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Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality

Newsletter for August 1991

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Everyday, Everywhere A New Decade of Pride

Pride Day couldn't have been better...the weather was extra cooperative...it was hot and sunny causing many scantily clad hot men to remove even more of their clothing!...and the crowds were incredible. The estimates according to *The Globe & Mail* and *The Toronto Star* were 15 000 to 25 000. The organizers of the event said it was closer to 60 000. From what I saw, I tend to agree with the organizers. What amazed me, though, was that while this many people descended on downtown Toronto, there was little or no mention prior to the actual parade on any of the radio stations of the potential congestion in the area. Did they happen to overlook the fact that the parade route encompassed SO many groups that the front of the parade met the back at the organizing area? Or perhaps they didn't notice that Yonge Street was completely blocked to traffic, despite efforts to contain the people to the north-bound lanes only. Of course it would be easy to overlook a mere 60 000 people!

I was pleased to see that almost 70 GGLE members made the trip to Toronto and of that number 30 marched in the parade. Your support was terrific! Our new banner did us proud--Thank you Lynda for making it in time for Pride Day. Our position in the parade route was behind a Youth group from Kingston and ahead of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays). We were all entertained by the Boots and Buds float that was just behind PFLAG. While the number of people representing PFLAG seemed to be no more than the number of GGLE members marching in the parade, I was moved by the special welcome that the PFLAG members received.

So that people don't think that all we did was march in the parade and get a great tan, to all of you who sat by the table answering questions and representing the GGLE...a special thanks for your patience. Lastly, for those who participated in the creation of the banner that appeared on the railway bridge over Norfolk Street in Guelph the week prior to LGPD '91--your involvement did not go unnoticed (a special thanks to T. Shawn). The banner looked great and for those who didn't get to see it, it remained on the bridge until the Saturday before Pride Day when some locals decided it offended them too much to further see it. Oh well, if that's the only casualty for this year's Pride Day then

Out in the Classroom:

Lesbians and Gays in Education

**A three-day conference on lesbo/homophobia
in the education system**

we can count ourselves lucky. But this was not the case as I'm sure you're more than aware. There were 11 incidents in Toronto on Pride Day weekend that resulted in injuries to five individuals. On a more positive note these incidents resulted in community involvement in apprehending or detaining the assailants. I suppose it would be too much to ask that Pride Day go without any aversive incidents.

I'm not sure how we can outdo ourselves next year for Pride Day unless we decide to enter a float in the parade (perhaps?!). But if throughout the year we can at least strive for the same level of enthusiasm for GGLE events and for the organization itself, then I think we will be able to proudly represent the group at Lesbian and Gay Pride Day 1992.

Peter

Camping Trip

The site chosen for this year's GGLE Summer Camping Trip is Cedars in Flamborough. The weekend we are planning to go is the 2nd to the 4th of August. The cost is \$35.00 for a regular weekend (Friday to Sunday). The cost includes admission, breakfast, ice, and firewood. The Cedars is located on 325 acres in Flamborough. It has two lakes, a swimming pool, a recreation area, showers, and we'll let you know if there are electrical outlets at the sites (for those important items such as hair dryers and your portable microwave ovens). For further information call the GAYLINE at (519) 836-4550.

Myrtle Beach

As I finished last month's travel article, I said I'd talk about the second leg of our trip to Myrtle Beach, SC. For those of you who can afford it, if you're driving to Myrtle Beach, it's well worth the cost of having air conditioning. It was hot. So what is there to do in Myrtle Beach? Well, if you don't like laying on the beach, frolicking in the surf, going shopping, or playing golf--very little. The bar scene was quite the contrast from Atlanta. There are three lesbian and gay bars in Myrtle Beach and one in North Myrtle Beach. But of particular interest in the state are its archaic liquor laws. And you thought we had it bad in Ontario! From

This conference, planned for the weekend of the 7th to the 10th of November 1991 at the University of Guelph, will address issues pertinent to the lesbian and gay community through a series of panel discussions and workshops conducted by individuals from the education system.

Sponsored by CLGRO and co-hosted by GGLE.

August 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Phone Numbers of Interest				1	2	3
GGLE--GAYLINE (519) 836-4550 GGLE--Office (519) 824-4120 ext.8575 GEM (416) 278- WGLA--GAYLINE (519) 438-4329 ACCKWA (519) 748-5556			GLOW (519) 884-GLOW [4569] GRFS (519) 570- PFLAG (Mary Jones) (416) 457- ACGWC (519) 763-2255	Gaywire CIUT 89.5 FM 7 'til 8 pm GEM Coffee House Unitarian Hall 84 S. Service Road Mississauga. 8 pm	GGLE Camping Trip Cedars Flamborough Call Gayline for details	GGLE Camping Trip as before Call Gayline for details
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GRFS see below GGLE Camping Trip as above Call Gayline for details		GGLE Movie Night 8 pm UC 536	GLOW Night Modern Languages Bldg. Room 104, University of Waterloo 9 'til 11pm	Gaywire as above GEM as above		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Grand River Free Spirit Community Church Service held at Unitarian Fellowship House 7:00pm 136 Allen St. E., Waterloo Call GRFS office for any changes		GGLE Discussion--Rap Session GGLE Future 8 pm UC 536	GLOW Night as above	Gaywire as above GEM as above		
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GRFS as above		GGLE Games Night 8 pm UC 536	GLOW Night as above	Gaywire as above GEM as above		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
GRFS as above		GGLE Barbeque and Baseball Game with WOODS 6 pm Riverside Park Lower Pavillion	GLOW Night as above	Gaywire as above GEM as above		

midnight Saturday until dawn Monday morning, the state is dry. There isn't a drop of alcohol, wine, or beer to be bought anywhere with three exceptions: Charleston, Columbia, and North Myrtle Beach. Just picture the stream of traffic that occurs every Saturday night leaving Myrtle Beach--rush hour at 10:00 pm.

Of the three bars in Myrtle Beach, **The Offshore Drilling Company** is the most popular. It's packed on Friday nights. Because of its popularity, this bar was almost evenly split between its gay and lesbian clientele. We didn't go to the bar in North Myrtle Beach (of which the name escapes me but can be found in Etcetera--the same magazine that's found in Atlanta) on Saturday night so I cannot comment on its popularity. I'm told its busy but with the liquor laws being what they are, this shouldn't come as a surprise.

Our trip home was mostly uneventful with the exception of Washington D.C. and Baltimore. Outside Washington we got stuck in late Sunday afternoon traffic behind a vehicle that was plodding along beside a transport truck. After several minutes of this we suddenly noticed a woman's head rise out of the man's lap, brush her hair, and dive back into his lap again. After passing his car I noticed in my rear-view mirror that his car was swerving and that shortly thereafter the couple was necking. He must have cum. The next car that we were trapped behind the couple was merely necking. And they say that homosexuals are promiscuous! Following dinner in Baltimore we searched for several bars. And did we ever have to look! The first place had a sign no larger than a paperback indicating the entrance was at the rear of the building. It was as if we'd stepped back two decades in time. The funny thing was that this was their Pride Day in Baltimore. You would never have known if they hadn't told us. There was little evidence of it ever having happened. After staying for what seemed an eternity, we left and attempted to locate two other bars. Their names had changed since being printed in Spartacus. One had become a leather bar whose clientele looked particularly scary and the other just didn't appeal to us. I'm told that Baltimore is not all like this but then I also discovered after we returned that Atlanta has a similar seedy part of town. I think we were simply in the wrong neighbourhood. But aside from that wrinkle in our trip we had fun and would all enjoy doing it again.



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Area (ACCKWA) as part of AIDS Awareness Week, 1991 (October 6-12).

Looking Ahead

Lucie Blue Tremblay in concert

Quebec singer/songwriter Lucie Blue Tremblay will make her only Ontario appearance this fall (aside from Toronto's Mariposa Music Festival) at the Princess Cinema in Waterloo on Sunday, 8 September 1991. The show starts at 8 pm and general admission tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Ms Tremblay, who writes and sings in English and French, is currently touring to promote her latest album, *Tendresse*. Her commitment to share the Quebecois culture gives the listener an exceptional musical and cultural experience. Having studied in English-speaking schools in Quebec, Tremblay's approach to her music became bi-lingual. She writes in whichever language the songs come to her. "In order for me to be a whole performer," she notes, "I cannot negate either language. My singing in French as if it were perfectly normal enables people to be accepting of the language and connects them with the French culture and French-speaking people. This is such an important part of my work, my music, and me."

Tickets are on sale at the Princess Cinema and Provident Bookstore: (519) 746-2872 in Waterloo; the Women's Bookstop: (416) 525-2970 in Hamilton; and the Developmental Education Centre (DEC) Bookroom: (416) 516-2966 in Toronto.

For more information, or to arrange an interview, contact: Mary Joy Aitken at (519) 570-1129 [h] or (519) 741-0190 [w].

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