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GLCC MOVES, Begins Major Fund Drive

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center has moved to new space which will be better able to meet the needs of the community of Western New York. Located at 647 West Delavan Avenue between Delaware and Elmwood avenues, the new center's first advantage is greater accessibility to more of the Gay and Lesbian community. A number of factors led to this decision to move.

The first and foremost consideration was that of space. A new center was opened in April 1982 at 97 Rhode Island as the result of discussions occurring during Gay Pride Fest '81. This storefront location, while a good start was not adequate to meet the needs of a community as large and diverse as Buffalo's.

When the coordinating committee of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center was given the opportunity to move into the space on West Delavan, its sheer size was viewed as the perfect ideal. The new building is a house, complete with living room, dining room, three upstairs bedrooms for use as offices and yard space for use as a place to hold barbecues or whatever. Already, The Fifth Freedom and the newly formed Buffalo Aids Task Force (see story elsewhere in this issue) have begun arranging for permanent headquarters at the Center. Furthermore, Metropolitan Community Church will continue its Thursday Rap Sessions and Religious Counseling.

And a Gay Men's Support Group will meet there every Wednesday in September at 7:30 PM. For more information on space availability and which groups are already using the Center, call The GLCC at 886-1274.

OPEN HOUSE AUGUST SEVENTH

A Grand Opening was held Sunday August seventh at the new Center. Nearly one hundred interested persons from the Gay and Lesbian Community, as well as interested persons from the larger community came to the event. As they toured the Center and munched on hors d'oeuvres and sipped wine and other libations, saw the great potential for service as well as what had already been done there to make sure an adequate space was being provided for. The atmosphere was one of hope for the future and Gay Pride. Many were surprised that the Center had come so far in its short lifespan thus far. According to members of The Gay And Lesbian Community Center's Coordinating Committee, many new faces were seen, and the opinion was expressed that they would be seen again.

THE FOUNDERS DRIVE

Coincident with the open house, a Founders Drive, "One Hundred People One Hundred Dollars" was begun. The Center is looking for 100 people, groups and businesses to help purchase the new Center. They are asking anyone who can find a way to donate $100 to the drive. In order to secure purchase of the Center $10,850 needs to be raised by January 2, 1984.

This will ensure that the extremely favorable funding made available to the Center by the present owner may be taken advantage of. The Founder's Fund Committee has made information about location, costs and financial aspects of the center so that prospective founders can be assured of the feasibility of the venture. Also, an escrow account has been established at the Bank of New York to guarantee that all donations are correctly earmarked and all financially handled.

Each one of the Founding One Hundred or Founding Groups will be recognized on a large permanent plaque which will be located in the Center's front foyer. If you have any questions, or merely wish to tour the new Center, call 886-1274 for answers or an appointment.

OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

In addition to the "One Hundred People One Hundred Dollars" effort, several other fundraisers have already been scheduled.

The second annual Labor Day Cruise on the Ms. Buffalo will be held Monday September 5th. Departure from the Buffalo Naval And Servicemen's Park will be promptly at 8PM. Tapes of the latest in dance music will be played and the onboard bar will serve up your favorite alcoholic and non-alcoholic libations. Tickets are on sale now at M.C. Compton's, Jimmy at City Lights, Rhinopotamus, Emma, GLCC and Center Members and others for $7. This ride is always a sellout, so get your tickets fast.

The Crossroads, located at the corner of Allen Street and Delaware Avenue will hold a champagne buffet on Saturday September 24th from 7 to 11 PM. The buffet will feature a champagne fountain, coldcuts, vegetables, salads and desserts. Tickets are $6 or $5 in advance and are available at Crossroads and at GLCC from September 1st on.

A Halloween Trick And Treat Party will be held at the Gay And Lesbian Community Center on Friday October 29th. Prizes will be awarded for the best male and female costumes. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Plenty of Camp Fun is promised, and tickets will be $3 general admission with a fifty cent discount for active GLCC members. Call The Center at 886-1274 for times and more details.

MORE SPECIAL GLCC EVENTS

In addition to the fundraising efforts listed above, more events for the Gay and Lesbian Community have been planned by The Center.

The GLCC Camping Weekend is coming up August 26th through 28th. There will be lodges as well as acres for tent camping, workshops and general outdoor fun. Tickets are $12, or you can arrange for carpooling by calling The Center. The price includes four meals and children under age twelve are free. Parents will be responsible for them as no child care is planned. Tickets are available at M.C. Compton's, Jimmy at City Lights, Rhinopotamus, Emma, GLCC and Center Members. They must be purchased in advance, so don't delay.

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Editorial

Meeting Our Own Needs

As the gay community of Western New York becomes more visible in the role of professional and social service professionals and to the general community at large, the realization is growing that gay men are in need of special health and service needs that are not being met or addressed. The challenge to us as a gay community then becomes: can we respond to these needs ourselves?

Over the past years and a half, we, the gay community, have been responding. The FIFTH FREEDOM was printed as a photocopy of paper in November, 1983, and since January, it has come out on a regular basis. The Gay & Lesbian Community Center in this past year has grown to be the largest gay and lesbian community center in the nation, and to date, over 1,000,000 people have been served.

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center in Buffalo, NY is growing to be one of the nation's largest gay and lesbian community centers. This growth has been accompanied by the growth of many other organizations throughout America.

Gay Professionals has organized the facilitation of its gay and lesbian community. The gay community has improved, and the group is gradually establishing a more definite role in our community.

Dr. Hewitt's article is now organizing to educate our community and the straight community at large about AIDS. By introducing topics such as AIDS, Dr. Hewitt has been following the advice of the gay community to boycott his research.

Dr. Hewitt's excellent and moving presentation, "AIDS: What You Need to Know," is a very important step in the fight to be evening generally positive, although somewhat mixed, it is the first step in the establishment of the gay community.

All of these activities represent our capacity and willingness to respond to our own needs. Indeed, there is strength in numbers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article, "AIDS Study in Buffalo," which appears in your June issue. I am one of the participants in the research project led by Dr. Tronoione, which, supposedly, was the subject of this article.

The article, as reported, is both misleading and slanderous. The information which Dr. Hewitt has used has been characterized as "false," "erroneous," and "appalling." My question about all of this is: Why are we not here, in the midst of this thing, with our hands joined? Where is the evidence of our support for each other? Where is the evidence of our support for each other?

I am sorry that your paper's article makes me feel that I have wasted my time, and that I have done the wrong thing. I don't want Dr. Tronoione to take out an ad in your paper to thank me and the others, as Dr. Hewitt has requested. I am also entitled to be "thanked" already, and I find that suggestion on the level of emotional blackmail.

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Buffalo's Gay Voter Registration Drive was launched during the Ms. Buffalo Cruise on June 3rd, when 38 gay men and women were registered to vote. The drive continued through the rest of Gay Pride Fest '83, with voter registration forms available at most events. By the end of June, over 42 gay & lesbian voters had been registered.

The Drive was inspired by the comments made by Virginia Apuzzo, Chairperson of the National Gay Task Force, when she spoke in Buffalo during Gay Pride Fest '83. Gina Eble, chairperson of a national gay voter registration drive presently in progress which will help give gays a voice and further clout in local, state and national politics.

As stated that "the voting booth is the country's biggest closet." While the names of individual registrants are not being retained on any list, a tally of the numbers of voters registered through the drive is being kept. Even anonymously, gay voters can make a difference in furthering gay interests in such issues as funding for AIDS research, anti-discrimination ordinances, and repeal of old gay laws. Undoubtedly, the results of the 1984 presidential election will have an enormous impact on gays.

If you are gay and registered to vote before June 10, you have moved within the year, if you have not voted for two years, or you would like to change your party affiliation, you must register or re-register. It is advisable to register for a major political party so that you will be able to vote in primaries as well as general and special elections. Often, an election is determined by a primary, since the candidate winning the primary will run unopposed or with only token opposition in the general election. Voter registration forms will be available at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center events. Also, forms may be obtained by calling the GLCC at 886-1276 or Tom Hammond at 842-2750 (weekdays) or 885-0267 (evenings and weekends). Please register through the Gay Voter Registration Drive rather than on your own so that your registration will be counted as a potential gay vote.

Westminster Designated "More Light"

Westminster Presbyterian Church is the first mainstream Christian church in Buffalo to welcome gays, affirming gay persons' right to participate in decision making, and to hold gay persons in the same categories as deacons, elders, ministers, and/or trustees.

"We do well when we move beyond prejudice and unexamined assumptions to seek more adequate information—about ourselves as well as others," implied Pastor F. Stewart in his sermon, "The Inclusion of the Accepting Church," given on June 12.

In effect, the Session's vote countered the 1978 ruling of the 190th General Assembly, UFUSA, which excluded open votes from roles in church life and policy-making. Dorothy Brown, More Light Committee Chairperson, authored the resolution approved by the Westminster Session. It reads as follows:

"The Session of Westminster Church, Buffalo, believers in the affirmation for the full participation in the life of the church is an individual acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Session further believes that the policy of the Presbyterian Church (USA) barring homopgentic persons from ordained positions is morally wrong. It is our belief that we could call them as brothers and sisters in Christ. The definitive guidance of the 1978 General Assembly, UFUSA, that encourages exclusion and discrimination rather than inclusion and acceptance and is thus in direct opposition to our calling."

The Session therefore declares this congregation to be a More Light congregation, extending all of its members the opportunity for leadership. This includes the rights of homosexual persons to be ordained as elder and deacon. It is our belief that sexual orientation has no bearing on one's ability to benefit from and contribute to the life of the church bound together by God's love in ways that transcend differences.

Ms. Brown and the More Light Committee have been supportive of the local Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (PLGC) Chapter, which was formed last year and is headed by Hamburg native Robert Schaff. North Presbyterian Church Pastor David MacFarland, who is Seneca resident Burt Eble and Pastoral Counselor Lew Bigler.

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JOYS OF REINFORCEMENT

To the closest reader and a number of persons I know quite well: my monthly writings and some of my verbal utterings probably carry the message, “Come out, come out, wherever you are.” At least seven out of ten days I would protest and say that it is not my message. I will accept the charge for the other three. For you see, exhorting my brothers and sisters to come out is based upon my own positive experiences of acceptance and support. I have received in an overwhelming majority of cases. And of course, they reinforce my additional comings out and expounding readers of this column along with acquaintances, and friends.

For the first time in my gay career I telephoned the infamous John Otje radio show over a month ago. It was one of the lucky (?) few who got on the air, although I never had any illusions that “I’ve got through” the homophobic shell of the show’s host. More recently I was talking to a young woman who is still a stranger to me, although we know each other’s names. She told me she “had listened to that awful program and heard the most wonderfully funny (yet logical) way to stop homosexuality” as offered by a gay caller. It was my comment she had liked, appreciated, and remembered! Reinforcement of an apparently good line I must use it again!

At a state-wide church meeting held recently in Syracuse I was pulled aside by an elderly gentleman who told me he had seen me under similar circumstances a year ago, staffing our denomination’s lesbian and gay display table. He told me he had very consciously avoided me and, in the meantime, had many bad dreams and daylight thoughts about what his church was coming to. Then this spring he saw me again at a church meeting here in Buffalo, where I was acting in an official capacity. Hearing a friend of his make derogatory remarks in my direction, he realized how stupid he (or must have sounded in being so negative) as members of our lesbian/gay group. He decided on the spot that the next time he saw me he would “confess” his error to me directly. And that is what he did in Syracuse! As we concluded our conversation he reported he much better he felt already. “Disliking somebody for no good reason pulls yourself down,” he said. Reinforcement of the fact the she was moving in the right direction, or at least was a member of the religious community that we are among the religious community.

Work on another front has come to fruition. While attending a meeting of State University of New York personnel held recently in Buffalo, one of the administrators in the “tower of power” (SUNY Central Administration headquarters) told me that the Trustees would soon be specifically prohibiting sexual orientation as a criterion for employment within the University. While I hadn’t been quite as involved as I might have (distance and costs between Buffalo and Albany have become nearly prohibitive for me), two committee assignments and serving on a Chancellor-appointed task force have put me in touch with top administrators. Through these contacts I have been able to provide input as a gay person acquainted with subtle and not-so-subtle forms of discrimination in the workplace. Reinforcement of the fact gay persons are responsible on the job and are willing to take a chance letting the “boss” know a significant part of themselves.

During the afternoon of one of the hot days this past week I was eldersitting with an 83 year old man I have known for five or six years. I spent the time listening to some of the same stories, and answering the same questions between short naps the elder took. What I appreciated each time, however, was when he asked, “How is your lover? He is a good man.” What special reinforcement that was -- unanticipated and wonderful to the point of his using absolutely the right word to describe the relationship between two men.

And just this morning there was another example.

While usually our haircutting occurs within our different schedules, a few weeks ago my lover and I rode our bikes the few blocks to a neighborhood barber shop to get the excess weight removed at the same time. Today with a “knowing smile” the barber asked how my “buddy” was since he hadn’t been feeling up to par the last time he was in the Barber’s chair. Considering that the barber’s usual patter to other customers consists of heterosexual commentary and jokes, I took his remarks to be something special. Reinforcement of “Gay money is green too,” and that a neighborhood barber stays in business because of all of his customers. Surely we are not his only gay ones.

From time to time when an enterprise of some sort is successful the comment is heard that we must be doing something right.” The line strikes me with the sense that the speaker does not know just what it is that is being hearkened correctly and usually reinforces his own feelings of being "something." In the vignettes I have SElected this month, I know what has been done right. I have been living authentically gay. Consequently I am able to enjoy varied examples of positive reinforcement.
AIDS News Briefs

BUFFALO AIDS TASK FORCE FORMS

So that the Buffalo Gay community is not found unprepared in the event of an Epidemic Syndrome (AIDS) epidemic strikes here, the Buffalo AIDS Task Force (BATF) is being organized by Dr. Ross Hewitt. The BATF will operate as an outreach service to the community. Its immediate short range goals include educating the gay and straight community about AIDS and other potentially life-threatening occupations among sexual practices. More long range concerns include counseling services, organizing a network to assist AIDS victims, and coordinating AIDS services, if possible, throughout Western New York.

Although the BATF will seek funding from New York State (see below), Dr. Hewitt does direct community support as imperative. "What is really needed by the gay community is the money and, more importantly, of people's time and services," he said.

Your support may be sent to: BATTF, FO Box 38 Bidwell Station, Buffalo 14212, or call the GLCC for the time and date of the next meeting.

AIDS GETS LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE

The news of three cases of AIDS being diagnosed at Erie County Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Buffalo sparked local media coverage of the disease. All major television and radio networks highlighted the story as the top local story of the day. The evening newscasts featured interviews with Erie County Commissioner of Health, Dr. Donald Thomas. The conference was designed to help alleviate some of the panic of the fear of the spread of AIDS in Western New York.

The EUTTAN NEWS also featured three recent articles on the topic. On Sunday, June 24, an article addressed our gay community's response to the AIDS crisis. Mrs. James Hewitt, (D-NY) authored a short piece entitled, "The Gay Rights National Lobby". On Tuesday, June 26, another article looked at the interactions between the American Red Cross and AIDS patients. On June 27, the GLCC's Allen Thomas wrote a column for the Buffalo Evening News. For further information, contact David B. Heins, Administrative Director, 10 East 13th Street, Suite LD, New York, NY 10003, (212) 924-5230.

DISABILITY AVAILABLE TO AIDS VICTIMS

The Social Security Administration recently announced guidelines for applications for Disability Benefits for victims of AIDS, according to Walter Lewchuk,—Buffalo

The special procedure, using telephones, was set up to both reduce the risk of further infection to AIDS victims, and to help read the fast developing policy decision that the disease has been designated as meeting the definition of "disability," which ensures Social Security Disability program.

"The procedure, AIDS victims will be able to call Social Security telephone numbers trained in the AIDS program to complete the required forms over the phone and send the forms to a special national office," Lewchuk said.

AIDS victims or people who wish to help them with the process should call a special number for this AIDS effort. The EUTTAN NEWS station number is 846-7470. Residents of Niagara County should call 297-2924.

AIDS INFORMATION SOURCES

Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., the volunteer organization located in New York City, recently named an "Invisibility Line," as its new telephone number. The American Society for Public Administration, has an informational brochure that lists the symptoms of AIDS. It is available by calling 358-4580, ext. 210, to the Center City, 24th St., New York, NY 10011. They also publish the AIDS INFORMATION BULLETIN, and you can request to be put on the mailing list. The Public Health Service, branch of the Department of Health and Human Services also has a free brochure called, "Facts on AIDS," available by writing the Public Health Service, Office of Public Affairs, Room 7211-H, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20201. They also publish the AIDS INFORMATION BULLETIN, and you can request to be put on the mailing list. The Public Health Service maintains an AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-AIDS. It is toll-free, and it operates from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) also operates a "AIDS Hotline" number, 1-800-221-7045, 1-800-342-AIDS. The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) also operates a "AIDS Hotline" number, 1-800-221-7045. This is a toll-free number, and it operates from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

STATE PASSES AIDS LEGISLATION

In June, Governor Cuomo signed legislation that called for $75 million for AIDS research, $600,000 for community-based AIDS assistance programs, and $150,000 for a public information effort. In accordance with the recommendation of the New York State Lesbian and Gay Lobby, the final legislation did not include proposed increases in funding for the New York State Lesbian and Gay Lobby, the final legislation did not include proposed increases in funding for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. The bill allocated $5 million for research and only $250,000 for community-based assistance programs.

The bill calls for the establishment of an AIDS advisory panel, to consist of 13 members, each will be drawn from the following categories: persons considered to be experts in the area of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease and related conditions, such as primary care physicians, infectious disease specialists, public health professionals, and appropriate persons in the area of social work; persons considered to be experts in the area of AIDS care, such as general practitioners or internists, psychologists, nurses, and appropriate persons in the area of social work; persons considered to be experts in the area of AIDS education and prevention, such as educators, social workers, counselors, and appropriate persons in the area of social work; persons considered to be experts in the area of AIDS research, such as biomedical researchers, clinical researchers, and public health researchers, and appropriate persons in the area of social work; persons considered to be experts in the area of AIDS advocacy, such as consumers, legal and policy specialists, and appropriate persons in the area of social work; and persons considered to be experts in the area of the social concerns associated with AIDS, such as legal, policy specialists, and appropriate persons in the area of social work.

At least three Buffaloans are being recommended to the panel. Dr. Rose Hewitt, Dr. James Haynes, and Mr. Tom Hammond.

FEDERAL AIDS LEGISLATION SUBMITTED

The Gay Rights National Lobby, currently the only organization lobbying Congress on behalf of the estimated 25 million lesbian and gay people in America — with AIDS as its top priority — reports that the Congress has unanimously passed a $132 million "Interagency Public Health Emergency Fund." Such a fund could be used for emergencies like AIDS, Toxic Shock Syndrome or Legionnaire's Disease. The bill was sent to President Reagan on July 5th, he has not indicated whether he will sign the bill.

Representative Mario Biaggi (D—NY) recently introduced two bills which would allocate $400 million in federal AIDS research for fiscal year 1984. HR-3247 calls for $200 million for AIDS research by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), while HR-3248 calls for $400 million for AIDS research by the National Institutes of Health. The Reagan Administration currently estimates that it will cost $132 million on AIDS research in fiscal year 1983. Congress has passed an additional $10 million for research and information, but President Reagan has threatened to veto this measure. Biaggi's bills would more than double federal research expenditures on AIDS.

AIDS MEDICAL FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

A new foundation has been established to find a solution to the problem of AIDS. The AIDS Medical Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, will support selected outstanding scientists in their research efforts to determine definitively (the cause(s) of AIDS, and means of treatment and prevention of AIDS. This foundation is one of the first private efforts to address the national health crisis through basic scientific research. To donate, or for further information, contact: David B. Heins, Administrative Director, 10 East 13th Street, Suite LD, New York, NY 10003, (212) 924-5230.

SECOND NATIONAL FORUM ON AIDS OCCURS

The Second National Forum on AIDS occurred in Denver, Colorado, in June as part of the Fifth National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference. A flurry of activity reached its climax from that forum. The Women's AIDS Network was formed, with the goals of education, support and political action, including public and political rallies and demonstrations. The Women's AIDS Network is available to write by contacting the Women's AIDS Network, 2707 E. Clackamas Portland, OR 97213.

Thirty—eight separate organizations joined together to form a national federation of AIDS groups. The two top priorities of the new group are to establish a lobbying program to defend the rights and information about AIDS, according to the founding guidelines developed at the conference. The federation was founded, in part, to better share information, avoid duplicative efforts and to unify efforts at carrying out actions throughout the country.

The creation of this new forum occurs in the context of the controversial blood donor issue, speaking appearances by Dr. James Curran, Director of the AIDS Task Force (NGTF), and Dr. Virginia Apusco, Executive Director of the NGTF, the continuing problem of "visibility" — that people are not taking the vaccine, possible AIDS policy versus homophobia, and the personal impact of being a "person with AIDS."
The Aural Column
by Joe Schuder II

John was surprised at the success of his play as he followed Ralph’s car to his apartment. They sat and talked forever, frequently about old lovers, while constantly researching each other. Ralph’s presence, she finally got to bed and missed by a mile. The relief of coffee, a shower and the morning sun’s warming touch lasted only until 10 the next day. It called to Ralph did little to slow the pulsbeats that would throw for the next few days, troubling over the possibilities of the start of another relationship.

Hello and welcome to another journey in the senses. Joe reappeared (or been, as the case may be). I thought this month’s column should take on the reporter’s notebook format. Here with my impressions of events that have occurred around Buffalo during the past several weeks.

THE BAR SCENE

Memorial Day Weekend was for parties. M.C. Compton’s second annual Fire Island Day was a great success, with red and white balloons and lights setting the mood. The ten hour long party found people moving to Marilyn J. Rodgers’ philosophy as expressed in music mixing. After the blinding special effects, the analytical sound system was taken over for a sasset set by special guest DJ, Joey D of City Lights. Richard DiSarno, “Tambourine Man,” and company brought the party to a flagwaving head as only they can.

Thereafter, the City Lights Uniform Party found platoons of official looking types dancing and hanging on through the last call.

City Lights parties did not stop there, however. Buffalo’s John Ceglia blew us all away with his lights and music on June 15th. There is no other way to describe his show but musical hypnosis. At several points in the evening, the entire crowd turned towards the booth and broke into spontaneous applause while Ceglia made love to his audience and his music.

The City Lights management and we were less well served on July 3rd when New York DJ, Richard Veglione, was aurally impressive but not visually attentive to one of the top light systems in this area.

Finally, the Aural Columnist would like to wish John Little a Happy Birthday. We were there when Jeff poured several Night Train Expresses, whose effects belied, or perhaps spoke to, our feelings toward the futility of armed conflict. Then again, on July 4th, Crossroad’s Red, White and Blue Marathon capped a roaringly successful holiday weekend.

A special buffet and drinks, as well as Gary’s cordon music playing, provided the perfect setting for Darwin’s redefinition of just who Wonder Woman is.

GAY PRIDE FEST IN REVIEW

One of Gay Pride Fest ‘83 events was the Ms Buffalo Boyle, which proved to the people on board that gay men and women CAN have a great time together.

The MACHOS Society staged the appearance by National Gay Task Force Executive Director, Virginia Apuzzo. The message of her lecture still echoes in our ears. “We all come to the party with our own vision. We all come to the party with our own goal. We should put aside personal conflicts to achieve our common goals.”

This common cause built momentum during the excellent AIDS Workshop presented by Dr. Rose Newell and throughout the spirit-searching service of Liberation by the Metropolitan Community Church and Dignity/Buffalo.

The gay pride reading sponsored by Michelle A. and Lisa was another community-building event, proving to the overflow crowd at the GLCC that there are many creative people here. The “Long and Short” work was the highlight of the evening.

ALLENTOWN

The Allentown Ass Festival, as it is called by my choreographer friend, was its usual success. And I must thank Kurt for pouring the martinis when we met in the street. Running into Rosie, Stosh and Dave, at the festival was an unexpected pleasure. There was even some artwork this year.

PERSONALS

Special good wishes are due Daryl and Sherry of Metropolitan Community Church and July 3rd. Ms. Kennedy spoke movingly on the subject of repentance to God and joined the sprit-searching service of Liberation by the Metropolitan Community Church and Dignity/Buffalo.

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Virginia Apuzzo Speaks to Buffalo

by Frank Vincent

When she is what she is, we are what we are — and she strengthens her voice, she strengthens our rage. Virginia Apuzzo spoke to nearly 100 people at the Unitarian Church on June 1st, leaving behind a positive trail for Buffalo's gay community.

Having been the Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) for only 30 weeks, she has traveled to "16 cities, speaking to gays and lesbians about having tolerated enough oppression."

"Enough is enough," she firmly said. "I've seen the enemy and it ain't us."

Ginny Apuzzo describes the current atmosphere of the gay community as one of hope and enlightenment, stating that the Gay Rights Movement is in the most exciting phase this country has seen yet. Despite recent defeats, such as the unsuccessful push for a gay civil rights bill in New York State this spring, other successes can be seen. She pointed to the acceptance of a gay rights plank in the Democratic National Committee (a success which came about largely due to her own efforts).

Along with her emphasis on that type of work, Ginny stresses that heroism in a hostile society must also continue. There must be wide ranging involvement in the struggle for gay rights on whatever level people can afford. Having traveled to remote cities like Columbus, Milwaukee and Cincinnati, Ginny professed that "gay rights will happen in places like New York or San Francisco. We have to educate the American mentality in places like Iowa, Wyoming and Arkansas."

Ginny Apuzzo is obsessed by the political issues that cloud gay communities in America. Through the NGTF and the media, Ginny is a potent element for gays. She described the NGTF as a clearing house of information, with 10,000 individual members nationwide. It is an umbrella organization for groups throughout the country, funded primarily by its members.

Ginny's executive position and strong involvement within the gay movement have given her a tremendous media presence, resulting in appearances on "Nightline" and "The Phil Donahue Show," along with numerous local television spots wherever she visits. This makes her an even stronger force because of the role she plays in communications and public relations, both within the gay community and in representing the gay community to the rest of the world. Her extensive travels give her insights worth passing along from one place to the next. She urged Buffalonians to make louder demands to the local legislators, pushing them to keep up with the work being done by representatives from other areas.

One of the most promising actions Ginny is sparking is an unprecedented involvement in next year's presidential elections. NGTF is launching a voter registration drive to assert a political voice for gays. "Politicians know how to count and they will count us," she told the Buffalo audience, adding that she sees 2 million registered gay voters as a worthy achievement.

Ginny recalled society's waves of change that have delivered us to the '60's: "The Anita Bryant Summer was one of blatant prejudice that resulted in rage, Rage to move us on. Then followed the "teaching out" period, which became an extension of the horizontal movement to be "we" as a significant force. Now, her vibrant presence asks society to understand what homosexuals have in common and why we were left out.
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**September 4th**

GLCC Miss Bflo Labor Day Cruise 8-11 $7.00

Abbreviations have been used in the calendar for the following locations:

- **A S**: Ascension Church, 16 Linwood Ave
- **C.F.S.**: Child and Family Services, 330 Delaware Ave (entrance off Tracy St, ring bell)
- **C.H.**: Columbus Hospital, 300 Niagara St, 2nd floor Board Room
- **GLCC**: Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 97 Rhode Island St, off Niagara St
- **U.A.**: Unitarian Church of Amherst, 6320 Main St.
- **U.U.C.**: Unitarian Church Elmwood Ave at W.Ferry
- **W.S.C.**: Women's Studies College, 108 Winspear Ave
- **N.P.L.**: Niagara Porter Library, downstairs meeting room, corner Niagara St & Porter Ave
- **# contact**: 874-4139 for location
- **@ contact**: Tom Hammond for time and location at 842-2750 (days) or 885-0267 (evenings)
Emergency Services for the Gay Community

An Emergency Services Program (ESP) for the gay community is currently being organized by Metropolitan Community Church of Buffalo (MCC). The program is designed to provide assistance for individuals within the gay community who are experiencing crisis or emergency situations that require immediate and short term assistance. The ESP will initially offer three major services; a Food Pantry, a "Blessing File", and direct cash assistance. It is slated to be in operation by September 1st.

The Food Pantry will provide foodstuff and personal necessities to people in emergency situations who have no other food source. A "Blessing File" is a referral service through which those who have extra or unused household bedding, clothing, and other necessities can pass them on to someone who needs them. Direct cash assistance will be provided via direct payment of bills for rent, utilities, medical services and similar needs, when such payment is necessary to avert emergencies.

The ESP is being organized under the auspices of Metropolitan Community Church of Buffalo. A separate bank account will be set up by MCC in the name of "MCC Emergency Programs (FLEA and Donations). Donations can be made directly to this fund and will not be used to finance any other project or service of MCC. Donations are tax deductible because of the non-profit status of the church. Receipts for cash donations or goods will be furnished by MCC upon request.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Along with the bank account, members of MCC will have an actual "Food Pantry" from which to fed people in emergency situations. Non-perishable foodstuff is currently being collected and stored in a secure location. When emergency food rations are requested by an eligible person, a volunteer will obtain the necessary items from this location and deliver them to the recipient. Perishable food and items not in stock will be purchased through the bank account.

The Blessing File will operate a little differently, because the actual items will not be stored in a central location. An index file will be kept, listing the various items available for donation, while the donor continues to store them at home until needed. When MCC is contacted by someone in need of a particular item, the index file will be referred to. If there is nothing on file, the request will also be filled and filled when available. In the case of a needed item, the recipient can be purchased through the bank account.

Eligibility criteria for assistance through ESP are still being established as of this writing. Those who qualify for assistance through other existing programs will be referred to the appropriate agencies. For example, a person eligible for emergency food stamps due to a recent or imminent loss of income will be informed of this service and referred to the Food Stamp Office in the Rath Building. Short term assistance for three or four day period, while the recipient waits for food stamps to be issued, can then be provided through the Food Pantry.

STORY OF DENIAL Spurs ESP

Food Pantries and other similar services are traditionally sponsored by church congregations and can be found in many area churches. Unfortunately, prejudices and discrimination prevent the teaching and sharing within some of these programs. The plight of four victims of such discrimination was brought to the attention of MCC members and led to the establishment of this program for the gay community.

According to the Reverend Cherry Kennedy of MCC, they were spurred into action by the story of a lesbian couple and two children who sought emergency assistance through a local church. Upon receipt of a request by the woman who was the natural mother of the two children, the minister inquired why the second woman was present. The two women explained that they were lovers and considered themselves to be a family. This information led the minister to delay any grant decision until the Board of Directors could consider the issue. Their decision was that no help could be provided until the women repaid their sins of homosexuality.

This blatant denial of human rights for lesbians and homosexuals by an avowed Christian church jolted the members of MCC into setting up their own program, specifically for the gay community. This small, but growing and active congregation views its role as a gay rights organization as seriously as its role in providing a place for Christian worship.

Neither MCC membership, Christian affiliation, nor belief in God is a prerequisite, for receiving assistance through the Emergency Services Program.

"Becoming a Christian is not a prerequisite for being hungry and going fed," one member said. "The main focus of the program is to meet these needs within our gay community," she added. "If we save souls in the process, that's all right, too."

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Members of MCC have been collecting cash and food donations through both their Sunday evening worship services and a series of fundraisers, including door-to-door solicitations and a neighborhood flea market. Firing the first month of activity, over $400 was raised.

Cash donations payable to MCC Emergency Services Fund) can be mailed directly to MCC at PO Box 214, East Amherst, NY 14051.

AUGUST 6th FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

The next fundraiser for this program will be at the Flea Market, located on Union Rd., near MCC. A U.S. Post Office, will be there to sell a variety of donated items. Anyone with goods to donate for the flea market can contact MCC at 689-0890. Persons willing to help with future fundraisers and door-to-door campaigns should also call and leave their name and phone number.

Group Organizing Gay Youth of Buffalo

by Ross Hewitt, M.D.

An ad-hoc committee has been meeting to organize Gay Youth of Buffalo, a social organization designed to meet the special needs of lesbian and gay youth. Meetings will be staffed by appropriately trained adults.

The first goal of the group is to provide a supervised place for young gay people to meet each other. Meetings will be staffed by appropriately trained adults.

A skeletal organizational structure has been developed that calls for an Advisory Board of six men and six women from the gay community, along with a Board of Directors to be recruited from the private and public sector in the fields of health, law, mental health, adolescent development, human sexuality, psychology and social work.

The group is currently recruiting individuals interested in being on staff, on the Advisory Board or on the Board of Directors. All are volunteer positions. Please refer your suggestions of suitable individuals, and they will be contacted discretely. Please call Bob at 884-9472 during the hours of 6-8 PM weekdays.

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The GAYEST SPOT
in Town
Beth was having a terrible week. Work was busy, but she couldn't keep her mind on anything except what happened at the bar. How was she ever going to meet anyone if she didn't want to be another barroom brawl for as long as she lived? Why did things like this always happen to her? She certainly hadn't "guy" these past few days.

Of course, Beth didn't know that the fight had been brought on by an attack of town gang; and certainly was not common at "Our Bar."

"Usually the only action down there is sexual," Jan had remarked to some friends at the bookstore. "I know it gets hot and — but not destructive!"

"How do you know that's not how they turn each other on?" Lori had asked. She and her mother Mary were our only notices a dance this coming weekend.

"We can do without that," Mary replied. "But you know, there are other ways — than going to the bar every weekend."

"You two represent nearly all the other options?"

Amy laughed. "You work for the church, the counseling office, the newsletter — have I missed anything?"

"That depends if you're talking weekly or monthly, and including women's groups or only gay ones!" Lori said as they went towards the door. "We're very busy, see you at the dance."

Fortunately, they did their work well. As the bar gossip traveled its grapevine path around the city, publicity for the dance spread, too. Even Beth noticed a sign and decided to give this approach a try.

Arriving comfortably an hour after the posted time, Beth surveyed the room. "It's almost like a junior school dance," she thought. "The boys are on one side and the girls on the other. The boys didn't touch each other, then, but the girls did. She went to get a beer and stood near the windows.

Kelly was against the opposite wall. She hadn't been to a dance in a while, and was taking in new faces. Few people came her her alone, she noted. Too nervous. It was nice to get to know somebody without the heavy atmosphere of an all-girl bar. She thought of the others, and then pictured them. She walked out onto the floor. She tried to concentrate on the other couples to make sure she was in step, but kept stealing glances back at Kelly. Kelly was so beautiful. Beth thought, taking in a burgundy running suit and pale blue shirt with two small woman's signs anted on it. Kelly's soft blond hair bounced with the music. She turned to walk with the others. Then the music slowed and Beth turned to leave, but Kelly took her hand and drew her close.

During the first love song they exchanged names, and Beth said that she had never been to one of these dances before. Kelly added that she liked it better than the bar.

After the second song Beth was telling Kelly all about her first two attempts at bar life and they both laughed. By the third song Kelly remarked to Beth that it sort of seemed like an old high school dance, didn't it; and then they went back to their drinks.

"I wonder is she's been with anybody yet, she seems so shy," Kelly wondered. Now she was getting nervous. She hadn't really planned on picking anyone up tonight. It wasn't something she did frequently, so she decided to take it easy.

"Maybe," she said slowly. "You'd consider giving the bar a chance if you had someone to walk in with."

"Oh yes, that would help a lot," Beth agreed. Kelly took a deep breath. "Would you like to go with me next week? We can meet there if you want, or maybe see a movie and have dinner first. I'll pick you up."

"Why yes, I'd like to. Thank you." Beth surprised herself with how easily the words came out.

The rest of the evening went by all in a soft blur. Beth didn't even notice some of the faces she had seen at the bar. They danced, drank, and talked until the music ended. At last it was time to leave.

"I'll call you then," Kelly said, fingerling the slip of paper in her pocketbook's phone number.

"Yes, thank you. I had a nice time tonight. I'm glad I met you." Beth said, urging to unlock her car door, but spotted her keys just as Kelly's arms went around her.

"Oh, Kelly, you didn't have to do that!" Beth exclaimed and Kelly immediately withdrew. She didn't want to risk frightening this poor girl -- and yet she shied to give Beth that first kiss.

"Well sorry, then," Beth said. "Thanks for walking me to my car." She hesitated for only a second, but Kelly stepped closer again and touched her arm. Hot lips brushed Beth's cheek for a split second.

"See you next week," she whispered, and hurried off without looking back. Beth watched her go as she slowly melted into the car door. At last her doubts had vanished. There was what she had wanted all along -- before she knew it was even known. Thank goodness the old car was there to hold her up until she could catch her breath.

NEXT EPISODE: Kelly and Beth return to "Our Bar" -- keep you in suspense till then.
Emotions often blanket reality. What seems to exist, never was. Never was, is still developing and is a powerful and genuine actuality. Feelings from the heart tend to control our perceptions and inclinations. Our souls, either here on earth or beyond, have no restraint. Our paths, where ever they may lead, are predetermined by the powerful and genuine actuality. Although they extend themselves in different degrees, they are real and visible in the same place.

Through water, I find tranquility. So, it was only normal that I retreat there when I had realized that Kevin had finally left me. I was torn. The struggle of emotions inside of me were ripping me apart.

He packed his bags, claiming that he was going to visit "friends" in a nearby city. The next morning I called. He never answered. I learned he had taken half our savings.

He was gone, without much as an explanation as to why. Did we really have the perfect relationship I lied myself to believe? Or was it such a total hell, that he had to depart without much as one word spoken.

For the first time in my life, I wanted to be alone. I needed time. Time to understand. Time to figure who I was. Why I was crying because I had just lost the one I so dearly loved? Or was I crying to release all the hatred I built inside of me?

The beach house was a perfect place to retreat.

No neighbor.

-- no one to bother me. It was totally secular. I spent weeks there, building up and breaking down our relationship. It became an obsession. Something happened somewhere in the wrong words spoken, the touch that never was, the special feelings that were taken for granted.

I was glad that it happened. Those precious moments, years, which kept me going for so long, were now high seas of a period I did not understand.

Feelings bound me into a hellish lifestyle in which there was no end.

By leaving, Kevin had set me free. He had forced me to face reality, and I was proud of what was right -- he was wrong.

Throughout the end of my stay at the beach, I had fallen to the bottle. I was out of control. It was my only affection. It seemed to understand my problems, and knew how to solve them. Best of all, it was always there.

It would never leave.

One particular night -- one I will never forget -- was the night before I moved back to the city.

I was content with being by myself. I was glad that I hated him so. He was responsible for all of my failures for the past year. And I would never forgive him. Some day, I thought, I will take revenge.

I grabbed my bottle and slowly walked down to the beach. I sat on the rocks watching the moonlight shine upon the water. I listened to the waves cry out as they hit the earth. I just stood there watching the world.

I must have fallen asleep for a short part of time, when I was awakened by the sound of an engine. It turned toward the house, and there it was. The car. His red and silver car.

I watched him get out of the car, and walk towards me. The breeze made his hair sway as it was flowing through the wind. He was beautiful. All the more to hate him.

Kevin stopped about ten yards from me. I stood up, and began to walk towards him.

"No, don't," he said. "Stay where you are. I want to remember you with the light from the moon shining on your face."

"Why did you come here," I shouted. "You're not welcome here!"

"His smile went away. "I've come to say goodbye," he said. "And to tell you," he paused a second, "that I love you."

"You love me," I mocked. "You're too late! Years too late!"

My head began to hurt. I grabbed my bottle and drank some more strength. "We have nothing to say to each other."

"I'm sorry," he cried. "I'm so sorry. I would never deliberately hurt you. Kevin wiped the tears from his face. "I hope you know that I love you."

I laughed. "You could never hurt me."

I found myself standing over him. I whacked him twice, the first time I thought I hurt him. "I thank God that you're gone."

Kevin took the almost empty bottle I held to my lips. "I can't pause," he whispered. "I'm not supposed to be here."

"I'm not holding you back," I replied. "Why don't you leave now before I do something we both will regret!"

He returned a smile, that I menacing. "I love you," he turned, and walked back to the car. I watched him drive away. I sat back down upon the rocks. God, I hurt. The hate disappeared, and all those memories came back. I felt empty. And I finished the bottle.

I stood up the tree of the seaquilus the next morning. I watched the sky, wondering what it was like to really be free.

When we returned to the city, I was greeted by my mother. She hadn't seen her in months. "So," I rudely said, "you've come to get his clothes."
“Bent”

“Bent” is about gay men and lesbians what “The Diary of Anne Frank” is to Jews and the world in general. It is a gut-wrenching testimony to what can happen to innocent people with the Pink Triangle,” and was adapted to the stage by Mark Hamsman.

So-called “sex symbol” Richard Gere portrayed the lead role of Max in the acclaimed Broadway production of “Bent,” which ran for two and a half years. In this production, the actors were the Conundrum Players, a group composed mostly of members of California’s Bisexual/Straight collective. 14-person cast was effectively molded into a cohesive, believable troupe by Director Stone Widmer.

The two-act play, interspersed with welcome, necessary comedic lines, is set in 1930 Berlin as Hitler is coming to power. The prolific utilitarian stage set, also designed by Widmer and his assistant Rob Hanks, captured the time period and mood.

Highlighting a mostly amateur-status cast was Stephen Weidman, in the powerful, convincing role of Horst, a Scandinavian-type Gay man marked with the Pink Triangle.

The play, although not featured extensively until Act II, when Max is in Gestapo custody, the young, talented actor portrayed the Jewish prisoner with honesty and skill.

ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

MCC. Sponsors Retreat

On Saturday, August 20 from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM, the Metropolitan Community Church of Buffalo will conduct a Christian retreat with the theme, “Loving Self/Loving Others.” This will be a day of sharing, with workshops, food and worship. For more information, call 699-8090.

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Eric Neal, George Simpson

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I realize I am not the most liked person in the bar but I have a job to do just like everyone else. I really get upset when I ask someone for I.D. (SHERIFF'S CARD) for proof of age and they give me a hard time. They realized drinking age was 18, we just got used to everyone and they raised the LEGAL drinking age to 19. Now we have to check everyone (within reason) again. IT IS NOT MY LAW! We are not perfect in our job, we do make mistakes just like everyone else! We may check some people 2-3 nights a week and they always say "Don't you remember me? I was here yesterday or last week!" PLEASE remember that we check between 50 and 1600 people a night!!! We can't remember everyone. If you don't have proper I.D., I can't let you in the bar.

TO THE EDITOR AND ITS READERS

Another thing that gets me sick is...

On Wednesday, 1/6/83 we had a very bad thing happen. A young man named Ed was critically shot in the alley behind City Lights by two black men in a robbery attempt. The two men ran to a little white car (we think it was a Volvo). There were 2-4 people across the street on E. Tupper in the parking lot that said they saw the escape car. But when the police wanted information, THEY NEVER CAME FORWARD!!! WHY???

I could have been you, me, their best friend or even themselves that was shot. How might not get the sick motherfuckers that did this. Joe (the bouncer at the back door that night) did not get a good look at the men to get a positive I.D., but he did spend damn near three hours at Homicide making reports. If only more people were like Joe they might catch the assholes that did this. Just think (God forbid) next time it could happen to you. PLEASE, for your own safety, when you go outside for air or to your car don't go alone!! Go with someone! If you can't, ask me, Joe, Glenn or anyone to please keep an eye on you. I'm sure we won't mind.

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ORGANIZATIONS

AFFIRMATION (N.Y./ONTARIO CHAPTER): c/o Tall Pines, 380 Crover Road, East Aurora, NY 14052. Contact Hanford Seary Jr, 651-1193 or Kei Remmussen. An organization for Gay Mormons. Meets monthly in a social/spiritual environment, nonexclusive, not a church.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOR GAY MEN AND LESBIANS: “Open Mind Group of AA”, PO Box 395, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14053. Meetings every Wed. @ 8:30 PM, at Columbus Hospital, 350 Niagara St., 2nd floor, 7th Ave door room “Love and Let Live AA Group”, c/o Ascension Church, 116 Linwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14205. Meets every Fri. @ 8:30 PM at the church.

BUFFALO AIDS TASK FORCE (BATT): PO Box 88, Bidwell Station, Buffalo, NY 14222. Meets at the GLCC. BATT seeks to educate the community about AIDS, to provide medical referrals and counseling, and eventually to assist persons with AIDS. Information and nonexclusive. Donations are greatly accepted. For the time and date of the next meeting, please call the GLCC at 881-1274.

COUNTRY FRIENDS PO Box 105, Clarence Center, NY 14032. Gay women’s social group. Gay women of all ages. Welcome Meets at Buffalo and suburb locations. Write for dates and times.

DIGNITY/BUFFALO PO Box 75, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14205. Call 874-4139 for information evenings. An organization for Gay Catholics and Christians. Fraternity meeting every Sun. @ 7:30 PM. Worship services 1st and 3rd Sun of each month, along with a potluck dinner the 1st Sun and business meeting the 3rd Sun.

GAY FATHERS OF BUFFALO: For time and place of meetings, contact Bruce Winspear, 404-4008 or the GLCC at 881-1274.

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE (GLA): 11 Talbot Hall, Amherst Campus, SUNYAB, 14260. Tel. 896-3063. Regular activities and meetings canceled till fall semester.

GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER (GLCC) PO Box 139, Elmhurst, Buffalo, NY 14205 Tel. 886-1274. Located at 647 W. Delevan, Buffalo Meetings held every 2nd and 4th Mon. Infallible coffee house every Fri 7-10 PM. Everyone welcome.

GAY LAW STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (GLSO): Room 18 O’Brian Hall, Amherst Campus. SUNYAB. 14260. Tel. 736-2161. Regular meetings cancelled till fall semester.

GAY PROFESSIONALS (GP): PO Box 75, Niagara Square Station, Buffalo, NY 14002. A social group for gay men and lesbians who prefer an organization with a low profile. Meetings held 2nd Tues and 4th Mon each month. Contact Tom Hanwood for location and information, 842-2750 days or 805-0107 evenings.

GAY RIGHTS FOR OLDER WOMEN (GROW): A support group for lesbians 10 years and older. Meetings held every other Fri at Women’s Studies College 108 Vineyard Ave. Contact GLCC for information.

GAY TRAILS: An organization that conducts hikes along the Brown Trail in Ontario. Contact Mrs. H. J. Compton, 1351 W. Portland, Toronto, Ontario, 12875A3, or call (416) 885-6931 before 9 AM weekdays.

GAY UNIITY NIAGARA (GUN) PO Box 692, Niagara Falls, Ontario, CANADA. Canadian gay organization for the Niagara Peninsula.

LOCKPORT GAY SUPPORT GROUP PO Box 140, Lockport, NY 14094.

MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC. PO Box 139, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14205. For more information call 881-5335. An organization for the gay and lesbian community which provides services including the Gay Holodrome, and the FIFTH FREEDOM. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sun each month at 7:30 PM at Unitarian Church, Elwood Ave at West Ferry St.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BUFFALO, INC.: PO Box 114, Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14205. Contact Rev. Sherry L. Kennedy at 889-0890. An interdenominational church that supports, worship, fellowship and the church and gay community. Services every Sun. @ 6:30 PM at the Unitarian Church of Amherst, 6350 Main St., Williamsville.

PREJUDICES FOR LESBIAN & GAY CONCERNS (PLGC) PO Box 140, Niagara Falls, NY 14303. A chapter of this national organization meets monthly for support, monthly meetings, and the support of gay community. Services fall, winter, spring, and summer.

RAINBOW DEAF SOCIETY OF WNY: PO Box 9356, Midwood Station, Buffalo, NY 14050. Support group for gays with hearing impairments and friends.

RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF GAY: Support group for non-gays who have gay or lesbian friends or relatives. For dates, times, locations of meetings and information, contact Ted H. W. at 736-1274.

TEMPLE OF ABI (GAC)(GLCC): PO Box 163, Amherst Station, Buffalo, NY 14265. For information call (416) 681-1230.

TALBOTT SOCIETY: 2642, 2624 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214. An organization for gay and lesbian women. Offers help and counseling, and educational seminars.

TOWAD, MAN, AND CHILD (TMC): 655, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 852-2153.

BOOKSTORES

EMMA, BUFFALO WOMEN’S BOOKSTORE: 160 Elwood Ave, near North St. Tel. 885-2185. Lesbian and select gay books and other items.

TALKING LEAVES, 2144 Main St, Buffalo, NY Tel. 801-854. Gay periodicals, gay new books of general interest.

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