Happy Holidays!
1990 - A YEAR OF GROWTH

As 1990 comes to a close, everyone will spend a few moments to reflect on what happened during the past 12 months. As we review 1990, I am amazed at how much growth & maturing has occurred in the Alaska gay & lesbian community. At Identity alone, we have witnessed the resurrection of the HELPLINE, the very popular 4th Friday Potlucks, and the beginning of a community newsletter. A highlight of 1990 was also the "Coming Out" Ad in the Daily News & the special seminar of Coming Out Stories sponsored by Identity. It's definitely been an exciting year of growth, and our board of directors is looking forward to an even more exciting 1991.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of IDENTITY, INC., I would like to wish each and every one of you a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

Steve Rule, President
IDENTITY, INC.

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IDENTITY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors of IDENTITY will be having their regular board meetings on Thursday, December 13, 1990, and on Thursday, January 10, 1991. Board meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month and are usually held at 5:30 PM. Call the HELPLINE for the exact time and location if you are interested in attending. Community input is welcome at all meetings. Some of our best ideas come from visitors to the board meetings.

YES! I want to join IDENTITY and help work on programs that are important to Lesbians and Gay Men in Alaska. Please add my name to your mailing list. Enclosed are my $25.00 dues.

NAME:
Home
Phone:
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Please contact me. I would like to work on an IDENTITY project. Although I can't become an IDENTITY member just now, please add my name to your mailing list so I can keep informed about IDENTITY news and projects.

Return this application to IDENTITY, P.O.Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520.
1990 is almost over and the last Potluck Social WILL be held in between our 2 yearend holidays as follows . . . .

**WHEN?**  Friday, December 28, 1990

**TIME?**  6:30 PM - Doors Open  
            7:00 PM - Food Served  
            7:30 PM - Announcements Program, Etc.

**WHERE?**  Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church (Log Cabin Church), 602 W. 10th, Anchorage

The special yearend program will be a SING-A-LONG with some special community friends providing the musical accompaniment for our vocal endeavors.

We'll try to stay away from Christmas carols. MANY THANKS to Rev. Art Curtis for providing us with an enlightening talk last month on some historical background on gay and lesbian discrimination. We all learned something from his talk.

**A SPECIAL SALUTE TO THE ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION**

The Board of Directors of IDENTITY, INC. would like to pay a special tribute to the 4A's and its Board by dedicating our 4th Friday Potluck Social on 12/28 to the 4A's Board & Staff. 1990 has been a year of dramatic change for the 4A's & the volunteers of IDENTITY feel that the 4A’s staff & board deserve some special recognition. This will be your chance to meet some of the people who work to make things happen at the 4A's.

**4A’s Board of Directors**

Maureen "MO" Dursi, President  
Victor Carlson, Vice President  
Dan Carter, Secretary  
Tom Rachal, Treasurer  
Father Steve Moore, Past Pres.  
Corbett Mothe  
Vanessa Karnes  
Rick Smith  
Robert Heasley  
Wayne Cobb  
Melba Cooke  
Rebecca Rogers, Executive Director

* The 4A's will be sponsoring its own volunteer potluck dinner on Monday, Dec. 17 at 225 Cordova, Building A at 6:00 PM. The program for the evening is titled "How to Keep the Holiday Season SANE, SAFE & HAPPY for Yourself & Your Buddy." Please RSVP with Michael at the 4A's office (276-1400) if you would like to attend.

**Happy Holidays**
LISA KOCH COMING TO ANCHORAGE

The well known comedienne/singer from Seattle, LISA KOCH, will be performing in Anchorage on Saturday, January 19 at the UAA arts building. Tickets will be available later this month at the Women's Bookstore. See next month's NorthView for more details about Lisa's show.

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BOOKSTORE COFFEEHOUSE

The Alaska Women's Bookstore sponsors a COFFEEHOUSE on the 4th Saturday of every month. December 22 is the magic date this month and the featured entertainer is LIZ ILLG & guitar with Solstice Songs and Christmas Songs on the program. All programs are held at the bookstore at 2440 E Tudor from 8-10 PM. At each session a hat is passed with proceeds split between the performer and the bookstore.

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SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

The 15% will be sponsoring a special dance on New Year's Eve at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. Festivities begin at 9:00 PM and tickets are $10 per person. Gourmet hors d'oeuvres are provided & there will be a no-host bar available. Women wanting to attend this year-end event can obtain tickets at the Women's bookstore. ALSO, the Hilton is providing a special room rate of $69 per night for those of you who do not want to drive home after the party. Special reservation cards are also available at the Women's bookstore.

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4TH BIRTHDAY FOR "PERSPECTIVE"

CONGRATULATIONS to "Perspective" for being published for 4 years. The Juneau newsletter of SEACLA needs your contributions to stay in business, however. Send donations to PERSPECTIVE, P.O. Box 240297, Douglas AK 99824. It's a great newsletter! Help them out by subscribing today with a minimum $10 donation. That barely pays for the postage folks!
BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

During the past couple of years there has been an explosive growth in the number of books and magazines published with gay and lesbian themes. Even more amazing is the fact that many of these new publications are being carried by many regular (straight) book stores and businesses. This being the holiday season, and knowing how hard it is to find great gifts for your friends & love ones, we thought it might be interesting to point out where, right here in Anchor Town, one might find some of these gay and lesbian books. We will start our tour on super busy TUDOR ROAD

As you might guess, the largest selection of gay and lesbian literature can be found at the ALASKA WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE. Yes, guys, the Women's bookstore does carry books for MEN, too. On page 6 you will see a listing of 45 titles currently in stock at AWB, and this list does not include other items they carry--like calendars and a wonderful array of gifts. While researching for this article, this reporter saw 2 1991 calendars with great photo's of WOMEN OF THE GAY GAMES and another of MEN OF THE GAY GAMES. What a great gift idea for a good friend (or yourself)!!

ANYWAY, trot on down to AWB the next time you're on Tudor Road and look around. You will see an ENORMOUS collection of self-help books and tons of literature on every conceivable problem you might face in life and suggestions on how to deal with those problems. You will not find anyone more helpful than MARIAH & JOANN to assist you in locating your favorite title. My most recent purchase was "Unnatural Quotations" by Leigh W. Rutledge of "The Gay Book of Lists" fame. This delightful book contains hundreds of quotations by well-known individuals (on gay/lesbian issues).

The next time you're at the Sears Mall, cruise over to the new METRO BOOKS & RECORDS. Part of the ever-expanding Shimek empire, METRO just recently opened and presents us with a fascinating array of MUSIC (primarily CD's) and BOOKS. This reporter was surprised to find, prominently display by the front door, the hard copy version of the recently published "Hidden From History: Reclaiming the Gay & Lesbian Past." This is an interesting collection of essays about the role of lesbian & gay relationships in world history. Also discovered were several books on gay & lesbian relationships, and a paper back version of "On Being Gay-Thoughts on Family, Faith & Love" by Brian McNaught. All METRO needs now is a coffee shop to make it perfect!!

Of course, we can not forget CYRANO'S for the downtown crowd. Cyrano's has been very busy lately selling "Men On Men #3" with a short story by Anchorage's own Dr. Martin Palmer. Every time they get a new supply of this popular new book, they sell them all in just a couple of days. More are on the way, so be patient. Cyrano's also has several books on lesbian & gay relationships with great advice on how to make them last. I recently purchased "Quentin Crisp's Book of Quotations" by Quentin Crisp (of course), and "In Search of Gay America-Women & Men In A Time of Change" by Neil Miller. Cyrano's also has a good HEALTH section with several books on AIDS. Naturally, you'll want to stop in the coffee shop and say HI to Tim as you partake of their wonderful desserts and espresso.

YES, there are other bookstores around town, but we feel we have found the 3 most interesting ones for your to visit, & they definitely have the BEST selection for your gift giving. HAPPY SHOPPING!!!

Jim Boudreaux, Editor
**Second Annual Lambda Literary Awards**

**Finalists**

**Gay Men's Fiction**
- *Closer* by Dennis Cooper (Grove)
- *Eighty-Sixed* by David B. Feinberg (Viking/Penguin)
- *In Memory of Angel Clare* by Christopher Bram (Donald I. Fine)
- *Shy* by Kevin Killian (Crossing Press)
- *Sure of You* by Armitage Maspin (Harper & Row)

**Lesbian Fiction**
- *After the Fire* by Jane Rule (Naiad Press)
- *Bar Stories: A Novel After All* by Nina Donnelly (St. Martin's Press)
- *Education of Harry Hatfield* by Mary Norton (T. W. Norton)
- *Trespassing and Other Stories* by Valerie Miner (Crossing Press)
- *The Big Mama Stories* by Shay Youngblood (Firebrand Books)

**Gay Men's Nonfiction**
- *Accepting Ourselves* by Stephen B. Kominars (Harper & Row)
- *Being Homosexual* by Richard A. Strauss (Simon & Schuster)
- *In Search of Gay America* by Neil Miller (Atlantic Monthly)
- *James Baldwin: Artist on Fire* by W. J. Weatherby (Donald I. Fine)
- *Memories of a Bastard Angel* by Harold Norse (William Morrow)

**Lesbian Nonfiction**
- *Twice Blessed* ed. by Christie Balka & Andy Rose (Beacon)
- *Eye of the Hurricane* ed. by Celeste West (Crisis Press)
- *Really Reading Gertrude Stein* ed. by Judy Grabin (Crossing Press)
- *There's Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You* ed. by Israel MacNeil (Naiad Press)
- *Desert Years* by Cynthia Rich (Spinsters/Aunt Lute)

**Gay and Lesbian Humor**
- *Cut-Outs and Cut-Ups* by Elizabeth Deam (New Victoria Publ.)
- *Gay Comics* ed. by Robert Triplou (NAL)
- *Steam* by T. R. Wicomb (Celestial Arts)
- *Run That Sucker at Six* by N. Leigh Dunlap (St. Martin's Press)

**Gay and Lesbian Poetry**
- *Mid Pitch Narrative Poetry* by Cheryl Clarke (Firebrand Books)
- *Naming the Waves* ed. by Christian McEwan (Crossing Press)
- *Poets for Life* by Michael Klein (Crown Publishers)

**Small Press Award**
- *Matlovich the Good Soldier* by Mike Hippler (Alyson Publications)
- *Letting in the Night* by Joan Lindau (Firebrand)
- *Men of Camelot* by Vega Studios (Vega Books)
- *My Life as a Mole* by Larry Mitchell, Ill. by Bill Rice (Galaxia)
- *River of Promise* by Judy Dill (LunaMedia)

**Children & Youth**
- *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Newman, Ill. by Diane Souza
  (In Other Words Pr.)
- *Jack* by A.M. Homes (Macmillan)
- *Losing Uncle Tim* by Mary Kates Jordan (Whitman, Albert & Co.)
- *Unlived Affections* by George Shannon (Harper & Row Juvenile)
- *When Someone You Know Is Gay* by Susan and Daniel Cohen (Evans)

**Gay Men's Mystery**
- *Carrivagio Shawl* ed. by Samuel M. Shreider (Alyson Publications)
- *Faultless Stories of Suspense* by Sian Lwenthall (Banned Books)
- *Finales* ed. by Michelle Nava (Alyson Publications)
- *Simple Suburban Murder* by Mark Richard Turbo (St. Martin's Press)
- *Somewhere in the Night* by Jeffery N. McMahan (Alyson Publications)

**Lesbian Mystery**
- *Beverly Malibu* by Katherine V. Forrest (Naiad Press)
- *Dog Collar Murders* by Barbara Wilson (Seal Press)
- *Fatal Reunion* by Claire McNab (Naiad Press)
- *Hallowed Murder* by Ellen Hart (Seal Press)
- *The Contactees Die Young* Antoinette Azakbou (Banned Books)

**Gay Science Fiction/Fantasy**
- *Clicking Stones* by Nancy Tyler Glenn (Naiad Press)
- *In the Blood* by Lauren Wright Douglas (Naiad Press)
- *Memories and Visions* ed. by Susanna J. Sturgis (Crossing Press)
- *Sue Slat's Private Eye* by Lee Lynch (Naiad)
- *What the Miss Harrington Sees* ed. by Jessica A. Salmonson (Feminist Press)

**Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy**
- *Walking Water/After All This* by Them Nickels (Banned Books)
- *Somewhere in the Night* by Jeffrey N. McMahan (Alyson Publications)
- *Kew West 2710 AD* by William K. Ekinis (Knights Press)
- *Magic's Pawn* by Meredith Lackey (DAW)
- *Gentle Warriors* by Geoff Marks (Knights Press)

**AIDS (as special category)**
- *AIDS & Its Metaphors* by Susan Sonntag (Farrar Straus & Giroux)
- *Epitaphs for the Living* ed. by Billy Howard (SMU Press)
- *In Memory of Angel Clare* by Christopher Bram (Donald I. Fine)
- *Personal Dispatches* ed. by John Preston (St. Martin's Press)
- *Reports from the Holocaust* by Larry Kramer (St. Martin's Press)

**Special Note:** A special thank you to MARIAH & JOANN at the Alaska Women's Bookstore for providing us with this list of finalists in the 2nd Annual Lambda Literary Awards. All of the books marked with an * are currently carried in stock at the Women's Bookstore. Some of the other books may be found at other bookstores around town or can be ordered by AWB.
CHRISTMAS EVE TOGETHER
Spending Christmas Eve alone? You can join some community friends & eliminate that possibility. On Dec. 24, a special dinner will be held at Club 26 on 9th Ave. Dinner will be followed by a hayride and some caroling. Seating is limited and tickets are $40. That price includes everything except drinks. Call 277-3236 for more information.

** $100 REWARD BEING OFFERED
The owners of the Blue Moon Bar are offering a $100 reward for information leading to the discovery of the GOONS who slashed the tires of several autos parked behind the bar on Tuesday, December 4.

MASSAGE & SOAK

Leslie Pemberton
MASSAGE THERAPIST
SPORTS & SWEDISH

Therapeutic massage for stress reduction, or relief of pain caused by muscle tension or sports injuries.

Enjoy a soothing hot tub soak, followed by massage by a trained and certified sports massage therapist.

On-site massage appointments also available.

Call for an appointment:
561-6202
(Tub-n-Sun, Lake Otis & Tudor)
IMPERIAL COURT HAS BUSY WINTER

Empress Cherresse, Emperor Ken and the Board of the Imperial Court have been extremely busy this past couple of months planning fund/fun raising activities for the court. A couple of weeks ago, they held another one of their popular progressive dinners, raising almost $600 for the courts coffers. There will be another progressive dinner in January.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, the Court will be having a special Christmas party at the Blue Moon Bar. There will be a show and other festivities AND they will be collecting canned food stuffs for distribution to needy individuals. Be sure to come out and support this worthwhile event.

The Court is also looking for some volunteers to help sell RIPPLES at the Gay 90's bar. Help is needed on Friday & Saturday nights. Call Steve Rule at 248-1609 to volunteer or get more information.

BAR PARTIES

As we go to press, Anchorage's 3 bars were still planning their holiday parties for our merriment. Visit the bars and look at their bulletin boards for times & dates. For sure, you can expect lots of fun on NEW YEARS EVE!!!

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Human Rights Campaign Fund

Want to write your congressmen but just can't find the time?? An answer to your dilemma might just be the SPEAK OUT program sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund. For a small fee of $3.25 each, the HRCF sends messages to Washington decision makers with your name on the message. You must subscribe to a minimum of 3 messages, but there is no upper limit. For more information, write the HRCF, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, D.C. 20077-4392.

This program really works, folks! This reporter subscribed several months ago and received replies from Senator Murkowski & Senator Stevens. This program has also been responsible for thousands of letters being sent to DC to get the Gay & Lesbian viewpoint across on many important issues. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!!!

YEAR END TAX PLANNING???

Every year about this time our mail boxes are flooded with requests for extra year-end donations. Let's not forget that there are several organizations in our community that could use some monetary or other donations right now. Examples include . . .

THE ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOC. badly needs warm winter clothes, food, and money to help service the increasing number of AIDS cases in Alaska. SHANTI JUNEAU & THE INTERIOR AIDS ASSOC. in Fairbanks can also use some help. HOSPICE always needs our support & IDENTITY can always use $$$ to help pay for the Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE.

Open up your wallets, help some friends and get a tax deduction at the same time. OK, so if you don't carry a wallet, open up that purse! Giving makes you feel GOOD!!!
CROSSWORD APOLOGIES!!

In last month’s NorthView we published a special Partners Crossword puzzle. Well, we goofed and failed to give the ACROSS questions. If you have been wondering what was missing, now you know. The missing questions AND the answers are now available if you want them. Just call the HELPLINE and leave a message and we will send them to you. CHEERS!!

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ADVERTISING RATES ANNOUNCED

Advertising rates have recently been announced for advertising in NorthView. The following ad sizes and rates are available:

1 Page Ad . . . . . $50.00
1/2 Page Ad . . . . . $30.00
1/4 Page Ad . . . . . $20.00
Business Card . . . . . $10.00
Flyer Insert . . . . . $25.00
(You Furnish the Flyer)

Ads must be received by the 20th of the month for publication the following month. Call the HELPLINE and leave a message if you have any questions about advertising in NorthView.

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GOING TO JUNEAU FOR LEGISLATIVE SESSION?

WANTED: Quiet, Non-smoking female to share a 3 bedroom townhouse with same in West Juneau. Townhome has great view, parking, 1 3/4 baths. Available bedroom is newly carpeted & painted, furnished, and has large closet. Must like, or at least tolerate, cats as there are TWO in household. $375/mo covers rent & utilities. If interested, contact MORGAN at 907-364-2255.

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ARE YOU BOYCOTTING MILLER??

Are you aware of the fact that several groups around the U.S. have been promoting a boycott of Miller Beer & other Phillip Morris products? This all got started when some individuals realized how much $$$ Phillip Morris donated to the homophobic & aidsphobic senator Jesse Helms. These groups have been instrumental in getting Miller Beer & Marlboro cigarettes pulled from bars & vending machines. Is anything happening in Alaska??

Other corporate supporters of the infamous senator from NC include:

Kraft Foods Amoco
Oscar Meyer Shell Oil
R J Reynolds Nabisco
American Airlines Kimberly Clark
AT&T

As you know by now, Senator Helms got reelected, but ACT UP groups are not going to give up the fight. Think about where your money goes the next time you drink a Miller Lite or smoke a Marlboro!!

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HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST!

Thursday, 12/13 - Identity, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting. Call HELPLINE for details.
Monday 12/17 - Volunteer Potluck Dinner for Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, 6 PM Catholic Social Services, 225 Cordova St., Anchorage
Wednesday 12/19 - Christmas Party at the Blue Moon.
Thursday, 12/20 - December meeting of the ANCHORAGE GARDEN BUDDIES. Call HELPLINE for details.
Friday 12/21 - Winter Solstice Celebration & Visual Arts Center Benefit. Watch local papers.
Saturday 12/22 - AWB Coffeehouse - LIZ ILLG - Solstice Songs & Christmas Songs. Call AWB.
Sunday 12/23 - Imperial Court Christmas party at the Blue Moon.
Monday 12/31 - Special New Years Eve Dance for WOMEN at Anchorage Hilton, Aleutian Room.
Special celebrations at the BLUE MOON, THE RAVEN and THE GAY 90's bars.

TUESDAY ** JANUARY 1, 1991 ** HAPPY NEW YEAR **

Saturday, 1/5/91 - Monthly WOMEN's dance, 8 PM-Midnight, UUF Log Cabin Church.
Tuesday, 1/8 - "The Sky Is Blue" performs at Legal Pizza, 7-10 PM. Entertainment for women.
Thursday 1/10 - Identity, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting. Call HELPLINE FOR DETAILS.

CONTINUOUS EVENTS:  
Tuesday 7PM - Support group for families of people living with AIDS.
Call 4A's at 276-1400 for more information.
Wednesday 7PM - Support group for people living with HIV/AIDS. Call 4A's.
Wednesday 10 PM - Cabaret shows at Blue Moon and Gay 90's.
Saturday 7 PM - UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc. Discussion Group.
UAA campus, room K210.
Sunday 2:30 PM - Weekly MCC church services, UUF Log Cabin Church.

BULLETIN BOARDS ARE MAINTAINED AT THE ALASKA WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE, THE BLUE MOON BAR, THE RAVEN BAR AND THE GAY 90'S BAR LISTING EVENTS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST.