GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 22ND WILL DETERMINE THE AGLCC'S FUTURE DIRECTION, as well as whether or not we continue to exist... We seem to be suffering from an acute lack of volunteers, and of course dollars. The cure is simple - become involved! Last year we averaged about 17 active volunteers at any given time, and we logged over 4000 folks in through our doors, or calling in over the Crisis/Info line. July 22nd - y'all come!!!!

SPEAKING OUT (Letters from you)

Are you bored? Do you feel there is something lacking in your life? Need a friend? Someone who really cares? You know there is a way out. I really mean it. If you really want to be counted, get involved. Call our community center...276-3909. This is a start. If it is not the answer, they will refer you to that right group. You don't have to be closeted. This community needs you and your ideas. Believe me, there are friends, and people you can call family. But you have to take the first move. It's just like that one that got away. Until you take that first step you'll never find out what you've missed.

I've been involved in gay rights and organizations now for 25 years. I can honestly say my life has been very full, and I'm so thankful I took that first big step when I was 17. Being involved doesn't take anything away from your life. It gives you more knowledge of yourself and your community. In actuality, it gives you a purpose, a goal. Being gay and proud is one thing, but knowing why, makes you the man or woman you are.

Men and women have worked very hard so you can be proud, but we have been working for many years so your rights are protected. I've seen many good people drop out for a rest, but those who keep coming back, I applaud those marvelous individuals. We all need breaks. How about giving your community a few hours of your time so us old work horses can hear new fresh ideas and take a well deserved break.

I Love This City and YOU,
"Cheresse"

NOTE: "Cheresse" was the founder and first empress of THE IMPERIAL COURT of EUGENE. After having visited Alaska at Coronation for nine consecutive years, he has recently moved here. He has been a member of our community for seven months.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Hi! I'm new, the Newsletter's format is new, and the associated staff is also new, so stick with us while we try to catch up on old news (history), new news, and also learn how to do this! With any luck at all, we'll be back again next month too!!!! Send any info for the next issue to me, c/o the Center.

Les
The Fur Rondy Float sponsored by the Imperial Court of All Alaska, a gay social organization, won its third consecutive honor during this year's Fur Rondy Celebration. The float entitled, "Emperor of the North", featured Bernie, Regent Emperor, atop a Pegasus. Most eye catching about the float was Bernie's long pink-petaled train that flowed along behind the float for twenty or thirty feet. "Emperor of the North" brought home the Grand Sweepstakes trophy and ribbon, top honors in the non-commercial category. We interviewed Jamie Greenleaf, designer of the float, to find out what he thought winning a prize each year we have entered has meant to our community.

Jamie told us he thought the float brought out a lot of lesbian/gay pride. Particularly, he mentioned, the "closeted" homosexuals who can stand on 4th or 5th avenue and anonymously feel a part of the community. Jamie rode atop the car pulling the float and of course he mentioned the rambunctious happy crowd in front of the Village that gathers each year to cheer wildly and proudly as the float goes by. Jamie informed us that all the monies spent on the float this year were garnered from fundraisers. Guy and Tracy of the Court spearheaded the fundraising drive with help from lots of others. Some money is even left over and has been placed in a 1983 Float Fund account.

Jamie is very pleased with the support from Fur Rondy officials. They have been very happy with our float's quality and Jamie feels the Fur Rondy officials look to us to set the example for quality floats. And did you know that Fur Rondy is the tenth largest celebration of its kind in the United States? Not bad to be winners of such a gala celebration!

We asked Jamie if he felt there was competition among groups to unseat us from our top spots each year. Jamie does not believe the competition exists, but rather each float is designed to carry its message the best it can, and this is the overall concern of groups entering floats.

Congratulations to all those involved in the float and fundraising and caring about our fine entry. IT'S SURE NICE TO BE NUMBER ONE!!!!!!

The IMPERIAL COURT OF ALL-ALASKA would like to extend an invitation to all of the community and our friends to participate and attend any of the many functions and parties that we have planned for this summer.

Also, I wish for all to know that the planning commission for Coronation '82, Alaska Style is in full swing and that any input of ideas to make this the best Coronation ever are welcome and most appreciated.

Thank you.

W-Love always,
Emperor VI Rick

(ED.'S NOTE): Rick is Director of Coronation '82, and Chairperson of the Prixy Council. Address input to P.O. Box 105, Anchorage, AK 99510, or call 248-3306.
INTERVIEW WITH THE EMPEROR

Q. Bernie, how do you feel about becoming the Regent Emperor?
A. Madeline and the Community can depend on me. I will do what Alaska wants me to do.

Q. It takes a lot of people to make our Community run. Do you feel the Court can involve more of our Community? How?
A. Madeline and I have already talked. We both agree that Anchorage comes first. We know we can't do it by ourselves. Our Community has never let the Court down, or the City. We won't let them down either.

Q. Bernie, are you planning any trips to the Lower 48?
A. I had planned two trips out before I became Regent. I'm not changing those plans. The only difference is, I'll be going as Regent.

Q. Are there any shows, parties, etc., planned between now and the Coronation in September?
A. Yes! There will be a function for every month. You can count on that.

Q. What do you personally want to say to our readers?
A. Madeline and I will do our very best. We will do it for you. You will be very proud. You watch and we'll do our best because Anchorage is worth it.

Q. Is there anything you want to change?
A. If there is anything our Court or the Community wants to change, we are open to any suggestions. If people want change, then they should get involved so we can know what we need to do. It's not up to Madeline or myself, we can only suggest changes to the Community and let them decide what is best for us.

As reported in the last issue of the AGLCC Newsletter (February for heaven's sake!), John Emory resigned his title as Emperor of the Imperial Court. Bernie, who was Emperor last year was asked to assume the title Regent Emperor to replace John. Bernie graciously accepted.

For those of you interested in becoming involved in the Imperial Court, please note the meeting dates listed in the calendar section of this issue. Their meetings are open to all interested parties and as Bernie stated in his interview, your participation is most welcome!! Man/Womyn-power is especially important now. Gay Pride Week is HERE! And the Coronation festivities and planning are also in full swing.

THE VILLAGE LOUNGE AND DISCO

Open every day 2p.m. to 2:30a.m.
Happy Hour 5p.m. to 7p.m.

DISCO from 8:30p.m. NIGHTLY!

Mondays......Schnapps $1.00 w/purchase of regular priced drink.
Tuesdays.....Beer Nite: 7p.m.--Closing Draft $1.50 Pitcher $2.50
Bottle 50c off reg. price
Wednesdays...T-Shirt Nite: Wear any bar's T-shirt for happy-hour prices all night long

Anytime: We are also pleased to serve from our large selection of non-alcoholic beverages...

THE VILLAGE...
A gay/lesbian-owned business that cares about the continued services of AGLCC.
225 East Fifth Ave.
Telephone 276-2267
Gay Pride Week Calendar...Here's WHAT'S HAPPENIN'!

JUNE 19th  Banquet and dinner-show at The Red Ram (5th & Gambell). Reservations are necessary. Tickets must be purchased by Friday night, and may be gotten from any of the bartenders, Wayne-Margaret, or Jennie. Dinner's at 6:30, and the show gets underway at 8:30. The show is the Fascinating Rythms with Daryl Scharf.

JUNE 20th  The Village at 3pm--Tea Dance and Spaghetti Feed...ALL FREE! Happy Hour prices at the bar until 8:30. Wet T-Shirt and Jocky Short Contest...Door prizes...Drawing for Secret Sis...Empress of Bird Show at 8:00pm...

JUNE 21st  Annual Non-World Series softball game sponsored by the Mt. McKinley Non-ascent Club. Check at the bars for details

JUNE 22nd  The Bartender's Madness Club...First day of the Volleyball Tourney at Fairview Recreation Center...Beer Nite at the Village

JUNE 23rd  Night in Blue Hawaii--6pm at the Jade Room...FREE FOOD and a beer bust!

JUNE 24th  Volleyball Finals at Fairview Center at 8pm...

JUNE 25th  Barbecue and beer bust at Hal's at 6pm--all FREE...

JUNE 26th  Annual Carnival at Hal's by the Mt. McKinley Club from 2:00pm on...

JUNE 27th  Sign and Banner making--10am at AGLCC (for the parade)...Parade forms at AGLCC at 11:45am...come on out and join the fun! Gay Freedom Day Ball at Captain Ahab's (4th and Barrow), starts at 5:30pm--come early, seating is limited--special drink prices--juried art show--intro to Court Title holders--fabulous show with all new acts--Mr. & Ms. Groovey Alaska Pagent--and Miss Gay Anchorage--election of Groovey Bartender of the Year--trophy to winners of Volleyball Tournament--Trolloph Award trophy presentation--drawing for tips from the Bartenders Madness Swap--initial introduction to aspirants to the throne of Emperor and Empress.

What Else is "HAPPENIN' AS USUAL?"

Metropolitan Community Church, 4:30pm Sundays, Log Cabin Church on "Park Strip"

Lesbian and Gay News Review, 6:30pm Sundays on KSKA FM 103; Women's Weekly follows at 7:00pm

Women's Writers Guild every other Wed. at Ships, Shoes and Sealing Wax, 513 W. 7th Ave. #4

Klondyke Womyn's Chorus, Sundays 3 to 5pm & Thur. 7pm, call for location

Privy Council meets at the Jade Room, 7pm the 3rd? Monday each month

Volleyball, tuesdays and thursdays at Denali School at 8pm

Lesbian Political Study Group, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7pm 276-3909 for location

The only active groups as of the moment meeting at AGLCC are:

A.A., M-W-F at 8pm  Men's A.A. Sun, 7 to 8pm

Gay Youth Group, Wed. at 7pm

Saturday Nite Rap, 7:30pm Sat.

If I've missed anybody, please leave word (for Les) at the Center--write it down and stick it up on the Staff Board. Next press deadline for any material to be printed in the Newsletter is July 1st (including calendar events, announcements, etc.), or run me down in person. We are looking for all kinds of articles, letters, and anything else of interest to the Community.

Les
Well, here we go again...I’ve heard a wide variety of stories regarding what is happening with the Alaska Gay and Lesbian Community Center. The facts are simple: First, there is a dire need for people-power. We need men and women to staff the Center each evening between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., and to accept the crisis line when the phone is placed onto "referral" every night. Currently, the staffing is being handled by four people, and the phone by three to four people - seven days a week forever...! Needless to say, these folks are fast approaching "terminal burnout".

Secondly, with rent to pay (plus utilities, etc.), every month, the newsletter to print (close to $100.00 by itself) and so on, we need funds always. Pledges and memberships have dropped critically low, and out-go is exceeding income. At the current rate, I would estimate that the Center might last through the end of this July....

With an average staff level (through last January) of 15 hard-working people, the Center assisted either in person, or by phone, over 4,000 people who needed help or information, or a place to meet. This seems to indicate that there is indeed a valid need for the AGLCC here in Anchorage, yet we cannot continue without the support of the Community.

What has caused the current situation? Who knows! Reasons that I have been given in person range from the "name change fiasco" to personality conflicts!! Absurd, to say the least.

We need to work together to make a go of it, and we need to give our Community more than just "lip service". Call now to help. For staffing, or phone counseling services, call the Center and leave your name and number for Fred A., or Les. Your call will be returned, and your assistance gratefully accepted. Can we succeed? You bet! If we work together for the good of all our Community, we can't help but succeed!

Please note that this is an editorial opinion, and I will print any replies received (as space permits) in the next newsletter---IF there is a next newsletter...

CENTER NOTES:

1. There will be a GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on July 22nd (Thursday) to determine the future of the existence of the AGLCC facility. 7:30 p.m. at the Center

2. There will be a staff meeting (all four of us plus any new volunteers) on Thursday July 3rd, 7pm at the Center.

3. We now have an Alcohol Assessment Program. Any person desiring this assistance may call and leave your first name and phone number. One of our assessors will return your call to set up an appointment (specify whether you would like a male or female assessor).

4. Counseling will take place at the Center, as we cannot set up appointments over the phone to meet anonymous callers anywhere else (by Center policy).
Who We Are........Following are the results of the survey AGLCC conducted to find out about our community, who we are and what we think. We sent out approximately 300 surveys twice, and received 60 responses, a 30% return rate. Statistically this is a good response. Thank you all who took the time to share with us and to those who didn't, we wish you would have.

Due to space available, only the opinion portion of the Survey is included in this issue. Respondents were 50% male and 50% female, with an age range from 19 to 59 years old (ave, 30),

1. 73% of male respondents prefer organizations of both sexes.
7% of male respondents do not.
47% of female respondents prefer mixed organizations.
40% of female respondents do not.

2. 27% of males are satisfied with events/services offered by Lesbian/Gay groups in Anchorage.
27% of males are not satisfied.
46% of males either had no opinion or no response.
78% of the women are satisfied.
9% of the women are not satisfied.
13% of the women either had no opinion or no response.

3. 73% of the men thought it was important Lesbian/Gay groups work to unify Lesbians and Gay men.
7% of the men did not think it important.
63% of the women thought it important.
33% of the women did not think it important.

4. 53% of the men thought it important for themselves to participate in self-help/support groups.
13% of the men felt it was not important.
33% of the men had no opinion or no response.
61% of the women felt it was important.
26% of the women did not feel it was important.

5. 30% of the men thought Lesbian/Gay events were well publicized.
53% of the men did not.
50% of the women thought events were well publicized.
45% of the women did not.

6. 73% of the men thought our community has a serious alcohol/drug problem.
17% of the men did not.
80% of the women thought we have a serious problem.
10% of the women did not.

7. 67% of the men voiced no opinion as to whether Anchorage needs Lesbian Resource Center.
23% of the men said yes we do need such a center.
13% of the men said no we don't.
81% of the women said we do need a Lesbian Center.
9% of the women said no we don't.

8. 57% of the men agreed we need a Gay/Lesbian lending library.
34% of the men had no opinion or no response.
72% of the women said we do need a lending library.
22% of the women had no opinion or no response.

9. 53% of the men characterized themselves as being well informed on Gay/Lesbian social and political issues.
17% of the men said they were not well informed.
53% of the women said they were well informed.
43% of the women said they were not well informed.

10. 47% of the men said they could be counted on to financially support social service programs for the Gay/Lesbian community.
23% of the men said they could not financially assist.
53% of the women said they could financially assist.
26% of the women said they could not financially assist.
11. 63% of the men said Gay/Lesbian rights are a serious concern of theirs.  
81% of the women said our rights were a serious concern of theirs.  
13% of the women said our rights were not a serious concern.

12. 27% of the men listen to Lesbian/Gay News Reviews at least once a month.  
37% of the women do not listen at least once a month.  
41% of the women listen at least once a month.  
47% of the women do not listen at least once a month.

13. 47% of the males go to a gay bar once a week.  
33% of the men do not go at least once a week.  
31% of the women go at least once a week.  
67% of the women do not go at least once a week.

14. 57% of the men said women's rights are a serious concern of theirs.  
90% of the women said women's rights are a serious concern of theirs.

15. 37% of the men said they were active participants in Gay/Lesbian organizations.  
50% of the men said they were not.  
35% of the women said they were active participants.  
55% of the women said they were not.

16. 60% of the men vote in most elections.  
7% do not usually vote.  
73% of the women vote usually.  
18% of the women do not vote usually.

17. 27% of the men said they would seek counseling at the center if it were provided.  
30% of the men said they would not.  
35% of the women said they would seek counseling at the center, were it provided.  
32% of the women said they would not.

18. 53% of the men saw themselves becoming more involved in the community center in the next three months.  
7% of the men did not see themselves as becoming more involved.  
39% of the women saw themselves becoming more involved.  
35% of the women did not.

Conclusions: The conclusions we've drawn from this information will be printed in the next issue. Meanwhile, how about some analysis by you—send comments to Newsletter Ed. c/o AGLCC, P.O. Box 4-2791, Anch. 99509. Remember, July 1st is our next deadline. No fair picking on typos etc., yet—practice makes perfect (one can always hope)!

THE NEW NEWSLETTER: Read All About It!

As you may have noticed, we are trying a new format and a new printer. We can now accept PHOTOS (only clear black and white--no color). Anyone can submit "letters to the Ed.,” articles, advertising (to be paid for when ad appears), or anything of interest to our Community. We will print everything we have space for on a first come - first serve basis, and where possible, will carry over letters etc. from one issue to the next if there is not room right off. Anything not submitted by deadline may not appear, or may be printed in a subsequent issue. If you have anything to submit, send to AGLCC, box 4-2791, Anchorage, Alaska 99509, or drop it by the Center, or leave name and number for Les, and your call will be returned.

We will be happy to announce the opening of new Gay/Lesbian owned/operated businesses with best wishes for all concerned, and no charge. I mean, that's NEWS!

PLEDGES AND DONATIONS: All pledges and donations to AGLCC are tax deductible. (hint-hint) Help us to help our sisters and brothers by committing a pledge of $5.00 a month, or JOIN us for $10.00 per year. Names/numbers of our contributors are held in strictest confidentiality.
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 their relatives. The Center is located at 837 "I" St. and is entirely volunteer staffed and supported. It is open between six and ten p.m. daily, or at any time by special arrangement. AGLCC maintains a telephone line for information, crises help, rap and referral. 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.

Please help support our Community Center. Become a pledger for $10.00 monthly and help AGLCC to help others. AGLCC served over 4000 folks last year - all on donations and pledges!