO DANCE at the Central Democratic Club, 213 Walnut Street.  
to Donation: \$2.00, benefit Gay Community Services, Gay Switchboard  
?? and Gays United Lancaster.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1975

- 10:00 A.M. Registration, Coffee and Doughnuts at the Friend's Meeting House,  
to Sixth and Herr Streets.  
10:30 A.M.

WORKSHOPS - Friend's Meeting House, Sixth and Herr Streets

- 10:30 A.M. 1. EDUCATION: Conveners, Janet Cooper and Tony Silvestre. This  
to Workshop will explore the sexist and homophobic policies of  
11:30 A.M. our educational system and make recommendations for changes  
to the Task Force and the Department of Education. (Room 3,  
Lower Level).
2. STATE POLICE: (Entrapment and Employment) Convener, Jerry  
Brennan. This Workshop will deal with the issue of police  
entrapment and the employment of gay people in the Pennsylvania  
State Police. (Room 1, Upper Level).
3. WELFARE: Conveners, Randy Forrester and Joan DeForest. This  
Workshop will examine the policies of the Department of Public  
Welfare as it pertains to gay people. (Room 2, Upper Level).
- 11:45 A.M. 1. STATE EMPLOYMENT: Convener, Jerry Brennan. This Workshop will  
to examine the hiring and firing policies of the Commonwealth of  
12:45 P.M. Pennsylvania and make recommendations for changes. Included  
in this Workshop will be representation from the Bureau of  
Personnel, Bureau of Labor Relations, and AFSCME, PSSU Unions.  
(Room 1, Upper Level).
2. JUSTICE, LCB, BANKING & INSURANCE: Convener, E. Greenberg.  
This Workshop will explore the policies of the Department of  
Justice, Liquor Control Board, Department of Banking and the  
Insurance Department, as it pertains to gay people. (Room 2,  
Upper Level).

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- 11:45 A.M.  
to  
12:45 P.M.
3. HEALTH: Convener, Dr. Walter Lear. This Workshop is intended to deal with the Venereal Disease Program of the Department of Health, hospital regulations and in-service training programs. Recommendations will be made for changes. (Room 3, Lower Level).
- 1:00 P.M.  
to  
2:30 P.M.
- LUNCH - Soup and Sandwich. (Room 3, Lower Level)  
CAUCUS - Rural Caucus at 1:45 P.M. in Room 1, Upper Level.
- 2:45 P.M.  
to  
3:45 P.M.
1. LEGISLATION: Conveners, Harry Langhorne and Mark Segal. This Workshop will examine the state of present legislation, discuss proposed legislation and plan lobbying actions. (Room 1, Upper Level).
2. RELIGION: Conveners, Janet Cooper and Tony Silvestre. The intent of this Workshop is to examine ways in which religious organizations can be influential in effecting civil rights legislation. (Room 2, Upper Level).
3. CORRECTIONS: Convener, Debbie Boyle. This Workshop will look at Pennsylvania Prison System and discuss ways to deal with it as it pertains to gay people. (Room 3, Lower Level).
- 4:30 P.M.  
to  
6:00 P.M.
- CLOSING SESSION AT THE WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM  
At the closing session each convener will be asked to report on their Workshop with specific recommendations to the Task Force for future action. General comments will be made and plans for a future conference.

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Due to space limitations, it is necessary to limit each Workshop to 50 persons each. Consequently, it will be necessary to pre-register for the Workshop you choose. Please do not switch Workshops after you have registered.

Your registration fee covers the cost of the Conference and the noonday luncheon only. The Buffet Supper (\$2.00) and the Disco Dance (\$2.00) are extra.

For further information, contact Gay Community Services, P.O. Box 297, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, or call the Gay Switchboard at 717-234-0328.