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# Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality

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Newsletter for February 1991

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# NEWS

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## ELECTIONS

Yes folks it's that time of year where you get to exercise your rights as members of the GGLE and decide who is going to be on this year's executive. Most of the current executive have decided that it's time for a change so we have a wide selection of positions available. They are as follows:

Executive Director  
Financial Director  
Education Director  
Co-Activities Directors (2 positions)

Nicole, as Dance Director, has indicated that she would like someone to assist her with her position therefore we will need someone who is willing to commit their time in this capacity. So that nominees are aware of the responsibilities associated with each of the above portfolios, the following excerpt from the Constitution outlines each position:

The following responsibilities are to be carried out by all of the Executive Members with respect to their own portfolio:

- (a) shall prepare a budget,
- (b) shall enlist the aid of volunteers; co-ordinating and overseeing their activities,
- (c) shall set and review policies, with the approval of at least two other Executive Members other than the Executive Director,
- (d) shall set expenditures, with the approval of at least two other Executive Members other than the Executive Director,
- (e) shall aid and support other Executive Members and their portfolios.

**Executive Director:**

- (a) will prepare agenda for, schedule and chair Executive and General Meetings,

- (b) will vote only to break a tie at Executive and General Meetings,
- (c) will ensure that accurate minutes are kept at all Executive and General Meetings,

(d) will promote communication and maintain harmony within the organization,

(e) will act as official spokesperson and/or official representative for Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality at all functions of interest to the organization, or will designate, upon consultation with the Executive Committee a member to act in the above capacity;

(f) shall obtain and distribute the appropriate Executive Member mail,

(g) shall maintain contact and encourage communication between the Executive Members.

**Financial Director:**

(a) shall keep a detailed record and accounting of all financial transactions of the organization,

(b) shall prepare a budget and financial statement annually,

(c) shall be responsible for the day-to-day financial matters of the organization,

(d) shall report a general accounting of financial status at all Executive and General Meetings;

**Educational Director:**

(a) shall direct the various educational groups; such as the Gayline, Public Speaking, etc.,

(b) shall maintain liaison with the Activities Director and Publicity Director to plan educational events for the meetings and other activities,

(c) shall coordinate and update educational literature on the organization and its objectives, including regular contributions to the Newsletter,

(d) shall coordinate the operation of the library, including maintaining the existing collection and planning future acquisitions,

**Co-Activities Directors:**

(a) shall coordinate the planning and operation of activities of a social, educational or political nature based upon the input and requests of the membership,

(b) shall maintain liaison with Educational Director to plan educational events for meetings and other activities,

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AIDS COMMITTEE OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY  
SUITE 202, 73 DELHI STREET, GUELPH, ON N1E 6L9  
TELEPHONE (519) 763-2255

HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
DEBORAH AZIM, SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR



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Is your workplace prepared to deal with HIV and AIDS?  
**Act now!**

For more information contact:  
Marnie Neve - Education Co-ordinator, ACGWC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Grand River Free Spirit Community Church Call <b>GRFS</b> office for location of service	4	5 <b>GGLE</b> Movie Night Psychological Drama 8 pm UC 536	6 <b>GLLOW</b> Night Modern Languages Bldg. Room 104, University of Waterloo 9 'til 11 pm	7 <b>We are Everywhere</b> CFRU 93.3 FM 5:45 pm <b>Gaywire</b> CIUT 89.5 FM 7 'til 8 pm <b>GEM</b> see below	8	9
10 <b>GRFS</b> as above	11	12 <b>GGLE</b> Valentine Social 8 pm UC 536	13 <b>GLLOW</b> Night as above	14 <b>We are Everywhere/ Gaywire</b> as above  <b>GEM</b> Coffee House Unitarian Hall 84 S. Service Road Mississauga. 8 pm	15	16
17 <b>GRFS</b> as above	18	19 <b>GGLE</b> Spouses of Gays 8 pm UC 536	20 <b>GLLOW</b> Night as above	21 <b>We are Everywhere/ Gaywire</b> as above  <b>GEM</b> as above	22	23 <b>GGLE</b> Dance The School House Silvercreek Parkway 9 pm 'til 1 am <b>Call The Gayline to confirm location</b>
24 <b>GRFS</b> as above	25	26 <b>GGLE</b> Member's Own 8 pm UC 536	27 <b>GLLOW</b> Night as above	28 <b>We are Everywhere/ Gaywire</b> as above  <b>GEM</b> as above		

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## THE MASQUERADE PARTY

A couple was invited to a real swanky masquerade party. So John got costumes for each. On the night of the party, John got a terrible headache and told Robert to go without him. Robert protested but John said all he was going to do was take a couple of aspirins and go to bed. There was no need of his good time being spoiled by not going, so Robert got into his costume and off he went.

John slept soundly for an hour or so and woke up without a sign of pain. As it was just a little after nine, he decided to go to the party. In as much as Robert didn't know what kind of costume John was wearing, he thought it would be a good idea to slip into the party and observe how Robert acted when he wasn't around.

He joined the party and the first one he saw was his lover cavorting around on the dance floor, dancing with one hot young stud after another, and copping a little feel here and there. So John sidled up to him and being a rather seductive guy himself, Robert left his partner high and dry and devoted all his time to the stuff that had just arrived. John let him go as far as he wished (naturally) and finally Robert whispered a little proposition. This John agreed to, and they went to one of the cars and had a "little" bang.

Just before the unmasking at midnight, John slipped away, went home and got into bed wondering what kind of explanation his lover would make for his behaviour. He was sitting up reading and asked him what kind of time he had.

Robert said, "Oh, the same old thing. You know I never have a good time when you aren't there". John then asked, "Did you dance much?" To which Robert replied, "Well I'll tell you, I never danced. When I got there Pete, Bill, and Paul's lovers couldn't make it either, so we went into the den and played poker".

"But I'll tell you one thing--the fellow I loaned my costume to sure had one helluva good time".

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### PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

GGLE--GAYLINE	(519) 836-4550	GLLOW	(519) 884-GLOW [4569]
GGLE--OFFICE	(519) 824-4120 (ext.8575)	GRFS	(519) 570-████
GEM (Gary)	(416) 332-████	PFLAG (Mary Jones)	(416) 457-████
WGLA--GAYLINE	(519) 438-4329		

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- (c) shall consult with the Publicity Director for advertising of activities,
  - (d) shall plan and conduct regular meetings,

#### Dance Director:

- (a) shall prepare a schedule of future dances,
- (b) shall coordinate the preparations for dances ensuring that halls are booked, liquor licences are applied for, dance supplies purchased, transportation arranged, volunteers engaged, and security measures engaged,
- (c) shall consult with Financial Director in regards to cheques, deposits and Dance Reports,
- (d) shall ensure that liquor laws are observed.

Remember, in order that we may continue to provide the services we currently enjoy, we should all attempt to participate in some capacity. So on Tuesday, 5 March 1991, there will be a General Meeting to elect the new executive as well as to discuss other business.

### PROXY VOTING

It has been suggested that the idea of proxy voting be included in the GGLE Constitution. Proxy voting is a means by which members not present at a meeting where voting takes place can still participate in the vote. The ballot should be written on a piece of paper, signed, dated by the member and sent to the meeting in a sealed envelope via mail or another member. A vote on this proposal will take place at the next General Meeting (5 March 1991). If the outcome of the vote is in favour of this proposal, proxy voting will be permissible for subsequent meetings in accordance with the GGLE Constitution.

### A DAY OF PROTEST

Where were you on 5 February 1981? Many of us may not think of this as an important date and yet for our community it is of great importance. It was the day that "Metro's finest" raided the bathhouses in Toronto to rid the city of these "seedy" establishments. The raid prompted peaceful demonstrations the following day that were marked by police brutality resulting in the arrest of some 270 people. This February 6th, a demonstration has been organized to remember the day ten years later. How much has changed these last ten years? According to some--not much. What are you doing to change that? Show your support by attending the demonstration scheduled to start at Cawthra Park on Church Street at 7:00 pm. On the 6th of February 1981, 3000 people attended to lend their support. On the 6th of February 1991, show people you care and let's see if we can at least match if not exceed the numbers from ten years ago.

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## MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS & EVENTS

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### Know your Rights

#### AIDS and AIDS Related Illness and the Human Rights Code

The Ontario Human Rights Code prohibits discrimination against all persons who have, or are suspected of having AIDS or AIDS-related illness. The Code similarly prohibits discrimination against people who associate with persons who have AIDS or AIDS-related illness.

If you have been required to undergo testing for AIDS or AIDS related illness or have been asked whether you have AIDS or AIDS-related illness

- \* as a condition of admission to a school, or
- \* at an employment interview or employment-related medical examination; or if you have been
- \* denied a job, dismissed, or demoted, and you can still perform the duties of that job,
- \* denied special measures of accommodation to ensure your full participation in or access to employment,
- \* denied housing accommodation,
- \* denied service by a provider of services, goods, and facilities (eg. store, restaurant, club, government agency, insurance company, hospital, dentist's or doctor's office),
- \* denied permission to attend school,
- \* harassed at work by your superiors or co-workers, or by your landlord, building superintendent, or other tenants in your building, or

because you have, or are suspected of having, AIDS or AIDS-related illness,

get in touch with the nearest office of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, or phone (416) 965-6841.

#### You may be able to file a complaint.

You do not need a lawyer or have to pay a fee to anyone in order to file a complaint.

You have a right to be protected against this kind of discrimination.

from *The Ontario Human Rights Commission*

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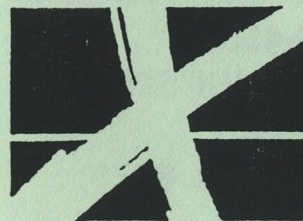
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### MR. BILL PRESENTS.....

This benefit concert held the 26th of January in support of Ward's Retreat, a haven where people can seek relief from the stress of AIDS, was a wonderful example of how people can truly pull together in support of such a worthy cause. The show started just a little after 8:00 pm at The Concert Hall with The Toronto Gay Men's Chorus opening with a humorous number attesting to a lover their devotion and the ridiculous lengths to which they will go just to stay within the relationship. What followed was approximately four hours of exciting entertainment featuring artists such as Selina Grouse, an up and coming 16-year-old artist; the Timberline Dancers, who specialize in clogging; The Kids in the Hall and The Nylons (need I say more!); 2 Queens A King And a Drum Machine, a pro-people, gay, political [and somewhat radical] dance band; and Sandra Shamus, a wonderfully sarcastic comedy performer. The show closed with Molly Johnson & Big Sugar, "Toronto's Queen Street blues diva" who performed together with Gordie Johnson's jazz/blues trio. The result was an exceptional finish to a stunning line-up of performers over and above those listed here.

The night wasn't without its pitfalls however. While the different acts were setting up, the MC's could have kept the audience focused on the show with some innocuous banter. The result was that a few of the performers had to struggle to regain the attention of their audience. Spencer Rowe, for example, a native and gay activist, who read poetry and "sang" briefly was difficult to hear as a result of the murmur erupting from the floor. Placement of some of the acts was also problematic. The Nylons appeared at the end of the second set resulting in a noticeable contingent of the audience leaving before the third set started. Oh well, their loss! But to the credit of the MC's and all of the performers, none of the acts had previously rehearsed together nor had the MC's even met prior to this evening. Further, Rusty Ryan, who referred to himself as "the evening's token drag queen", handled the two intermission draws for door prizes with the same wit as he did his comedy routine. Lastly, all the performers and all those associated with the production in any way donated their time, leaving few expenses save for rental of the hall. Overall, the show with exceptions as noted, was excellent.



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### Parents FLAG

(Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - Toronto/Mississauga/Brampton) meets the second Friday of the month (September to June) at 8 pm at Christ Church, 4 Elizabeth Street North in Brampton (corner of Elizabeth and Queen Street West). PFLAG welcomes parents, friends, lesbians and gays to all their meetings.

**GLOW** runs a Volleyball night at Central Valley School (corner of Central Valley Drive and Strasbourg) on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 pm. Men and women are welcome and change rooms are available. Contact the GLOW line for further details.

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### WE ARE EVERYWHERE

This radio talkshow is featured every Thursday on CFRU 93.3 FM at 5:45 pm. The focus of past shows has been to interview people on their experience of coming out, dealing with discrimination, and other topical issues. Please contact Shawn at (519) 824-4120 ext 6919 if you wish to contribute to the show.

### GGLE Newsletter

The GGLE Newsletter is published monthly by the Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality, P.O. Box 773, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6L8; (519) 824-4120 ext 8575. For submissions of articles, advertisement, or general information about the newsletter, direct your inquiries to the GGLE executive at the above address.

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### DEADLINE

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by 18 February '91

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### GGLE MEMBERSHIP

A GGLE membership entitles you to *reduced* (\$2.00) dance admission, voting privileges, discounts at GEM, GLOW, and CLGRO affiliated activities as well as a copy of this newsletter sent to you in the mail (in a plain brown envelope). Get your membership today; still available for only \$12.00. Help support the GGLE!

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### 1991 MONTHLY ADVERTISING RATES

FULL PAGE	\$25.00
HALF PAGE	15.00
QUARTER PAGE	10.00
EIGHTH PAGE	5.00

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**THE GAYLINE (519) 836-4550**  
**STAFFED MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY**  
**FROM 7:30 TO 9:30 PM**  
**OFFICE PHONE (519) 824-4120 (ext. 8575)**

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