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EDITORIAL

There is a disease going around these days in the gay community. It's an old disease. It's been with us for a long time. But in the past few months it's been getting stronger. The symptoms are not visible all the time but it's there. They are frustration, anger, short tempers, non-production, lack of confidence in others, a desire to quit, and a feeling of loneliness. This disease strikes organizations, clubs, churches, social functions, causes, and the everyday operations of these groups. The after effects are bankruptcy, closing the doors to operations, and just quietly fading into nothing.

What is the disease I'm talking about? It goes by many names. But the one that I know it by is APATHY.

Apathy. The disease that causes so much trouble for many worthwhile organizations. Apathy strikes when people need it the least.

Let me give you some examples of what apathy is doing today in the gay community here in Alaska. The Alaska Gay Community Center is facing one of the toughest times in its two year history. They are closing one day a week because of lack of volunteers. And they are currently faced with the reality of closing their doors permanently because of lack of financial support.

This is just one case of many in the community that shows what apathy can do. Ask the Emperor and Empress what apathy is. What is happening there is the same thing that hundreds of organizations around the country face every day. New ideas are introduced, they are accepted with great enthusiasm, but as soon as it gets down to the nitty gritty, only a few do all the work while the rest of the community sits back and takes it all for granted or even worse, they complain that it didn't turn out the way they thought it should have.

This disease can be cured. All it takes is for more people to get involved. A couple hours a week will do wonders. If you are one of the complainers, then go to the organizations involved and lend them a hand in setting the social functions or whatever. But don't sit back and let a handful burn themselves out because of your laziness.

Perhaps in the future I can look back on this Editorial and say "Gee, did the gay community of Anchorage, Alaska really catch this ugly disease?" Go out and give a helping hand to those organizations that need your help today.

RUSTY BARWICK
EDITOR, AGCC NEWSLETTER
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE letters to the Editor portion of the newsletter was started in this issue as a forum for members of the gay community to present and express their opinions, statements and suggestions the the community. The opinions expressed on these pages DO NOT necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or the members of the Board of Directors of AGCC. Your responses are welcomed.

Response to Bob Dane

I am writing this letter to shed some intelligent light on the subject of Gay Alaska, Mr. Dane and the Imperial Court of All Alaska- the latter of which I am a member. Mr. Dane's letter was a big disappointment in the light of some of the more constructive efforts he has done in the past.

Mr. Dane states and I quote "The Emperor and Empress stated that they will no longer use Gay Alaska Magazine for any purpose." I feel it is the Emperor and Empress' right to choose any media forum that they feel best suits their purpose and if Gay Alaska cannot fulfill that need-then they have the right not to use it as a public forum-just as Mr. Dane has the right to use it if it suits his purpose, whatever it is.

Further, Mr. Dane INTERPRETS and I quote "In other words, the Emperor and Empress will not allow the Imperial Court to advertise in Gay Alaska because they feel Gay Alaska is not meeting the needs of the local community." Mr. Dane's choice of the word 'allow' does not denote the democratic system and process that we and the Imperial Court operate under. I believe it is 'Majority Rules', not the whim or decision of the Emperor and/or Empress. That was a bit of an insult to the people who work on and are members of the Imperial Court of All Alaska.

Mr. Dane's action came out of a motion at the Privy Council meeting when he asked for funds to place three(3) ads in Gay Alaska. His motion died in discussion, which was a democratic process. I would hate to think that Mr. Dane wrote his letter because of a lack of positive response to his motion. Mr. Dane further states of very negative responses to Gay Alaska by members of the Privy Council, I can only ask this one question, "Are all the members of the Privy Council and the Imperial Court wrong and Mr. Dane and Mr. Haberman correct?" I might add at this point that the Imperial Court gave a vote of confidence to the Emperor and Empress for their stand on Gay Alaska at the Court meeting on Jan. 29, 1980. There were 22 persons in attendance of which 16 were court members. The vote was
all in favor of the Emperor and Empress' stand with one abstention. I will also add that the Emperor and Empress did not 'allow' us to do that. We did it as a democratic process and as free thinking individuals, each with the ability to make up our own minds.

Mr. Dane goes further to raise and I quote, "...some very disturbing questions..." 1) "Do the Emperor and/or Empress have the right to alienate the Imperial Court from a viable advertising medium, such as Gay Alaska, because of their personal value judgements?" I feel the Emperor and Empress did not do this alone and that the members of the Privy Council and Imperial Court in attendance at those meetings all made personal value judgements for which each of them are responsible.

2) "How does the Imperial Court rate in meeting the needs of the Alaska gay community?" The Imperial Court cannot meet all the needs of the Alaska gay community, and they are only as good as the members themselves. The Court acts or reacts to the judgements of its members through the democratic process (vote). The Court can only do so much and for that reason we have at least a dozen or so other Gay or Gay related organizations all trying to do their part. How the Court is rated is questionable. Whether the community rates the Court to be good or bad is only a personal judgement of which we are all entitled. The important consideration is that the Court is alive and we are trying to do something and it is a very viable force in Anchorage.

3) "Is the Imperial Court, at present, politically aware enough to fully handle its inherent responsibility as this communities most visible, influential, and financially solvent organization?" The Court is primarily a social organization—not a political one! We have other organizations whose policies are very political in nature. However, the Court and its members were 'POLITICALLY AWARE' enough to sponsor the 'GRAND SWEEPSTAKES AWARD WINNING FLOAT' in the Fur Rondy Parade—which was the biggest political move the Court has undertaken. Mr. Dane, is that POLITICAL, RESPONSIBLE, and INFLUENTIAL enough for you?

4) "How does the Imperial Court rate in comparison with leading Courts, such as San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles?" I don't believe the Imperial Court of All Alaska wishes to rate themselves along the same lines as the Courts outside. We must keep in mind that the Courts Mr. Dane is comparing Alaska to are much larger and have been in existence much longer than Alaska. How can he, in all fairness, compare us to them? We cannot forget we are Alaskans and we will do it our way, which is not so bad if you really think about it.
Alaska is very well received and respected outside the State and the float in the Fur Rondy Parade only enhanced that respect and admiration. We may not be as big in population or years in existence but Alaska can be proud of who we are. Why else do the Outside Court enjoy coming to our Coronation? We rate very high amongst the Courts outside and justifiably so. We are friendly and very hospitable. Just ask THEM and form your own opinion and/or personal value judgement.

Mr. Dane goes on to state "...The Courts actual role at this time is a money making organization in which all monies raised go back into meeting the 'ego needs' of its members through more shows and, ultimately, Coronation." Yes, we are a money making organization and we must be if we are to serve the community as primarily a social organization. Yes, we have shows and ultimately Coronation, that is our annual goal, but to state that it is all done to meet the "EGO NEEDS" of its members is really a slap in the face to the members of the Court and the community at large who work so hard—VOLUNTARILY—to put on these events—not for ourselves—but for the community or those who wish to attend. I ask you, what 'ego needs' are met by the lighting people, the music persons, the door persons, the bartenders, the cast of the shows, who ALL pay admission, in addition to working untold hours during each one of these events? Yes, egos are fed, too, for we all thrive on knowing we did something worthwhile that is appreciated. All our egos took a big jump when we received the GRAND SWEEPSTAKES AWARD—a very political move by a social organization—YOUR IMPERIAL COURT.

To further comment on the rest of Mr. Dane's narrative, I will state that the Court is only one organization of many in our community and the Court cannot do it alone. All of us working together, there is no limiting us! San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, and all the other Courts made mistakes too, and we are not perfect, but they have also had a lot more time to accomplish some of the things we are trying to do. Alaska is Alaska—land of individuals—and we all have minds of our own. We will keep plugging along, some moves will be big, some small, but we WILL KEEP MOVING AHEAD for we are watched and admired by the Lower 48 and our neighbor and friend—Canada.

I don't feel Gay Alaska was alienated—it was only confronted by a group who requested more response and community concern out its Editor, Sole Proprietor, and its single staff member. I only request Mr. Haberman to use or exercise more editorial judgement in printing articles that tear the Community down and to check the facts BEFORE he prints them. Gay Alaska has done a lot of good in many areas and I only ask he print more LOCAL NEWS and, as a newspaper person in attendance at many functions, should be able to write
a commentary on these events. If Mr. Haberman exercised good editorial judgement in printing articles, then perhaps Gay Alaska's Feb '80 issue would not have been banned for sale at the AGCC. I'm also concerned that Gay Alaska is Free to all State Legislators but we have to pay $1.00 apiece for it!! I wonder, 'Who is Gay Alaska serving? The gay community or the State Legislature?'

Now, Mr. Dane, I have a few comments and questions for you. How can you intelligently make comments about the Imperial Court as a member who has attended only two (2) out of eleven (11) meetings since Sept. '79? Don't you feel it is a member's responsibility to attend more meetings so that you are better informed? Along the same lines, don't you feel to speak as a Privy Council member you should attend more than 4 of the last 7 meetings to be better informed? I feel you owe the Imperial Court and your fellow members and the community at large an apology for your gross attack on our ethics and well being.

Mr. Dane, I also witnessed how you handled a confrontation at a local establishment when someone told you they disagreed with what you stated in your letter. To hit someone is unexcusable as a Privy Council and Imperial Court member. This is not the only incident of your uncontrolable temper and lack of patience or understanding to your fellow man. Why, Mr. Dane, why? Your efforts in the past years have been beneficial, so why do you choose now to attack the organization and community that you are a part of? It also appears from reading your letter and Mr. Haberman's accompanying article, that you both collaborated in your endeavors. That is poor editorial judgement on Mr. Haberman's part and not much forethought on your part. What good did you both accomplish? Now that I think about it, you made the community unify and not take what we have for granted. Thank You!! Anita Bryant you're not, but...........

I also wish to state that I'm very proud to be a member of the Imperial Court of All Alaska and Treasurer of the Privy Council and a member of the community for almost six years. Thank You.

Sincerely,

WAYNE KNIGHT

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Knight is an appointed member of the following:

PRIME MINISTER TO THE IMPERIAL COURT OF ALL ALASKA
AMBASSADOR TO CALGARY
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CALGARY CORONATION '80
KNIGHT TO HMIM RICK, EMPEROR VI
MEMBER OF: Metropolitan Community Church, Anchorage
Alaska Gay Community Center, Parents and Friends of Gays
TO GAY ALASKA

Bob Dane
Eugene Haberman
c/c Gay Alaska
P.O.Box 1581
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Bob and Eugene;

Bob, hearing your letter which was published in Gay Alaska, left
me stunned and angry that you would attack the Imperial Court and the
Emperor and Empress on what was truly your personal grievances.

To my recollection, you have only attended 4 Court meetings this
year (since Sept. '79), though we meet every two weeks. Also, you
have missed 4 out of 7 Privy Council meetings. Though you had pledged
your support to the Community that elected you, you have obviously
not tried to keep abreast of what is happening.

In your ignorance of the achievements and goals of this years Court,
you have taken it upon yourself to condemn and criticize on a public
forum, as a traitor to 'YOUR OWN'.

Who needs Jerry Prevo and Moral Majority when you and Eugene Haberman
have displayed those very same displaced values from within? I can
no longer accept or approve of your actions, those of Eugene or his
Gay Alaska Magazine as being representative in any way of the Gay
Community. You have both committed a grieved and slanderous crime
against 'YOUR OWN'...to say nothing of what may befall the Community
due to this Public airing. You yourself stated that the magazine
was sent 'FREE' to many Alaska State and Anchorage Municipal Public
Officials.

The Imperial Court and all its members should in no way be coerced
or threatened to subscribe to Gay Alaska--or to pay for advertising
in that magazine. As it is now, I will personally contact all paid
advertisers of that magazine regarding my standing on this issue.

Further, your rebuttal is, in my opinion, also a sick, sad way of
trying to attract attention to your magazine. From the sounds of
both your articles it appears to me that you have collaborated this
action purposefully hoping to gain some sort of perverse personal
satisfaction.

It is not true, Eugene, that you print local organizational news.
Last July, immediately after the Imperial Courts Happy Cooker Fund
Raiser for Parents and Friends of Gays, I submitted an article to
you which praised the Imperial Court for their care and concern and
thanked them for all the work they did to raise money for our
organization.

Result?? YOU DID NOT PRINT IT! Your excuse?? Not enough room...
(a ½ page typed article?)

This month, in your hurry to rebut with two FULL PAGES of 'EUGENE
HABERMAN SAYS' you 'neglected' to list all Gay and Gay Associated
Organizations and their functions, meeting times, etc. This, too,
is inexcusable. No Room? Well really, who needs Gay Alaska?!!!

I strongly urge all individuals, organizations and businesses
to cancel their supporting subscriptions and advertising to Gay
Alaska—at least until we have a public apology to the Community from
both of you. Perhaps at a later date we can reconsider this matter.

I also suggest that letters will be welcome on this matter, for,
remember, the entire Community will suffer for this most insensitive
and harmful attack on the Imperial Court, NOT just the Court itself.

Sincerely,

DOROTHY PATTERTON, PRES.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF GAYS
ELECTED MEMBER: PRIVY COUNCIL
MEMBER: Imperial Court of All Alaska
Alaska Women's Resource Center
National Organization for Women
Free Voices...
An Organization for Human
Rights

TO THE READERS:

I would like to express my congratulations to the Imperial Court
and all who worked on the float. I, personally, think it's time we
started working with the 'straight' community instead of practising
separatism. And joining the Fur Rondy Parade was a good start, especi-
ally with winning the Grand Sweepstakes Award.

Again, a lot of hard work was put into this event and I'm proud
of the outcome.

Patty Z.
WE BELIEVE THAT AS HUMAN BEINGS WE ARE RATIONAL AND FREE
AND ABLE TO DECIDE OUR OWN DESTINY; THAT WE CAN INTELLIGENTLY MAKE
OUR ETHICAL CHOICES FREE FROM DOGMA OR DICTATION. WE PLEDGE OUR
unceasing efforts to protect the freedom and individuality of every
human being."

That is the statement of purpose for the a new organization in town
that was formed to combat the "religious fascism" of Moral Majority.
Last week in the paper and on television this group received there
first public exposure to the people of Anchorage.
In an interview with the Liaison Officer of Free Voices, Dorothy
Haaland, I learned what Free Voices is offering to the Gay Community.
The group was formed in direct opposition to Rev. Jerry Prevo's
Moral Majority believing that his group does not represent a 'majority'
of Alaskans. Free Voices is not objectable to the Christian way of
life but the members feel that these ideas and morals should not be
forced upon the people of this country. The group is not just against
Moral Majority alone. They are here to oppose any group that wishes
to force their way of thinking and/or beliefs on to the general public.
The group was formed as an informative group to let other organizations
here in Alaska know what groups are trying to limit the freedom of the
people.
The group also hopes to coordinate the efforts of these groups to
make for a more powerful voice in the Community.
The group is very sympathetic towards the Gay Rights Movement for
they believe that each individual has the right to choose and pursue
his own lifestyle, within the bounds of the law and Constitution of
the United States.
Already many gay organizations here in Anchorage have joined this
group in their cause. And all are welcome to join. Not only are
organizations encouraged, but individuals as well.
Dorothy Haaland, the Liaison Officer, is also one of the authors
of the Constitution of the State of Alaska. Among some of the other
members represented are the American Civil Liberties Union, National
Organization for Women, the Unitarians, Metropolitan Community Church,
Alaska Lesbian and Gay Activist Alliance, Anchorage Community College,
Parents and Friends of Gays, Alaska Gay Community Center, and the list
goes on.
Free Voices is open to any member of the community that feels that
he/she can live within the statement of purpose. They meet on Wednesdays
at the Log Cabin Church, 602 W. 10th Ave. The meetings usually begin
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VIDEO SHOW

On Sunday MARCH 9, 1980 the Imperial Court will show video tapes of last year's Coronation. The show will be held at Hal's Place sometime in the afternoon. For more information I would call Hal's (276-9672) for the time was not set at printing time.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

The Next ICC sponsored Roller Skating Party will be held on Monday March 31, 1980 at the Anchorage Roller Rink at 7:00pm. This is a private party for the Gay Community, their family and friends.

The last party we held had over 135 persons attending. Let's make this one even bigger!!!

For the benefit of those that weren't at the last party, some of the people showed up in strange looking outfits. For this party we are going to hold a costume CONTEST.

The rules are:
1) No Hats (if they fall off they pose a accident hazard)
2) No clothing that can easily fall off (same reason as above)
3) No nudity (there will be children present plus most of us already know what you're so proud of!)
4) Nothing protruding (so no one can lose an eye or get stabbed)

There will be a First, Second and Third Place Prize given to the WINNER. Admission is $2.00. Tickets are available at the AGCC and other places soon. Get yours SOON and join in the fun!

MULIGAN STEW FEED

The Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club's Annual Muligan Stew and St. Patrick's Day Festivities will be held Saturday March 15, 1980 at Hal's Place. There will be FREE stew and fun for everyone!!

TO BE FREE WE MUST THINK FREE, TO THINK FREE WE MUST LIVE FREE, TO LIVE FREE WE MUST LEARN TO LOVE.
The Alaska Gay Community Center has acquired a button making machine. Buttons will be going on sale soon. Logos read "WE ARE FAMILY" and many more!! Price is only $2.50 per Button.

If you have a birthday coming up soon and would like people to know about it or if you wish to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to someone special, let us know here at AGCC and we will print it for you. (Please let us know in advance if possible)

The Alaska Gay Community Center would like to welcome some new members to the community. They hail from San Francisco, Fairbanks, and Sitka. Welcome and Thank you for your support.

EASTER BALL

The Imperial Court announces their Annual Easter Ball to be held Saturday March 29, 1980 at the Oddfellows Hall. Doors open at 7:00 pm with the show being a 8:00 pm. Admission is $6.00 at the door.

There will be a HOST bar which means the drinks will less expensive than they have been in the past.

Rumors have it that there will be a Headdress Contest to go along with the theme "Put on YOUR EASTER BONNET!"

FREE VOICES BENEFIT SHOW

There will be a Benefit Fundraiser for the Free Voices Group at the Wild Cherry Sunday March 9, 1980. Shows are 8:00 and 10:00 pm.

NOTHING IS WORTH DOING IF IT'S NOT WORTHWHILE.
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HAPPY
THANK YOU to all persons involved in making our entry in the Fur Rondy Parade a total success. As you know, we rode the parade as #1 after receiving the Grand Sweepstakes Award. This was a very great milestone for us.

To you--THE ALASKA GAY COMMUNITY, we, Rick VI and ROSE VII, salute you. A special thanks to M&M and Gari for allowing us to utilize 'Carnival in Rio' and to Jamie Greenleaf for the hours of work in designing, sets, and costumes for the float. Another Special Thanks to HAROLD'S RENT-A-TRUCK for their donation of the truck and trailer. Additionally, A BIGG THANKS to MEL DAVIS for everything he has done, as without constant support from persons like Mel and so many others, we could not do as an effective job.

Rick VI and RoseVII would also like to thank everyone for the support and understanding you have shown us so far this year and to express the importance of ALL PERSONS & ALL ORGANIZATIONS to work together for the betterment of our Gay Community.

We would also like to offer our 'congrats' to Mr. Fur Rondy, Curt, Miss Fur Rondy, RUBY, and Ms. Fur Rondy, LaPaula.

Remember also that anyone can join the Imperial Court of All Alaska and we urge you to do so today.

In Love, Peace, and Unity
Emperor VI Rick
Empress VII Rose

There is a new group in Anchorage called YOUNG ADULTS OF ALASKA, whose purpose is to help people in the 13 to 19 group, deal with their sexuality, parents, and friends and to share other interests. For more information call 276-1715, 276-3909 or 349-4866.

The Alaska Gay Community Center is in need of your help. If you have three to four hours a week free, volunteer today. Help yourselves by helping your Gay Community Center now. Call 276-3909.
WOMEN'S BALL

The Second Annual Women's Ball was held on Feb 3, 1980 at the Anchorage Westward Hilton Ballroom. With over 185 persons in attendance the show was a smash. A lot of new talent emerged from the ranks and delivered an overall entertaining night.

The theme for this year's Ball was "Women through the Decades". The show was divided into five decades beginning with the Forties. The MC (Billy B) gave a brief history of the women that made the headlines for each of the decades.

The culmination of the evening came when Athena L (Holly) stepped down to give way to the new current reigning Athena II (Yogi).

Another award was presented to a person we all know and love. Mr. Billy B. was named Honorary Lesbian 1980. He takes the place of the 1979 Honorary Lesbian T-Bear. This years Honorary Lesbian of the Year couldn't have gone to a more deserving person. Right Billy?

CONGRADULATIONS and BEST WISHES to Yogi, Your reigning Athena II.

MISS GAY ANCHORAGE SPECIAL

The Miss Gay Anchorage Special was held at the Wild Cherry on Feb 10. The proceeds to this show went to the construction of the Fur Rondy Float. There were over 85 persons attending. The show was great with a lot of new talent coming forth.

Rumor was it that this production was the last for our current Miss Gay Anchorage, Rana. It's been said that she's ready to hang up her wigs and dress' for a while. It a shame with the wonderful job she did putting this show together. Good Luck in the future, Rana, whatever it holds in store.

FUR RONDY BALL

The Fur Rondy Ball was held Fri., Feb. 15, 1980 at the Westward Hilton. Unfortunately the Ball was plagued with a low turnout of people. There were only about 60 persons in attendance but that didn't stop the show. The theme was 'North to Alaska' with Rose doing a very good impersonation of Lisa Minnelli. But the show was stopped by Miss LU-LU doing a number that called for several porters to carry her luggage with the song line going "just visiting for the weekend". (I wonder what she brings for dinner?)

All-in-all it was an enjoyable evening with the crowning of Mr. Fur Rondy, Curt, Miss Fur Rondy, Ruby, And Ms Fur Rondy, LaPaula.
Of course you've all heard by now that the Imperial Courts Fur Rondy Parade entry won top honors at the Parade on Feb., 16, 1980. It came as no surprise to some people for the float was the largest and most colorful in the entire lineup.

Talking to some of the people who rode the Float that day, I learned some new words in describing how cold it was that day. Here are some of the reactions I got.

"Do you think I could borrow your beard for a while, my toes are cold." "It's colder than a witches !#$%$&% !!!!"

"Forgive me if I don't talk too loud, my vocal chords might shatter."

"Will someone please pour gasoline on me and give me a book of matches?"

I think you get the idea. It's been said that it took Gary all the way to Seattle to be able to bend his legs again.

Some of the reactions I received when it was learned that they had won first place were:

"It was the biggest thrill of my life!"

"You should have seen the Military Reviewing stand, they ALL stood up and SALUTED us!"

"I think Mayor Sullivan is going to need a face-lift, you should have seen his expression!"

"Wait till Prevo hears about this, he'll cry for a week!"

CONGRADULATIONS TO THE IMPERIAL COURT OF ALL ALASKA and a BIG THANK YOU to all that helped make it a reality. I'm sure we are all looking forward to next year. Wouldn't it be nice to win two years in a row?
The Mt. McKinley (non-ascent) Club's 2nd Annual Mid-Winter Madness Party, held at the Rabbit Creek Inn on Feb. 17th, was an outstanding success for the Community.

The afternoon festivities began with a Tug-of-War Contest--best two out of three heats--between the 'Swishers' and the 'Lushers.' The 'Swishers' Won!! Team members were Rusty, Lisa, Lucie, Gary, Larry, David, and David. Each member received an 'Alaska IS Tops' pin from the Club and shared bottles of Champagne donated by Hal's Place.

The second event, 'The Snowshoe Race' called for ingenious stamina. The Green team beat the Purple team. Green team members were Larry, David, Rusty, David, Tom, Lisa, Marcie, Lucie, Fritz, and Mario.

The team won and shared bottles of Champagne donated by Hal's Place and free drinks at the Village.

Next on the agenda was an impromptu EGG TOSSING CONTEST. The kitchen donated 30 fresh eggs. Twenty-four teams of two each--a tosser and a catcher--started at 8 feet apart. There were three winning teams--at fifty feet apart! Curt and John, Lisa and Lula, and Rusty and Robert. Each team won a dinner for two, which were donated by the Patio Restaurant, Alice's 210 and the Cattleman's. Champagne was shared, donated by Lyle Brown of the Rabbit Creek Inn.

The last outdoor event was a Rabbit Egg Hunt. Thirty-three eggs were hidden the previous day by T-Bear and Danny W. Most eggs were recovered, each containing a prize worth up to $10.00.

Next, the gala group moved into the Banquet Hall, where some 98 guests enjoyed a Buffet prepared by Jack A., Chef and his capable staff. An outstanding and succulent treat it was!! During the Buffet, door prizes were drawn by guests attending.

The after-dinner entertainment included outstanding dance music by Harley, Peter, Chuck, Frank and Vaughn. Really, it was outstanding music.

The 'GREAT CRAP' and assistant, BB, stirred the audience with their sharp-tongued, usual CRAIG, chatter and his rendition of 'THE GREAT KARLUK.' Fun, fun, fun!!

The entire affair was a great success with much thanks going to Tom W. for driving many of the attending guests to the affair.

Let's have more of these in the future at RABBIT CREEK INN!
The Alaska Gay Community Center has begun collecting non-perishable packaged and canned goods in an effort to stockpile an emergency food supply for those persons in the gay community in need. There has been great demand in the past for such a project. The food will be collected at the door of future community functions and events. Donations of food will be accepted at the Center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Center is also in need of volunteers to staff the center one night a week. Some of the duties will include answering the phone, general information, counseling, crisis prevention, and host/hostessing to group meetings. If you have a good telephone personality and a desire to help others, please call or stop by A.G.C.G. and say, "Yes I want to help!" Ask for Thonnie or any staff member will be glad to help you.

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The Inter Community Council (ICC) is a group of representatives
(2 each) from most gay organizations in our community. ICC was
organized and started by HMIM Empress VI Rose and HMIM Emperor VI
Rick.

ICC's aim and objective is to coordinate activities within the gay
community and to help organizations work together for the benefit of
our entire community.

In late 1979, it was agreed by all organizations that ICC would handle
and coordinate all Gay Pride Week (GPW) activities. During the
meeting of Feb. 5, 1980 of ICC at the AGCC, the Council felt they
needed a Chairperson for GPW. To maintain gender parity in the com-
community, they preferred a woman and a man and thus have elected
'Co-Chairpersons' for Gay Pride Week.

The elected representatives of ICC for Co-Chairpersons of GPW are
Nan Harty of the Alaska Lesbian and Gay Activist Alliance and
Wayne Knock of the Imperial Court of All Alaska.

ICC has asked us, as their elected representatives, to contact all
ICC organizations and explain the purpose of ICC and seek your
endorsement for their intentions of coordinating all GPW activities
and also seek your endorsement of their elected Co-Chairpersons.

We wish to make you aware that GPW is June 22-29, 1980 and we seek
your support for GPW by asking each organization to sponsor events and
activities for that week and to further coordinate these activities
through your two elected ICC representatives that your organization
has selected.

Our functions as Co-Chairpersons are to handle/coordinate all
scheduling of events, handle all public relations between organizations
and help with budget funding as needed during GPW.

Our goals for GPW is to seek active participation from all organ-
izations within ICC and the Gay Community, to promote the well being
of the Lesbian/Gay Community and foremost, to show that all organ-
izations and Men and Women of the Gay Community can do wish to
work together.

Our goal for Gay Pride Week is one word 'UNITY'.

We seek your support for Gay Pride Week and also your endorsement
for ICC to coordinate the activities.

Thank you. The next ICC meeting is Tuesday March 4, 1980 at 7:30pm
at the AGCC.

In Love, Peace and Unity,

Nan Harty & Wayne Knock
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE VILLAGE
On Wed. Feb. 27, 1980 the Village Lounge and Disco celebrated its first birthday with a party sporting free Champagne and a drawing for a trip for two to Seattle. From reports that I received the party was a huge success with many people in the Gay Community turning out to show support and extend Best Wishes to the Village.

Good Luck to you in the future and may we see many more birthday parties from you in the future!!

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For one dollar your ad could be here! Call 276-3909 and give us the info.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.... The 1980 membership drive is now on! The Gay Community Center is looking for new members. Annual dues are $5.00 per person. Help support YOUR Alaska Gay Community Center today. Come on and join the fun. For further information call 276-3909.

WANTED!!.... Your classified ads. The A.G.C.C. newsletter would like to expand its services to the gay community. We will begin a classified section next month. If you have something to sell, trade or buy or are looking for a place to rent or have a place to rent, call 276-3909 and give us the details. The fee will be $1.00 for the first 25 words and $0.50 for each additional word. The deadline is the 25th of each month.

The AGCC would like to print your poetry in this newsletter. If you have something special to say and would like to share it with the gay community please send in your poetry to the AGCC or bring it by the center.
I wish to become a member of the ALASKA GAY COMMUNITY CENTER.

NAME: ________________________________
MAILING ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE: (  )

With my signature I affirm that I am at least sixteen years of age and will ascribe to the purposes of the organization as set forth in the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, its BYLAWS, and A.G.C.C. polity. I understand that one of the conditions of membership include payment of yearly dues as set by the Board of Directors. I also understand that the membership list is strictly confidential and available only to the officers, directors, and authorized co-ordinators of A.G.C.C. I may cancell my membership at any time I so choose by notifying the Secretary of the corporation.

ANNUAL DUES $15.00

MEMBERS SIGNATURE: ________________________________

ACNT # ____________________ DATE: ____________________