

HELP! We have no meeting places or social events scheduled for July! There is much resistance still to structure, but can we at least get some pre-planning done at this meeting?

June 29th - Social at Jim E's home - 301-XXX-XXXX
XXXXXX Blackwater Place in Clinton, Md. at 8pm

- July 6th Rap Session
- July 13th Social
- July 20th Rap Session
- July 27th Social
- Aug 3rd Rap Session

On June 1st, A Social Business meeting was held at Billy's pad and an effort to give GAMMA & P-WAG some structure was attempted. Assuming my memory is good (since my notes aren't), the below persons assumed roles of:

- 1. Ron L Social Planning Coordinator
- 2. John S Rap Session Coordinator
- 3. Vern W Financial Coordinator
- 4. Billy J Newsletter & Telephone Coordinator

Thank you Robin for hosting the rap session on 6/15 and Ron L. for hosting the rap session on 6/22. Also Waverly L. for hosting on 5/25.

Cheerful recoveries to Vern W. and Everett W. who are both in action again.

A special thanks to Jim E. for the hard work he did on the GP Day display table (and to Larry R & Robin L for their revision of the GAMMA flier).

A hearty welcome to all the new members which now swells our ranks to 43 after losing one member because of lack of interest.

Upcoming events in the community:

- June 26th - Eartha Kitt at the Warner
- June 27th - Mr. Pier Contest (and Kim Novak)
- Thru 6/26 - Comedy Duo, Monteith & Rand at the WAAAY Off Broadway

If you missed the Nose Ball, The Fantasy Ball, or Brother Help Thyself events during GP week, you missed seeing one of your members coming in 2nd place in The Rooster Contest at the Eagle.

Several persons are quietly expressing a need for more strength in their marriage than GAMMA or P-WAG is providing. Some callers are seeking group support with their wives. Anyone interested in developing a husband/wife social or rap group should call Billy and let's move on it. Perhaps some of tonight's meeting can focus on this area. No wives of GAMMA men have called Lula concerning their interest in developing a social or rap group. Does that imply no interest on the part of the wives or phobia on the part of the husbands?

From time-to-time someone will call and ask me for a member's telephone number, or will make the suggestion that we issue a listing of members' telephone. Please keep in mind that we operate on the concept of discretion which means that I am not at liberty to give anyone's number to anyone else unless I have been given positive O.K. by the individual. Some of you have stated a willingness to exchange your phone numbers with anyone, others prefer not to be that open. We are a support group, not a push group; therefore, please understand when I say "no".

Are you aware that the D. C. City Council returned Bill 2-317 (Initiative & Referendum) back to its committee which means that no action will be taken on the Bill perhaps until after September's election unless we each voice our opinion on the Bill. In a nutshell, the Bill would prevent the ordeal of Miami, St. Paul, Wichita, and Eugene from occurring in D. C. by barring the Gay Rights clause of the D. C. Human Rights Act from ever appearing on the ballot for the public to repeal. Educate yourself on this Bill and write or call Councilmembers - even if you live in Virginia or Maryland.

Billy J. has just received a one year appointment to the NGTF Board.

Suggested Readings:

- Alayne Yates - SEX WITHOUT SHAME - Encouraging The Child's Healthy Sexual Development
- R. L. Rowan & P. Gillette - THE G HEALTH GUIDE - A Complete Medical Reference For G active men and women
- B. Zilbergeld - MALE SEXUALITY - A Guide To Sexual Fulfillment

"The Word Is Out" that the WEST SIDE STORY production was a roaring success. Hope you have gotten some rest Barney - we missed you.

"The Word Is Out" that the Bi-Bash was also a success after some hard work from some of our own members, Vern and Jim.

The American Film Festival is still on through July 6th at the Kennedy Center.

For those of us that missed the Village People Concert for the benefit of the GCC/DC, direct financial contributions of \$15 can be given. See Alan or Robin.

AN APPEAL

In this first "newsletter" as a follow thru of past memos, I have tried to do reminders of tasks, make know what is happening with members of GAMMA or P-WAG, and pointed out what I saw as important community social and political events. The "I" makes it a one man's show. Let's make it an organization newsletter, by each of you advising me of what you would like to see in future newsletters and by keeping me informed of events regarding members, organizations, and personal concerns. Happy FOURTH OF JULY!
Happy VACATIONS!

Billy J.

GAMMA

IS A MEETING OF GAY MEN WHO ARE CONVENTIONALLY MARRIED
(OR WERE)

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AUGUST, 1978

Please note that there is now a mailing address that can be used for GAMMA & P-WAG correspondence.

Billy J will be on vacation from August 4th thru August 21st. Persons are asked to call Vern W (202-XXX-XXXX) for information during that time.

Bill P is recovering from a heart attack at Howard County Hospital in Columbia, Md. Restrictions are on visitors and telephone calls. Members may send cards, flowers, books or whatever to his home (XXXX Beechwood Rd. in Ellicott City, Md. 21043).

We are in need of hosts and meeting places. Volunteers?

Aug 3rd - RAP Meeting Jim B (703-XXX-XXXX) XXXX
Columbia Pike - #XXX
Westmont Gardens
South Arlington, Va.

Aug 10th - SOCIAL

Aug 17th - RAP Robert E (301-XXX-XXX) XXXX
McComas Avenue Kensington,
Md.

Aug 24th - Social

Aug 31st - RAP

Keep in mind that social evenings do not have to be at someone's home. We could use the occasions for any activity so outlined in OUT or so invisioned by any members. Anyone with ideals should pass them on to Ron L.

The Steering Committee (Billy, Ron L, John S. and Vern W) and confirmed dates for these exciting events:

Family Picnic Sept 10th
GAMMA/P-WAG Retreat Oct 7th & 8th

Details are still being worked out. Input regarding places for either of these events should be given to any member of the Steering Committee.

WIVES * WIVES * WIVES

At last! The wives of GAMMA members are invited to join Lula and other wives tomorrow, Friday, August 28th at 8pm at an informal get acquainted

session at THE BREAD OVEN located at 1220 N. 19th St., NW in D.C. Sorry for the short notice. Anyone's wife interested in future get togethers should call Lula Jones at 301-XXX-XXXX

A social for husbands and wives of GAMMA is planned for Saturday, September 16th from 9pm to 1am at the home of Billy & Lula J (XXXX Brook Way in Columbia, Md). Couples planning to attend are asked to RSVP prior Aug 4th or After Aug 21st by calling Lula at 301-XXX-XXXX or dropping Billy a note at P. O. Box 548 in Columbia, Md. 21043.

WOMEN IN P-WAG?

Over the last month most of our new comers have been calling in response to P-WAG. Some of these callers have been women as well as men seeking information regarding custody rights, housing, support, day care issues, etc. It has sent me back to my law books in some cases. I strongly recommend the book, A GAY PARENT'S LEGAL GUIDE TO CHILD CUSTODY to any P-WAG person considering custody or having custody or denied custody. Anyone wanting this book may send \$1 to P. O. Box 548 (Billy J) in Columbia, Md.

Some of the women have expressed an interest in getting together monthly with the men. If any of you are interested in getting together for the sharing of information on coping with child rearing, legal issues, etc., please drop me a line or give me a call and I will make arrangements.

RAP GROUP PROCESS

Feel a need to devote some time to the dynamics I see happening in our rap groups which is annoying to some of us. I urge all GAMMA and P-WAG members that are interested in the support rap sessions to read at least one of these books:

Men In Groups by Lionel Tiger

A Male Guide To Women's Liberation by Gene Marine

The Liberated Man by Warren Farrell

Tiger's book will present some insight on male bonding; Marine's book will tap your consciousness on how men are conditioned to dominate and perpetuate the isms of race, sex, and class. Farrell's book points out the problems men have in listening, revealing, dealing with feelings rather than intellectualizing, passing moral judgements, using laymen's therapeutic techniques, citing authorities to give assertion more authority, interrupting and cutting off the speaking, dominating the sessions with no new feelings, compulsive talking, etc.

As we sit through future rap sessions, remember Farrell's words:
"The male ego is like a penis subject to premature ejaculations; it is preoccupied with being bigger and better, but demands delicate treatment least it explodes into nothingness."

NEUTRAL TERRITORY

A common problem among the men of GAMMA and P-WAG is where to entertain guests once we meet them. The baths? Take them home? Go to their home? A motel? Some have suggested that we consider renting a home or apartment that would offer a cozy atmosphere and be "neutral territory" for members interested in such an ongoing investment. The Steering Committee is open to more concrete and specific suggestions on how we could finance such a project, maintaining the property, and how much ongoing and long term interest there is in such a project. Feedback please.

Happy Belated Birthday Vern.

Happy Vacation Everyone.

Anyone wishing to submit news, information, or announcements to the newsletter should call 596-5865 or mail to P.O. Box 548 in Columbia, Md. 21043.



September 25, 1978

The meeting on September 28 will be at Waverly L's at 7:30. His address is XXX G St. N.E. General location: Capitol Hill area. If you're not sure how to get there, or get lost, call him at XXX-XXXX for directions.

Beginning in October, Gamma will meet at the same location each month and future meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. For those of you who plan ahead, future meeting dates are:

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| October 13, 27 | January 12, 26 |
| November 10 | February 9, 23 |
| December 15, 29 | March 9, 23 |

Our new regular meeting place is Satterlee Hall, which is located in St. Alban's Parish at Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, N.W. The entrance is on Wisconsin Avenue and parking is available.

At this time, it is tentatively planned that Wives of Gamma meetings will be held (possibly every 3rd Friday), but definite dates have not been decided. Anyone interested should contact Molly S. at (703) XXX-XXXX for further details.

After the success of the recent husband/wife party and Billy and Lula's home, interest has been expressed in some sort of couples activity on a planned and continuing basis. Those interested: call Lula J. at (301) XXX-XXXX.

Up until now, we have relied entirely on voluntary contributions by those attending the meetings and will continue to do so, in order to meet our limited financial needs. However, we ask that (if at all possible) each person attending the meeting contribute \$2. If you can contribute more, great--if you can't contribute anything, that's okay too. Our immediate need is a phone-answering device. Further, our new location will require a monthly contribution, which initially we will keep as modest as is reasonable.

A one-day retreat (Saturday or Sunday) is definite for November. Ron L. is making a location search and will report when he has something substantive. Billy J. will provide program leadership.

The Steering Committee has been expanded and now includes Bob Emmitt, Billy J., Ron L., John S., Everett W. and Vern W. The Committee welcomes input from all members; if you would like to steer the direction of either Gamma or FWAG, contact anyone on the Committee and share your ideas with them.

All future meetings will be on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Mark your calendar.

September 14, 28
October 12, 26
November 9, 23

December 14, 28
January 11, 25
February 8, 22

The September 28 meeting will be at Waverly L's house: XXX G St. N.E. (Capitol Hill area). Reminder notice will go out before the meeting.

The Steering Committee is exploring the possibility of a weekend retreat some time this fall--preferably October. The subject was broached to the group at a recent meeting, but the Committee was unable to get a firm reading on interest. Is there any interest in a retreat? Since plans for same must be made well in advance, if you would support such an activity by attending, notify a Committee member right away.

Reminder. Billy and Lula J. are having a husband/wife social evening at their home (XXXX Brook Way, Columbia, Md.) on Saturday, September 16. Time: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Lula must know how many guests to expect; please RSVP by phone to her at (301) XXX-XXXX by Friday the 15th.

We have 20 tickets for sale to "Show Stoppers" at Trinity Theatre, September 23, 9:00 p.m., \$7 each. If you wish to buy a ticket through Gamma, you must do so by the September 14 meeting.

News from and about members:

.....Bill P, Waverly L and Jim E have been ailing of late, but are now recovering.

.....Ed E, away in Europe all summer, has now returned.

.....Larry R has relocated in Buffalo, N.Y. Since some of you will want to drop him a line, we'll publish his new address in the next newsletter

.....Welcome back to Chris H, who has returned from Mexico.



October 23, 1978

1. News of the Retreat. Plans are now firm for a Gamma retreat. Dates are December 1 through noon on the 3rd. Place: Cacapon State Park, Berkley Springs, West Virginia. This location can accommodate 12 people, so reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Those planning to attend should send a \$10 reservation fee with completed questionnaire to Gamma at P.O. Box 548, Columbia, Md.21043. Please make check payable to Gamma.

P.W.A.G. meeting is Friday, November 3.
Place: Satterlee Hall, St.Alban's, in
the LIBRARY. Time: 7:30 p.m.

2. Anyone who can bring non-alcoholic refreshments to Gamma meetings is urged to do so. Coffee will continue to be served.
3. Suggestions are still welcome for a permanent meeting place. If anyone knows of a location that they'd like to be considered, please contact someone on the Steering Committee.
4. Guenter S is preparing an annotated bibliography and would like it to be as complete as possible. At a recent meeting, he entertained suggestions and will do so at future meetings; however, he would like to receive suggestions through the mail from any members who would like to contribute. Send to him at XXXX Burlington Place, Springfield, Va. 22152.
5. The Steering Committee meets the third Thursday of each month. These meetings are open to anyone who is interested in taking part in the planning and direction of Gamma. If you would like to participate, contact any member of the Steering Committee.
6. Interest has been expressed in establishing a Gamma chapter in Baltimore. If you would prefer association with a chapter there and want to work in its formation, give Billy J a call.
7. Ron and Barbara L are the proud parents of a baby boy, Benjamin, who arrived recently...right on time.
8. There will be no meeting on Friday, November 24, since it falls during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

GAMMA RETREAT QUESTIONNAIRE

To better plan the GAMMA Retreat Sexuality Workshop, please take a few minutes to answer these questions and return the questionnaire to GAMMA, P.O.Box 548 in Columbia, Md. 21045.

I. Do you prefer
_____ a one day 12 hour retreat? _____ a weekend of two days and one overnight?
_____ Other? Please specify _____

II. Are you receptive (comfortable) to non-sexual body contact awareness/sensitivity contacts (nude encounters).
_____ yes _____ no Comments _____

III. Do You Prefer That The Retreat
_____ Be restricted to men of GAMMA _____ Be open to non-GAMMA men
_____ Other? Please Specify _____

IV. Below are some sexuality issues suggested for the Retreat. Please indicate your top 3 choices by labeling them 1, 2, and 3. Please indicate the issues of least concern or interest to you for a retreat by labeling them a, b, and c. This list is not all inclusive; please list your needs if not stated.

_____ Sexual Dysfunctions (impotence, premature ejaculation, frigidity, etc.)

_____ Sexual Functioning, Performance, & Techniques (anal intercourse, oral intercourse, masturbation, etc.)

_____ Relaxation and sensory awareness exercises

_____ Sexual Interaction
_____ with wives and/or other women

_____ with lovers and/or other men

_____ with _____

_____ Issues of incest, pedophilia, bestiality, S & M, B & D, SCAT, Water Sports

Please Specify _____

_____ Sexual Hygiene - Before, After, and ongoing

_____ Sexual Fantasies and Fetishes. Please Specify _____

_____ Attitudes, Morality, and Conditioning

_____ Myths, Anxieties, and Hangups

_____ Sexual Aids & Toys & Stimulants of Drugs and Alcohol
demerits

_____ Exploring the merits and _____ of prostitutes, surrogates, dating services, models, escorts, masseurs, therapists, counselors, etc.

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GAMMA QUESTIONNAIRE CONT.

- _____ Relating Our Sexuality To Others (Coming Out) - wives, children, parents
- _____ Sexual Games, Symbols, Code of Conduct, and Assertiveness
- _____ Multi-Culture/ Multi-Racial Relationships - Pros and Cons
- _____ Prevention & Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- _____ Sexuality and Feminism; Gender & Stereotype Sex Roles; Masculinity
- _____ Psychosexual Understanding of Transgenders and Transvestites
- _____ Joys and Agonies of cross dressing, drag queens, gender fucks, etc.
- _____ Exploring Non-Traditional Marriage and/or Sex Models
(Open Relationships, Swing, Group, Swapping, Troilism-German & Japanese, etc)
- _____ Examining the pros and cons of sexual outlets - baths, parks, johns, peep shows
- _____ Assessing & Improving Our Sexual Communication Skills - Verbal & Non-Verbal
- _____ Our Roles As Parents & How We Relate To Our Children's Sexuality
- _____ Recreational & Casual Sex vs Sex Within An Ongoing & Permanent Relationship
- _____ Sexuality & Aging vs Sexuality & Youth
- _____ Suggestion? _____
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- _____ Suggestion? _____

V. Would You Be Interested In An Ongoing Series Of Workshops To Cover Above Issues?

Yes _____ No _____ Comments _____

VI. Would You Prefer Non-GAMMA Facilitators or Workshop Leaders?

Yes _____ No _____ Person In Mind _____

Please return this questionnaire as soon as possible to P.C. Box 548 in Columbia 21045
Your comments are encouraged:

November 21, 1978

The RETREAT is now confirmed for 15 people; no more may be accommodated. However, plans are being made for a second retreat that will be a one-day affair--to be held early in 1979. The upcoming retreat will be led by Billy J and Dr. Greg Lehne.

Special Reminder: P.W.A.G. Meeting
Satterlee Hall, Dec.1 at 7:30

The questionnaire regarding subject matter for the retreat got a good response. The information will be used as guidance for future topics for discussion at regular meetings.

- SOCIAL:
1. Members of P.W.A.G. and Gamma couples are invited to a party hosted by Chris and Ron E on December 15 from 8 to 11 p.m. Surprise entertainment for children is planned. Please r.s.v.p. to Chris or Ron at XXX-XXXX by December 8.
 2. Evelyn and Jim B plan a party for Gamma couples on New Year's Day--details forthcoming.

Congratulations to Bob E, who participated in the recent Marine Marathon, finishing 4:39. When asked by a roving reporter how he felt, Bob replied, "...just pretty tired."

Special thanks to Bob H, Herb C, Wes J, Sam M, Bob D and Richard D for their successful forum at the November 10 meeting.

The Steering Committee will meet December 21 at Everett W's house.

Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all Gamma members, their families and friends.