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Pink Triangle Community Calendar

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Gay Liberation and Socialism

The starting point for any discussion of gay liberation must be this: it is not same-sex love that needs to be explained, but rather why it is oppressed by certain societies. It is a common aspect of human sexuality, and lesbians and gay men have lived throughout history, whether accepted or not.

So why does our capitalist society repress homosexuality? The problem is rooted in the role played by the family in economic production. In the early years of industrialization, the working-class family still formed the basic unit of production. To participate in the economy (and thereby survive), one had to remain in a family.

But the family changed as the social conditions developed. As production moved increasingly into factories, women, men and children no longer worked as members of a family but rather as equally "free" labourers. By 1840, most factory workers were

still women and children. "Normal" family life was subverted, and many people believed that the old working-class family would not survive.

Another family structure, however, flourished. For the capitalist economy required that its workforce was fed, clothed, rested and housed. It also needed to ensure a future supply of workers that are healthy, educated, and obedient. The cheapest way for the ruling class to achieve this was through the institution of the working-class nuclear family. Various social, economic, and ideological controls were employed to impose this new family on working people.

As capitalism has further developed, the contradictions inherent in the family have grown more significant. Never before have the opportunities for lifestyles independent of the nuclear family been greater. But this makes the family even more important to capital-

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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 throughout 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

Gay's 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 calender 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 1st and 3rd 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

Only Wonderful Lesbians (OWLS)

An informal discussion group for lesbians 35 and over. Call 884-GLOW for contact information.

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

I N M A Y

Wed 1 • WOODS softball game. Meeting at 7 pm. Call Lisa for details - 579-████

Sun 5 • Free Spirit Community Church Worship - 7:00 pm at 136 Allen St. E, Waterloo

• WOODS Trout fishing trip at Glen Haffy, 8:30 pm, Conservation area outside of Orangeville. Contact Kathy for more information - 821-████

Tue 7 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm
Topic: Social/Garage Sale Preparation. Bring stuff for our fundraising garage sale!

Wed 8 • GLOW coffeehouse - U of W - ML 104 - 9 to 11pm

Sat 11 • GGLE garage sale. Call the gayline for location.

Sun 12 • Free Spirit Community Church Worship - 7:00 pm at 136 Allen St. E, Waterloo

• WOODS local bicycling jaunt. Meet at Kmart, Waterloo Town Square at 11 am. Bring a lunch.

Tue 14 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm
Topic: Movie - TBA

Wed 15 • GLOW coffeehouse - U of W - ML 104 - 9 to 11pm

Fri 17 • WOODS goes to Point Pelee for camping and birdwatching the 17th to the 19th. Call Karen at 824-████ for details.

Sun 19 • Free Spirit Community Church Worship - 7:00 pm at 136 Allen St. E, Waterloo

Tue 21 • GGLE meeting - U of G - UC 536 - 8pm
Topic: Discussion - Gay Bashing

Wed 22 • GLOW coffeehouse - U of W - ML 104 - 9 to 11pm

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

Sun 26 • Hiking at Dickson Wildlife Area south of Cambridge. Meet at Donut Shop, Frederick St. Mall, Kitchener 11 am. Bring a lunch.

Tue 28 • GGLE Bar-B-Que - Riverside Park at 6:00 pm.

Wed 29 • GLOW coffeehouse - U of W - ML 104 - 9 to 11pm

Fri 31 • GGLE Dance at the Electrical Worker's School House (Silvercreek & Woodlawn) \$4 non-members, \$3 members of other groups, \$2 GGLE Members.

Up 'n Coming Events . . .

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

June 12 • WOODS planning meeting 7 pm. Plan July and August events, help out any way you can. Call Lisa 579-████.

June 13-16 :

• Festival '91 in downtown Hamilton: a four day Gay and Lesbian festival. Movies (\$7.50), seminars (\$30/\$40 non-members), a banquet (\$30/\$200 for a table of 10), a dance (\$5.00/\$1.00 for members) and arts and culture trade shows. One of the largest gay and lesbian festivals in Ontario. Call (416) 524-████ or (416) 522-████ for info.

June 29 • Sing! Featuring the Toronto Gay Mens' Chorus, plus groups from Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa. Held in conjunction with Gay and Lesbian Pride Day to celebrate its official proclamation by City Council. The concert is held at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

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Lesbian and Gay Community
of K-W & area!

ism. This alongside greater sexual freedom, there have been increased efforts to portray the family as the only possible living arrangement and to perpetuate its sexual divisions into the next generation of workers.

In so far as lesbians and gay men represent a threatening alternative to the nuclear family, the capitalist state will intervene and attempt to regulate and restrict sexuality. Ultimately, this is based on violence. "Queer-bashing" is capitalism's inevitable response to openly gay lifestyles. This will not be overcome without a revolutionary change in our society, in which reliance upon the free labour of the nuclear family - performed mostly by women - is overcome. Only when the social burdens of the family are "unprivatized" will people truly be able to choose the sort of love and family arrangements that they desire.

All movements toward this goal also promote the fight for gay liberation. This is why socialists argue that it is crucial to link it with the struggles for women's liberation - including abortion on demand, aboriginal rights, racial harmony, as well as fightbacks against social cuts that will increase dependence upon the family.

The state has immense ideological power, but history has shown that even the most solid traditions will crumble as people struggle together. Oppressed groups cannot liberate themselves in isolation. That is why the International Socialists insist that there can be no gay liberation without socialism, and no socialism without gay liberation.

- Bryan

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.

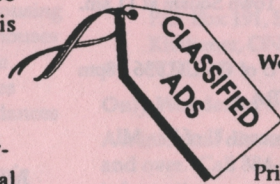
Nowhere to Hide, a gay radio show, airs every Wednesday on CKMS-FM 94.5/95.5 on cable.

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.



Women Out Of Doors in K-W will need co-ordinators starting in July/August. Primary duties include writing up calendars, converting planning meetings, treasury, mailings, maintaining membership lists, and other tasks. If you would like to volunteer and/or want more information, come to our planning meeting on June 12 or call LISA 579-████.

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