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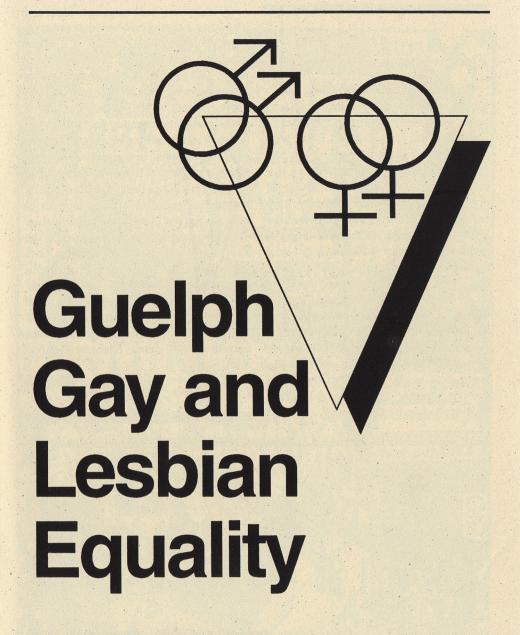
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Newsletter for April 1992

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Final words ...

The end of my term as Executive Director has arrived. As I leave this position, I leave with many good experiences and some bad ones too. The GGLE has gone through many years of cyclical ups and downs; this past year was definitely a low ebb for the group. During the initial part of my elected year (April to September), we experienced financial hardships and the level of membership participation dropped.

However, these problems didn't stop the dedicated people from sticking around and continuing the fight to keep the group alive. We held monthly baseball games with WOODS during the summer months; we held a couple of fund raising garage sales that were successful; we had a couple of unsuccessful car rallies; we hosted a successful CLGRO Education Conference and our monthly dances brought in revenue depending on the month.

With the new year came new ideas and a new bar. Located on MacDonnell Street, 33MAC couldn't have come at a better time. We now hold our monthly dances there. The gay and lesbian community in Guelph now have a choice for social gatherings; hopefully, the "stone throwing" at the GGLE for not meeting the needs of the community's homosexual population ends. My only response to the people who feel strongly about this issue is, "What have you done to change this?" We need to stick together as gays and lesbians in order to educate and end the ensuing homophobia.

My congratulations to the team on the new Executive Committee. There's a lot of work to be done to re-establish morale in the group. I wish them all the best. My final words, as Executive Director, to all those people who stuck with the group an contributed to its continued success and existence in the last year, a heartfelt THANK YOU.

Reggie



We have a New Executive Committee!!

Executive Director
Financial Director
Publicity Director
Dance Director
Education Director
Activities Directors (2)

- Lin S.
- John B.
- Tammy K.
- Tim S.
- Stephen M.
- Vacant

Lynda and Jennifer have both offered to assist with activities for the summer months. If you are interested in being an Activities Director, and you hold a valid GGLE membership, please contact Lin.

Some Words from the New Executive Committee

Executive Director. Hi, I'm pleased to become the GGLE's new Executive Director. I feel this role will be both challenging and exciting. For the past three years I have been working on the GGLE's Gayline, assisting others, answering questions and supplying information to members of the Gay and Lesbian Community of Guelph.

This term, we, the new executive, are planning exciting Tuesday night meetings, social outings, and we are continuing our successful monthly dances. I look forward to this year and feel the new executive will strengthen the GGLE.

I hope that you will continue supporting

the GGLE. After all, the group is here for YOU (the Lesbian and Gay Community). Without your support, we cannot continue. So "come out". Laugh with us, grow with us, and be part of the 1992/93 GGLE. It looks promising . . . Really!

Financial Director. Hi, I'm John B. your new Financial Director. Having been involved in campus activities for the last four years, I guess it's only natural that I now find myself on the GGLE Executive. So let's see you at the meetings... where we're always selling memberships!

Publicity Director. Happy Spring to our readers and to the new GGLE Executive! I am serving as the Publicity Director for the GGLE this term. I am pleased to coordinate an informative and somewhat entertaining newsletter for the members of our community. I anticipate some invigorating changes for the group and its Executive—the floggings will continue until moral improves!—through individual and communal commitment and support. I believe we will endure this time of change.

Note: Please! Submit literature—articles; stories; poems; artwork; ANYTHING!—to the GGLE office for upcoming newsletters.

Tammy

Dance Director. Greetings and salutations everyone. You all made my last term



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so enjoyable, that I'm compelled to "stride with pride" for another one. Now that the proprietors of 33MAC (Gord, Rodney, and Tim) have so graciously provided us with a new venue for our dances, I must confess that there is a lot less work involved in putting on a dance. However, the dances still require volunteer help and I will be counting on you all to lend a helping hand. It's a pleasure to be involved with a group such as ourselves. Hats off to all.

P.S. Nicole. I may still need you.

Tim

Education Director. Hi Everyone! My name is Stephen McGurk and I'm the Education Director for the 1992-93 term of the GGLE Executive.

I started attending meetings back in 1987 but left to back-pack across Scarborough for a few years. I bring back with me experience with such organizations as Fife House, ACT, Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, Fruit Cocktail, just to name a few.

I hope to help steer the group in new directions in the upcoming with the help of my fellow executive members; I would also like to see a return by some of the members who have decided, for whatever reason, to leave the group. With a new executive, we have some great new ideas for the future but we need the input and

experience of the community as a whole in order to make the next year a successful one.

Help save the Court Challenges Program

The Court Challenges Program provides funding to disadvantaged groups and individuals to defend the constitutional equality rights guaranteed in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Without this funding, people will not be able to go to court to defend their rights and freedoms.

Thanks to this program, women, official language minorities, visible minorities, lesbians and gays, persons with disabilities, and other disadvantaged groups have been able to use the courts to force the federal government to respect its constitutional obligations.

On 27 February 1992, the federal government cancelled this essential program.

Please help save this program!

- Write to the Hon. Gerry Weiner, the Minister responsible for the Program.
- Write to you Member of Parliament, to the Prime Minister, to the Hon. Kim Campbell, Minister of Justice, etc. . .

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Sorry for the delay ...

With this being the transition month for the GGLE Executive, we were somewhat delayed in getting the newsletter out on time. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you. Next month's newsletter, barring any complications, should reach your house on time.

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