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THE PENNSYLVANIA RURAL GAY CAUCUS

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The Rural Gay Caucus will convene its August meeting on the 19th, a Saturday, at 1:00 P. M., FRIEND'S MEETING HOUSE, Sixth and Herr Streets, Harrisburg. Main items on the agenda are two demonstrations on the same weekend in September (September 23, Saturday, G.C.B.C. in Allentown will be sponsoring a gay rights demonstration in favor of gay Rights in that city coupled with showings of "The Word is Out", SEE BELOW), and (September 24th, the Caucus will be sponsoring a March/Demonstration protesting the anti-gay positions of Anita Bryant prior to Ms. Bryants appearance as an entertainer at the Bloomsburg State Fair, SEE BELOW). Other agenda items will be establishing the organizational structure of the newly formed Pa. Gay Support Network, the state conference projected for '79, and funding for the Caucus Newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 23RD, & SEPTEMBER 24TH

Lehigh Valley Citizens Concerned for a Better Community (C.C.B.C.) are planning to kick off their Autumn Initiative for gay rights in Allentown with a March and Rally beginning at 11:30 A.M. from the 400 block of Hamilton Street (the main business street in Allentown), march past City Hall and the length of Hamilton Mall to gather for the Rally at Union Terrace Park (near 20th Street). Following the Rally, two showings of the noted film, "Word is Out" will be scheduled at 5:30 and 6:30 P.M. at the Afro-American Cultural Center, Sixth and Chew Streets. And, to wind up the day's events, a dance has been scheduled at the Center beginning at 10:00 (which may feature a live band, if funding permits). Tickets for the film are being distributed for a \$2.00 donation before the event, \$3.00 at the door, and the dance will cost \$1.00 per person. Overnight accommodations can be arranged by writing to C.C.B.C., the original boxholder of the address at the top of this newsletter.

The Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus is sponsoring a rally at 2:00 P.M. and a Vespers Service at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, Sept. 24, at Town Park in Bloomsburg. Protest Anita Bryant's campaign against civil rights for gay people, because she is scheduled to appear at the Bloomsburg State Fair on Sept. the 25th, Monday. On Monday there might be an additional demonstration, if there is support. Speakers are planned for Sunday and financial support is needed - please send contributions to Northeastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Human Rights (N.E.C.H.R.) P.O. Box 224, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

See YOU there!!! And there!!!

FIDBETS (from Gay Community News- Boston)

A New Jersey legislator, Sen. Joseph Maresca (D-Camden) is loudly and publicly proclaiming that he wants "people who are gay to be driven underground, to be sorry that it happened." He has promised to introduce legislation to make homosexuality illegal in New Jersey.

In Pennsylvania, the State Council on the Arts awarded a grant of \$1000 to the Philadelphia Gay Cultural Festival for its Spring 1979, production. Over 1,000 persons participated in the first festival last spring. Sen. Thomas Nolan and Sen. John Stauffer will move in the state legislature, however, to have this budget item removed from the Council.

DEPT. MEMBERS

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
MCC Hbg every Sun		MCC Hbg		1	2	Dignity Hbg
3 Hbg. Day Switchboard 7:30	4 NOW Lehigh Valley	5 LVCCBC 7:30pm	6 HOW 654 D 7:30	7 NOW Wellingtonport 7:00pm	8	9
10	11	12 NOW Beth	13 ACLU Hbg. 2:30pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 LVCCBC 7:30pm	20	21	22	23 Marching + Firm Foot Allentown
24 Rally 2:00 + Service Beth	25	26 Beth	27	28	29	30