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## *Pink Triangle Community Calendar*

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April 1991

# Pink Triangle

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A not-for-profit monthly publication serving the lesbian/gay community in Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, and Cambridge. Available at: ACCKWA, ACGWC, Blueleaf Bookshop, Bookshelf Cafe, Circles! the Club, Dr. Disc, GLOW, Global Community Centre, GGLE, Guelph Women in Crisis, The Princess Cinema, The Robin's Nest, Surrender Dorth, U of W Women's Centre, Womansline Books (London), Women's Bookstop (Hamilton), Woodsworth Books.

The PTCC can use more volunteer help. Please contact us: P.O. Box 986, Waterloo, ON, N2J 4S1, or call GLOW at 884-GLOW.

### UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Forty highschool students sitting in a half circle staring at me: not the person, but the homosexual. Originally, I was to sit, not alone, but with five or six other gays on a panel to discuss a lifestyle completely foreign to these students. I arrived at St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School nervously reminding myself that I'd never sat on a discussion panel, and certainly not to discuss my sex life with strangers. Then I was told the others would be about 45 minutes late, and 'we will start anyway with just you', my nervousness turned to fear.

After a great and surprisingly open-minded introduction by Rebecca and Tara (our hosts whose sociology marks rode on our private life disclosure) I was left to explain 25 years of thoughts and feelings that lead to the acceptance that I was one of 'those people.' With a voice even higher than it normally was, I proceeded.

I described the process of coming out -- a five year piece by piece acceptance of ... myself. I emphasized the lack of 'choice' of being same-sex-oriented and described the internal struggle to come to terms with the inevitable; still an ongoing process we all face. My high school experiences (the bad and the worse), my family, coming out to my parents, living in a heterosexual world, breaking the societal programming, religion, AIDS: I was questioned about them all. There was a genuine curiosity and sincerity that flowed around the room. This group of high school kids were more receptive, open minded and intelligent than most of the steel trap minds that populate my university. I started to relax -- I wasn't going to be fag bashed in Cambridge after all!

When the questions turned to my Environmental Studies program at Waterloo, and about living in B.C. it struck me that I was indeed accepted as an individual (isn't that all anyone really wants?) and not 'just that homo guy'. Where were these people during my highschool days?

The others finally showed up: Roberto, Kaeren, Jay, Wendy, Chris and Chris. I could relax, I even unclenched my new St. B's coffee mug as they fielded questions.

At the end of the formal discussion a special thing happened. A group of the students were going to Casey's for a drink and some food; the invitation was extended to us -- the socially 'unacceptable' group, the deviants, the homosexuals that our own highschool friends had rejected. Of course we went, and enjoyed ourselves. We got to know Joe and Vince, Eugenio and Paul, Krystal and Wayne, Anna, Eric and Butch! Sue had even brought her camera to this 'occasion' and took pictures that were later sent on to us. Jay and I were invited back a second time for more candid disclosures.

Where was the fear and hatred, the homophobia and religious propaganda gays face regularly. It wasn't with this group of students. A group I hope never has to fear admitting who and what they are and stand for. If this is the next generation then we can only look forward to a future of open-mindedness, tolerance and dare I say it ... unconditional acceptance of others similar or different. Or maybe it was always there, just gays have become too defensive to accept it themselves.

- Peter



# I N T H E A R E A

## ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

### AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Area (ACCKWA)

ACCKWA provides support services for HIV positive individuals. Drop by between 9 am and 5 pm, or phone the volunteer staffed phonenumber between 7 and 11 pm.

Phone (519) 741-8300

886 Queens Blvd  
Kitchener, ON  
N2M 1A9

### AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County

Hours: Monday to Friday 9 to 5.

Suite 202 73 Delhi Street  
Guelph, ON  
N1E 6L9

### Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo (GLOW)

GLOW provides peer counselling on its volunteer staffed phonenumber, a well stocked reference library for its members, and a housing board. In addition, GLOW hosts coffeehouses every Wednesday night from 9 to 11 at the University of Waterloo Modern Languages Building, room 104. GLOW also holds dances through out the year at Circles!

Monday nights at the phonenumber is Womyn's Night. Womyn are encouraged to drop in or call for socializing and discussion.

Call or drop by the office (Campus Centre 209) during office hours: Monday to Friday, 7 - 10 pm. (Recorded message at other times)

Phone (519) 884-4569

GLOW C/O Federation of Students  
CC 209 University of Waterloo  
Waterloo, ON  
N2L 3G4

### Gays Out Of Doors (GOOD)

Discrete mixed gay and lesbian social club. Write for more information.

P.O. Box 2751  
Kitchener, ON  
N2H 6N3

### Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality (GGLE)

The GGLE holds social meetings every Tuesday in the University Centre, Room 536, at the University of Guelph, starting at 8 pm. See

the month's calendar for meeting details.

The Gay Line is staffed Monday to Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30, with a recorded message at other times. A woman staffs the Gay Line every Tuesday and Thursday. Call for community information and peer support.

Office: UC 536, University of Guelph

P.O. Box 773  
Guelph, ON  
N1H 6L8

### Guelph Lesbians And Dykes (GLAD)

GLAD provides support, information, discussions, friendship & fun for the lesbian community.

Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm - U of G - University Centre room 536

### Free Spirit Community Church

Sunday services at 7 pm, 136 Allen Street E, Waterloo

Phone: (519) 570-████

P.O. Box 191, Stn C.  
Kitchener, ON  
N2G 3X9

### Women Out Of Doors (WOODS)

Phone (519) 579-████

P.O. Box 986  
Waterloo, ON  
N2J 4S1

## B A R S   A N D   N I G H T   C L U B S

### Circles!

Sun            5pm to 1am  
Tue - Thur 4pm to 1am  
Fri & Sat 4pm to 3am

24 Charles Street  
Kitchener, ON  
Phone (519) 570-4566

### The Robin's Nest

26 Hobson Street  
Cambridge, ON  
(519) 621-2688

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I think more people would be alive if there were a death penalty.

- Nancy Regan

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# I N A P R I L

Tue 2 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm  
Topic: the movie Orientalism  
co-sponsored by the Women's Resource Centre

Wed 3 • GLOW coffeehouse - U of W - ML 104 - 9 to 11pm  
• GLAD meeting 7:30 pm - U of G - UC 536

• Free Spirit Community Church - Meeting: "When AIDS comes to church" at 7:15, 136 Allen St. E. Waterloo.

Thu 4 • AIDS, A Lesbian Tells Her Story - Waterloo Regional Health Unit - 7:30 to 9:30 pm. (See pink insert)

Fri 5 • GLOW is 'ZAPPING' The Bombshelter at the U of W. Details are not finalized, but calling the GLOW phonenumber will get you them! (This is in reaction to the way the women were treated on International Women's Day)

Sat 6 • Cabaret & Dance - hosted by ACGWC and ACCKWA. Performers & support from Guelph Little Theatre, WLU, U of G and GGLE. Cabaret starts at 8:30pm with dance 10pm to 1am. Tickets are \$8 advance/\$10 at the door. Location: The Loft at 1 Carden St., Guelph. Tickets at the Bookshelf, ACCKWA, & ACGWC.

Sun 7 • Free Spirit Community Church Worship - 7:00 pm at 136 Allen St. E, Waterloo

Tue 9 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm  
Topic: Social

• WOODS Planning Meeting - 7:00 pm. Come out and get involved. Everyone is welcome. Contact WOODS for more information.

• TABU - a CELEBRATION of SEXUALITY - Presented by The Canadian Stage Company and The Hour Company. Held at the Theatre of the Arts in the Modern Languages Building at the University of Waterloo. Show starts 1:00 pm. Each performance is followed by a 30 minute discussion period. Cost is \$5 for youth & unwaged/\$15 for adult. To reserve

tickets call 885-4280/(416) 367-8243 for group bookings.

Wed 10 • Free Spirit Community Church - Meeting: "When AIDS comes to church" at 7:15, 136 Allen St. E. Waterloo.

• TABU - a CELEBRATION of SEXUALITY - 1:00 pm. See Tue, April 9 for details.

Thu 11 • TABU - a CELEBRATION of SEXUALITY - 1:00 & 8:00 pm. See Tue, April 9 for details.

Fri 12 • TABU - a CELEBRATION of SEXUALITY - 1:00 & 8:00 pm. See Tue, April 9 for details.

Sat 13 • TABU - a CELEBRATION of SEXUALITY - 8:00 pm. See Tue, April 9 for details.

Sun 14 • Free Spirit Community Church Worship - 7:00 pm at 136 Allen St. E, Waterloo

Tue 16 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm  
Topic: Discussion - Relationships

Wed 17 • Free Spirit Community Church - Meeting: "When AIDS comes to church" at 7:15, 136 Allen St. E. Waterloo.

• GLAD meeting 7:30 pm - U of G - UC 536

Sat 20 • Submission Deadline for PTCC.

Sun 21 • Free Spirit Community Church Worship - 7:00 pm at 136 Allen St. E, Waterloo

Mon 22 • ACCKWA's Volunteer Coordinator's Quarterly Meeting. Key topic: Confidentiality. Time and place to be announced. Everyone is welcome.

Tue 23 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm  
Topic: Games - Family Feud

Wed 24 • Free Spirit Community Church - Meeting: "When AIDS comes to church" at 7:15, 136 Allen St. E. Waterloo.

Thu 25 • Safe, But Still Hot, Sex - Waterloo Regional Health Unit - 7:30 to 9:30 pm. (See pink Insert)

• DREAMING - A musical fantasy

More events listed on back page...



Events Continued...

produced by Starlight Theatre in support of ACCKWA. This original musical is for all ages. Curtain: 8:00 pm. Theatre of the Arts - University of Waterloo. Cost: \$6 in advance/\$8 at the door. A cast and crew of over 50 people put 6000 hours into the production. *A definite must see.*

Fri 26 • GGLE Dance - \$2 GGLE members/\$3 other clubs members/\$4 non-members. Held at The School House, 611 Silvercreek Parkway North.

• **DREAMING** - See Thursday, 25 for description. Curtain: 8:00 pm. Theatre of the Arts - University of Waterloo. Cost: \$6 in advance/\$8 at the door.

Sat 27 • **DREAMING** (Matinee) - See Thursday, 25 for description. Curtain: 2:00 pm. Theatre of the Arts - University of Waterloo. Cost: \$6 in advance/\$8 at the door.

Sun 28 • **WOODS** goes biking. Meet at Waterloo Town Square at 1 pm. If the weather is bad, let's meet to plan cycling events.

• Free Spirit Community Church Worship - 7:00 pm at 136 Allen St. E, Waterloo

Tue 30 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm Topic: Spring-out Social

#### Up 'n Coming Events . . .

May 5 • **WOODS** Trout fishing trip. Contact **WOODS** for more information.

May 25 • **ACCKWA** is holding a garage sale. Details to be announced.

June 2 • **ACCKWA's** 1991 Annual Auction to be held at Circles! (\*note: this has been changed from April 7)

June 29 • **Sing!** Featuring the Toronto Gay Mens' Chorus, plus groups from Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa. Held in

### RADIO SHOWS

**we are everywhere**, a fifteen minute program on issues concerning lesbians and gay men airs Wednesdays at 12:20 and 5:15 pm on CFRU-FM 93.3.

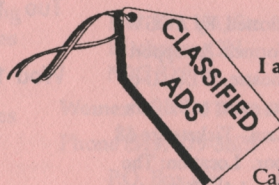
**Nowhere to Hide**, a gay radio show, airs every Wednesday on CKMS-FM 94.5/95.5 on cable.

**WomenSpin** is a program of music, news and events of interest to women. Wednesday 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM 94.5/95.5 on cable.

**Feminist Frequency** is a program dealing with issues of importance to women. Wednesday 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM 94.5/95.5 on cable.

**The Leaping Lesbian Radio Show**, a show with music for womyn, by womyn, and about womyn, airs Thursdays 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM 94.5/95.5 on cable.

**WomenWise** airs Wednesdays 10:30-12 pm on CKWR-FM 98.7/97.7 on cable.



I am looking for a female roommate and a place to share in Kitchener-Waterloo for April. Call Pamela at 571-████

**For Sale:** Micromoog 2090 synthesizer - \$250. 10-Speed bikes -- cheap transportation, various sizes available - \$30. Call 579-████

**Desktop Publishing and Typing:** \$1.25/page - laser printed & spell checked. Typesetting and custom work - negotiable. Top quality and reasonable rates. Call 725-████

**For Sale:** Men's 12-speed bike - Renegade Midnight 12. Frame in good condition, rims need work. Offers? Call 725-████



# **Lesbians are Talking About AIDS**

## ***A Three Part Education Series for Gay Womyn***

21 March 1991: AIDS, Counselling & Testing Issues

4 April 1991: AIDS, A Lesbian Tells Her Story

25 April 1991: Safe, But Still Hot, Sex

7:30 - 9:30 pm

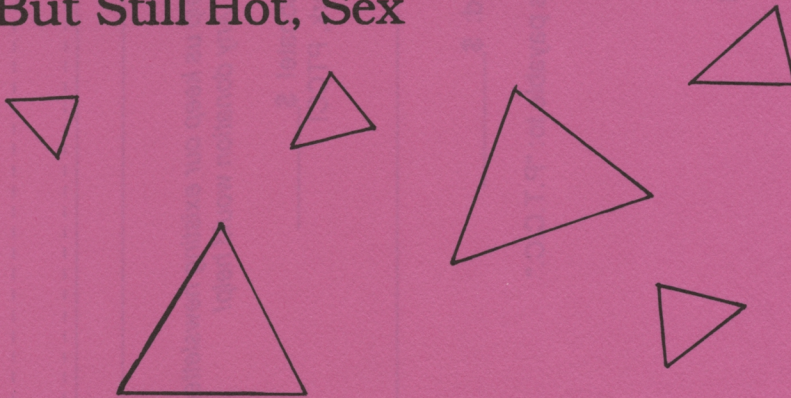
Committee Room B

4th Floor

Marsland Centre

20 Erb Street West

Waterloo, Ontario



for more info: Waterloo Regional Health Unit AIDS Program  
741-3825 or 650-3254



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Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month

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