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The GLOW Pages

Sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo

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WELCOME!

This is the first ever installment of The GLOW Pages for the Pink Triangle Community Calender. This is a co-operative effort with the producers of the PTCC and GLOW to provide PTCC readers with more information in the K-W area and beyond.

We need your help! Without articles to print The GLOW Pages will not be a success. Please feel free to approach us if you feel you have something to say! Also, please feel free to send us your comments and letters to the editor! Nothing reasonable will be turned away, but get it to us by the 20th of that month. Remember that this is everyone's publication.

The GLOW Pages are sponsored by GLOW, but advertisements are more than welcome. Please feel free to contact GLOW if you wish to advertise in this section or the PTCC.

Once again, welcome!

-Jay Lawrence

This Month's Spotlight

The Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo

This year is the 20th Anniversary of GLOW. This accomplishment brings many honours, such as having the longest running peer counselling phone line in Canada.

THE PAST

The history of GLOW starts in 1971. We don't have a lot of information on many of the years between '71 and '91 but slowly it's being collected and organized. GLOW (then known as WUGLM - Waterloo Universities' Gay Liberation Movement) was formed to educate the public, fight homophobia in Waterloo and provide a social outlet for the lesbian and gay community of Kitchener-Waterloo. GLOW provided the first organized social events (such as dances and coffeehouses) that provided an alternative to the Walper Hotel or just plain cruising.

Keep an eye on the GLOW pages for more articles about the history of GLOW as we gather more information! If you have any information, please pass it on to us either by phone or by mail. (see the bottom of page 4 for addresses).

THE PRESENT

GLOW provides a number of on going services for the lesbian and gay community that are well used. Here is a

brief description of those services.

The peer counselling phone line is a well know and well used service. Aside from the occasional prank caller we get requests for information in the area, requests for GLOW to provide special meetings such as classroom appearances, we provide a compassionate ear for the person who is just coming out, and above all we provide a friendly person to just talk to.

The phone line has been running for 20 years continuously. We have 20 years of faithful volunteers to thank for this impressive feat! Thank you. If you are interested in getting involved with the phone line please come to a coffeehouse and ask to speak with the phone line co-ordinator.

GLOW also has a well stocked library that is continuously growing. We provide fiction and non-fiction books with lesbian and/or gay content. If we don't have a particular book that you are looking for, we would be willing to consider buying it, so please let us know about books to buy. To borrow books you need either a GLOW membership or a GLOW library card. It is possible to use the library Monday to Friday from 7 to 10 pm.

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**On Our Own Terms :
Gays and Lesbians vs. The Law**

Can I make my lover the beneficiary of my will? Who gets custody of our children? Is it illegal to fire someone on the basis of sexuality?

Legal issues are important to every Canadian citizen; but the current complex system of law in Canada caters to heterosexuals -- particularly those in monogamous, opposite-sex relationships. How do lesbians and gays fit into this discriminatory legal bureaucracy?

On Our Own Terms provides the basic answers to legal questions facing gay and lesbian Canadians. Published by the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario, the book is the result of years of research and provides current answers to a variety of important issues. Legal topics include: the workplace, children, estate planning, your home and property, and consumer relations. Under each topic the book outlines the facts within

Canadian legislation and specific implications for lesbians and gays.

The text is well laid out and concise. It provides an excellent source of reference which is useful to any lesbian or gay obtaining assistance. It stands alone as a unique guidebook, recommended for anyone uncertain as to how legal issues affect gays and lesbians.

The book is expected to be available by the end of February, 1991. It consists of 80 pages, bound by soft cover, with a selling price of \$7.95 plus shipping and taxes. If you would like to order a copy of On Our Own Terms contact the GLOW office at (519) 884-GLOW or the CLGRO office in Toronto at (416) 533-6824. Multiple orders can be arranged. Only a limited number of copies have been printed, so be sure to call us soon!

- Geoff Gibson

WE WANT YOU!

The PTCC and GLOW are looking for people willing to help with the production of this paper....

QUALIFICATIONS

- Something to say

JOBS TO BE DONE

- Layout and production
- Advertising
- Articles and graphics

WHO TO CONTACT

- GLOW or The PTCC (see page 4)

**GLOW Turns 20 -
with amnesia!**

March 8, 1971: The Waterloo Universities' Gay Liberation Movement holds its first meeting. twenty-eight members witness the birth of Kitchener-Waterloo's first gay and lesbian support group: GLOW.

March 23, 1991: GLOW will host a 20th anniversary celebration at the University of Waterloo, 7 pm to 1 am, in room 280 of Hagey Hall. The event will feature a reunion, a 20-year retrospective discussion and a historical display. The celebration will be followed by a dance at Circles in Kitchener. All are welcome!

What happened to GLOW during its twenty years of existence?
Details are sketchy! GLOW's own archives are incomplete, and current mem-

bers lack the perfect memory required to rebuild every aspect of GLOW's past. In fact, there are still some years for which information is unavailable.

Help us recover the past!

If you've been a part of GLOW at some point between 1971 and 1991, we'd like to hear from you. In particular, we require information regarding GLOW's history -- either in the form of records and publications or just memories (good or bad!). We're also inviting former members to discuss their recollections of what GLOW was during years gone by. Please call 884-GLOW if you'd like to participate.

Experience the nostalgia!

Even if you've never been a part of GLOW, you're welcome to attend the celebration, meet former and current members, and learn about how GLOW has survived twenty years. Call 884-GLOW for more information. This is an event which shouldn't be missed!

- Geoff Gibson

The Robin's Nest

26 Hobson Street - Cambridge

Special Events This month -

- 4 - Disco Dance
- 6 & 20 - Eucher Night
- 8 - Ladies Dance
- 10 & 24 - Country Dance



Spotlight Continued

Any donation of new or old books would be greeted with big hugs!

The housing board is a good way to look for a lesbian and/or gay positive housing or roommates. We encourage people to list available housing. People looking for accommodation are also encouraged to use the board. Call 884-GLOW for information during phone line times (Mon-Fri, 7-10pm).

The Coffeehouse is the weekly social event for GLOW. It is held at the

University of Waterloo. The Coffeehouse is an informal atmosphere to meet other lesbians or gays. Occasionally special visitors attend Coffeehouses to approach the lesbian and gay community. The Coffeehouse is also a very good way to find out in which projects GLOW is currently engaged.

The GLOW volleyball group meets every Thursday at 7 pm. This is a totally recreational and non-competitive event. The group usually plays for two or three hours and then adjourns for eats

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afterwards. Come out and have a good time! Call 884-GLOW for the location.

The last major service that GLOW provides are its dances. These dances are currently held at Circles! GLOW members are at the club in strong numbers during dance nights. Proceeds from the dances goes to help support the functioning of GLOW. GLOW thanks all of the people that have come to the dances and we also thank Circles! for helping us host these dances.

THE FUTURE

There are many ideas for future activities of GLOW. There is a strong desire from some GLOW members to form a smaller group of people committed to activities of a more activist nature. GLOW has recently become a member

of the Queer Nation and will be working with some of the examples of the Queer Nation to educate the public. We would also like to form a group of people that would be willing to do public appearances such as in highschools and other educational settings.

GLOW members would like to restart Operation Socrates - a book about homosexuality for the general public at large. Operation Socrates was started in the early 70's but faded away after a while. We feel that it is very essential and are going to work to make it up-to-date and available again. If you are interested in working on such a project contact GLOW.

We would also like to boost the visibility of GLOW beyond its current state with more aggressive advertising. The GLOW pages is an example of GLOW working to keep in touch with the community at large.

If you would like to see GLOW doing something in the community make sure that you make your wishes heard by participating with the organization. We also strongly encourage people to purchase memberships with GLOW to support the organization. Memberships are \$5 for a four month term or \$10 for the year. They are available at Coffeehouses or at dances.

GLOW is an organization that has worked for the past 20 year for the lesbian and gay community. With a little effort it will work for the next 20 years in a greater and greater capacity. Please join us and support us because we are you!

- Jay Lawrence

**STOP
THE
VIOLENCE**

**STOP
THE
HATE**

A QUEER NATION WARNING

About The P.T.C.C. and GLOW: We are both non-profit organizations working to serve the gay and lesbian community of Kitchener-Waterloo and area. We can always use more help within both organizations, and any help is greatly appreciated. We are also looking for advertisers. Feel free to write either The P.T.C.C. or GLOW with your comments and suggestions. If you are interested in contacting us, either call 884-GLOW [4569] or write:

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