



November Gathering

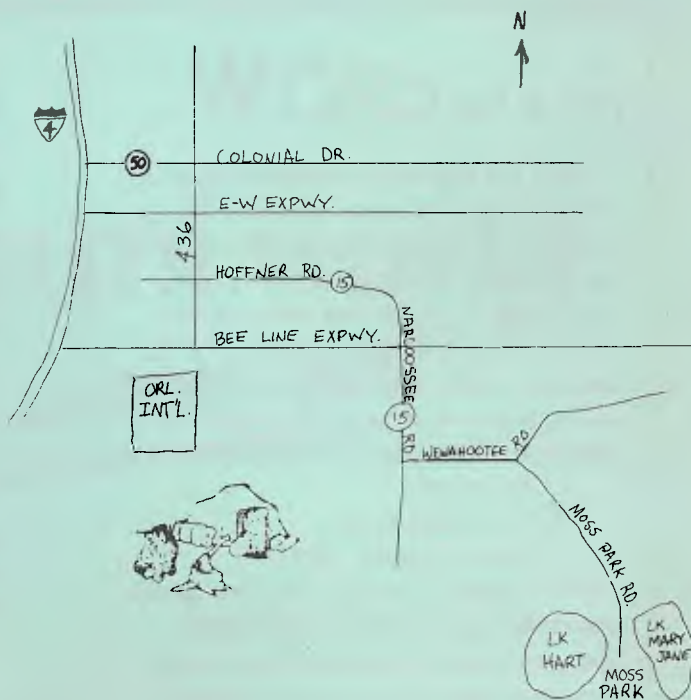
The November Gathering will be held at Moss Park, and it will be combined with a camping trip. For those of you who are just not into camping... bring a picnic lunch and spend Saturday with us.

There are tennis courts, playgrounds, a softball diamond (bring your gloves), swimming, fishing,

boat ramps, our own "infamous volleyball net" and horse shoes for a day full of fun.

For those of you who do plan to camp, remember Mz. Manners, come prepared. There are shower and bathroom facilities in the park but no stores close by, so bring what you are going to need! The campground furnishes a grill with each picnic table, but you may want to bring your own ... just in case!

Pets and alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park ... drinks can be camouflaged; pets can't, so please don't bring them.



MZ MANNERS SAYS:
If you need it, bring it!

Please be aware of how you dispose of this and following issues of this publication. If thrown in the garbage, it may fall into the hands of someone who would create hassles or even dangerous situations for anyone, especially those whose names and phone numbers are listed herein. Please treat this and all future issues with the respect and care that goes into them. When wanting to dispose of old issues why not give them to a sister.

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FUELING THE TRAIN

by Brenda

OUR EXPRESS TRAIN is unique. Held together by commitments, it's source of energy is LOVE. Love is the magic fuel that propels us toward LIBERATION. Every loving act generates this fuel which, when burned in the hearth of our lives, does not dissipate but miraculously explodes into an even more powerful loving.

Loving is a sacred offering of the substance of our being. Through loving we create, not only ourselves, but the possibilities of others to BE. Every moment which is not an active involvement in loving is a death blow to the spirit of life within us.

If the LCN-EXPRESS is to take us to liberation then we must begin to define for ourselves the essence of this Liberation. Loving ourselves is a beginning point, creating our women loving women identity is a stepping stone, accepting our diversity a necessity and embracing our brothers an act of survi-

val. Each of us makes all the difference in the world. We are not a product of our leadership but our leadership is the product of each individual's actions and non-actions. To be a Community we must step out of our closets with our Love ...

for our children for they are the future

for each other for our needs are many

for our brothers for we cannot liberate ourselves without them

for our parents who suffer our rejection even when they are the rejectors

It is time to CELEBRATE OUR LOVE. That is what our GATHERINGS are about — Through coming together we shall build our pride, open our hearts and minds to each other and ignite the fires of LOVING ... Ourselves, our Lovers, Our Community.

Happy Thanksgiving from LCN



Welcome...

to Joy Metropolitan Community Church of Orlando (MCC)

In October 1968, after several years of wondering how to best give the Lesbian and Gay Community a Christian witness, Rev. Troy Perry opened the first Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles. Since that time, the church has grown to over 200 congregations in several countries. The bulk of support still remains in North America. Currently, there are 14 MCC churches in Florida. While MCC is not exclusively Lesbian and Gay, it is primarily a Christian church with an outreach to the homosexual community. MCC churches have sought to bring hope and assurance to a group that has often been persecuted, ignored, or misunderstood by organized religious groups. In this effort, often the most difficult group to convince of the authenticity of the MCC witness has been the Lesbian and Gay community itself. Unfortunately, many in this community have been so alienated by religion and traditional concepts of homosexuality that they are not interested in hearing about MCC.

Locally, MCC is represented by Joy Metropolitan Community Church. The church currently has 78 active members with a weekly attendance of about 100. The church is almost evenly divided between men and women, and is committed to being inclusive in all ways. The church is opposed to sexism, racism, ageism, and all other attitudes that discriminate against one or more segments of the population. Joy MCC maintains an office at 2202 Curry Ford Road which is open Monday - Friday, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., as well as at other times by appointment. The pastor, Rev. James T. Brock, is available for counseling both to church members and to non church members. At the office, a Wednesday night discussion group is held at 7:30, and Choir practice is on Thursday at the same time. A special feature is a Friday night Game Night which is a time for people to share together in a relaxed

atmosphere. One important feature of the program of JMCC is a Gay AA which meets at the church office on Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m.

Perhaps the central focus of what JMCC does is the regular Sunday service which is held at the New Age Center at 2500 Curry Ford Road, on Sunday evenings at 7:15. This is the largest gathering of the church and the time when we are eagerly announcing that God does indeed love everyone. Since we attract people from all kinds of Christian backgrounds, we try to make this service as ecumenical as possible. The hope is that everyone who attends will find something that is familiar and comfortable, and that because of this that person will come to appreciate all the other parts of the service. The Sunday evening service, as well as all other activities, is open to the public.

One important aspect of MCC development over the last sixteen years, has been the desire to be gender inclusive. In that direction, MCC has pioneered the use of "inclusive" language in our services, and in our thinking. This means a conscious effort to speak of humankind instead of mankind, and to see God as both male and female, ultimately neither and both. In keeping with this stance, the ministers in MCC are almost equally divided between female and male, which is something that probably no other denomination can say. The Administrative body of the Universal Fellowship of MCC is made up of seven elders, and currently four of those elders are women.

Joy MCC of Orlando would like to be a vital part of the life of the Lesbian and Gay community, and we would like to make a contribution to as many individual lives as is possible. If you have any questions, please call 894-1081. Thank you for letting us have this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you.

James T. Brock, Pastor

Reprinted from "Herizon" October, 1984

CONGRATULATIONS WOMEN IN ORLANDO!!!

Yes, we can believe it!! (A little time in coming, but we in Jacksonville knew you would do it!!!) - eventually.

I think your newsletter is great - Thank you for putting us on your mailing list and extending an invitation to the Jacksonville community of women to meet with you in your monthly gatherings.

It is wonderful to have another "Information network" to draw from. I want to say that I am very impressed with the professional quality of your newsletter - it is really outstanding! And in only two months!!!! Keep up the good work - the Jacksonville community is *proud of you!!!*



"Thanks"

The October gathering was LCN's first out-of-town event and it was a great success. Approximately 70 women turned out to share good company and good fun. Our thanks to Patty S. for sharing her home and hospitality with us.

Our "infamous" Volleyball games will continue, but now in finer fashion. Thanks to Pat and Rebecca who donated a new volleyball net and ball! Will we know how to play with a NEW volleyball?

Patty S. will be building us a new bulletin board to be named the "Express Board." Be sure to check out the Express Board with all its informative messages at the December Gathering.

Thanks again to ALL OF YOU for showing your support.

Sister Share

We all have our ups and downs and for many reasons holidays intensify the down periods. When everyone else is looking forward to sharing their holidays and you have no one special to be with or no place to go, it can be a very lonely time.

This year don't sit home and mope. Get up and get together. Cherie has volunteered to be a clearing house for holiday gatherings. Let's kick it off with Thanksgiving.

NEED: 1) women who want to be together; 2) a home where we can share a Thanksgiving dinner. This will be on a covered dish type of meal.

Call Cherie at 293-8849 NOW for Thanksgiving. This is also a good time to call for Christmas - the earlier the better.

Lesbian-Feminist Word Search

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 O C L G G I D R E H I P M H
 N P N A I B S E L L E R N O
 C A Y E D R T S A P P H O L
 N X M F X Y N Y M O W I Z E
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LCN EXPRESS	MOTHER
LESBIAN	WIMMIN
HERSTORY	AMAZON
MATRIARCH	BUTCH
FEMINIST	DYKE
FEMALE	DAUGHTER
SISTER	WOMYN
LABRYIS	LAMBDA
SAPPHO	LADY
FEMME	GAY
WOMAN	LESBOS

Concealed within the above letters are the 22 words printed at right - Words can read across, down, bottom to top, diagonal, etc. *Happy Solving!*

We ran into the same problem this month that we encountered with the last newsletter. There were not enough articles for a full paper. Had we received one more article from you this paper would be complete!

Editors LCN

Involvement vs. Commitment

"It's like ham and eggs for breakfast. To produce this meal, the chicken is involved but the pig's committed."

Women's Voices: The Gender Gap Movie

"This film is an invaluable tool for every union and every women's organization seeking to mobilize women in the fall elections."

Joyce Miller, President
Coalition of Labor Union Women

"We will be using **Women's Voices: The Gender Gap Movie** in our nationwide voter registration drives, house parties, and get-out-the-vote campaigns. It's exactly the tool we need to mobilize the women's vote."

Judy Goldsmith, President
National Organization for Women

"You are to be congratulated for bringing American women's political aspirations to life in a factual, sensitive and humorous way."

Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro

Join us in viewing and discussing this informative and important movie.

MONDAY, NOV. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Community Church

2202-F Curry Ford Road

Orlando, Florida

(305) 894-1081

Directions to MCC office: Just west of Bumby on Curry Ford Road (across the street from Century 21 Office).

"Terminal Hold"

I've yet to talk with someone who has heard this album that didn't like it. It seems to "grow on people" with each listening. As her first solo album, Tret has a variety of music, but seems most at home with a "rock" sound. A talented musician and lyricist she has her own unique style; however, that defies a single category. Her lyrical abilities are especially spotlighted in the ballads. A good first album that leaves the listener eagerly looking forward to her next.



WE HATE TO ~~BUG~~ YOU BUT

IF YOU MOVE, OR PLAN TO MOVE, PLEASE DROP US A NOTE OR GIVE US A CALL TO LET US KNOW YOUR NEW ADDRESS SO YOU CAN CONTINUE RECEIVING THE LCN EXPRESS.

Joy MCC will be having a potluck Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone who wishes to attend. The dinner will be held on Thanksgiving at the New Age Center, 2500 Curry Ford Road. Call 894-1081 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Carol and Dottie
27 years together**



LESBY ANN

Dear Lesby Ann,

Yesterday my lover and I were playing Trivial Pursuit. I had all my pies and had finally landed in the center for the win. My lover chose my weakest subject: Geography. Upon hearing the question I knew I had finally beat her. Unfortunately this is where the conflict began.

Here's the question and I'm sure you will understand the problem.

Question: What are the residents of the Island of Lesbos Called?

My Answer: "Any self respecting dyke knows that it is Lesbians."

My lover said, "Wrong again, the answer is Lesbosians."

I know this game was invented by French Canadians, and maybe something got lost in translation. Therefore, we have agreed to turn the matter over to you and to let your infinite wisdom restore peace in our home. Please don't keep us waiting.

Signed
Anxious But Confident

Dear ABC,

I have relied on a tried source for this definitive information, the Encyclopedia Britanica. The residents of the Island of Lesbos and called Greeks!

Lesby Ann

Your're right! We made this one up. But if you do have a problem and would like to write us about it, maybe Lesby Ann can help, SERIOUSLY.

Send letter to LCN Express, 5100 Barton Drive, Orlando, Florida 32807.

AIDS Victim fired by Employer

Recap from Orlando Sentinel, 10-9-84

Broward County officials admit that Todd Shuttleworth, a budget analyst and a homosexual, was fired because he has acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Their reason: they aren't taking any chances because AIDS is communicable and fatal.

The ACLU is appealing the case to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and if necessary will go to court.

Bath House

Recap from Orlando Sentinel, 10-12-84

In San Francisco, fourteen bath houses and sex clubs (for homosexuals) have been ordered closed. The city's purpose: To stem the spread of AIDS.

According to the Deputy City Attorney San Francisco had spent \$1 million treating AIDS victims and promiscuous male sexual contacts "have been identified as one of the most significant risk factors associated with the contraction of AIDS."

Representatives of the businesses and homosexual organizations are opposing the request claiming: The order is discriminatory.

CRISIS HOTLINE

843-4297 Gay Community Services
628-1227 WE CARE



WANTED

Discreet, stable, "feminine" female - professional type or student - to share 2 bedroom house in quiet neighborhood. Must like pets. Fenced yard, washer, a/c. Near Florida Hospital - NTC. \$225/month + util. Leave message for Jill at MCC telephone number: 894-1081.

Tired of not being able to find lesbian & gay literature in Orlando or being forced to travel to Tallahassee or Tampa to buy those choice lesbian romances? Call LeJune or Carolyn at 894-4202 to either order your books at discount or check what we have in stock. Currently in stock, books printed by Naiad Press.

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Whoops!

We forgot the date of the camping trip. It will be Friday, Nov. 16 thru Sun. Nov. 18. For those not interested in camping come on out Saturday, Nov. 17.

**Any questions call
Lou & Donna 273-1825
Cherie & Penny 293-8849**