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GAY BOWLING

New twist to all-American pastime

By Sal Capozzi
Center Fold Staff Writer

What's more popular than hot dogs, and more all-American than apple pie and mom put together?

Bowling.

It's the most popular participation sport worldwide, enjoyed by men and women, boys and girls, young and old.

And, for Orlando gays and lesbians, it is arguably the most popular non-bar social activity.

Orlando has three leagues for gay and lesbian bowlers. The oldest and largest of the three, Orange Blossom Bowling Association (OBBA) got its start five years ago on Tuesday nights at Bowl America Winter Park.

This season OBBA filled every one of the 30 lanes at the bowling alley, becoming the largest league, gay or straight, at Bowl America.

The Tangerine Bowling Association was formed to accommodate the overflow of bowlers clamoring to participate in OBBA. The Tangerine League now bowls Wednesday nights at Bowl America.

Not to be outdone, the Lucky Ladies League has been bowling on Thursday nights for the past three years at Fairvilla Lanes in Orlando.

Why the popularity of bowling? The answers seem to be pretty much the same at all three leagues with a few exceptions. Most members enjoy the atmosphere; the chance to socialize and meet other gays in a healthy, relaxed setting.

"I've been on gay leagues in Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, and Washington," says Don Abbott, who joined OBBA this season, "but this league is much more fun. There's a whole lot more camaraderie."

Steve Brooks hadn't bowled since he was a child, but joined OBBA last summer. "It's a chance to see people in almost natural light," he jokes. "You can't just 'stand and model;' you're forced to interact with others, and you can't help having fun."

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Tony Raney, currently serving as OBBA president, says he likes the new automatic scoring machines. "They really speed up the evening. Plus, now that none of us have to worry about keeping score,

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Gay Orlando, Part IV:

LESBIAN MOON PARTIES

Birth of women's
consciousness

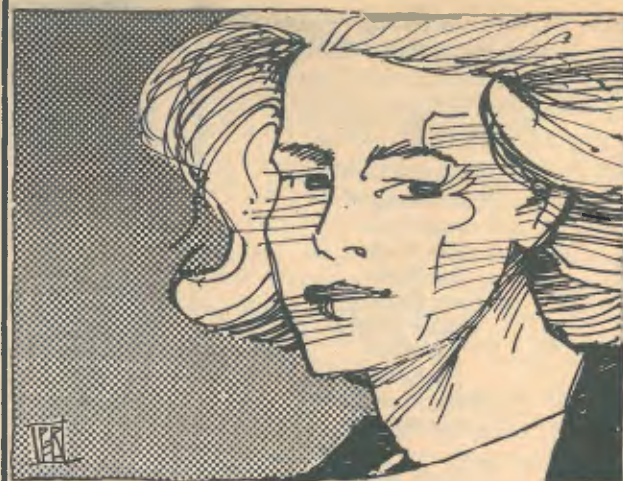


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By Ken Berg
Center Fold News Editor

Lesbians played an important role in Orlando's fledgling social activism movement of the early eighties.

But for many women, the Orlando bar scene remained a man's world, where females, gay or straight, did not feel fully comfortable or welcome. There was a growing sense that women needed a space of their own in which to meet and socialize. Out of this need developed the legendary lesbian moon parties, and Orlando's key lesbian social group, Loving Committed Network (LCN).

Pam Berry, a 43 year old Orlando native, came out in the late seventies, just before the moon parties began. Divorced and raising two children, Pam had been spending time at the Parliament House, making a number of friends there, but felt that something missing.

"It was the only bar that I was familiar with," Pam remembers. "It was kind of traumatic because there were

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Future Shock: Never Too Soon

By David Bain
President, GLCS

The future is indeed on the minds of our community based on the overwhelming reaction to my last article. In fact, I was a little unprepared for the positive response from the many who made a point to call or stop me as I made my rounds of the city. It was a great lift of my spirits to find so many

here in the Gay and Lesbian Community of 1990.

Our Gay and Lesbian Community Center is over twice the size of our old building after only two years. This year's GLCS budget is nearly 6 times higher than any year before. Located on busy Colonial Drive, the parking lot and all its meeting rooms are already overflowing on many nights. Although open only 5 days per week, special activities throughout the month make it rare not to find someone on something happening every day of the year. The phones inside ring constantly, even after installation of a computerized answering information retrieval system. Already our 3 phone lines and computer system are overburdened and it will be necessary in the next few months to install more lines and expand the

ship, advertising, cruise reservations and financial status are available at the touch of a button. By year's end, we expect to have added an information database that will give other groups, as well as our own, instant access to information about local events and organizations.

It's almost a daily, if not hourly, occurrence to find someone being escorted through

Yes, it is the future and the future has arrived here in Central Florida and it's happening so fast you may find it difficult to believe.

our building on a tour to see some of the many services that we provide. Public awareness of GLCS/The Center is at an all time high and new Gay and Lesbian residents are making GLCS the first stop on their list. Membership in GLCS has doubled in the last 4 months since our move to the new building. Old time Orlando residents are beginning to get the message that GLCS is on the right track and are beginning to show support with their wallets and their expertise.

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of you who shared in my dream for the future of the Orlando and Central Florida Gay and Lesbian community.

Although many of my dreams will take the full 5 years and cooperation and foresight of hundreds of individuals and organizations, our trip into the future has already begun to materialize around us. Take a trip with me now to the present,

computer system.

The Center now has two paid staff members that handle the mountains of paperwork and scheduling, correspondence, fundraising, media relations and special requests that occur every day. Almost all the office functions have been completely computerized including word processing, billing, newsletter production, member-

Media Relations: We've Come a Long Way

By Michael Wanzie
Center Director

On World AIDS Day, Dec. 1st, GLCS was host to a press conference to call attention to the inhumane treatment of Orange County prisoners who are HIV positive.

The Center was a-buzz with reporters and cameras from television, radio, and print media. Everyone remained through-

As little as two years ago, the press would not consider responding unless there was something eye-catching to photograph, like a crowd of angry protesters!

We at GLCS have worked hard over the past 18 months to garner the respect of the press and to establish a reputation as a source of credible news leads as well as being a credible voice for our community.

Twice in the last few weeks I've come to work at The Center to find reporters waiting to interview me for the sake of tying the sentiments of the local gay community in with a national story. The press, has responded in a very positive fashion to our request to curtail the practice of using the word "gay" or "homosexual" only with stories that are crime or disease related. When an issue concerning anti-gay sentiment is

and energy, and is an accomplishment in which I take a great deal of pride. No one person however, can accomplish such things on their own. The Center building, standing as a physical statement that a cohesive gay and lesbian community thrives in Orlando, provides me the foundation and credibility to accomplish such goals.

I am fiercely proud of GLCS/The Center.

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ter. Our many successes are attributable not to any one person, but to the wonderful synergy of an organization blessed with many, many individuals willing to put personalities aside and work by consensus for the good of the common goal.

Last January when The Center was in jeopardy of closing, Scott Alles and Larry Nicastro generously provided the seed money to launch The Center's entertainment series, and Jeff Taylor kicked off the PALS pledge drive. These two programs

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out the lengthy conference. Several reporters took extra time to watch a video from our library that delineates between how one can and cannot contract the AIDS virus.

What a testament it is to the works of GLCS and We The People that the press would respond at all to the invitation to attend an AIDS awareness press conference.

reported, the media, now, never misses the opportunity to allow the gay community to respond or rebut—and we don't have to call them, they call us.

Looking back over 1989, I would have to rank this new gay sensitivity in the press as one of this organization's greatest accomplishments. This has been an endeavor in which I have invested much personal time

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks from Miami Chorus

Dear Friends,

Our hats are off to you! Everything we hoped to achieve out of our weekend with you certainly came true. We had an "extra" performance of some of our Holiday Show and were part of what we are sure will be a wonderful chorus in Orlando.

There were of course the usual glitches, but they were handled beautifully by the people on your end.

Most of our people were totally unaware of the social atmosphere in the Orlando area, and in a real sense doing a performance in a public facility brought back for us part of the reason our Chorus exists. Thank

you for giving us that experience. Every once in a while it is nice to get back to basics. Why do we exist? Why do we put in the amount of work it takes to perform and run a chorus?? For most of us we found new reasons out of our weekend with you.

Thanks again, and we look forward to being at the first performance of a gay chorus in Orlando.

Love from all of us.

Peter Albert, President
South Florida Choral Arts, Inc.
The Gay Men's Chorus of
South Florida

Action to Repeal Sodomy Laws

"ACT-UP Atlanta is calling for a National Action to Repeal the Sodomy Laws to be held in Atlanta, on Monday, Jan. 8, 1990. The State of Georgia is one of 22 states that have turned 25-30 million gays and lesbians into unindicted outlaws, based on sexual orientation. We are inviting AIDS activist groups around the country, and all people working in the area of gay, lesbian, and women's rights, to join us in making Georgia the first target in a campaign to overturn these laws.

Then on Tuesday, Jan. 9, we will move on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to protest their restrictive definition of AIDS and to demand a definition that will allow all people with HIV disease to receive existing benefits and services.

Georgia is the backwater of repressive sexual legislation. Home of the infamous Hardwick decision, the Georgia law criminalizes all oral as well as anal sex between consenting adults. Recently, the Georgia courts held that this law did not apply to married heterosexual couples, making the objective of the law even more clear.

The Georgia law provides for imprison-

ment for up to 20 years, a penalty more severe than for many violent crimes such as armed assault. Furthermore, invocation of this archaic law prevents distribution of safer sex information and condoms to prisoners, residents of state institutions, or students in the schools on the specious grounds that safer sex information encourages 'illegal' behavior. People are being prosecuted in Georgia under this law. It's time to act!"

Demonstrations such as this help to send a message to both the legislature and the rest of the country that citizens concerned with basic human rights will not stand quietly by while Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals continue to be branded as criminals. The activities will begin Friday night, Jan. 5, the start of a spirited weekend of meetings and strategizing (with a little time out for a party) organizers say. On Monday, the target is the opening of the State Legislature with a loud and creative presence. And then on to the CDC on Tuesday.

Chip Rowan
ACT-UP, Atlanta

Thank You, Melody Club

I would like to say that it was very nice of the owners of the Melody Club to allow all of us (44 people) to gather there for the last night of our stay in Gainesville during the 1989 Gay Student Group Conference. We

really had a great time and the staff was just wonderful. Thanks a lot for the hospitality. We hope we can return the favor one day.

Roy Enos

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Human Rights, Legal Rights

By Jeff Campbell
Center Fold Staff Writer

I wish to respond to Ann Landers' recent challenge to gays and lesbians concerning the rights of partners and significant others in the event of illness, incapacitation or death. This important matter came to her attention in the lament of a writer who recently found his life disrupted and his emotions shattered by family members of his late partner, who confiscated all possessions and material properties, including the house they had owned.

My partner and I have lived, worked, achieved and loved together since Jan. 1, 1960. We are active in our church together and we are concerned along with society for the environment, drugs, crime and abuse of all kinds. We are deeply concerned with peace on this shattered, war weary planet. As members of humanity we are participants in the fabric of society. We ask no one to join us. We are not in the business of recruiting others to homosexuality. The reality of our presence is established. We are a segment of the family of humanity. As there is day and night, and sun and rain, we are here in the structure of God's Earth. Acceptance of this reality would reflect the wisdom of mature people.

We have grown weary of reminding a reluctant straight society that we would not willingly position ourselves to suffer the slings, arrows, abuse and contempt of violent, intolerant persons. Gay people do not "elect" to be gay, it is not a choice we make at a given time in our lives. Often the self recognition of our sexual orientation is followed by an extended period of denial, then "why me?" and finally the realization this is our true being, and we go about the business of building our lives.

It is not particularly pleasant to battle for each and every right that is ours to claim. But we do fight, although we make every effort to avoid reaching down to the level of our critics. If my actions and words were the display of a narrow, ignorant and closed mind, I should be embarrassed to be seen

in public. Because my words are honest and honorable, because I speak for fairness, justice and kindness, and stand for my rights, I am proud to put my name and my words before the public.

We live our daily lives as harmoniously as society will permit. Among our numbers are some of the most constructive and productive members of society. Our community enjoys a history that includes many of the most creative and imaginative people

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in the arts and in science; we are attorneys and artists, judges, teachers and religious leaders and physicians, construction workers, waiters and writers. Without us many of the most inspired works of art would not exist, much of the finest writing would have gone unwritten. The whole of society has enjoyed the benefits of our labors. We are entitled to be treated as equals.

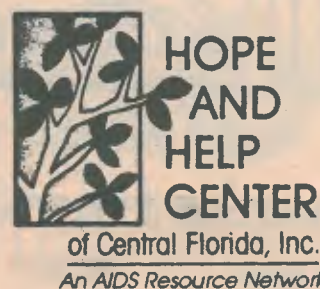
Equal treatment means the same benefits available to other couples should be available to us. The privilege of caring for our partner in times of illness or incapacitation should be equal to our responsibility for doing so, and without interference. And in death, the survivor should be legally entitled to retain the material assets of this enduring and devoted relationship, as well as the beauty of its memories. It is a sad commentary for the entire community that society permits the confiscation of an individual's property because they disapprove of the way that they loved. Because of these injustices, we have the resoluteness, stamina and the drive to fight the battles when they must be fought. We shall have our full human and legal rights.

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Enzian Gala and Art Protest Shine Spotlight On Hope and Help Center



By Laurence Sheldon
 Center Fold Staff Writer

Over four hundred people attended a Celebration of Light and Hope on December 4th at the Enzian Theatre. Hope and Help Center of Central Florida sponsored the benefit as a fundraiser for operating expenses.

The Hope and Help Center is coordinated by Drs. Al and Judy Ziffer. The Ziffers were recently spotlighted in an Orlando Sentinel feature article. When the Orlando Museum of Art decided not to participate in "A Day Without Art," which commemorated artists who have died of AIDS, the Ziffers held a protest and picketed outside the museum. Their dedication and energy are making the Hope and Help Center a viable force in our community.

The Hope and Help Center also sponsors a buddy program. Buddies may transport AIDS victims to medical appointments, provide various types of assistance, or simply be there if a client needs to talk. Support groups meet at The Hope & Help Center Monday and Thursday nights. The groups are led by an all volunteer cadre, most of whom are Rollins College graduates with advanced degrees in counseling. "These groups are open to anyone," said Chris Kuziv, who has been a volunteer for two months. The counseling involves both the individual and his family and friends. Financial assistance, housing, food and legal services also may be available for any client.

Chris stated that Hope and Help is not

Jacqueline Jones, a fascinating song stylist, sang throughout the evening. The Enzian Theatre was wall to wall with people, leading Kuziv to remark that next year they may have to move to a larger location.

The Hope and Help Center of Central Florida is at 1815 E. Robinson St., Suite 3, Orlando. The telephone number is (407) 894-1992. Office hours are from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, but a tape recorded message provides information after regular hours.

Dr. Al Ziffer has retired from his medical practice and is devoting himself to community service. When asked for a closing thought after the benefit, he replied, "Our hope is that somehow, someday with God's help or scientific advances, this epidemic will be curtailed in the immediate future."



Drs. Al and Judy Ziffer, Coordinators of Hope and Help Center.

Entertainer
 Jackie Jones
 charms
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 at lavish
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 Center benefit.



There are many volunteers who donate their time and energy to the organization. David Prouty is a recent volunteer who feels strongly about his commitment to Hope and Help. "We need volunteers," he stated. "The funds we raise go directly to provide client services."

solely a counseling group. "We provide information and share ideas and feelings. We want our people to know that someone is always there and cares."

The lavish benefit was catered by nearly two dozen of Orlando's finest restaurants. All food and beverages were donated.



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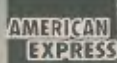
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we all can socialize even more," he laughs.

Another founding OBBA member, Keith Brown, puts it this way, "It's not political here; we're all here for fun."

On the Tangerine League, George says he "likes being out with all the other crazies." His teammates add that he also "likes playing with balls."

Dan Bray, another Tangerine member, says he started out as a sub on OBBA. "I really enjoyed subbing because it allowed me to bowl on different teams each week, and I got to meet new people all the time," says Bray. He added that even though he has joined the new league, he still enjoys subbing on Tuesday nights whenever he can.

Vice-President Bruce Arnold, billing the new league as 'Wild Wednesdays at the Bowling Alley,' bowls on both leagues as well as on a straight league. "I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and it's a much better alternative to the bars," he says.

Cherry, secretary of the Lucky Ladies,

says she bowls because it's a good way to get together with her friends at least once a week. Another team member adds that it's a good way to meet women without being in a smoke-filled room like at a bar.

Other Lucky Ladies added they enjoy being in a "women only" atmosphere. Their league is the only one of the three which is segregated sexually; OBBA and Tangerine are both open to men and women.

When asked why they choose to bowl on a mixed league (OBBA) rather than on an all-women league, Cynthia Hill and her lover Sheila Huff both have the same answer. "We're all part of a minority anyway. Why should we segregate among ourselves?" Huff adds, "There is a genuine acceptance of us here and, besides, two of my brothers are on this league as well."

Jody Durant bowled on a straight league before joining OBBA this season. She says she felt accepted by the other league but

was much more comfortable on a gay league, adding that she could now display public affection if she chooses to.

The Lucky Ladies members said it didn't have as much to do with bowling with men as it did with not wanting to bowl at the time OBBA had available. "My work schedule just won't let me stay up that late," is the way the Lucky Ladies vice-president puts it.

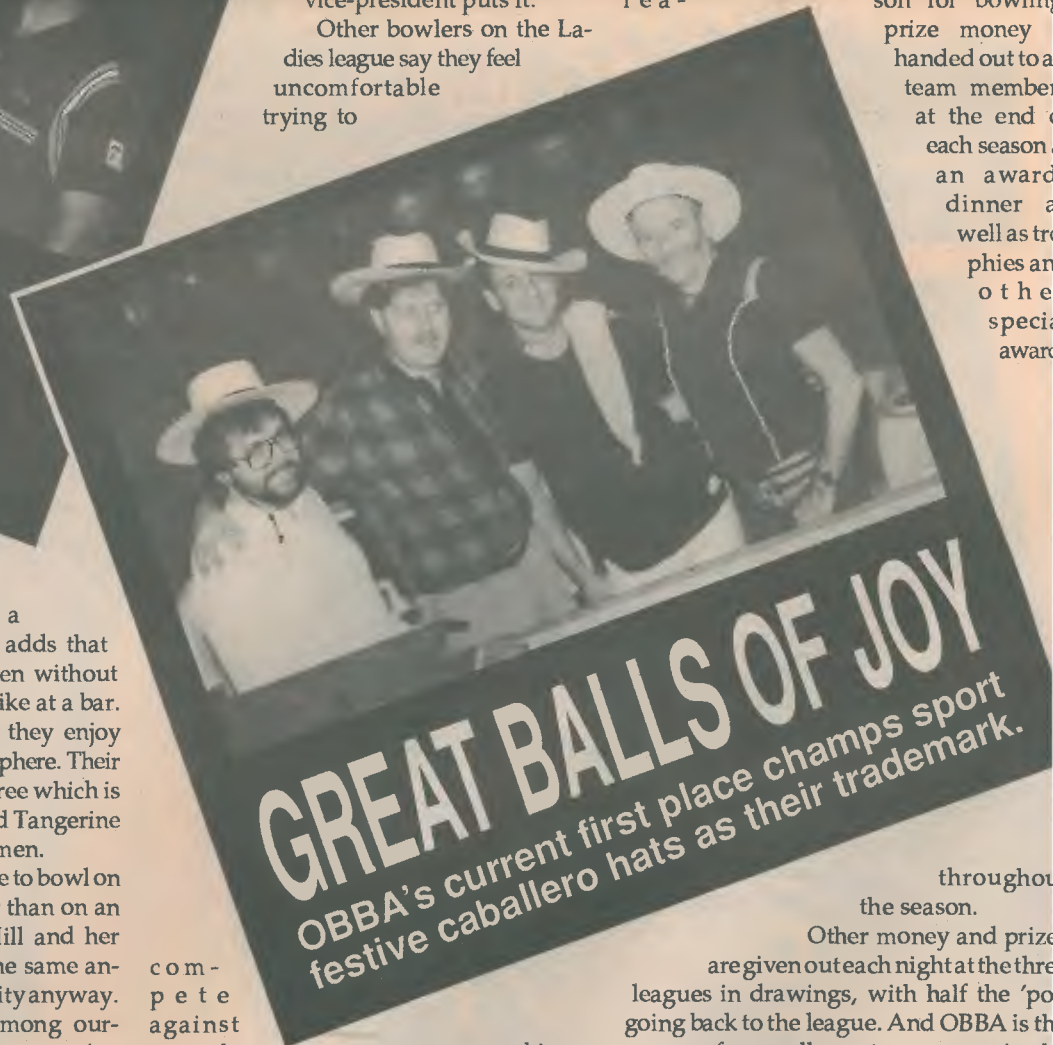
Other bowlers on the Ladies league say they feel uncomfortable trying to

"They are a 'Christian league,' says Cherry, "and they always tell us they are praying for us. We tell them the same thing," she laughs. "It may help us bowl better."

Another almost "charter" member of OBBA, Merri Wedemeyer, has been on the league for nearly five years. "It's more fun bowling with guys," she says. "I'm not here to try and pick anyone up, so I feel more relaxed. Everyone just treats me like one of 'the guys.' Besides, the money is larger."

And that rea-

brings up another reason for bowling: prize money handed out to team members at the end of each season. an award dinner as well as trophies and other special awards



GREAT BALLS OF JOY
OBBA's current first place champs sport festive caballero hats as their trademark.

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Because their league is small, the women have to share the lanes with another league.

are bigger stronger than they like having a women-only space in my life," adds another member.

The Sunshine Invitational Tournament is in its fourth year, and this past July paid out over \$2,800.00 in prize money to par-

throughout the season.

Other money and prizes are given out each night at the three leagues in drawings, with half the 'pot' going back to the league. And OBBA is the sponsor for an all-gay tournament in the summer which brings in teams from around the country.

STRIKE!

Winter Park Bowl America has hosted gay league for five years. Manager says "It's really opened some eyes"

Photos by Debbie McCollum
Illustration by Mike Millsbaugh

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Popular nightspot sponsors top ranked OBBA team.

ticipating teams.

OBBA treasurer Darrell Cawood predicts an even higher payout next year.

To help raise money for the Sunshine Tournament, members of the league have put on benefits at the Parliament House, calling their show a 'Tourn-a-bout' since performers are bowlers dressed in women's clothes. Performers have ranged from Tina Turnover and Patsy DeCline to Chanda Leir and Mona Lott, and have proven to be so popular that the 'Tourn-a-bout' has become a twice yearly event.

Bowl America manager Marilyn Mann is glad for the increased business the two leagues have brought to the lanes. "OBBA is our biggest league, gay or straight. They are the only league which fills the whole house, and we appreciate their business. If every league I have ran as smoothly, I'd be a happy person," she says.

When asked if there had ever been any problems with straight bowlers or workers, Mann says, "We've never had any problems. I tell my employees that if they can't handle it, they can work another night or find another job. And I screen people at the front desk when they come in, but I've never had anyone walk out because of it."

She adds, "I think it has opened some people's eyes, especially some of the men who come here. They are finding out gays are just people like anyone else."

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EXCLUSIVE

LAWSON LAMAR: "I APOLOGIZE"

State Attorney Explains AIDS Remark; Endorses Gay Job Rights

By Ken Berg
Center Fold News Editor

Lawson Lamar has asked the gay and lesbian community to forgive a controversial AIDS remark he says was "blown out of proportion," and said he believes sexual preference should not be an issue in hiring for most jobs.

In October, AIDS service groups criticized the Orange-Osceola State Attorney after media reports that he advised reporters to clean their shoes with chlorine bleach during an October tour of a recently closed porno shop, because of semen in the carpeting.

Lamar, formerly Sheriff of Orange County, said that because of the publicity he has been unfairly portrayed in the gay press as an anti-gay bigot. The exclusive Center Fold interview marks the first time Lamar has commented publicly about the controversial remark.

"The remark was clearly not anti-gay," Lamar said. "I linked it in the same breath with heterosexual prostitutes." Lamar called the bookshop a "dirty, nasty kind of a place" and said the damp carpeting probably harbored a host of dangerous bacteria and diseases along with AIDS.

"It's probably true that AIDS could not be transmitted after the shoes had dried out," Lamar said. "But there are other things to be concerned about. If I had it to do over again I would have mentioned not AIDS but venereal disease. I didn't want to hurt

anyone's feelings. I have great compassion for people with AIDS."

"If you want me to say it, I will," Lamar said. "I apologize. I'm sorry I used AIDS as an example. But I'm sure that none of your readers would want to cut their finger and rub it in that carpet."

Orlando Gay Center Director Michael Wanzie, a vigorously outspoken critic of the Lamar comment, called the apology too little and too late.

"Hurt feelings are not the point," said Wanzie. "The remark was ignorant and spread misinformation. If he really wants to clear it up, he should hold a big press conference, not just talk to gays. Tens of thousands of people heard what he said, and now think you can get AIDS from your shoes. It's just simply not the case."

Gay Rights Endorsed

When asked to comment on the prospects of a gay and lesbian civil rights ordinance planned by the Coalition for Human Rights in Orange County, Lamar said it would be inappropriate for him to "take sides" on specific gay rights legislation or controversial issues, "unless they can be clearly defined as public ills, like drug abuse."

"I will say that as a prosecutor it is my duty to see that sexual preference is not an element in enforcement of the law," said Lamar. "And I don't think that sexual preference is an issue in employability."

Lamar declined to comment directly on the case of Tom Woodard, the Sheriff's Deputy asked to resign by Orange County sheriff Walt Gallagher. "I'm not going to comment of current hiring and hiring policies," said Lamar.

"I will say that as a prosecutor it is my duty to see that sexual preference is not an element in enforcement of the law," said Lamar.

Wanzie said he found Lamar's endorsement of gay employment rights encouraging, but added that "it does seem a bit beside the point. There's kind of an 'AIDS equals gay' link that he is making. The complaints were about a health issue, not gay rights."

Wanzie added that he plans to invite Lamar to meet with the board of Gay and Lesbian Community Services to discuss issues of concern to the gays and lesbians in Central Florida.

Law Enforcement: Fair to Gays?

Criminal law is an area in which gays are treated fairly, Lamar said, but there are some areas in which they are not. Lamar said he doubts that the Florida statute prohibiting "lewd and lascivious" acts was likely to be changed. He said that such charges are rarely prosecuted.

Today's young law enforcement personnel are a "bold, new breed" who are more understanding about diverse lifestyles, Lamar said. Homophobia has been a problem in the past, Lamar says, but it is now under control.

"I don't hear the articulation of homophobia, but then I don't allow the articulation of homophobia," Lamar said. "I think the facts will bear that out."

"I think he's dreaming," said GLCS Board Member Chris Alexander after hearing Lamar's remarks. "He needs to come down and work our phone lines and hear some of the awful stories of police harassment that come into The Center. Maybe these cases aren't prosecuted, but a lot of damage is done."

Lamar said he wanted to set the record straight with the gay community because he had been misunderstood, but that his comments should not be taken as a pitch for the gay vote. "I didn't come here to get votes," said Lamar. "I meet with all kinds of groups. Basically, I am a law and order conservative. But law and order is not a gay rights issue."



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National Lesbian Conference Update

Florida lesbians will come together to plan our participation in the National Lesbian Conference. This will be the first in a series of state-wide meetings.

The National Lesbian Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, Apr. 24-28, 1991, and its success depends on your participation in local meetings. Several national and regional meetings have already established guidelines for the work necessary to make this conference a reality.

Our Florida state gathering will be held at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida in the Mills Center, Galloway Room, on Feb. 24-25, 1990. Access for Lesbians with disabilities is assured. Contact persons are: Donna Coleman for housing - (407) 273-1825; Rachel Gardiner and Tiffany Hogan for General Information and Access Information, (407) 831-2971 and (407) 646-1871; Barb Fallon, North Florida contact, (904) 371-4263; and Edie Feather, West Florida contact, (813) 321-6748.

Gay Square Dance Classes

All people interested in a Gay Square Dance group - one is being formed. No experience necessary, just a desire to have fun and exercise. Classes will be taught by an experienced Square Dancer/Caller. Those who have square dance experience will be welcome, but have to start at the beginning level with all other dancers in the class.

The group will be chartered by the National Square Dance Association. A place is already arranged to use for dancing and all equipment used to teach with has been arranged. The group will be starting by Feb. 1st in Orlando. Another Gay Square Dance group is starting in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area by Jan. 10th for those who would like to go to the Bay area for lessons and dancing, too. The same person will be teaching both groups as well as calling (Larry Trampish from Orlando.)

Anyone interested in joining in the group should contact Larry at (407) 648-2771. If there is no answer, leave a message on the answering machine. The best time to contact him is Monday through Thursday nights.

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Keith Brown adds, "One of the reasons we are so welcome here is we're good business for them. They were the only ones willing to take a chance on letting us bowl. We called all the other lanes but none of them wanted us. And now some of those other lanes want us but we feel loyal to Bowl America and won't be going anywhere else as long as we're welcome here."

The leagues are open to anyone who wants to join. Several local bars have sponsored teams and provide them with matching shirts as well as team names. The format is basically the same at each of the three leagues, with four-member teams bowling in a round-robin schedule.

All three are handicap leagues, giving every team an equal chance against all other teams. A handicap league basically means all bowlers are rated equally so those with better averages don't have an advantage over the novice bowlers.

And at Bowl America, low-cost lessons are available for those wanting to improve their skills. Each league charges \$8.00 per person per night for the three games plus a once-a-year sanction fee of \$7.00 for men and \$6.50 for women.

OBBA has 30 teams for the current season; Tangerine and Lucky Ladies both have six. Both of the smaller leagues are looking to expand and hope to grow as large as OBBA. Winter leagues run 30 weeks and start in September while the summer leagues are shorter at 13 weeks and begin around May or June.

OBBA starts at approximately 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Tangerine starts promptly Wednesday nights at 8:55 p.m., ac-

cording to president Frank Skivolocke, and The Lucky Ladies begin around 6:30 p.m. every Thursday evening. The Lucky Ladies are bowling a split season this year, starting a new league January 18.

For more information on how to join any of the leagues, call The Center at (407) 425-4527, either of the bowling alleys, or just show up at the lanes.



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CENTER REPORT,*from Page 2*

coupled with community giving stabilized the organization. A skeleton Board of Directors that also included Scott Lang, Lee Moody, Pam Berry and Christie Vihlen began setting goals of unifying the community and of having The Center become a physical focal point for gays and lesbians in the greater Orlando area by year's end.

In late March, a luncheon meeting with GCS president David Bain proved the climate was right for the two organizations to merge.

Many thanks to Eriq Poff who in February took on full-time the task of publishing the Center Newsletter. Eriq, Lisa Anderson, Jason Kristofer, Bill Ehrig and others worked tirelessly to bring our little eight page 8½ x 11 bulletin to its present news print and newsworthy status. Eriq established a readership outside The Center with The Center Fold.

In late March, a luncheon meeting with GCS president David Bain proved the climate was right for the two organizations to merge. In June, The Center ceased to exist as an independent organization — GCS added an "L" to its name and Gay and Lesbian Community Services was born. On Sept. 17, 1989, the new Center, a project of GLCS, opened its doors at 750 W. Colonial Drive. Jeff Taylor, Doug Swallow and Keith Proud oversaw the refurbishing of the building, while Paul Wegman lent his name to the promotion of "P On The Sea." The popular Gay Escape I cruise provided the finances to acquire our new rental site and to provide small salaries for a full time Director and one assistant.

Enter Linda Cartwright, Office Manager, who has brought professionalism and accountability to our operation as well as a consistent smile and unmatched dedication.

In October a new Center Fold staff was organized. Take the time to look at the Center Fold credit baron page 2 and join me in applauding this long list of talented individuals who ushered this publication into

yet another era of improved content and format, making the Center Fold the most popular Gay and Lesbian Publication in Orlando.

By this time the Board of Directors, which included activists Beth Raps, Joel Strack, LeJune Perrin, Chris Alexander and Larry Nicastro, had taken giant strides in expanding our programs and outreach to the entire community.

Did you know that our current programs include the following?

- Emergency housing assistance
- Emergency food program
- Media outreach
- Free meeting space at The Center
- 24-hour computerized hotline
- Pride Picnic and Pride Week activities
- Gay Escape cruises
- Peer counseling
- Professional counseling
- People of Color support group
- Men's and Women's support group
- Healing Circle
- Coming Out group
- Gay & Lesbian Guide to Central Florida
- The Center Fold
- Roommate referrals
- Business referrals
- Safe sex seminars
- Speakers Panel
- and many more!*

Beginning this month we add the Cross Dressers support group and in February, a 12-step program will be reestablished. Plans for early 1990 include the formation of local chapters of GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) and the NAMES Project (AIDS quilt). Of immediate concern are establishing homosexuality sensitivity training programs at the Orlando Police Dept., Orange County Sheriffs Dept., and among Orange County educators. We are currently negotiating with Cablevision of Central Florida to establish our own weekly gay television programming.

Jan. 20th, The Center will host the National Conference for Directors of the Gay and Lesbian Parent Coalition International, and in September, the conference for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will be held in our building. We are currently working on a proposal to bring the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Con-

ference to Orlando in 1991.

We have an exciting decade of growth ahead of us, but I would indeed be remiss to leave the eighties behind without thanking and acknowledging the efforts and contributions of John Brown, Charlie Hogan, Bill Walton, and others who first had the vision of starting a Center and establishing its roots. Orchids go to Shannon Addison who for nearly two years worked tirelessly for little and most often no money to keep The Center operating through the roughest of circumstances.

Thanks go to our many advisors including David Slaughter, Ron Lauria, Keith Brown, and the late J. Don Freidman.

GLCS/The Center is working thanks to people like these:

- Mike Harrell, Counseling Coordinator
- John Rose, Volunteer Coordinator
- Kathy Humpreys, Women's Group Facilitator - Events Staffing
- Danny, Rap Group Facilitator
- Chris Kuziv, Coming Out Group Facilitator
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- Ginny Birchmire, Librarian
- Doug Swallow, Gay & Lesbian Guide to Central Florida
- The entire staff of the Center Fold
- The members of the Board of Directors of GLCS, especially David Bain, our President
- Our many past and present reception volunteers
- The 60 volunteers who gave time and talent aboard Gay Escape I
- Orlando area female impersonators and other entertainers who give of their time throughout the year
- Our advertisers
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THANKS TO ALL!!!

FUTURE SHOCK,*from Page 2*

Beginning this month, GLCS will begin operation of a professional counseling service to the members of our community. For the first time in 10 years, callers to our HOT-LINE will have access to a group of professional counselors who have donated their time and professional skills to our community.

Is all this starting to sound a little familiar? Yes, it is the future and the future has arrived here in Central Florida and it's happening so fast you may find it difficult to believe. How can you make our dreams for the future come true? It's very simple. We need your support — both financially and physically. If you believe in the Gay and Lesbian Community, if you believe in the future, if you believe in our dream, now is the time to do something about it. Get out your check book, write out a check for \$15, \$25, \$100, \$1,000 or more and become a member of GLCS. Do it now, and do it regularly. That's the easiest and most effective way to show your support and guarantee the future of *your* organization. We also could use your time and skills as a GLCS volunteer or committee member. Just get yourself down to The Center and get involved. You'll feel better for it and our community will continue to grow because of it.

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Gay Orlando: Past, Present and Future

Part Four: Moon Parties & the Birth of LCN

PARTIES, from Page 1

men in the women's rest room, and it was tough to get served if you were a woman. I started to make a social network out of that. Through the women I met there I was introduced to the woman who got the moon parties going."

The moon parties were started by a small group of women who had been publishing a newsletter called "Changes," which featured poetry, advertising, and articles about women's issues.

Wiccan spirituality, a form of nature worship honoring a female goddess, has many lesbian followers in some urban centers. But, despite the exotic ring to the name, "moon parties" had little to do with mysticism or new age philosophy. The Orlando moon parties were simple social gatherings held in a home or backyard setting.

"There was no mystical or witchy thing about it," Pam recalls. "It was just coincidental with the monthly full moon. It was just a party, a social gathering. And it was not a political atmosphere."

As many as fifty women attended the early parties. Soon the events were changed to the weekend closest to the full moon, so that more people would be able to participate. It was a time that many participants look back on with fondness.

"Some people would bring instruments such as guitars or whatever and we would sing folk songs, like Peter, Paul and Mary, and build campfires if we could. It really built a sense of camaraderie."

In a sense, the musical element of the moon parties is a harbinger of the women's music explosion to come in the late eighties, and the mainstream success of such popular artists as the Indigo Girls and Tracy Chapman. At that time, albums and cassettes of interest to lesbians were more novel.

"People shared those sorts of things and passed them around," Pam remembers. "Today, women's music is a much more important thing and recordings are easily available in Orlando. Now you can buy books by Rita Mae Brown in the grocery store and women's music at Peaches. At the moon parties, they were loaned from one person to another. It was neat."

The Orlando lesbian community came together in the moon parties in a way that has had a lasting impact. Asked what made the parties so memorable, Pam provides a

EDITORS NOTE: The Gay Orlando series looks back at Central Florida's gay and lesbian history, based primarily on reminiscences of area residents. The previous chapter portrayed the social activism inspired by homophobic orange juice queen Anita Bryant, including the beginnings of what is now Gay and Lesbian Community Services.



Illustration by Paige Braddock

reflective and eloquent response which demonstrates the deep emotional currents touched by the gatherings.

"It was a totally warming experience. It was intimate without being sexual. You felt like you had a lot of strength because you were there in numbers. It recharged your battery. It was very energizing. It was a lot of fun and very interesting."

After several years, the parties began to lose some of their charm and appeal. "They kind of wound down," remembers Pam. "One person was having most of the par-

ties at her house, and it became a large chore for her instead of a pleasure. Since nobody was that interested, the parties got fewer, and farther in between after a few years. It just kind of died down."

In the moon parties, a bridge was formed between women who had known the night-life scene and those who were more closeted and did not gather in the bars. In a sense, the moon parties helped define the Orlando lesbian women's consciousness for the coming decade.

In the wake of the moon parties, a new

organization was started which now dominates the lesbian social scene. Loving Committed Network (LCN) was established in June of 1984 by a committee of women who were unhappy that Gay Pride Week plans did not include enough events of interest for women. Some of the founding members had participated in the moon parties.

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Pam believes that the genesis of LCN reflects a maturing of the lesbian community. "It was just going to be a social thing, a bar alternative, says Pam. "It has expanded and includes volleyball, pot luck dinners, an auction and different activities if space is available."

Men are not permitted at most LCN events. The "women's only space" issue has been fuel for political controversy. The exclusion of males is passionately defended by some, while others find it a bone of contention. Due in part to this issue, relations between LCN and The Center have not always been harmonious.

Pam, who is also active in both LCN and GLCS, believes that the women-only space that evolved from the moon parties is an important component of lesbian life, but not a sexist or political statement.

"Typically men have kept women in much lower status and esteem through the centuries," Pam muses. "It takes time to iron those sorts of things out, and it is not an overnight thing."

Donna Coleman, President of LCN, says that the group is simply providing a "nice, quiet atmosphere" for women to gather for social activities. "Men and women will always want their own space," she says. "That doesn't mean that we can't work on issues together."

Both Pam and Donna are optimistic for the future.

"The Center will be the driving force to bring the men and the women together," says Pam. "The gay pride picnic last year was a good step. If we want to end discrimination we are going to have to provide a unified picture."

Donna is more to the point, saying, "Why look to the future? It's already happening."

Gay & Lesbian Student Rights: An Issue for the 1990's

By Sal Capozzi
 Center Fold Staff Writer

(Gainesville) Florida's students are organizing and looking to the future. Gay and Lesbian students from across Florida and the U.S. met to address gay issues and goals for the future at GATHER '89, the third annual meeting of the Gay Student Coalition.

The theme for the conference, held Oct. 21 and 22, was "real people with real problems." Goals included breaking campus homophobia, promoting better awareness between gays and straights on campus and removing fears of gays by straight students. Creating a more positive image was also listed as a priority.

Among the 44 representatives participating were delegates from the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, Florida State University (FSU) in Tallahassee, the University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa, the University of Florida (UF), and Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana.

Speakers included Bob Finnell, a UF professor and gay activist with four years experience, who suggested using fund raisers and sponsoring entertainment activities and concerts on campus as a way to promote more interaction between gays and straights and as a non-bar outlet for those under age to meet each other.

Doug Dankle, head of the Student



Representatives from FSU announced plans to set up a gay fraternity on campus by late spring of next year and UF delegates also expressed interest in forming a chapter as well.

Awareness Group (SAG) in Gainesville, proposed a four step plan including social activities, cultural activities and discussion forums on campus, political activism, and service activities such as food drives as a

way to integrate gay students into the mainstream of campus life.

Micheal Dalton, Gay and Lesbian Student Union (GLSU) leader at FSU, also suggested gay students meet in small rap

groups to discuss issues and concerns with gay life on campus.

Breaking the homophobic atmosphere on campus was listed as a priority by several attendees. One student, a member of a straight fraternity at UCF, said he didn't feel he fits in at his fraternity but wanted other social outlets on campus for the off-campus gay student group.

Yet he is also unhappy with the "cliqueiness" of those attending the student group, and would like to see more lesbians involved.

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UCF students have just begun trying to get literature on campus and are not as active as the two other universities. Florida State's fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi, will be the first Florida chapter of the national organization, with six others in the country. The fraternity is open to all students, gay and straight, and its goals are to promote positive role models and provide alternative social outlets to aid in the development of young men, regardless of sexual orientation.

Gay Student Group Has Roots to 1975

By Susan Spence
 Center Fold Staff Writer

Way back in 1975 when UCF (University of Central Florida) was FTU (Florida Technological University), an engineering student named John Greene had a new idea on campus. His dream was to have a gay organization recognized and registered by FTU. But not everyone on campus felt this idea was worth fulfilling.

"It was a real struggle to get anyone to participate, much less get involved," says John. "There was no way to get advertising out to the student body." The local radio station, WORJ-FM, and the university paper, the Future, refused John's request to advertise for the proposed gay organization.

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Not only did John have to face the straight attitude, he also had a difficult time rounding up the twelve necessary members brave enough to come out and join. At one point, with only nine signed up, John considered abandoning his idea.

Another obstacle was the student Senator, Gary Horn. Horn was quoted by the Future saying, "I believe homosexuality to be unnatural and against the will of God." This familiar attitude did not stop the OAF (Organizational Appropriations and Finance Committee) from supporting the gay students' rights. After a favorable 12 to 8 vote by the student senate, the Gay Student Association (GSA) was approved for registration.

So with his "12 apostles," John created the first gay organization at FTU. Their activities included panel discussions at other campuses and being host, for the first time in Orlando, to the Southeast Gay Conference. During this time, John also volunteered for the We Care suicide hotline.

John left the area after graduating, but he has recently returned to live and work in



John Greene, an unsung hero who helped make gay life better in Central Florida.

Orlando. John does not consider himself an unsung hero. "I feel people today dealing with the life-or-death issue of AIDS deserve that epithet," he explains.

John Greene may not feel he is an unsung

hero, but anyone who overcomes the clannish minded oppressive opinions of other people is a hero.

For information on the UCF student group, contact Lance Smith at (407) 380-2835.

Church Chat

The Family That Cares Church

By Roy Trussell
 Center Fold Contributor

Although The Family That Cares Church is new to The Center Fold, it's not new to Orlando. The church was formed Easter Sunday 1988 with 15 members, meeting in various homes. Today, the church has their own space and has grown to 35 members and friends.

The Family That Cares is a Christian Church whose Statement of Faith is the Apostles Creed. Members are from various religious backgrounds, and everyone is welcome to attend. If you do not have a church home, or are not currently attending a church, Pastor Mary Jo Gunn invites you to give The Family That Cares Church a try.

On the first Sunday of every month, beginning Jan. 7, the church will resume monthly pot luck dinners. Feb. 17th will be the annual Chili Dinner. Watch for details and ticket information. Throughout the year, the church sponsors a variety of events including a yard sale, and in October, their very popular Annual Hayride and Bonfire. In November, the church started a food bank and distributed baskets of food and toiletry articles to PWA's for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Food baskets will be provided to PWA's on a monthly basis.

"Exciting things are happening. God is blessing. Come and be a part of the excitement!" says Pastor Mary Jo Gunn.

The Family That Cares Church meets each Sunday at 4 p.m. at 2090 Forsyth Rd., Suite 205. For more information or directions, call the church office at (407) 671-8800.

Joy Metropolitan Community Church

By Brad Louis
 Center Fold Staff Writer

The mortgage loan on the new church property has been approved pending the appraisal. Closing should take place around Jan. 15. The first service will be Jan. 21.

The December Art Auction was a success and Joy MCC sends thanks to Phil and his volunteers.

Don't forget the monthly Deacon family gatherings. For those who have never attended, it's a great way of meeting and socializing with fellow church go-ers.

The Burning Bush Christmas project raised over \$300 in cash and gift certificates plus numerous toilet articles and canned goods. The December family gathering collected \$60 which also has been donated to Centaur.

The Singles Group will be meeting on Jan 12. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a double feature movie. At this time, plans



Photo by Debbie McCollum

Phil Toal, Joy MCC Deacon and Jimmy Brock, Joy MCC Pastor at the benefit Art Auction raising money for the church building purchase.

will be made for future group events. New members are welcome.

Joy MCC has named two new deacon candidates. Congratulations to Michelle and George.

Pledges and Contributions toward the new property have been outstanding. Joy MCC is, however, still short \$15,000. Different fundraising projects are in the works at this time and specifics will be announced at a later date. Anyone who wishes to contribute assistance, please call the church office.

Joy MCC has come a long way in its 10 years. From a handful of people who met for the first services in the living room of the founding pastor, the Rev. Art Fleschner. Joy MCC has grown to a membership of 181 and an average attendance of 145 people at the Sunday worship service. MCC is an interdenominational fellowship with services each Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church located at 1815 E. Robinson St., Orlando. For further details on Joy MCC church activities, please call or stop by the church office at 1611 Page St., Orlando or call (407) 894-1081.

Zion Apostolic Anglican Church

By Jim Barry
 Center Fold Contributor

Zion AAC had a wonderful midnight service on Christmas Eve at The Center and would like to thank The Center for all of their cooperation during the past two years.

In January, several new programs will begin. On Jan. 7 at 10:30 a.m., a new Sunday morning worship service will begin. It will last approximately one hour and will include Communion. On Jan. 8 and 15, Father Jim Barry will be conducting a seminar on "The Bible & Homosexuality." The first Monday will deal with The Old Testament and the second with The New Testament. It will begin at 7:30 p.m., so plan to attend this informative seminar.

On Jan. 26 Zion AAC will again be hosting Games Night at The Center. The last few months have seen a good turnout and everyone reports having had a good time. So if you want an alternative to the bars, stop by and join in.



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Talent Night (10:30 PM)

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FRIDAY

Live Shows

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Live Shows, Disco & More (8 PM - 2 AM)

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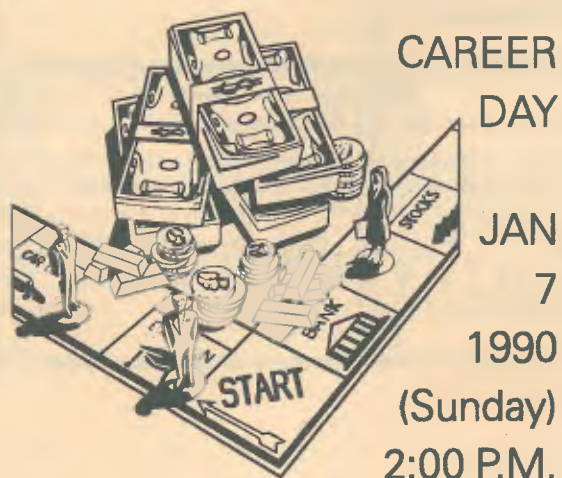
This is *I.T.*! INSIDER TIMES is a handy removable section of The Center Fold. You'll find that *I.T.*'s a very versatile little section. Within *I.T.*'s four pages you will have, at your fingertips, articles, blurbs, and listings of all Center and community events in one concise section. *I.T.* will also preview upcoming events. You can pull *I.T.* out. And you can do *I.T.* in public. You can hang *I.T.* on your

refrigerator or corkboard. When opened up to *I.T.*'s centerfold, you can check the dates of meetings and events and immediately refer to the related phone numbers from the directory. If there's a special event at an area night spot, fundraiser, political rally, or social event, you'll discover it in *I.T.* We think *I.T.*'s a good idea, and we hope you like *I.T.*

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A group of friends (or at least they were friends before the party) decided to throw "the last Christmas Party of the decade." Then they decided to make the event a fundraiser for a worthy organization. When they contacted The Center to inquire as to whom they might contribute the proceeds of the event, we at GLCS said "us."

On Sunday, Dec. 17th, more than \$800 was raised through the generous efforts of Charles Cooper, Mark McCormick, Steven Cheeks, Todd Knolton, Barry Bowen, Rich Hill, & Co.

Any one of 260 attendees can attest to the creative efforts of these energetic men as evidenced by six-foot tall themed Santa's, Kitty-DooKocktails, and the Judy Jetson Christmas tree forest.

We are happy to announce that these guys have agreed to head the Prom Decorating Committee for Pride Week's "The Prom The Never Was."

GLCS congratulates this crew on a most successful event and welcomes any offers from individuals to sponsor events to benefit our efforts.

Special thanks to Michael Hodge, Bobby Myers, and the great Staff of The Palace Club.



Remember, listings in "In The Neighborhood" are free of charge to Center Fold advertisers and non-profit Gay & Lesbian Organizations. Contact Michael Wanzie at (407) 425-4527.

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JANUARY 29



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JANUARY 1990

SUNDAY

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New Year's Day

Happy New Year!

THE CENTER IS CLOSED TODAY

Carey Thomas, 1857

7:30pm Coming Out Group
7:30pm Rap Group
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling
at Winter Park BowlAmerica

Johannes von Müller, 1752

7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at
Winter Park BowlAmerica

Marsden Hartley, 1877

7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

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Francis Poulenc, 1899

10:30am Zion AAC Worship Service
2:00pm Career Day
2:00pm GLCS Board Meeting
help chart the direction of
GLCS into the Gay 90's
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Worship Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Worship Service

David Bowie, 1947

7:00pm Center Fold Writers Mtg
7:30pm Bible & Homosexuality:
Part I, the Old Testament
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
8:00pm Healing Circle
9:15pm GaySkate Roller Skating at
Semoran Skateway in
Casselberry

Richard Halliburton, 1900

6:00pm Coming Out Group
7:00pm Coalition for Human Rights
7:30pm Rap Group Reunion
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling at
Winter Park BowlAmerica

Sal Mineo, 1939

7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:00pm People of Color
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at
Winter Park BowlAmerica

Alexander Hamilton, 1757

7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
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Cecil Beaton, 1904

10:30am Zion AAC Worship Service
11:00am GLCS Annual Elections
2:00pm Volunteer Training
4:00pm Monica Burke benefit
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
5:30pm GLCS Annual Meeting
7:00pm Zion AAC Worship Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Worship Service

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:30pm Bible & Homosexuality:
Part II, the New Testament
7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp

George Kelly, 1887

6:00pm Coming Out Group
7:30pm Rap Group
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling
at Winter Park BowlAmerica

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Ronald Firbank, 1886

7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at
Winter Park BowlAmerica

Prince Heinrich, 1726

6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at
Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

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Duncan Grant, 1885

10:30am Zion AAC Worship Service
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Worship Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Worship Service

Sir Francis Bacon, 1561

7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp

Franklin Pangborn, 1893

6:00pm Coming Out Group
7:30pm Rap Group
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling
at Winter Park BowlAmerica

Frederick the Great, 1712

7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
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8:00pm People of Color
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at
Winter Park BowlAmerica

Aaron Fricke, 1962

6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at
Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:00pm Democratic Executive
Committee
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
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Gabrielle Sidonie Colette, 1873

10:30am Zion AAC Worship Service
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Worship Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Worship Service

Christian VII, 1749

7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp

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Howard Overing Sturgis, 1855

6:00pm Coming Out Group
7:30pm Rap Group
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling
at Winter Park BowlAmerica

Tallulah Bankhead, 1902

7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
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7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at
Winter Park BowlAmerica

Langston Hughes, 1902

6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at
Fairvilla BowlAmerica
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Martin Greif, 1938

10:30am Zion AAC Worship Service
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Worship Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Worship Service

William S. Burroughs, 1914

7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp

Ramon Navarro, 1899

6:00pm Coming Out Group
7:30pm Rap Group
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling
at Winter Park BowlAmerica

Jonathan, Son of Saul, 1046 B.C.

7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
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8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at
Winter Park BowlAmerica

James Dean, 1931

6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at
Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

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Shaded entries on the calendar are events which occur at a location other than The Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Richard Heber, 1773

7:30pm Film Festival: "Before Stonewall" — a fascinating and unforgettable decade-by-decade history of homosexuality in America through eye-opening films and amazing interviews with those who lived through it.

Edith Emma Cooper, 1862

7:30pm Cross Dressers Support Group
7:30pm Film Festival: "Hairspray" — Learn how to be a hairhopper with the madcap antics of Divine & Co.

Janis Joplin, 1943

7:30pm Cross Dressers Support Group
7:30pm Film Festival: "The Women" — A look at the state of matrimony full of witty, stinging dialogue with Hollywood's finest female stars.

Lord George Germain, 1716

7:30pm Cross Dressers Support Group
7:30pm Film Festival: "On Golden Pond" — Henry Fonda & Katharine Hepburn.
8:00pm Games Night — come play your favorite board games and make new friends!

Havelock Ellis, 1859

7:30pm Cross Dressers Support Group
7:30pm Film Festival: "Maxie" — Glenn Close is possessed by the spirit of a flamboyant flapper.

Amy Lowell, 1874

7:30pm Cross Dressers Support Group
7:30pm Film Festival: Movie to be announced.

Sherlock Holmes, 1854

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Horatio Alger, 1834

8:00pm Disney Cast Party — a private party especially for hourly and salaried Disney employees

St. Sebastian, 3rd Cent., A.D.

4:00pm LCN Gathering — the monthly event for the Loving Committed Network. Call Jan at (407) 644-1093.

Lewis Carroll, 1832

4:00pm Backyard BBQ — If you've never been to The Center before, now's a great time to come see what it's all about and meet new friends

Gertrude Stein, 1874

THE CENTER IS CLOSED TODAY

William "Big Bill" Tilden, 1893

THE CENTER IS CLOSED TODAY

THE GROUPIES

Groups Appearing on the Calendar

ALAN KASPER BRIDGE CLUB. A group of Bridge players gathers for a night of the game. New players always welcomed.

BACKYARD BBQ. A cookout which happens indoors when weather demands. Complimentary burgers and dogs(hot) etc. are offered.

CHRISTIAN AWARENESS. Discussions on the symbiosis of homosexuality and Christianity.

COMING OUT GROUP. This discussion group is open to anyone who is in the coming out process.

COURAGE TO CHANGE. A group for friends and family members of alcoholics or anyone who may benefit from a 12-step program. (Resumes in February.)

CROSS DRESSERS SUPPORT GROUP. A group for those who enjoy dressing in clothes for the opposite sex.

GAMES NIGHT. All are welcomed for an evening of table-top board games from Trivial Pursuit to Clue and Uno and everything in between.

GLCS. Gay and Lesbian Community Services. Operates Gay Telephone Hotline for Gay peer counseling. Organizes monthly Gay Skate parties. Raises and distributes funds to other gay outreach organizations. Publishes Gay and Lesbian Guide to Central Florida and operates The Center.

GAY & LESBIAN PARENTS COALITION. This group is for parents who are gay. They meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

HEALING CIRCLE. A loving gathering of men and women using Louise Hay's principles to promote self love and loving relationships, and a healthier body and spirit.

JOY MCC. Joy Metropolitan Community Church. A Christian church open to all denominations regardless of race, sex or sexual orientation.

LCN. Loving Committed Network. Publishes a monthly

newsletter, the "LCN Express," and provides more functions for women.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP. This group for meets Wednesdays.

MOVIE NIGHT. The Center presents Friday Night The Movies each week. There is no ticket price, how refreshments are available for a donation.

ORANGE BLOSSOM BOWLING ASSOCIATION. Meets Tuesday nights at Winter Park Bowling Lanes. Leagues take over the facility for a fun night of bowling. Those not in a league are always welcome to socialize and discover what a great spectator sport bowling is.

PFLAG. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Friends Meeting House, 316 Marks St., Orlando.

PEOPLE OF COLOR SUPPORT GROUP. A discussion time for non-Caucasian lesbians and gays — Black, panics, Asians, American Indians, etc. Meets 2nd Wednesday. New facilitator is needed.

RAP GROUP. A mixed group of men and women young and old, discussing a variety of topics concerning the gay and lesbian community.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS. Signing for the deaf. 12-week course is currently in mid-term. Sorry, no joiners unless experienced. New class forms in January.

TANGERINE BOWLING ASSOCIATION. Meets Wednesday nights at Winter Park BowlAmerica.

TRANS-AID AND FRIENDS SUPPORT SERVICE. For P.W.A.'s (people with AIDS) and care-givers.

TRI-COUNTY AIDS NETWORK. Meets the first day of each month to discuss specific areas of need in the AIDS community.

WE THE PEOPLE. A concerned group of citizens joined together to fight for the rights of all citizens.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP. This group for lesbians and gay-sensitive women meets Wednesday.

ZION A.A.C. A liturgical, charismatic church which believes Christ died to save everyone, including lesbians and gays.

3.2.1 CONTACT

Community Contact Information

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| Alcoholics Anonymous | |
| Orlando | (407) 647-3333 |
| Brevard County | (407) 242-8063 |
| AIDS Hotline (Nationwide) | (800) 342-AIDS |
| AIDS Testing, Anonymous | |
| Orlando | (407) 244-2601 |
| Volusia County | (904) 257-1700 |
| AREA - AIDS related services | (407) 647-2765 |
| Breaking the Silence MCC (Brevard County) | (407) 254-5884 |
| CENTAUR - AIDS related services | (407) 849-1452 |
| Center for Drug-Free Living | (407) 423-6611 |
| Center The, 24-hour phone line | (407) 843-4297 |
| Family That Cares Church | (407) 671-8800 |
| Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition (Scott or Larry) | (407) 889-9919 |
| Gay Information Hotline (24 hours) | (407) THE-GAYS |
| Gay Peer Counseling (8 p.m. - 11 p.m., 7 days) | (407) THE-GAYS |
| G.L.C.S. - Gay and Lesbian Community Services | (407) THE-GAYS |
| Health Dept. (Orange County) | (407) 244-2601 |
| Hope and Help Center (AIDS related services) | (407) 628-8542 |
| Joy MCC (Orlando) | (407) 894-1081 |
| Lambda Legal Defense | (212) 995-8585 |
| LCN Express | (407) 273-1825 |
| Legal Aid Society | (407) 841-8310 |
| National Gay and Lesbian Law Association | (904) 656-2024 or (904) 488-5899 |
| PFLAG - Parents and Friends | (407) THE-GAYS |

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| Rape Crisis Center | (407) 648-3111 |
| Suicide Intervention | (407) 644-2111 |
| Spouse Abuse | (407) 886-2111 |
| The Center, 24-hour phone line | (407) 843-4297 |
| Trans-Aid - AIDS related office | (407) 839-0111 |
| In emergency | (407) 351-6111 |
| We Care, 24-hour suicide intervention hotline | (407) 655-2111 |
| Women's Health Center | (407) 896-2111 |
| Women's Resource Center | (407) 898-1111 |
| We The People | (407) 839-0111 |

ORLANDO BARS/DISCOS CURRENTLY ADVERTISING IN THE CENTER FOLD

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| City Lights | (407) 422-6111 |
| Faces | (407) 291-7111 |
| Flamingo Lounge | (407) 677-4111 |
| Games Lounge | (407) 260-8111 |
| Hank's | (407) 291-7111 |
| Key Largo | (407) 291-4111 |
| Parliament House | (407) 425-7111 |
| Southern Nights | (407) 898-4111 |

For a complete listing of all area gay businesses, consult the Gay and Lesbian Guide to Central Florida, Orlando's own gay yellow pages. Available at The Center and other area nightspots.

In The Neighborhood

SOUTHERN NIGHTS = WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter Wonderland is just a fancy new name for Southern Nights' Summer and Fall BBQs. They've proven to be so successful that the club will extend the free food and draft offer throughout the colder months, under the new title. The event begins at 7 p.m.

Of course, don't forget Pink Doo Doo. This month's celebration of the bizarre falls on Friday, Jan. 12th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the birthday party for Capricorns will be on Thursday, Jan. 11. Any one who can prove they are a Capricorn will receive free admission, a gift, and 3 free well drinks.

Well drinks will be free to everyone from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. during "Sink or Swim" on the 19th.

COMBINED GROUPS YARD SALE

The next combined groups yard sale will be Feb. 10. Bring in those donations! How about donating those items that were replaced by Christmas gifts? Contact The Center for further details.

HOPE & HELP CENTER HAS NEW COORDINATOR

The Hope & Help Center of Central Florida, Inc., an AIDS Resource Network, has recently reorganized its office management. The efforts to coordinate the office are now being undertaken by Chuck Hummer of Orlando.

Hope & Help is an information, education, referral and resource center for anyone affected by Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The organization provides a network of community referral, support and ongoing care management to clients in order to meet their physical, psychological and emotional needs. The group's philosophy is to promote understanding, dignity and compassion to all people affected by AIDS and to bring them both Hope and Help.

There are currently two support groups at Hope and Help. One meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and is facilitated by Chris Kuziv. The other group is held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and is facilitated by Drs. Al & Judy Ziffer and by Emily Pugh. The meetings are open to anyone affected by AIDS.

For information regarding the Hope & Help "Buddy Program" contact Cindy Christian. For information regarding "Hospital Visitation" contact Steve Barr. Feel free to contact these two individuals at the main office - as well as any other inquiries - the number is (407) 894-1992.

ALAN ALYSON PERFORMING AGAIN

City Lights - Orlando's newest club - is proud to announce that the talented Alan Alyson is the show director and M.C. at the new cabaret. City Lights has replaced Cell Block M at the 3400 S. Orange Blossom Trail complex. Call (407) 422-6826 for details.

MALE STRIP SHOW SIX NIGHTS A WEEK

Remember Thunders hosts a strip contest every night of the week except Monday.

The shedding of clothing begins at midnight.

PUT YOUR HEARTS TOGETHER

Dinner at Lee's Lakeside to benefit Monica Burke - LCN is sponsoring the gala dinner party complete with floor show. Lee's Lakeside, overlooking beautiful Lake Eola, will be the setting on Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 inclusive, with all profits going directly to assist Monica, who has performed free of charge for any and every cause imaginable over the past several years.

ART SHOW AT THE NEW BEHR'S

Formerly Behr's Silver Hammer, the newly renovated Behr's was officially christened

on New Year's Eve. Stop in and check out the new look. Plan ahead to attend "Just Art" between Jan. 12 and Jan. 15. Behr's is currently soliciting community artists to display their works. Interested parties should contact the club at (407) 898-4915 no later than Tuesday, Jan. 9.

END DISCRIMINATION

Attend the Coalition For Human Rights meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the First Unitarian Church, 1815 E. Robinson St., Orlando. The current priorities of the group include the passage of a Human Rights Ordinance on a local level as well as repeal of Florida State's "lewd and lascivious" (sodomy) law.

LEARN ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Attend the Democratic Executive Committee meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Howard Johnson's downtown (corner of I-4 and Colonial Drive).

LUCKY LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

The all-ladies bowling league will start a new season on Jan. 18, 1990 at Fairvilla Lanes on N. Orange Blossom Trail. Bowling every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Come on out and join the fun! For more information please call Donna at (407) 273-1825.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE SEMINAR

Sponsored by Zion - Jan. 8th and 15th. See Church Chat.

BIKER BLOWOUT

The Florida Brotherhood of Clubs, a coalition a gay leather/levi and bike clubs, will celebrate its 9th Anniversary with a weekend blowout, hosted by the Blazers Leather/Levi Association. The event will be held at the Parliament House Motel Feb. 16-18, 1990. Fees for the event are \$60 if paid before Jan. 14, \$65 before Feb. 15, and \$70 at the door. Rooms are available for \$29 per night. For more information and/or an application, contact Don Walters or Behr Tucker at (407) 649-9729.

HAVE HEELS, WILL TRAVEL

Eight area bars join forces in a tour de force to benefit GLCS and Trans-Aid.

Carmella Marcella Garcia and Phyllis Windemere will spend the evening of Monday Jan. 29th traveling in heels from club to club performing short female impersonation sets and soliciting funds for GLCS and Trans-Aid.

Come join in the fun at your favorite watering hole, or better yet, join the caravan and travel the entire circuit. The schedule is as follows:

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| 6 p.m. | City Lights |
| 7 p.m. | Thunders |
| 7:45 p.m. | Loading Dock |
| 9 p.m. | Behr's |
| 10 p.m. | Flamingo |
| 11 p.m. | Hank's |
| 12 a.m. | Connections |
| 1 a.m. | Parliament House |

Not many Florida communities pull together and cooperate the way greater Orlando now works together. Our thanks to Carmella and Phyllis and all the participating clubs. Please come out and show your support. Special thanks to Frog from Connections for organizing the event.

COUNTRY DANCE LESSONS AT P.H.

Beginning Jan. 3rd and every Wednesday thereafter, instructors will be on hand in the Parliament House disco to teach the two step. Class and practice sessions will be from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., followed by the ever popular and oh so bizarre Moon Over Rock Lake - Best Looking Butt Contest.

Also, the club's Footlight Theatre will present Miss G. and Friends on Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 10 p.m. Don't forget Body Heat Dancers every Tuesday at midnight and Sundays at 8 p.m.

GLCS Events

RAP GROUP REUNION

The Rap Group which is preparing to enter its 12th year of meetings, invites all alumni and current members to its somewhat annual reunion dinner. The "pot luck" affair will be hosted at the usual Tuesday meeting time (7:30 p.m.) at The Center on Jan. 9th. Bring a dish to share and come and dish.

ACTORS/MODELS

Publicity photos, head shots, resume photos - sessions available at The Center. Please see Career Opportunities.

CENTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The next class for new and used Center volunteers is scheduled for Sunday Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. at The Center. Anyone interested in volunteering to work a 4 hour shift twice monthly at The Center's reception area, please attend. Volunteers are also needed on the Special Events Committee, the Center Fold, the Pride Week Committee, and in many professional areas as well. Please contact John Rose for further information.

CROSS DRESSER SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays at 7:30, beginning Jan. 12. Mark (Sabrina Marcus) will facilitate a support group for cross dressers. The attendees will determine by consensus the objectives and format of this new group.

DISNEY CAST MEMBERS

You're in for a Tiggerific time at the upcoming party being hosted by cast members from the Disney/MGM Studios Entertainment Department. Every Gay or

Lesbian employee is invited... think of the possibilities. Gather up a few of your co-workers to represent your area or come and meet someone new. Put in for an A.D.O. for Saturday, Jan. 13th and join in the fun at The GLCS Center (750 W. Colonial) from 8 p.m. till 12 midnight.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Center will sponsor a Career Day on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1990. Information and mini-workshops will be available throughout the day in a number of career and job opportunities. On-site interviews will be available as well as guidance in admissions procedures and writing a resume. The Orlando Academy of Beauty Culture will be presenting an overview of their cosmetology courses as well as conducting interviews which may result in the awarding of scholarships to qualified individuals.

For those actors, actresses, and models in need of up-to-date 8x10 head shots, career day offers a great opportunity for you to obtain professional photos at an excellent cost-effective price. Photographer Lucas Wortal will be on hand for photo sessions. The session will result in contact sheets of approx. 70 poses to choose from. You will receive 3 copies each of 2 photos of your choosing for immediate use and reprinting purposes. Lucas' work is a bargain at his usual \$75 fee, but on Career Day the cost of a session will be REDUCED to \$55. By appointment only - first come, first served basis. Call The Center to reserve your personal photo session.

If your business or school would like to be represented, please call The Center at (407) 425-4527 to make arrangements IMMEDIATELY.