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A GAY THANKS-GIVING

ONE of the most precious things that I am thankful for is that I am one of a dying breed. I speak of us Gay men/Lesbian wimmin who believe in Passionate Monogamy. I've never felt comfortable with cruising, bars, baths, bushes, backrooms. I find I cannot use my sexual partners/lovers because they are human beings too, with hearts and minds and souls. If I treat them as trash in a tacky way then I become trash as well. And I am not trash. No one has to be. It's a myth.

For me, if there is no feeling, I feel empty. You see, I want to be Don Quixote to his Sancho, Starsky to his Hutch, Jonathan to his David, Gregory the Great to his St. Basil. To be a 1,000 lovers all rolled into one for one man who is a 1,000 lovers to me.

For these desires I am now more thankful, even if I do live in a time of quick meaningless sex and passionate kisses. Quality takes time, especially in relationships. Six months to 2 years is not even a beginning. Quality lasts.

-- Tom Migliaccio
the gay paper, Baltimore

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MEETING

The new administration takes office officially on January 1, but the real work begins on January 10, at the first GSH meeting of the year. That meeting will be at Frank's: 1122 North 3rd St., Harrisburg, 3rd floor.

The main topic will concern the transition to a new governing format for the Switchboard and its implementation time table. The new administration will need your input in pioneering the new plan. That's January 10, 7:30 PM at Frank's. Third floor.

EVEN IF...

But I want it understood
When it was
It was very good
And I would not trade away
Not a day
No, not an hour of the day
Though she's left and gone away
Even if I could
Even
If I could

-- John Phillips

SW'BOARD '82 ELECTION

The election of Switchboard '82's officers was December 3. The new administration that will take charge January 1 will be:

Co-Directors: Chuck M & Ray M
Secretary: Steve D
Treasurer: Tom B
Publicist: Bill O
Data Compiler: Deb L

Congratulations to the new team and best wishes for a successful and strong Switchboard '82.

My 2nd Worth



The editor

At the last regular meeting of GSH, the 1st Sunday of the year was declared a holiday (weekend!) and the meeting postponed until the following Sunday. January 3, has been a holiday for me since birth -- it's my birthday. And this birthday will be a very special one because of each of you who made 1981 a spectacular year for me.

Last January. And February. And March, I witnessed a Switchboard full of negatives. Chuck understood that that will just always be to some degree. But I am like Don Quixote, a dauntless knight, out to transform the world -- all the world (in this case the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg). I dared to be positive. It scared me. I was frightened that I would be left all alone. Many times I was. And I tho't the reason was my unpopular stance for positiveness. But I understand that to be a pile of horsefeathers now. Aloneness comes and goes very naturally and no longer frightens me.

"You" have been positive. After "Rabbit" in April, I heard the positive-ness -- I heard applauding of gay people for being themselves. I saw celebrating; just like Kool & the Gang sing, "celebration now ... come on"!

And you did it. You, Gay Switchboard volunteers began to applaud yourselves. You began to say, YES WE CAN! and the results are still grand. Dignity/Central Pennsylvania was one guidepost for me as a leader. They have been saying for a long time YES WE CAN! And now MCC/Harrisburg is saying the same thing.

Let others live in darkened corners, we shall seek the light of day. Nineteen hundred eighty-one was a milestone for us. Nineteen hundred eighty-two will be even greater because you believe in yourselves and you care what happens in Harrisburg.

I have always recented people putting down Harrisburg. And I know there are Philadelphians who put down Philadelphia; New Yorkers - New York; etc., but that doesn't exonerate us. I seldom heard anything positive about anything in Harrisburg. But in 1980, the spotlight fell here in Harrisburg

for a Gay Community Service Award to Dignity/Cent. Pa. -- Harrisburg!!! When MCC, here, was granted study group status and embarked on a road to independence, there was more excitement about Harrisburg's church than anyone could remember. All for a positive people. I was proud of us on both occasions. And if we never win another recognition, I will continue to be proud of Harrisburg because of you who live and work and... care here.

We are a positive people and we dream an impossible dream ... now becoming a reality. I regret greatly leaving as Co-Director, but I needed to for my re-generation. And again, all of the officers for Switchboard '82 are excellant! They will be spectacular.

Thank you -- volunteers and friends of GSH for a year I'll never forget. You made me a rich man in spirit in 1981. I only want to say to you a favorite line from one of my favorite musicals: "You're the top! You're a silver dollar!" Oh, you're much much more. Bless you.

-- Colin

To me,
every hour of the day and night
is an unspeakable perfect miricle.
-- Walt Whitman

SELFISH OL' ROSEBUSH?

Even a rosebush knows enough to grow upward and toward sunlight. Of all all the varities of roses, there never has been one that sent all its branches into the darkest, darkest corner available or buried all its buds in the ground. The plant's instincts aren't perverted to say, "Sunlight is bad because it feels good. You should be ashamed of yourself for wanting that sunlight. I know it feels good and it helps you grow and be healthy, but it is very selfish of you to keep going after sunlight every single day."

Only humans are capable of saying, "WAIT for the sunshine".

-- Wayne Dyer
from "The Sky's the Limit"

GOD & GAYS, PART III

by Frank L.

"Hello. Gay Switchboard."
"Hello. Ah, can I ask you a question?"
"Sure. Go ahead."
"I think I'm gay; but eventhough I've read alot of stuff about its being ok, I can't seem to accept it or feel good about it. I guess I still think it's wrong."
"You think that being a homosexual is wrong."
"Yea, I guess. I really don't care what people think - that doesn't matter, but God says in the Bible that it's wrong. I try to tell myself that what the Bible says doesn't matter either, but it does. I can't get away from it. It does matter to me. So I'm left with nothing to do but to accept it as being wrong and to feel rejected by God."

How would you respond to this person who is definitely looking for some answers in an area that for many of us is extremely difficult to address? A simple "It doesn't matter" or "The Bible doesn't condemn homosexuality so put your mind at rest" is most likely going to be inadequate if not offensive. We have analysed several scriptures so far in this series: I Corinthians 6:9 and Genesis 19:1-29ff. However there are several others that to the majority of people appear to wrap up the case against homosexuality. The tragedy is that those who misinterpret or misuse these passages fail to look beyond the phrase or two in question to consider the entire context in which the statements are given or to consider the purpose and function for which they are included in scripture. This process is more difficult than simply verifying the meaning of a Greek or Hebrew word; it requires a more in-depth familiarity with the Bible in its entirety as well as a more wholistic understanding of the theological framework revealed by the scriptures. Two texts that fall in this category are Leviticus 18:22 and Romans 1:26-27.

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman, that is detestable."
Leviticus 18:22 NIV

This verse is located in the book that outlined the laws which God gave to the nation of Israel to make them visibly different from the surrounding

nations (see 18:3). The argument that most people create from this passage is that this is a moral absolute, applicable to all people at all times: therefore, they claim that God considers all homosexuality an 'abomination'. There are several points that the person who is sincerely seeking the truth must keep in mind when interpreting this passage. There are two kinds of laws delineated in Leviticus: moral laws (absolutes regardless of culture or time) and ceremonial laws (which governed what the nation Israel was to do and not to do concerning their worship of and service for God and their witness to the nations around them). If this passage is a moral law (acultural and regardless of time), then we as homosexuals stand in condemnation by God for our sexuality; however if it is a ceremonial law (culture-specific and time-specific), then we as homosexuals are free to persue a relationship with God without denying or repudiating our sexuality. What is the evidence for deciding whether it is moral or ceremonial?

1. There are two Hebrew words used in the OT translated as 'abomination' or 'detestable': 'zimah' and 'toevah'. 'Zimah' denoted an intrinsic wrong, or something that in itself was loathsome to God. 'Toevah' denoted a ritual or ceremonial impurity, something that God had decided should not be characteristic of the nation of Israel or of their worship. It implies deeds of idolatry or acts that place other things in the primary place that is meant to be held by God alone (see I Kings 14:24; Isaiah 44:19; Ezekiel 16:36; ...). The word used in Lev. 18:22 is 'toevah'.

2. God chose Israel to be seperated from the world. God wanted their worship exclusively. One of the major forms of worship at that time was temple prostitution. Worshipers would pay a certain amount and have sex with a temple prostitute. They worshipped the prostitute as a vicarious agent of that particular god. Male temple prostitutes were very common.
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Gr^rayt Against

Therefore, God tells Israel that they may not indulge in this practice that is automatically equated with pagan idol worship (see Lev. 18:1-5). It was not a moral absolute, but was intended to fulfill God's ultimate purpose of presenting Israel as a nation who worshipped no other gods but the true God.

3. If Lev. 18:22 was meant as a moral absolute, as a blanket condemnation of all homosexuality, it would of necessity prohibit not only a man lying with another man, but also a woman lying with another woman - which it does not! There is no mention of women. Therefore, it must be concluded that this is a ceremonial law, not a divine imprecation of all homosexuality.

Again in October, we made another 100% mark. Total calls were not at their highest but bested September's low count. The figures for the year are as follows:

	coverage	%	#
1st October	22 of 22	100.0	211
2nd August	21 of 21	100.0	209
3rd July	22 of 23	95.6	240
4th June	21 of 22	95.5	232
5th September	19 of 21	90.5	159
6th February	18 of 20	90.0	182
7th March	19 of 22	86.4	176
8th April	18 of 22	81.8	158
9th May	17 of 21	80.9	207
10th January	17 of 23	73.9	164

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General rap calls led the September type/calls with 25% of the total. In October, Bar information and general rap calls were running a dead heat at 27.5% and 26% respectively.

ON HONESTY

by Wayne Dyer

THIS above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, As the night, the day. Thou canst not then be false to any man.

-- Polonious to Laertes
Hamlet, Act I sc. III

Being honest with others and true to yourself not only will help you feel better about yourself as a human being, but it will increase your ability to "play well" at whatever you do; really to enjoy yourself and your own internal personal integrity. I firmly believe that if you just make up your mind to catch yourself whenever your internal signals are trying to warn you that you are being dishonest with yourself or others, you can cut off self-deception at its point of origin by stopping and asking yourself, "Whom am I trying to kid?"

Being honest means facing yourself squarely in the mirror and feeling good about yourself because TODAY you are willing to be honest with yourself and everyone else, and even though it may have been "externally" costly (maybe it cost you your job, your lover, your best friend), it gave you more internal peace than giving into external pressures to be something that you aren't.

DELETE YOUR NAME ?

This newsletter is enthusiastically in support of the "Harrisburg" new newsletter. We want to hand over to them our mailing lists. Any objections to doing so can be made to Colin prior to January 1. He will remove all names that do not wish to be added to the initial mailing of the new press. Subscriptions will be necessary, but a trial letter is planned to introduce you to the newest publication in our city. That mailing is planned for January, 1982. If you cannot reach Colin (232-5674) before January 1, just leave a message at the Switchboard. He will check with our offices prior to the distribution of any names to the new newsletter.

1981 - A VERY GOOD YEAR

Statistics for November and December (until Christmas day) reflected the steady decline of calls beginning in September. Although November was another 100% coverage month, total calls exceeded September's year low total by only one call. * does not incl. Dec 28-31

mo.	coverage	%	#/calls
NOV.	21 of 21	100.0	160
*DEC.	18 of 19	94.7	120
*TTL.	233 of 257	92.3	2218

If we do not receive 39 calls in the last four days of December, it will then top September for our poorest showing in total calls for the year. Thankfully no month topped January's low for nights of service. January stayed on the bottom of the list with its 17 of 23 nights covered (73.9%) and barely eeked out September and November for fewest number of calls with only 164.

Still, it was a very good year. Nineteen eighty-one's coverage was better than 90%, and averaged 185+ calls per month. Pretty impressive, 1981 volunteers! Congratulations on a job well done.

Is there a cure for a broken heart?
 "Only time can heal your broken heart, just as only time can heal his broken arms and legs." -- Miss Piggy
 (Miss Piggy's Guide to Life)

GSH DUES DUE

Just a reminder that your 1982 Switchboard membership dues are due, January 1. Membership is still only \$3, even in these highly inflated days of the 80's.

Checks may be made payable to either GSH or Tom Basehore (tres.). If you make your check out to Tom, please help him by designating on your check "for GSH membership". Before you forget...get out that envelope and stamp and write:

Thank you! GSH
 Box 872
 Harrisburg, Pa. 17108

NETWORK ELECTS '82 TEAM

In November, the Pa. Lesbian/Gay Support Network elected its 1982 slate of officers. Those elected were:

- Co-Chairs: Mary Nancarrow, Mech. Rodger Beatty, Hsbg.
- Secretary: Mickey Brandon, Hershey
- Treasurer: Dave Albert, Sta. College

The Network plans to formalize its political thrust through the formation of a Political Action Committee; publishing and distributing the Legislative Guide on lobbying tactics; planning and coordinating the annual PRIDE conference (this year in Allentown) and continuing to function as the link between lesbian/gay groups and individuals throughout Pennsylvania.

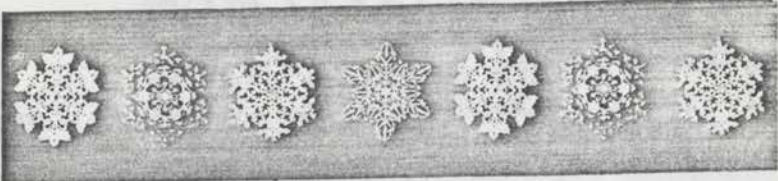
To contact the network, write them at: PLGSN, P.O. Box 822, Fed. Sq. Stat., Harrisburg, Pa. 17108.

1981 IN THE BLACK \$477.31

In 1981, we ended in the black. Four hundred seventy-seven dollars and thirty-one cents in the black. The treasurer's rep't for 1981 is as follows:

-income-	
dues (\$123), contributions:	1,082.80
flea markets (2)	131.38
That Rabbit benefits (2)	202.98
Academy Awards Night	20.50
T-shirt raffle (October)	45.50
Christmas card sales	62.75
"Follies" ticket sales	210.00
Robin Tyler 50-50 drawing	53.00
TOTAL 1981 INCOME	1,808.97

-expences-	
telephone	296.37
rents (office, Post Office)	383.44
contributions	41.00
Fund raising rents	48.00
operating expences	105.35
subscriptions	21.00
postage (news'lt & business)	119.32
Harrisburg Comm. Theatre for "Follies"	172.50
That Rabbit's in Love for advertizing, refreshmt	48.87
Christmas party, Summer picn	71.05
TOTAL 1981 expences	1,303.90
1982 balance	477.31



When nights are quiet
 And arms full of empty
 I miss you
 Think of you
 And cannot call you
 Cause you're not home
 I haven't picked up the phone
 You might be napping
 In your bed,
 Working at your desk,
 But you're not home
 You went away
 And died to me
 But I'm not lonely
 I just miss you
 And seek you
 But you're not home
 Someday
 I hoped you'd come home
 And fill these empty arms
 Cause I'm still at home
 Home

-- Blaze

SPEECHLESS LOVE

You know, some call me a poet
 He has a way with words they say
 Well, why then, when I try
 To tell you the way I feel
 All the words just slip away?
 Or, they come out sounding like
 Dialogue from a Clark Gable movie:
 "Well, frankly my dear"

Damn
 I just have so much inside that
 I want you to know about
 But it all means that I love you
 So, what can I say?
 You see, sometimes
 Well, sometimes words
 Just aren't enough
 I mean, what is the word
 For that funny little shakey feeling
 Inside, huh?
 Or that numb, warm, wonderful
 Confusion when you touch me?
 A poet? No
 No, I'm not a poet
 But if I were
 And I had every word
 In the world at my command
 My poem would still be:
 I love you
 I love you, so what can I say?

-- Dick Teller

Here is a secret I never have told
 Maybe you'll understand why
 I believe if I refuse to grow old
 I can be young til I die
 Now, I've known the fears of 66 years
 I've had troubles and tears
 By the score
 But the only thing I'd trade them for
 Is sixty-seven more.

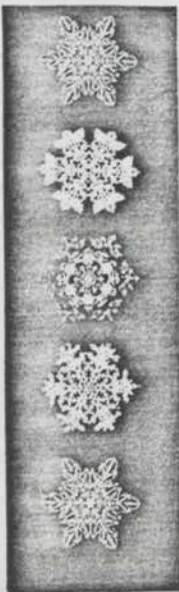
-- Stephen Schwartz

Great God, I ask thee for no meaner pelf
 Than that I may not disappoint myself;
 That in my action I may soar as high
 As I can now discern with this clear eye.

And next in value, which thy kindness lends,
 That I may greatly disappoint my friends,
 Howe'er they think or hope that it may be,
 They may not dream how thou'st distinguished me;

That my weak hand may equal my firm faith,
 And my life practice more than my tongue saith;
 That my low conduct may not show,
 Nor my relenting lines,
 That I thy purpose did not know,
 Or overrated thy designs.

-- Henry David Thoreau



A NEW YEAR "ATTITUDE."

What's in an attitude? Plenty. What is an attitude? The dictionary says it's a noun and defines it as: manner, disposition, feeling, position, etc. towards a person or thing. The adjective is defined as position or posture of the body appropriate to or expressive of an action, emotion, etc.

I can never remember thinking that I had an "attitude" about anything. The word in itself always connotated bad things. E.g. He has an "attitude" or a "bad attitude" was typical jargon.

And our thinking shapes all attitudes. When I say to myself, "I don't like him/her", an attitude is formed and is always communicated to the object in some way or another.

Bad attitudes are neagative forces. The bitching, complaining and putting down of others is its clearest reflection to others. And such sick attitudes seem cherished by its victems.

Victems? :persons who suffer from a destructive or injurious action or agency; a person who is decieved or cheated. That, by is own attitude? Absolutely.

Attitudes seem harmless. So what if he doesn't like him/her? By marking such decision in mind, our attitude victemizes us so much that we haven't the liberty to enjoy that person or thing any longer. Certainly people assist us in forming our "attitudes", but when charity for few shows up in our lives, that says a great deal about us to those around us.

Why am I unpopular? Unhappy? Overweight? Whatever? Our own attitude about others and ourselves can tell us a great deal about our problems. If you've never changed an attitude voluntarily, without assistance from another person (via their changed attitude, about you most likely), then you are a hapless victem of your own bad attitude.

It is such a key part of living that I am amazed at how lightly we take our "attitudes". We treat them like some insignificant outside influence that we can, or will do little about. An attitude about attitudes, eh? Well, we have that too. Firm and immovable we stand like rocks; steadfast, in seeming strength.

HARRISBURG 'PRESS'ES ON

There's an old record that rambles through the names of Hollywood and recording stars of a century and then the singer says, "The end". Another singer immediately counters with, "The beginning", and the star-list goes on.

This is our last issue, "The end". But Harrisburg with its own Gay Press in 1982 says, "The beginning". That new press is going to be much bigger. The work has expanded and needs interested workers for important jobs.

The first issue has already appeared in November and preparations begun to reach out to all of Central Pennsylvania. Communication people are needed: typists, writers, proofreaders, mail sorters, etc. etc. If you have any talent or desire to work for the newest gay publication in Harrisburg, call Bill Osborne at 732-3537 and express your interest. Maybe you think your contribution couldn't amount to much? Think again!

"To err is human, to forgive, devine." And those words represent an attitude about our humanity. Some people believe that there is strength in never being wrong. The strongest people I have ever known were able to say, "I failed. I made a mistake. I was wrong. Please forgive me."

Such fear of failure keeps many of us locked in unmovable stables. Unhappily blaming everyone around us for our problems, and keeping us slaves to fear through... our attitude.

Some years we make "New Year's Resolutions". We laugh about them. They're impossible to keep! Ha.Ha.Ha! And they are impossible to keep with yesterday's attitudes. Positive forces turn our worlds around ... in time.

In 1982 will negative attitudes be kept in force? Or trust? And love? And caring away the hurts in yourself and others? Only YOU can alter the forces in your own life. And your attitude is top priority. If it stinks ... well, then, it's hopeless, kid. If it's positive, then there ain't no stoppin you in '82!

A positive attitude is what you're all about from 1982 on. Or you become that sad, sad victem of a bad attitude.

Happy 1982! It's gonna be GREAT!
-- the editor

MALE INTIMACY PROBLEM

Questions about the nature of a relationship are likely to arise if 2 men are living together, esp. over a period of time. Interestingly enough, such questions arise much less frequently when 2 women live together, for this is considered to be a much more acceptable pattern of life in our society. Here we have a very important clue to one of the reasons for the distinction between the ability of males and females who are homosexually oriented to form stable relationships. Society puts much less of a burden on a lesbian than on a male homosexual couple. It is much less likely to suspect a sexual involvement between 2 women who are living together or who are known to be (at least socially) intimate. It might be noted in this connection that women are permitted to embrace, to kiss, and to dance in public. Anyone who has watched a teenage dance show on television will note that girls in late adolescence dance with each other, whereas such behavior would be unthinkable between boys.

These considerations lead us to what I consider to be perhaps the most significant factor involved in the problem of intimacy between male homosexuals, namely the social prohibition against such intimacy, i.e., the social prohibition against homosexuality. To put the matter in its most simple terms, the reason that males who are homosexually inclined cannot form stable relations with each other is that society does not want them to.

The mechanism by which this social prohibition operates is the following: Closeness between men is considered a sign of something wrong with the individuals involved. Unlike closeness between women, which is socially acceptable and certainly casts no doubt on the "femininity" of the 2 women, closeness between men is thought of as indicating a fault in the masculinity of the 2 individuals. When such closeness is considered (at some level) in the individual's mind, he immediately defines himself as sissy, faggot, degenerate, etc. The crucial fact about this kind of socially prohibited behavior is that the mechanism of its repression involves the individual incorporating into his own conscience the prohibition against such

a form of closeness. At this point the reader may ask, how is it possible, then, that such individuals can engage in sexual relations with other males? The answer to this seems to be that the sexual arousal provides sufficient impetus to overcome the social prohibition against genital contact, but that it does not provide sufficient stimulus to overcome the prohibition against intimacy. To overcome this 2nd kind of condemnation would require a kind of freedom from social constraint that is not really to be expected, except in a few cases. That this kind of freedom does occur from time to time raises very interesting theoretical questions, to which we need not address ourselves right here. What we want to point out now is that the majority of homosexual men cannot overcome this social prohibition.

It seems reasonable to assume that the social forces do not simply stop having a profound effect once an individual has developed a homosexual orientation, but rather that they affect the character of that individual's life in other ways. What they do is give the individual a sense that his homosexual behavior is morally wrong, and also that, therefore, his partner is bad. How then is he to be expected to develop a warm, intimate relationship with a partner whom he unconsciously devalues as a person for engaging in acts with him which he defines as degraded?

Furthermore, there is another side to this coin. The homosexual's own self concept cannot easily commit him to being any more of a homosexual than is required by the sexual drive itself. To put the matter in another way: it is one thing to cruise the park, pick up a guy, take him home, have sex, never see the partner again, and forget the whole thing. It is another thing to commit oneself to a living relationship with another man in which, 24 hours a day, one is reminded of one's homosexuality by the presence of the other person in one's life. This requires a greater effort in overcoming the social barriers toward homosexual feelings and this is an effort that is simply not possible for many homosexuals to make. The feelings of guilt--conscious or unconscious--produced by the involvement in homosexual acts, serve to contaminate the relationship and prevent the possibility of its developing into one of warm intimacy.

GAY SWITCHBOARD '82

If you have been attending the monthly meetings, you are aware of potential plans for a reconstruction of the Switchboard's government.

A co-ordinator is undertaking a study of Switchboard '81 to establish the best approach for the administration of Switchboard '82. Sandy L., has been associated with the Switchboard in the past and has worked successfully within other organizations to bring workable plans for the group's success.

I feel this reconstruction will be an asset to our organization. The Co-Directorship was instituted in an effort to establish a representation of both gay men and gay women. Our membership records show that men have always outnumbered the women. And since there has been no women members who have been willing to take on the responsibility, this representation appears foolish. However, the duties of the Director are overwhelming and to ask any one person to take on this responsibility on a voluntary basis is unthinkable.

Therefore, I feel the Switchboard's responsibilities could be divided into sub-committees. Each committee will maintain their designated duties. E.g. On-call; Training; Referral; Financial.

This past year the Switchboard has been successful in reestablishing new memberships and financial stability; however, there have been few new referrals. These committees could prevent that from happening again. Also, the committees will help us from losing new members who do not wish to work the telephone.

Committee heads will be responsible for the fulfillment of their committee's duties and report at a monthly Board meeting. That Board (overseen by our Director) will make all major decisions.

The reconstruction study will take place January 1. And, if approved by the membership, put into effect as we are able to implement it. Committee heads will decide the duties of each committee and I feel the overall construction could be completed by June.

-- Chuck M.

"No one makes you feel inferior without your consent."

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

TYLER IS SMASHING

Robin Tyler came to Harrisburg, October 6. She made a lot of people laugh and she shouted the truth about being gay.

"If you let people shit on you ... you come up smelling like shit." said the gay comedian.

That wasn't a comedy line from her routine, but the truth concerning gay people denying their natural gayness.

"We do no one a favor, letting them hide in the closet!", was another challenge to the gay minority in this country. She sought to educate gay people towards a positive acceptance of themselves. For gay men and women to stand up for themselves and speak the truth about homosexuality.

Radical?

Not at all.

Intelligent?

Definitely.

And Robin sparkled as the comedian. Laughing at life, gay life. And letting sunlight through the too long painted-shut windows of our existence.

She said, "I'm lesbian and I'm festive!"

Festive, she was.

She recognizes that being gay is not black or white, but many shades of gray. And while grays are confusing to many of us, she seeks to enlighten a world all ready confused by the issue of homosexuality.

It was a pleasure having Robin in Harrisburg. Hopefully she will again visit the capitol city of Pennsylvania.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever,
-- John Keats

TRUSTING YOUR INSTINCTS

Your instincts can only be "wrong", can only become a threat to you or anyone else, when you screw them up or frustrate them by repressing, denigrating or ignoring them. Then and only then are they likely to turn on you with a vengeance, visiting anxiety, fear, internal conflict, as a result of the bodily tension which they knew how to resolve in the most creative and constructive way possible but which you refused to let them resolve their own way.

-- Wayne Dyer

from "The Sky's the Limit"

DIGNITY ELECTS NEW TEAM

Dignity/Cent. Pa. held election of officers, October 18. Only three (3) of the six (6) candidates were incumbants, but only the treasurer was returned to office.

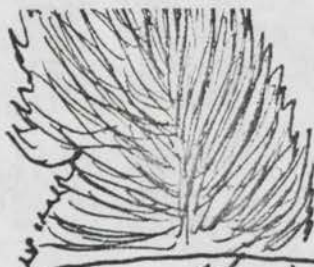
Bob S., was elected Dignity's 2nd President in the group's six year history. Jerry B. decided to retire in 1981 after six years of work and guidance that brought the group a state-wide award in 1980, for service to the Gay Community.

The new Vice President is Jeff D., Secretary is Richard H.; Jonathan L. returns as Treasurer and Father S. and John F. assume the two member-at-large positions.

Best wishes to the new team. May they continue the outstanding work of Dignity/Central Pennsylvania in its 7th year.

All our progress is an unfolding like a vegetable bud. You have first an instinct, then an opinion, then a knowledge, as the plant has root, bud and fruit. TRUST the instinct to the end though you can render no reason.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson



The only time we can stop our bodies from functioning in sexually perfect ways is when we start judging our sexual performance by "normal" social standards, worrying about it, creating needless conflicts with our instincts.

- W Pyer.

CPGA DISSOLVES

The Central Pa. Gay Alliance was dissolved, October, 1981. The group was founded in July, 1979, as an alternative social and support group for gay people.

The first President, Sandy G., was a sensitive and conscientious leader for the group. She led the battle with a York bar-owner, who charged CPGA with default of total payment for the group's first social event. The leadership brought forth evidence that CPGA did not in fact default, but that the bar-owner escalated the original price tag for the event. Only with the assistance of legal counsel was the group able to turn back the charge. But following the victory, little more was heard from the group.

Many members of both the Network and the Switchboard labored in those early days to stabilize CPGA, but somehow it never got off the ground. Perhaps its greatest contribution was to spark new life into both the Network and the Switchboard. Both groups have become strong voices FOR gay people in Harrisburg.

The remaining members of CPGA in dissolving the group voted to contribute the treasury to both the Network and the Switchboard to continue the work for gay people in Central Pa.. We at GSH are honored to be selected as a recipient of their labors and vow to continue the battle to educate the public to the realities of what it is to be gay and HAPPY about it!