October 8 was the center’s 4th annual membership meeting. Over fifty men and women attended the spaghetti and chicken potluck dinner and the business meeting. This was by far the largest turnout ever for our annual meeting.

Generating a great deal of interest for the meeting was the proposed name change for the center. The members voted overwhelmingly in favor of adding Lesbian to the title. The new name of our center is now The Alaska Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Five new board members were elected to two year terms by the membership also. Newly elected members include Michael Day, a very active staff member and volunteer here at the center, Chris Blankenship, our very own newsletter editor, Gennie H., a very talented professional women, and Les, a very good friend and worker for a long time of AGLCC. Re-elected to a second term was Doris D., mother and student.

Our thanks to outgoing board members Kay, Jamie, Jan, and Tom. Your support and time is appreciated.

At the business meeting members were given an annual report of the center's financial picture and services delivered during the year. AGLCC seems to be as healthy and viable as ever. Under the leadership of outgoing President, Stephen Gingrich, AGLCC has alleviated many of its past financial problems.

The new board convened after the general meeting and elected its new officers. Elected president is Chris Blankenship, vice-president, Fred Hillman, secretary, Doris, and treasurer, Kathy Franz.

A condensed version of the annual report is included in this month's newsletter. Do read it over and know what your center is doing and where it is going.

So...Happy Birthday to The Alaska Gay and Lesbian Community Center. May we celebrate many many more birthdays!
LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY RECEIVES APOLOGY

Thursday, October 29, the Anchorage Times ran an interview with Robert Swedberg, stage director and performer in the "Die Fledermaus", the Anchorage Civic Opera's fall opera. In the article, Mr. Swedberg talked about his role of Prince Orlofsky in "Die Fledermaus". Prince Orlofsky was cast with a woman in the role when composer Johann Strauss Jr. opened his opera in Vienna in 1874. Strauss chose to poke fun at Russian czar Alexander III by having played as a woman. By changing his name (Alexander III) to Prince Orlofsky, the composer avoided the czar's anger while poking fun at the czar.

Mr. Swedberg was quoted in the interview as saying, "Alexander II was a young, very wealthy pansy so Strauss was making fun of him by having him played as a female. But today the audience wouldn't know Strauss was making fun of a faggoty czar so we dropped it."

It was this quote which raised the ire of many lesbians, gay and other members of the Anchorage community. Many persons called the opera and expressed dismay with the use of the words pansy and faggoty czar to describe a homosexual. Mr. Swedberg responded to the outcry by personally calling the people who had complained and making a personal apology. He also wrote a letter to the editor in the Anchorage Times Oct. 31 paper apologizing publicly for his actions. Mr. Swedberg read the text of his letter to a representative of AGLCC prior to submitting it to the Times. His letter follows.

"Concerning an interview published in The Anchorage Times on Thursday, Oct. 29, concerning the role of Prince Orlofsky in Die Fledermaus:
I must render a very sincere apology for an inappropriate choice of words. In trying to be descriptive, I inadvertently used a word that I now know to be offensive.
The Anchorage Civic Opera, of course, was not involved in this at all. The company has been very sensitive in dealing with this misunderstanding and I sincerely believe it should not become an "issue" that could hinder people's involvement with the Anchorage Civic Opera."
A LETTER FROM THE PERSONAL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

October 16, 1981

Dear Friends:

Do you want Anchorage to become a haven for homosexuals like San Francisco?

Do you want your public parks to become a meeting place for homosexual activities like they have in San Francisco?

Do you want an increase in homosexual bars to take over and become another area of our city like Fourth Avenue and the Spenard massage parlor areas?

Do you want a law that will force you to allow homosexuals to be your children's teachers?

If you don't, then please read this letter carefully.

In 1976 Tony Knowles strongly supported the Sexual Preference Clause (better known as the Homosexual Clause) that would encourage more of the above things to take place.

In 1978 his business partner ran for Mayor and he, too, strongly supported this "Homosexual Clause". He was barely defeated.

Now in 1981, Tony Knowles a staunch supporter of this clause is back.

The liberals never give up. Their hope is that we who care will forget their stand...get tired of fighting...and let them slide into office. We cannot let this happen after all of these years. If we do, all the effort of the last five years will be lost.

Tony Knowles must not be elected Mayor of this city. He is a professed liberal. He supports the ERA. He talks about crime and economics, but does not want to deal with serious moral issues. He said, "I don't care about you moral majority people," when he refused to reply to the Moral Majority questions. He must be defeated!

How? First by voting. Your vote is so very, very important!!
The date for the run-off is Tuesday, October 27th.

Second, by getting your friends to not vote for Mr. Knowles.

Third, by helping the Hayes campaign (volunteer to make phone calls, address mailouts, etc.).

Fourth, by making a contribution to the Personal Liberties Committee so they can get the voting record of Mr. Knowles out for public view.

You can make a contribution of $100 to Personal Liberties Committee, and the state will refund your money after Jan. 1. In fact, every person in your household can give $100. Right now, why don't you write your check for $100 and mail it to P.L.C. (Each person who donates must write out and sign his own check or give cash). Most of our funds were depleted by our effort to defeat Proposition 1. We were successful. It was defeated by a 2 to 1 vote.

Now we need some immediate extra help.

The election is only a few days away. We need to hear from you today. Newspaper and radio time must be paid in advance. Send your $50, $100, or $20 contribution now.

Sincerely,

Tim Ewell, Director

P.S. We don't want to let Anchorage become the San Francisco of the North. Knowles record is lenient in this regard, and if he is elected, it's a strong possibility that this could happen. Please help us get the truth about Knowles out.

Editor's note: Written in long hand on the front of the letter was MORAL MAJORITY WILL BE VOTING! WILL YOU?
REPORT FROM THE GAY RIGHTS NATIONAL LOBBY OFFICE, WASH. D.C.

Midway through October I was contacted by GRNL concerning National Constituent Lobby Week tentatively scheduled for the 1st week of December. I talked with Carrie Woodward from GRNL who is helping coordinate state lobbying efforts for the legislators are expected to be back in their home states in recess during December.

Ms. Woodward gave me an update on what's happening on the national level in terms of Lesbian and Gay rights. The situation looks ominous. Most recently the House voted to overturn the D.C. Sexual Assault Reform Bill which would have dropped sodomy as a criminal offense. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of leaving sodomy a crime. Ms. Woodward told me also that GRNL expects a possible onslaught of anti-gay bills or amendments when Congress reconvenes in January.

At issue likely will be the funding of lesbian and gay organizations. She cited the example of the chemical dependency bill which could be amended to exclude lesbian and gay organizations from any funding. She stated too that Christian Voice, a national right wing group, may propose a bill similar to the California Briggs Initiative which was defeated not long ago in California. Among other things this bill called for punitive action for anyone who advocated or supported lesbian and gay rights be they homosexual or not. Christian Voice may seek too the exclusion of lesbian and gay organizations from obtaining tax-exempt status.

On the positive side, Senate bill 1708, known as the Tsongas Bill or National Lesbian/Gay Rights Bill, will be sponsored this session by seven senators. Last year the bill had only 4 co-sponsors. Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts is among the new co-sponsors.

The Lesbian/Gay Activist Alliance will be coordinating Alaska's National Lobby Week. Do check the November calendar in this issue for the first organizational meeting for our lobbying efforts. Become informed and choose to be politically involved. It can make a difference as demonstrated in our recent mayoral race.

Submitted by Nan Harty
When Frodo Okulam was about 12 years old she decided that she couldn't relate to the male Christian God figure and after she researched the Bible's statements on homosexuality she decided that the Bible considered homosexuals to be sick and wicked people. Since she knew that she was both gay and a good decent person, she decided that Christianity had nothing to offer her.

About this time Frodo read a series of books called "Lord of the Rings" by J.R. Tolkien. One of the characters in it was Elbereth, the Queen of the Stars, who gave help and inspiration whenever prayers were offered to her for aid. This was the first time the idea of a strong female God had seriously been presented to Frodo. She found that Elbereth met her needs for a loving female spiritual guide. Frodo began to feel that although the story itself was fictional, Elbereth was a real and valid Entity. She began to quietly worship the Goddess Elbereth but not telling anyone except for a few close friends of her beliefs. Several times during this period, Frodo experienced doubts as to the validity of Elbereth. When this happened Frodo would pray to Elbereth asking for proof that she was a genuine spiritual Entity. Each time that Frodo prayed, she received proof that Elbereth was real, so, for her, Elbereth became a real and ever present loving force for her to relate to and trust.

When she went to college Frodo saw a magazine called "Womyn's Spirit" which talked about female deities and feminine spirits. She also joined the womyn's spirituality movement and became part of a group called "WICCA of Diane" which worshiped the Goddess in various forms.

Later a friend took her to a worship service at Metropolitan Community Church. Since she thought of herself as a pagan, Frodo wasn't comfortable being in a Christian church. Several things made her decide to come back, however. When she came up to receive communion Ms. Betty Nelson offered a prayer to Mother-Father-God. Frodo was surprised and very encouraged at the inclusive language used. The members of the church were also tolerant of her beliefs and didn't ask her to change them. Frodo felt encouraged to stay in the church and joined the choir. After a while, she attended the Womyn's Spiritual Retreat where she felt her God encouraging and guiding her to a closer union with MCC. Several years later, when she went to another retreat, she felt called to join in the baptism. It wasn't until she was baptized, however, that she realized that she was a Christian.

In May of 1981 Frodo attended the N.W. District Conference of the UFMCC in Boise Idaho. The week before the Conference Jerry (continued on the next page)
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Pawell had been in Boise and was part of a witch hunt against the local gay population. The events of that incident were recorded in Newsweek magazine and several newspapers. As a result of the persecution of the gays, the tension in that town between the conservatives and the gay people and their supporters was enormous. Frodo was additionally tense because this was the first time she appeared in public as an openly gay person. The courage of Rev. Bo McDaniels, the Pastor of MCC-Boise, impressed Frodo enormously. In a town that just days earlier had been noted for its persecution and hatred of the gay community, Rev. McDaniels was appearing before the television cameras and speaking for her sisters and brothers who couldn't speak for themselves. She was telling the people that she was the Pastor for MCC-Boise, that she was a Christian and that gay people were God's children too. Frodo was amazed that Rev. McDaniels could be so open to the general community where she lived, especially in the light of recent events.

On the last day of the UFMCC district conference Frodo told Rev. McDaniels that she wanted to sing a song about God as the Mother during the worship service that day. Rev. McDaniels told her that the song was important to the service because each person's view of the Creator is important and she felt that a song proclaiming God as the Mother was relevant. During that service Frodo thought of the past 3 days and how Rev. McDaniels was willing to risk her life for what she believed in. She thought of how even though Rev. McDaniels didn't believe the same way that Frodo believed, she still loved her and accepted her beliefs and in fact had asked Frodo to minister to others through her music. Frodo found her love and respect for Rev. McDaniels growing and with that growth came a new understanding of what Jesus had gone through 2,000 years ago when he died for what he believed in. She found herself able to totally accept Jesus as the Son of the Mother. Before this period, she had been uncomfortable with the maleness of Jesus. She then decided that His goodness and unselfish love was strong enough for her to be able to love and trust in Him completely.

Submitted by Fred Arthur
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PERSONS SERVED BY AGLCC (DUPLICATED COUNT)  9/80-9/81

Gay Youth Organization ........................................... 168
Lesbian and Gay Alcoholics Anonymous .................. 989
Saturday Night Rap Group ...................................... 453
Lesbian Support Group (Began 7/81) ......................... 79
Potlucks .................................................................. 29
Special Events ....................................................... 226
Information and Referral calls .............................. 1504
Counseling .............................................................. 134
Drop-ins ................................................................. 508
Emergency Assistance ............................................. 7
TOTAL PERSONS SERVED ........................................ 4097

Organizations Utilizing the center whose participation
is not included in the above statistics are:
The Imperial Court of All Alaska
The Privy Council
Lesbian/Gay Activist Alliance
Inter-Community Council

VOLUNTEER HOURS

(These hours following reflect only volunteer staff hours
calculated from nightly stat sheets and represent hours spent
staffing the center or working at the center in some other
capacity. Persons' hours staffing the phone at home during
evening hours are not included as well as countless other hours.
We estimate these figures represent but 50% of the total hours
donated to AGLCC. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!!!!!

Fred A. ....... 212 (Honored as staffer of year)
Michael D. ... 184 (Honored as staffer of year)
Volunteer hours continued...

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Pledges as of Sept. 30, 1980 - 3 persons @ $10
Pledges as of Sept. 30, 1981 - 69 persons pledging $750

Memberships as of 9/30/80 - 27 persons
Memberships as of 9/30/81 - 83 persons

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All past debts are paid with the exception of a debt being paid at $50 a month until Jan. '82.
Current running debt to Nan Harty for services rendered $1100

Anticipated new revenues beginning Oct. '81 $400 monthly from coat room project at The Village

Anticipated revenues as of Nov. 30 '81 $1150
Full budget needed monthly $1500

Update as of Oct. 30, 1981 - We requested $9365 from the municipality in a grant proposal.
THE VILLAGE LOUNGE AND DISCO
Open 7 days a week
SAT. & SUN. 2 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.  M-F  Noon - 2:30 a.m.
HAPPY HOUR 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Mondays Schnapps $1.00 w/purchase of regular priced drink
Tuesdays Beer Nite 7 p.m. till closing Draft $.50
Pitchers $2.50  Bottle Beer 50¢ off regular price
DISCO FROM 8:30 p.m. NIGHTLY
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FRIENDS
LOCAL
Female Vocal

Parade Fundraiser for our float in the Fur Rondy Cover

When: November 14 at 7 p.m.
Where: The Village Lounge and Disco P.O. Ad
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AGLCC

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Fred A.

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Nan  Debbie  Chris  Fred  Lisa  Dee  Donna  Lee

The Alaska Gay and Lesbian Community Center was chartered as a non-profit corporation in the fall of 1977. The founding principle behind its creation was and is to provide a non-threatening atmosphere for women and men to appreciate and learn more about the homosexual orientation of themselves, their friends, or relatives.

The center is located at 837 "I" St. and is entirely volunteer staffed and supported. (A 1/2 time exec. dir. was hired 6/81.) It is open between six and ten p.m. daily, or at any time by special arrangement.

AGLCC maintains a telephone line for information, crisis help, referral and rap. The number is 276-3909. Center staff are trained for crisis intervention. Backup consists of referral to legal, psychiatric, medical, and religious professionals and organizations.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Alaska Gay Community Center
P.O. Box 4-2791
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

I wish to become a member/plider of the Alaska Gay Community Center.

Name: ___________________ Phone: ________
Address: ___________________

Membership:
- Regular---$15 per year
- Sustaining---$35 per year
- Sponsoring---$120 per year
- Lifetime---$500 payable once
- Business---$125 per year- 1/4 page
  (Free Advertising in the AGCC newsletter)
- △ Family Membership---$20 per year

Pledge:
- Business---$20 per month full page
  (Includes Advertising)
- Sponsor---$25 per month
- Regular---$10 per month
- Other---$____ per month

I understand that any type of membership entitles me to voting privileges of the general membership as defined by the by-laws and that the membership list is confidential and available only to the officers and co-ordinator(s).

Enclosed is a check or money order for the membership/pledge that I have selected.

Date: ___________ Signature: ___________