

Gay Community Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION

There has been a long-standing need in the Boston gay community for improved communication between the various gay organizations and the gay individual. The lack of coverage in the "straight" press has added to this problem of getting necessary information to our community. Gay groups have attempted to overcome this problem by newsletters to their members, but this has led to duplication of efforts, with vast portions of the community left uninformed about events until after they have passed.

The Gay Community Newsletter is meant as a means to solve this problem. The purpose will be to list all of the events and information of interest to the gay community in one publication. This will not be a literary publication. We are fortunate to have several already serving the community. We feel weekly publication will be necessary to fill this need for quick current information.

This newsletter is published in cooperation with the many gay organizations in the area, with special starting financial support from the Meetinghouse Coffeehouse and the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

The necessity of being self-supporting will require a small donation for the newsletter. Distribution has not yet been completely worked out, but we anticipate that a large portion of this will be through subscription. (Note subscription form on the following page).

We ask for the aid of the gay community in informing us of information and events for publications. Our mailing address is:

Gay Community Newsletter,
c/o Charles St. Meetinghouse
70 Charles Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Temporary phone: 742-0450.

We welcome and encourage the comments and suggestions of our readers!

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This first issue of the newsletter is loosely organized into sections called Events, Volunteers, Needs, Notices, Directory, etc. For ready reference, all dates are repeated in a Calendar. For this issue, we were overwhelmed with descriptive material about groups, most of which we will try to publish next week. This issue consists mostly of current items, and we will try to fill in on general information as we go along, hopefully issuing a complete listing of "group blurbs" once a month.

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EVENTS (Continuing)

Gay Women's Rap Sessions are held every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm at the Daughters of Bilitis offices, 419 Boylston St., Room 323, Bos. (phone 262-1592) Newcomers especially welcome.

Metropolitan Community Church, an ecumenical & non-denominational Christian church, emphasizing ministry to the gay community, has worship services every Sunday evening, preceded by mem-

bers meeting, and followed by a social hour (see calendar). Pastors Rev. Larry Bernier & Nancy Wilson are available for consultation: 266-7491, offices at 419 Boylston St., Room 406 are open 10 am - 6 pm, Tues.-Fri. or by appointment.

Street Priest for gays & bi's, Fr. Paul Shanley, holds Mass on Sundays at 5:30 pm at Interfaith, corner of Mass. Ave & Beacon (next to church). A priest in the archdiocese of Boston,



he has been working with younger gays & bisexuals, to overcome the negative conditioning of the Catholic Church. For raps & counseling, he can be reached at 267-0764.

Dignity Boston, a group of gay Catholics who want to see Christ's love shown to homophile men & women meet the first Sunday of the month. For more info, write Dignity / Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St. Boston, Ma. 02215.

D. O. B. softball games take place on Sunday afternoons at 1 pm at Magazine Beach in Cambridge (along the Charles River, across from Cadillac Olds). Play or watch the game. Bring bat, ball & glove if possible.

Of SPECIAL INTEREST is the DOB picnic, Sunday, July 15 at Colhite State Park in Framingham. For more details call the D. O. B. office.

FOR OTHER CONTINUING EVENTS: such as dances, staff meetings, groups, programs, etc., etc., see the listings in the Calendar.

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GAY PRIDE WEEK

The following is a concise, yet as complete as possible description of events scheduled for Gay Pride Week '73. Events are also listed in the Calendar for your convenience.

WORKSHOPS (All held at the Charles St. Meetinghouse):

Tuesday, June 19, 8 pm

Gay Women's Workshop -- a chance for women to get together and do their own thing; what it means to be gay and a woman; Leader to be announced.

Gay Men's Workshop -- men only; consciousness raising group.

Wednesday, June 20, 7 pm

Gay Youth Workshop. -- for gays 19 years & younger. High school organizing; parents; problems particularly relevant to youth; being gay & young. Leader: Mark Jerome.

Relationship Workshop -- the loving couple, and all that it entails & implies;

how they work & function; where it goes from there. Leaders: Bob & Harry.

Thursday, June 21, 8:00 pm

Law & politics workshop. How do the laws oppress gays; what can be done, what is being done; the politics of gay legislation; the why & how of political change. Leaders: Bob Dow & Elaine Noble.

Transsexuals & Transvestites Workshop. -- Our special problems and needs. where are we in the gay movement? Leader: Christie.

Friday, June 22, 6-10 pm.

A Night of Art and Entertainment -- art exhibit of the Coffeehouse, entertainment including poetry by John Williams in the Coffeehouse.

Dance, see Calendar.

Saturday, June 22

Tea on the Bricks (i.e., Lawn) Time to be announced; location may change. Social gathering on patio of Coffeehouse with entertainment including poetry by Mary Damon, Allison Mitchell, & John Wieners.

Dance, see Calendar.

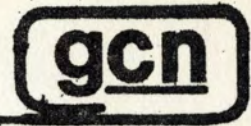
N. Y. C. Christopher St. Parade

Buses leave Meetinghouse 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning, arriving for noon parade. Will leave right after parade to return Sunday night. Cost \$12 for bus. Tickets available at Meetinghouse.

*Get tickets by Friday so we can plan on number of buses. If everyone waits, we will not have enough buses. Plan Ahead!

Coming Out. Wed. June 20, 7:00p.m.

C. S. M. H. Written by Jonathan Katz, produced & directed in Boston by Nick Deutsch. First produced in N.Y.C. at the Gay Activists Alliance's Firehouse in June'72. Independent sketches tracing history of homosexuals. Effectively creates a great sense of Gay Pride, with a complete emotional range experienced by the audience. Has had a very successful three week run in Boston already. May be your last



chance to catch it before the fall. Come early --- it will definitely be sold out!

Performing Dances & Poetry. Thurs. June 21, 8:30p.m. C. S. M. H. Modern & Expressionist Dance, poetry reading. Performers to be announced.

DID YOU SEE. . .

Elaine Nobel appears in the latest issue of Esquire Magazine under the heading of "the Lavender Menace" in the article "302 Women Who are cute when they get mad". Elaine also is heard from in The Sunday (June 16) Boston Globe Magazine.

Read Laura Shapiro's answer to Esquire in the Real Paper's (June 19) article "This issue is about Esquire".

Bill Cutler of the Boston Phoenix reviews "Out of the Closets: voices of Gay Liberation" in the June issue of that newspaper.

Anti-Gay slur by the Media?
If you are offended by any limp wristed or otherwise sexist remarks on t.v. or radio, please do the following:

1. Make a note--what did you see/hear, when, who said what, what station. Make it short but accurate.
2. Call the station, ask for the appropriate department to register a complaint with. Give them hell.
3. Call Gay Media Watch 668-5729 or 277-0687.
4. Write a letter of complaint. This is important because calls are often forgotten. Everyone can help to create an atmosphere of fairness.

SUBSCRIBE NOW. . . GET FIRST ISSUE FREE!

Don't miss an issue and be left uninformed!

You will receive the first few issues free until we figure out the cost - roughly 10-25¢ per issue to cover materials and postage.

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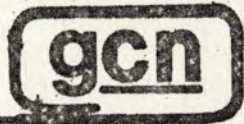
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Mail to: GCN, c/o Charles Atreet Meetinghouse, 70 Charles Street, Boston, 02114



QUICK GAY DIRECTORY

- Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
- Charles Street Meetinghouse 742-0450
- Daughters of Bilitis 262-1592
- Dignity Boston: c/o 1105 Boylston St.
Boston, Ma. 02215
- Fag Rag 536-9026
- Gay Community Center . . . 491-5669
or: 208-0765
- Gay Media Watch 860-5729
or: 277-0607
- Gay Phone . . . 354-1555 or -1556
- Gay Speakers Bureau. 547-1451
- Gay-Way Radio (WBUR-FM)
call Elaine Noble at 353-2790
- Good Gay Poets. 536-9826
- Homophile Community Health Service
. 266-5477
- Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
- Lavender Hour (WBCN-FM)
call Littlejohn or Andy Kopkind at
. 261-8526
- Lesbian Liberation 354-8807
(c/o the Women's Center)
- Metropolitan Community Church
of Boston 266-7491
- Project Place 267-9150
- Red River Dyke Collective: c/o 43
Willow St., Somerville, Ma. 02143
- Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764

PEOPLE NEEDED:

Poetry & Poetry Reading -- if you're interested in reading or know anyone who is, call Charley Shively, 536-9026.

Clean Up Squad -- for Friday nite dances at the Meetinghouse; people who can stay late (after 1 am) contact Rick Hamilton, 491-5669.

Coffeehouse (waiters, cooks, etc.) see Steffi, or call 742-0450.

Speakers needed by the Speakers' Bureau for two upcoming engagements, both on June 21st. Call Geri Bidwell, 547-1451.

Publishing help for the summer issue of Boston Gay-Lib. If you can help with the layouts, proofreading, etc. or have any articles to contribute, contact the H. U. B. office.

Salesman for Fag Rag needed: lots of 25 or more, at 20¢ per paper, sell them at 50¢. (Stores at 30¢ wholesale) Call Charley Shively, 536-9826.

NOTICES

New stories and photos for next Fag Rag issue c/o Red Book Store, 91 River Street, Cambridge, 02139.

Vacuum cleaner for the Meetinghouse Coffeehouse, if you can donate. Call 742-0450.

Material needed for Lavender Hour programs, anyone with recorded or unrecorded material: music, poetry, brief dramatizations or information on where to find such material (Boston or elsewhere) contact: Andy Kopkind, John Scagliotti, WBCN- 261-8526. (leave message)

Staff members needed by Gay Community News--- Collect information, typing writing, news reporting, layout, printing etc. Call Ian 742-0450.

The Meetinghouse Coffeehouse is now open seven days from noon til midnight.

GAY MEDIA WATCH will sponsor a "Catch 44" program on Channel 2 WCBH at 3:30p.m. on Saturday June 30. Lynne Larkin and James M. Zepp will host the program. The guests will include Elaine Noble (Gay Way Radio), Martha Akey (BCES), Laura McMurray (DOB), B. Andrew Graham (HCHS), and Nicholas Deutsch (Director of "Coming Out").

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7:00pm*Relationship Workshop, CSMH
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8:30pm*Play: Coming Out, CSMH, \$1

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8:00pm*Transexual/Transvestite Wkshop
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8:30pm*Performing Dance & Poetry CSMH
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8:00pm Fag Rag Staff Meeting
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9:00pm Gay Way Radio
WBUR (90.9 FM)
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5-10pm*A Night of Art & Entertain. CSMH
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8:00pm Good Gay Poets
by David Eberly at CSMH
3:30pm*"Catch 44"
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6:30am*Bus to NYC Gay March CSMH
1:00pm*DOB Softball, Magazine Beach
5:30pm*Interfaith Mass, Mass/Beacon
6&7pm*MCC Service, Old West Church
7:00pm Media Watch Meeting CSMH

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10:00pm Lavender Hour Radio
WBCN (104.1 FM)