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GUELPH GAY & LESBIAN EQUALITY

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reading this newsletter*

▼ FEBRUARY 1993 ▼

New Executive Members. . . - We Ain't No Dancin' Fools!

The GGLE is very pleased to announce that we now have a full executive with three new members and they're here to introduce themselves to you.

Hey folks!

I'm Mary and I'm the new co-activities director. This is my fourth year here at Ewe of Goo, studying History and French, and I've been "on the scene" in Guelph for about one year. Some of the events I'm planning include movie nights, dinners, trips, concerts (Nancy Sinatras, Open Mind,...) and maybe some sporting events during the spring and summer. If any of you have other suggestions for meetings or activities, drop me a line at the GGLE office anytime!


Hi, my name is Dennis Hartley and I have recently assumed the role of Education Director for the GGLE. My responsibilities include running the 'buddy system' (so if you want one or want to be one give me a shout), running the Gayline and bringing forth educational matters to the meetings. I look forward to *servng you* in the new year.

Yours truly, Dennis Hartley

Hi there, my name is Marnie and I'm the new Public Relations Director. My main responsibility is to compile and distribute the very newsletter you are reading right now. I've been with the GGLE for about a year now as a member who occasionally volunteered to work dances and stuff but I'm very happy to take a more active role in our group. Lately I've been on a real 'get involved in your community' kick and this is one of the things I've done to try and accomplish that. I hope I can keep you all interested and informed of what's happening in and around our community.

Feel free to come and talk to me or send me a note in the mail if you have any concerns or suggestions as to how we can make the newsletter better. Of course don't forget to send in those submissions - stories, poetry, letters, advertisements, whatever.

See you at **Thirty-three Mac**
for the next GGLE dance...



Friday, February 26
33 MacDonnell Street, Guelph
9 pm 'til 1 am
Light snacks will be served

Dyke Action & Awareness Movement (D.A.A.M.)

Our purpose is to provide a forum for the discussion of lesbian and feminist issues in a safe, comfortable environment and to take action on various issues at members discretion. Discussion topics and action initiatives are determined by the interest of the members and meetings are usually co-facilitated by different womyn each week, based upon their interest or possibly knowledge of the topic. Everyone is to facilitate a meeting, this is simply an attempt at an equal format. Past discussion topics have included sado-masochism, pornography and health issues. Topics for the upcoming month are listed in the calendar. Meetings are at 6 pm on Thursday evenings in the Women's Resource Centre. We welcome all womyn-identified womyn. Our goal is to create a diverse group of womyn whereby we can share our opinions, thoughts and experiences and hence learn more about ourselves and each other.



topic. Even *not expected* a meeting, ply done in to provide sharing Past dis-topics have

Women for Sobriety

Hi, my name is Marilyn and I'm inviting you to join me. I'm part of a self-help organization known as Women for Sobriety. The purpose of this organization is to give women a positive basis to recover from addictions. Being a lesbian brings about different issues that affect our lives and often we are unable to discuss such issues with heterosexuals, even though we are all fighting the same disease.

If you are a lesbian and fighting to recover from the disease of addiction, this may be the place for you. Come out and find out what it is all about. Discover a new, more positive, You!

If you would like more information contact:

Marilyn 837-████

Leave a message:

Carol 856-████

Confidentiality is a top priority among us.

The Guelph Gay & Lesbian Equality
presents

An evening with
**Parents and Friends of
Lesbians & Gays (pflag)**

Tuesday, February 9th
from 8-10 pm

at the University of Guelph
University Centre Room 536

- listen and learn about the issues relevant to family and friends of Lesbians and Gays.
- join us for this annual and informal discussion with speakers from pflag
- bring friends and parents

for more info call the gayline at 836-4550
(remember you don't have to be a student to attend)

**HIGHER
Quota
PRESS** P.O. Box 446
Station 'P'
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 2S9
466-3038/929-2820
*Quota Magazine, a magazine for lesbians,
is now available in the GGLE office.*

Sapphic Salons presents:

The Sluts & Goddesses Salon

8:00 pm • Feb. 13, 1993

An evening of food, discussion and entertainment in celebration of womyn's sexuality. Annie Sprinkles' video "The Sluts and Goddesses Video Workshop" will be shown. Call Nancy at 823-████

(Coming soon. . . Safe Sex and Sex Toy Tupperware' party for womyn)

FEBRUARY 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 women for sobriety uc 536, 7-9	2 GGLE meeting social uc 536, 8:00 pm	3	4 daam meeting women's resource centre 6:00 pm discussion: monogamy/nonmonogamy	5	6 ○
7 valentine's day - if you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with	8 women for sobriety uc 536, 7-9	9 GGLE meeting speakers from PFLAG uc 536, 8:00 pm	10 national body piercing day	11 daam meeting women's resource centre 6:00 pm discussion: hostility within the lesbian community	12 national zetanus shot day	13
14 valentine's day - if you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with	15 women for sobriety uc 536, 7-9	16 GGLE meeting games night: scattergories uc 536, 8:00 pm	17	18 daam meeting women's resource centre 6:00 pm discussion: confronting racism	19	20 monte carlo night at 8:30 pm. 50% of the proceeds for ACGWC prize
21 woods floradale hike 7:45-noon	22 women for sobriety uc 536, 7-9	23 GGLE meeting movie: "topless" bookshelf 9:15 pm	24	25 no daam meeting	26 GGLE dance to raise money for the beggie	27 spot-the-queen of the furrow day
28	<p>PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST</p> <p>GGLE - Gayline (519) 836-4550 AACKWA (519) 836-4550 ACGWC (519) 763-2255 GRFS (519) 725- PFLAG (Mary Jones) (416) 457- GEM (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575 GLOW (519) 824-GLOW (416) 278- Remember to call the GGLE Gayline for updates on calendar events!</p>					

Take a Minute...

Along with my visual artwork, I have created many short stories. Two of these stories, although I wrote them myself, left me in the dark. There was just something about them I didn't understand. Over the years these two replayed in my mind over and over again. Recently (with the help of a friend), I think I'm beginning to catch on to one of them...

This story is a sad one. Dave, the friend, love and partner in life of Patrick, was brutally killed in a gay-bashing. Patrick must continue living with the memories of witnessing this cruel event. A few months later, the following letter was written.

I love you.
 so much.
 Simple words to say and hear.
 Coming from a man raised as a love-starved
 child, it scares me.
 I'm afraid to recite the word in my mind.
 To feel it.
 It was so long,
 So long until I truly felt it.
 Longer still till I said it.
 I feel it.
 I mean it.
 I love you.
 With my mind, I enjoy the thought of you.
 I love you.
 With my heart, I can't bear but to be with you.
 With my soul, I am not, without your acceptance.
 With my body.
 I can feel your arms around me now, holding
 me, never releasing me, only forcing me to understand
 how much I mean to you, putting my arms around
 you.
 I love you.
 Please don't ever leave my side.
 Please come back.
 If God will allow, please, watch over me, keep
 me true.
 I need you to love me.

▼ Patrick

'Forbidden Love' at the Bookshelf

From the renowned Studio D of the National Film Board (read womyn's department) comes a most unusual documentary which weaves an oral history of the emergence of lesbian love in Canada during the forties, fifties and sixties. Stories are told by white, black and native womyn from across the country. They speak eloquently and often hilariously of their first love, last husband, cross dressing, bar scenes, racism, police harassment and job ghettoization.

Threading through the spoken history is a line of corny fictionalized sequences from fifties pulp style novels - which were effective in raising lesbian consciousness in the recent dim past. How can one resist such titles as: *Venus of Lesbos*, *Girls Barracks: warped desires of women who need no men*, and *Man Hater: They hid their claws under nail polish*. (from 'Off The Shelf', Jan./Feb. 1993).

Sounds great eh? This movie is playing February 23, 24 and 25 at the Bookshelf but we thought we'd have a GGLE movie night there on Tuesday the 23rd (in lieu of a regular meeting at the University). Come out and join us. The movie starts a 9:15 pm.

Greetings to all the nightclub hungry dykes out there. Gyrl Spot is an up to date review of all the hot spots there are to visit in the Guelph, Toronto, Kitchener and surrounding areas. I'll give you the locations, cover costs, a brief review and a rating of each bar.

- ♀ lame
- ♀♀ worth a try
- ♀♀♀ impressive
- ♀♀♀♀ experience it
- ♀♀♀♀♀ a definite hot spot

Grab your leather jacket, shine your Dr. Martens, we're going to the Boom Boom Room!

The Boom, as it is affectionately known has one of Toronto's hottest dyke nights around. Concrete, metal cages, great music and lots o' leather are the main ingredients of this bar. dEnisE bEnson spins the disco/alternative/house music to the mostly womyn crowd, 'til the wee hours of

the morning.

The Boom is a great place to dance your ass off, meet new and interesting womyn and to just plain have fun! A metal cage high above the dance floor entices you to come

and dance behind bars (legally!) and to get down and dirty with yourself or others! Anything or everything goes!

Free admission with pass, cheap beer before 11 pm and dollar-a-shot tequila (during certain songs) are definitely added bonuses for a night out at the Boom.

A definite must for those who want a taste of something a little different.

Gyrl Spot rating: ♀♀♀♀

Location: 650 1/2 Queen St. W, Toronto

Cover: free admission before 11 pm with pass (available in Quota); \$5 after

Next month's review: The Robin's Nest.

Until then, pull down your pants and slide on the ice. ▽ heather



BARS & CLUBS

Thirty Three Mac. 33 MacDonnell Street, Guelph. (519) 824-9914. open seven days a week from 1 pm to 2 am. Free pool from 1 to 8 pm

The Pink Zone. 223 1/2 King street, Kitchener (519) 744-7465. Wednesday & Thursday, 8 pm to 2 am; Friday & Saturday 8 pm to 3 am.

The Robin's Nest. 26 Hudson Street, Cambridge. (519) 621-2688. Saturdays only.

ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACGWC); 202-73 Delhi Street; Guelph, ON; N1E 6L9. (519) 763-2255. Weekdays 9 am to 5 pm. ACGWC now has a Newsline at (519) 763-8265.

D.A.A.M. (Dyke Awareness and Action Movement) A political group for dykes and lesbians. Please call the Women's Resource Centre 824-4120 ext 8559 for information. Next meeting Feb. 4 on monogamy/nonmonogamy. All womyn welcome.

Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo. (GLOW); c/o Federation of Students; University of Waterloo; Waterloo, ON; N2L 3G1. Office: Campus Centre Room 209, (519) 884-4569, weekday evenings, messages other times. GLOW provides peer counselling, a book archive, a housing registry, coffeehouses, dances, and general information.

Gay and Lesbian Youth of Cambridge is an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual people aged 14-25. Call 884-4569 for more information.

OWLS is a privately organized, non-profit social/cultural group for women over thirty. Call 884-4569 for more information.

Women Out of Doors (WOODS), PO Box 986, Waterloo, N2J 4S1. (519) 746- Social recreational group with various activities, bimonthly newsletter. Membership - \$15/year.

RADIO SHOWS

Feminist Framework Wed. 10:30 to 11 am, CKWR-FM 98.7

Feminist Frequency Sun. 7 to 8 pm, CFRU-FM 93.3

The Leaping Lesbian Radio Show Thurs. 6 to 8 pm, CKMS-FM 94.5

Nowhere to Hide Wed. 8 to 9 pm, CKMS-FM 94.5

Rainbow Radio Network Thurs. 10:15 pm, CHRW-FM 94.7

Women Spin Wed. 6 to 8 pm, CKMS-FM 94.5

Women Wise Wed. 10:30 pm to 12:30 am, CKWR-FM 98.7

Gaywire Thurs. 7 to 8 pm CIUT-FM 89.5

New Listings...

Music by Dykes and Folks Who Wish They Were Sun. 9-10 am, CFRU-FM 93.3

Georgia's Broom Closet (Lesbian & Bi+) Sat. 6-7 pm, CFRU-FM 93.3

EVENTS

Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality Annual General Meeting March 9th, 1993
Executive Members will present progress reports including the financial report

WOMEN+ MUSIC

HEATHER BISHOP, Sat. March 6 (8pm)
St. Paul's Centre at Trinity, 427 Bloor St. W., Toronto
\$14(advance); \$16(door)

FERRON, Fri. March 19 (8pm)
St. Paul's Centre at Trinity, 427 Bloor St. W., Toronto
\$16(advance); \$18(door)

ANI DIFRANCO, Sun. April 4 (8pm)
The Commercial Tavern, 3 Church St. N., Maryhill
\$11(advance); 12(door)

JUDY SMALL, Fri. April 30 (8pm)
Metropolitan Community Church
115 Simpson Ave., Toronto
\$14(advance); \$16(door)

KATE CLINTON, Sat. May 29 (7:00 & 9:30 pm)
Bathurst Street Theatre, 336 Bathurst St., Toronto
\$17(advance); \$19(door)

PHONE ORDERS: 519-747-8765
Waterloo Showtime Box office, (Weekdays, 12:30 - 5:30 pm) (VISA/Mastercard orders accepted)

Tickets for all shows are also available at Provident Bookstore in Waterloo (746-2872). Tickets for Toronto shows are also available at Wonderworks (79A Harbord St, Toronto; 975-8961) and The Big Carrot (348 Danforth St., Toronto; 466-2129). Tickets for Maryhill Shows are also available at The Commercial Tavern (648-2644), Provident Bookstore in Waterloo and Looney Tunes (837-9277) in Guelph.



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9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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Deadline

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by February 12 1993.

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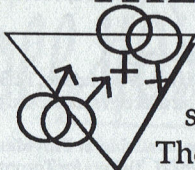
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G.G.L.E. Memberships

Don't forget to buy your GGLE membership! They're only \$12 and they get you voting privileges at executive elections, the newsletter mailed to you and reduced admissions price to GGLE dances and other community group dances in the surrounding area.

THE GAYLINE . . . (519) 836-4550



Monday to Thursday • 7:30 to 9:30 pm
A 24 hour recorded message is available out
side of staffed hours.

The Gayline provides peer counselling, support,
and information for the Gay and Lesbian community of
Guelph and area.

Call our office phone at (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575 if you wish
to leave a message at any other time.

**Tuesday March 9th,
1993**

G.G.L.E.

**Annual General
Meeting
BE THERE**

Agenda:

***-> Executive Reports**

***-> Referendum: should we add
Bisexual to our name?**

***-> Elections: Financial and Dance
Directors**

**(Nominations will be taken during the
month of February)**

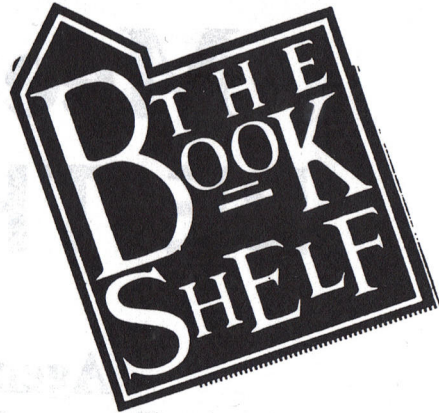
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