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THE MADISON AREA GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

This Directory has been prepared by volunteers of the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center as a means of providing accurate, detailed and up-to-date information to members of Madison's gay/lesbian community on the various local gay/lesbian resources and organizations available. We encourage you to contact any organization which interests you. Most of the groups are volunteer-oriented and can always use a "new face" and more "warm bodies." Get involved in your gay/lesbian community.

The group descriptions, which comprise the bulk of this Directory, were provided by representatives of each organization. The descriptions were edited only to the extent necessary to fit our space and style constraints. The costs of printing this Directory were underwritten by the groups included and the businesses advertised. Although inclusion in this Directory does not indicate that a business is gay/lesbian-owned or -operated, please support the businesses which support us. Inform business owners that you saw their ads in this Directory and thank them for supporting the gay/lesbian community.

We invited all of the local gay/lesbian or gay/lesbian-supportive groups, of which we were aware, to participate. The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center intends to update this Directory in the fall of 1989. Any group which was inadvertently omitted from this Directory and wishes to be included in the next should contact the Center at 257-7575.

We hope this Directory assists you in identifying groups of use or interest to you in Madison's gay/lesbian community.

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MADISON AIDS SUPPORT NETWORK

The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is a community organization dedicated to providing support services, public education, and advocacy in response to the AIDS crisis. MASN was founded in 1983 by a core group of citizens who realized the need for a local support and resource network. As the need continues to grow, MASN's staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors will devote their energy and talent to providing compassionate care and preventing the spread of disease.

MASN services include:

- Support groups for PWA's, PWARC's, HIV-positive individuals, and friends, families and lovers.
- Practical support to assist those requiring laundry, shopping, transportation, etc.
- Speakers Bureau/Training to provide information to health care providers, businesses and other organizations on how to respond to needs of people affected by HIV.
- Emotional support provides person-to-person contact, long- or short-term, for people who are ill and for those close to them.
- Advocacy to help clients talk to doctors, government agencies and other important sources.
- Providing effective educational services, especially to those at greatest risk for infection.
- AIDS Information Center. Books, articles, brochures and videos available on a spectrum of AIDS-related issues.
- Education/Training programs are available for health care professionals, business and social service agencies, civic and religious organizations.
- Community Outreach extends AIDS education to bars, and other business establishments.
- AIDSLine. Staff and trained volunteers answer questions and make confidential referrals about medical, legal, antibody testing, prevention and emotional concerns.

Volunteers are the backbone of MASN, contributing their time, love and compassion to this crisis. Volunteers are needed and are encouraged to participate in all areas of MASN service.

Address: PO Box 731, Madison, WI 53701
Telephone: 255-1711

MADISON GAY/LESBIAN RESOURCE CENTER

The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) is the oldest organization in Madison still serving the gay/lesbian community. The Center, incorporated as Renaissance of Madison, on September 24, 1974, was to provide peer counseling and support groups, along with educational and informational outreach to the gay/lesbian community. In December 1987, the Center handed over its counseling and support group functions to The UNITED (see page 5). However, MG/LRC continues its role as an educational and informational resource.

Presently, MG/LRC is managing a lending library (the Earl Greely Memorial Library) of over 700 books, a collection of magazines and newsletters, and a small collection of educational/ documentary video tapes (many from the Cable TV show *Nothing To Hide*). All but the magazines can be checked out from The UNITED in room B103, 1127 University Ave. A current project of the library is the enhancement of its coming-out materials and the publication of a special bibliography.

In addition, the Center runs what is called "activities groups." These groups are primarily social, educational or recreational in nature. Currently there are groups for professionals, cross-dressers and an activities group for 18- to 21-year-olds.

Finally, the Center is the publisher (with the vital assistance of The UNITED) of a monthly calendar and directory. The Center also publishes and will periodically update the Directory you are reading.

Located at: 1127 University Ave, room B104
Mailing address: PO Box 1722, Madison 53701
Telephone: 257-7575

NEW HARVEST FOUNDATION

The New Harvest Foundation (NHF) has as its basic purpose, "to raise and disburse funds for gay/lesbian community priorities and organizations, and to expand and develop fundraising opportunities for the gay/lesbian community." Organized in 1984, the Foundation's major accomplishments through October, 1988 include:

- raising over \$85,000 in pledges for a six-year period;
- providing funds to place George Segal's sculpture "Gay Liberation" in Orton Park;
- commissioning journalist Ron McCrea to write Glad City, a twenty-year history of gay/lesbian activism in Madison;
- awarding nearly \$50,000 over four years to community organizations for projects of benefit to the gay/lesbian community.

The Foundation raises funds by asking prospective donors in the Madison area to make multi-year pledges to support NHF's activities. Donors receive annual reports from the Foundation, are surveyed periodically on community priorities and are invited to occasional informational/social events. The Foundation chose the method of seeking long-term pledges in order to raise "new" money and to complement the traditional fundraising base of other community groups, which solicit modest one-time contributions and/or memberships.

The Foundation awards grants only to agencies that are tax-exempt. Individuals and groups that lack tax-exempt status can request that a tax-exempt organization act as contract administrator and apply jointly with the administrator.

Persons interested in contributing should write to NHF's Prospects Committee for information on pledging. Organizations interested in applying for grants should write NHF's Screening Committee for an application. NHF awards grants twice yearly.

Address: PO Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701

PICADA

PICADA, Prevention and Intervention Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, tries to prevent problems by promoting good health. We promote individual, family and community behavior which helps people reduce the possibility of chemical abuse and get into the practice of making healthy choices.

PICADA offers the following services :

Information and Referral : Help is given to people of all ages in Dane County. Confidentiality is the foundation for practical information and advice, either by phone or to "Walk-in" clients.

Screening and Intervention : PICADA offers screening for an "in-depth" look at alcohol or other drug use and its effect on an individual, an entire family or a concerned friend.

Education, Training and Consultation : This is PICADA's broadest range of service. PICADA works to "hand over" our skills to other professionals or individuals committed to our goals. We work in schools, private business settings and with community and parent groups.

Media and Publications : PICADA's reference library, open to the public, allows many interested persons to research alcohol and other drug issues. PICADA media campaigns reach countless people on specific issues, such as drink/drive, fetal alcohol syndrome, youth drug abuse and other topics.

PICADA is funded by the Dane County Department of Community Programs, United Way, other county and federal funds, private contributions and co-payment for some services. Services to Dane County individuals are free and fees, when charged to groups, are reasonable. Call PICADA for more specific information on gay/lesbian AA and Al-Anon meetings in Madison. PICADA provides these services to gay men and lesbians in a supportive and understanding manner.

Located at: 2000 Fordem Avenue
Telephone: 246-7606 (Business) or
246-7600 (Information and Referral)

THE UNITED

Joined together to affect social change and to provide social service, the men and women who are members and volunteers of The UNITED, seek to provide assistance in a variety of ways to gay men, lesbians, their families and their friends. The UNITED was founded in 1978 in order to defend Madison's ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. The purpose of The UNITED is "to work toward the creation of a safe, positive environment for all lesbians and gays." The UNITED challenges social attitudes and institutional barriers that prevent full participation of lesbians and gay men in society.

Among the services provided by The UNITED:

-A Crisis and Intervention Phone Line: 255-4297 (ALL-GAYS) which is staffed by trained volunteers who provide peer counseling, crisis intervention, support, information and referral. The phone line operates from 9am-5pm and 7-10pm Mon-Fri.

-A Speakers Bureau for classroom and residence hall presentations at the University as well as assisting in developing inservices for various social service agencies in the larger community.

-Support Groups including a weekly discussion group for gay and lesbian teens (see page 26), periodic "Coming Out" groups for men, a Lesbian Relationship Group and other short-term groups designed to meet the changing needs of the gay/lesbian community.

-Advocacy services are available to individuals who experience discrimination based on their sexual orientation in situations involving employment, housing, public accommodations, social services, police, health care and other areas.

The UNITED also houses the Earl Greely Memorial Library (see page 2). Also available at The UNITED are resource materials, a Housing Board, and a monthly Madison area group/activities calendar.

Mailing address: PO Box 310, Madison 53701
Located at: 1127 University Ave., room B103
Office hours: Noon-4pm Mon-Fri and by appt.
Telephone: 255-8582

WOMEN'S TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Women's Transit Authority (WTA) is a nighttime rape prevention ride service which provides no-cost transportation to women. Women's Transit averages 70-100 rides per night and in 1987 provided 28,633 rides to women. WTA operates nightly from 7:00 pm to 2:00 am (8:00 pm to 2:00 am from May 1 to September 1). Immediate service is provided to women in danger. WTA provides door-to-door service for women and also makes regular stops at the Memorial Library and the University Hospital.

WTA's direct service is operated by volunteers. Volunteers drive WTA cars, answer phones, or dispatch rides. WTA is always in need of direct service volunteers and volunteers to help with fundraising and outreach projects.

Address: 306 N. Brooks
Contact: 256-3710 (to volunteer)
263-1700 (for a ride)

MADISON'S GAY THEATRE PROJECT/ACTING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

The organization which is now known as Acting Under the Influence/Madison's Gay Theatre Project, Inc. (AUI/MGTP) was formed in January of 1983. The company produced a series of shows that expanded and developed the local and regional sources available to them. The priorities were to make a contribution to the local "Art Scene" and produce main stage productions, while continuing to present the popular drag/variety shows around the state in order to promote the company and showcase area talent.

General membership has grown from 50 to 200 and the production company has fluctuated between 3 and 30 volunteers, depending on the size of the cast. Since March 1985, AUI/MGTP has been a recognized member of the Wisconsin Theatre Association's Community Theatre Division.

AUI/MGTP publishes a quarterly newsletter which is distributed to its membership. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in minority theatre. There are always volunteer openings in production aspects such as make-up, costumes, sets and lights. Auditions for all roles are open. AUI/MGTP offers courses on demand which cover material on acting and back-stage work.

AUI/MGTP holds the trademark of Mr. and Miss Gay Madison and hosts the pageant on the last Sunday of each February.

Contact: Ben at 255-1218

MADISON GAY MEN'S CHORALE

The Madison Gay Men's Chorale, Inc. (MGMC) first met in April of 1981. In the seven years that the Chorale has been in existence, the members have worked with a vast array of musicians and guest artists, giving an average of two concerts annually. A typical concert consists of a potpourri of musical styles, ranging from classical music to show tunes to spirituals.

On September 8, 1983, The Madison Gay Men's Chorale sang at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City as part of the first tri-annual gay/lesbian choral festival known as C.O.A.S.T. (Come Out And Sing Together), sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) and on July 5, 1986 the Chorale left its mark on Minneapolis with a performance in Orchestra Hall at the second tri-annual GALA choral festival which was filmed as part of a documentary entitled "Our Time to Sing."

In the fall of that same year the MGMC participated in Madison's first bi-annual "Festival of the Lakes," an arts festival showcasing national and local talent. After attending the concert a local reviewer wrote, "...witty, charming and fun...the concert proved by far more musical and artistic than gay or political. Over the past five years that the Madison Gay Men's Chorale has been performing it has built a reputation for making quality music."

This last spring the Chorale was in New Orleans as part of a small ensemble festival performing with choruses from Los Angeles, Seattle, Denver, Washington, D.C. and, of course, New Orleans.

Upcoming concerts will be: early spring, 1989 in Madison; and in July, 1989, at the third GALA choral festival in Seattle. Chorale membership and rehearsals are always open. Please feel free to drop in during practice every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Union (check "Today in the Union" for the room).

Contact: Gary at 256-0425

THE TEN PERCENT SOCIETY

The Ten Percent Society is the University of Madison's lesbian and gay student association. The group was founded in 1983 in order to further the social and educational opportunities for lesbian and gay students, as well as to promote outreach to the University community.

Meetings provide the opportunity to meet with other lesbian and gay students in order to discuss issues of concern to the gay/lesbian community, as well as to socialize in a "non-bar" setting. Meetings often include films and speakers.

The Ten Percent Society is also well known for its monthly dances, held in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. The events are open to the Madison community and are quite well-attended.

The future holds many exciting opportunities for the Ten Percent Society. The group is continuing its commitment to diversify its membership to include more women and people of color and different abilities. As the University continues its campaign to "Celebrate Difference," the Ten Percent Society will strive to ensure that lesbians and gays are not left out of the UW administration's plans.

While the Ten Percent Society is primarily a student group, membership is open to the greater Madison community. The Ten Percent Society meets every Wednesday at 8:00 pm in the UW-Madison Memorial Union (check "Today in the Union").

Office: 710 University Ave. (hours irregular)
Telephone: 263-7365

WISCONSIN OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS

Wisconsin Outdoor Adventurers (WOA) is a new organization springing from the informal Summer Activities Group, which has sponsored a variety of outdoor events since the summer of 1979. The new group will be active throughout the year, including winter and summer activities on its calendar. WOA was conceived out of the need for a viable, healthy alternative to the bar scene.

Activities sponsored by the organization may include, but are not limited to:

SWIMMING	BACKPACKING
X-COUNTRY SKIING	ICE SKATING
DOWNHILL SKIING	BEACH PARTIES
BICYCLING	CANOEING
WATER SKIING	SAILING
VOLLEYBALL	CAMPING
HIKING	PICNICS
SLEDDING	SOCIAL EVENTS
WHITE-WATER RAFTING	

Outings are planned to accommodate everyone from the total novice to the experienced outdoorsman. Each outing will be preceded by a warmup meeting, where the trip leader will outline the details of what you will need, what to wear, what foods to bring, etc. If you don't have the necessary gear, help will be available in borrowing or renting what is needed. Car-pools will be organized to get you there.

Membership is open to any lesbians or gay men who have a little adventure in their blood. Meetings are held monthly to plan activities. Future plans include possible affiliation with a national gay outdoor recreational organization called "Great Outdoors." This would expand participation to gays from all over the United States interested in vacationing in Wisconsin.

Address: PO Box 8234, Madison, WI 53708
Telephone: 244-8675 (evenings)

WOMEN IN NATURE GROUP (WING)

The Women in Nature Group (WING) was founded in 1986 by several women interested in protecting and learning about the environment. The objectives of the group are to provide women with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, to encourage and create leadership opportunities for women, to meet other women with similar interests, to participate in projects which help the environment and to learn new skills and share them with others. WING trips tend to be easy-going and casual with the emphasis on eating and socializing, rather than on competitive and strenuous activities. Instruction is always available for those who want to learn new skills.

About four times a year members meet to plan activities for the upcoming 3-4 months. A newsletter with the calendar of events is mailed to all members. A \$5.00 donation is requested for the newsletters. The group encourages sharing the responsibilities for planning and leading trips. Anyone who suggests a trip becomes the coordinator for that activity. Carpooling and equipment-sharing for activities can often be arranged.

Annual activities include: canoeing and camping on the Flambeau over Memorial Day weekend, the Float and Boat trip on the Wisconsin River, a bike tune-up clinic, bicycling trips, nature walk, cross-country skiing, ice skating, and discussion groups.

Contact: Percy at 233-1955
(30 sec tape of current activities)

WOMONSONG

Womonsong is an all-woman choir, with a mix of heterosexual, lesbian and bisexual members. Formed in 1978, Womonsong currently has about 60 members. The group includes singers, arrangers, composers and accompanists. Although some women teach, conduct, arrange or compose songs, as well as sing, no auditions are required to join and many women in the choir do not read music. Because such a wide range of skill levels exist within the group, Womonsong provides an opportunity for learning and developing musical skills. Choir can also be an outlet for the development of other, non-musical, creative or organizational skills. Womonsong is a supportive environment in which women are concerned for each other and enjoy each other's company.

Womonsong's musically unique repertoire includes political songs such as "Bread and Roses," a historical piece about a women textile workers' strike and "Biko," a Sweet Honey in the Rock song about anti-apartheid activist Steven Biko. Choir also sings playful songs such as the Four Seasons' classic "Sherry (Baby)," as well as songs in other languages such as "Mwo Li Hwa" in Chinese.

Womonsong has recently made a commitment to create and perform in a multi-media event now known as "The Celebration" for International Women's Day in March, 1989. "The Celebration" will include music, drama, poetry and dance, and will be structured around various themes: women in history; women and work; international women; and women and play, among others.

Choir rehearsal is held on Tuesday evenings, from 7-9 pm. Choir decisions are made during the hour-long business meetings that take place after every rehearsal and, ideally, include every member of the choir.

Contact: Lynn at 246-2681

"AMONG FRIENDS"

Among Friends is a bi-monthly news and resource subscription magazine for the gay/lesbian communities of Wisconsin. Particular attention is paid to: gay/lesbian and AIDS resources; HIV informational articles relating to law and social policies; short non-fiction and fiction articles; and gay/lesbian book reviews when available.

In addition to the publication, Among Friends is a clearing house for regional resource development, both gay/lesbian and HIV-related (the latter includes state, regional and national resources). Community activities include membership in the Wisconsin HIV Infection Advisory Council, subcommittee on Ethics and Discrimination.

Among Friends is dedicated to the concept of rural outreach, and as such, assists rural gays and lesbians in making contact with on-going activities in major urban areas of Wisconsin. Since 1987, Among Friends has been distributed in every county in Wisconsin. A one-year subscription is \$10.00

Contact: PO Box 426, Madison, WI 53701

"FEMINIST VOICES"

Statement of Intent:

"Feminist Voices exists to provide an open forum so that women can speak, that our voices will be heard. Our goal is to bridge the diversity of feminist thought by providing an alternative environment which encompasses and respects the varied perspectives of women. Our power is strengthened by recognizing and exploring the diversity of women's experiences, ideas and concerns. Through this publication we hope to identify our commonalities and strengthen our collective power as women. Feminist Voices does not consider for publication anything that is racist, sexist or homophobic."

Feminist Voices is put together by a collective of women and additional volunteers are always welcome and needed. You can contact Feminist Voices for further information or subscriptions (\$12 a year) at the address below.

Address: PO Box 853, Madison, 53701-0853

"NOTHING TO HIDE"

Nothing To Hide (NTH) is a TV show aired Wednesdays at 9:00 pm over cable TV, channel 4, the public access channel that covers more than Madison. NTH will celebrate its 10th anniversary in '89. What started as a gay male focus has now broadened to a rainbow collection of issues.

The first show of the month focuses on gay male issues. For example, some of the shows come from the National Conference of BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER. These shows, like NTH programming in general, do not deal exclusively with gay/lesbian issues, because our issues tie in with a rainbow of concerns which have direct impact on us, even though we may be unaware that they do. Copies of some of these shows can be found in the Earl Greely Memorial Library, housed at The UNITED (see page 5). The shows aired in the middle of the month focus on Labor Union issues, academic issues at the University of Wisconsin System, and political issues presented by Representative Bob Kastenmeier. The last show of the month focuses on women's issues; these shows will be archived at the Women's Studies Dept., UW-Madison. Some NTH shows are also archived in the Wisconsin State Historical Society Library.

NTH is funded by Dave Runyon (the show's producer), volunteer labor, the New Harvest Foundation (see page 3), and Madison's TV regulatory agency, The Innovative Producers Fund. The National Endowment for the Arts has given NTH a grant for producing TV of gay/lesbian culture (choral and theater groups, for example) from all over the USA. NTH has a working cooperative relationship with its counterpart in Milwaukee, Tri-Cable, as well as with the National Gay Cable Network.

The production of NTH is a one man show, so if you want to produce your own TV show, call the telephone numbers below and someone there will be glad to help you get started.

Contact: 274-WYOU or Dave at 241-2500

THE MADISON MARCH COMMITTEE

In May of 1988, several people began to plan a march/celebration for gays and lesbians for the spring of 1989. The list of volunteers and supporters has grown into a group of over 100 diverse people.

Statement of Purpose:

"A massive, visible coming out is needed in the Midwest and beyond to affirm gay and lesbian culture, to celebrate the commonalities and differences of all peoples, and to show unity for all civil rights. Come out and be part of the Lesbian and Gay Pride March in Madison, Wisconsin in the spring of 1989.

"We are a large and diverse group that includes families, friends and supporters. Everyone is welcome. Though we live in fear of repercussions, we will all have a place, including those of us who choose to march masked. As we respect our diversity and recognize the connection of oppressions, we call for coalition and unity in our move toward freedom and justice.

"This gathering of gays, lesbians and supporters will reflect the strength of our community, act as a tool for on-going personal and political empowerment, and highlight the interconnectedness of all civil rights issues. Through our action we DEMAND full civil rights and an end to discrimination against lesbians and gay men, HIV-infected people, people of color, women, people of all ages and sizes, alternative families, the differently abled, bisexuals, and those who suffer from cultural, sexual, religious or other persecution. COME OUT FOR A CHANGE."

Contact: Richard at 255-9131 or
Pam at 256-1006

Address: Madison March Committee
c/o The UNITED
PO Box 310
Madison, WI 53701

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN MADISON CHAPTER

The Madison chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) meets the second Tuesday of every month at Pres House, 731 State Street, at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to everyone.

NOW was founded in 1966 to work on women's rights, particularly the Equal Rights Amendment and reproductive rights. Today, the chapter has taskforces devoted to lesbian and gay rights, education equity, employment equity, and reproductive rights. Please contact the NOW for more information about upcoming events.

Address: PO Box 2512, Madison, WI 53701
Telephone: 255-3911

AFFIRMATION

Affirmation is a national organization of lesbian and gay United Methodists and their friends. It was founded in the summer of 1975 at a meeting in Evanston, Illinois which included persons from all parts of the country (including Madison, Wisconsin). There are a growing number of local chapters in major and not so major cities throughout the United States. In response to Affirmation more than thirty local United Methodist congregations nation-wide have declared themselves to be "reconciling congregations", congregations open to participation by all individuals including lesbians and gays.

In Madison there is a local Affirmation group affiliated with University United Methodist Church -- a reconciling congregation. The local chapter meets regularly during the school year at University Church, 1127 University Avenue. The group welcomes all persons without regard to sexual orientation or religious affiliation and seeks to build community across all such boundaries. We usually discuss some topic of concern to lesbians and gays and relate that to our faith experience. We have a warm fire in cold weather and simple refreshments. The atmosphere is informal and friendly.

Located at: 1127 University Avenue
Contact: University Church at 256-2352 or
Steven Webster at 833-5256

FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CONCERNS

The Quaker church has had a history of acceptance of all peoples. Marriages are performed for member couples without gender discrimination. The Quaker meeting in Madison has sponsored "Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns" for over three years. Its purpose is to bridge the gap between the gay/lesbian and non-gay/lesbian communities.

An open meeting is held the first Sunday of every month in different individual's homes. There is a silent meeting, followed by a potluck and fellowship. Meetings are informal, and open to men and women of all ages and sexual orientations.

Contact: Cynthia at 244-3898

INTEGRITY/DIGNITY of MADISON

Integrity/Dignity of Madison is an organization of gay and lesbian Christians from many different faith backgrounds. The group was originally started in Madison at St. Francis House in 1977, at which time it was called just Integrity. Our group has primarily acted as a spiritual and emotional support group for its members. One of the main concerns of the group is to be able to celebrate Eucharist together in an atmosphere of mutual love and support. This is always followed by a social time together. From September through May, Eucharist is usually celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. When other programs are offered (such as discussion groups, open forum, topic), they are usually offered on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our local newsletter "IDENTITY" is sent out about every eight weeks to interested persons informing them about group activities. Potluck get-togethers are also offered in member's homes throughout the year.

As members of Integrity/Dignity, we wish to promote the cause of the gay/lesbian community. To do this, we must accept our responsibility to the Church, to society, and to the individual lesbian and gay Christian.

1. We wish to work for the development of the Church's sexual theology and for the acceptance of gay men and lesbian women as full and equal members of the one Christ.
2. We wish to work for justice and social acceptance through education and legal reform.
3. We wish to reinforce our self-acceptance and our sense of dignity and wholeness, and to aid ourselves and others in becoming more active members of the Church and society.

We commit ourselves to welcoming Christians of various traditions and to celebrating our common faith and the richness of our diversity.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 730
Madison, WI 53701
Contact: Jim at 836-8886 (after 4 p.m.)

BETTE DAVIS BOWLERS

Bette Davis Bowlers is a bowling league that was formed in the fall of 1984. The idea behind the league was to have people gather together in a "non-bar" setting for fun, social interaction and competition. The league started with eight teams and has grown since its inception to nineteen five-person teams.

The league is a mix of men and women and does not discriminate against anyone. We draw participants from the bars in Madison, plus people who do not frequent the bars. This league is trying to bring together all of the gay/lesbian population of Madison.

Bette Davis is not a league for the serious bowler, since the league average is about 135 with a low of 92 and a high of 175. No previous bowling experience is needed. It has even been suggested that we change the name to the Bette Davis Cocktail League. All participants are there to have fun, and although this is the purpose, it is run as a league with prize money, trophies and a banquet at the end of the season.

Besides the regularly scheduled bowling, we hold mini-tournaments as fund raisers for other groups. These are announced as the year goes on.

Currently, plans are being worked on to form a new league that will bowl on a weeknight for those that find Sunday inconvenient.

Located at: Bowl-A-Vard Lanes
Time: Sundays, 3 p.m.
Contact: Check gay/lesbian calendar under sports.

THE MADISON VOLLEYBALL GROUP

The Madison Volleyball Group is comprised of a group of dedicated young men who, through the sport of volleyball, provide an alternative social activity for gay men of Madison.

Over the past decade, the Volleyball Group has developed into one of the most successful, powerful teams within the North American Gay Volleyball Association (NAGVA).

Some activities the volleyball group participates in include: sponsoring open volleyball play on Sunday afternoons in the sand at Rod's Patio; competing in various city volleyball leagues throughout the year, as well as the Badger State Games every June.

In support of Madison's gay community, the Volleyball Group sponsors its Midwest Volleyball Tournament during the MAGIC picnic. The newly named MAGIC Volleyball Tournament attracts nearly 200 volleyball players from across the country to help support Madison's gay community.

The Volleyball Group, looking to expand in depth towards the future, encourages any persons interested in developing volleyball skills to contact any current player for information, or call the contacts listed below.

Contact: Jeff Pinter at 251-8716 or
Terence Gilles at 238-6790

MADISON WRESTLING CLUB

The Madison Wrestling Club (MWC) is a sport club for gay men who enjoy grappling and strive to keep in top physical condition to be at their competitive best. The club was formed in January 1984, to create a safe outlet for release of sexual aggressiveness through a contact sport. It provides an opportunity for gay men to meet other men and to establish a type of fraternal bonding through a common goal of working toward a strong, healthy body. Emphasis is on the exercise and fun -- not on competition.

Weekly practice sessions include warmup exercises, conditioning and muscle toning, basic instruction in all aspects of the sport, and ample time to test skills and techniques through mat action. A private facility, including weightlifting equipment, is used for the practice sessions. The wrestling mat is available for individual matches beyond regular club activities by prior appointment. Members are strongly encouraged to become involved in a regular program of physical fitness in addition to club activities.

A monthly newsletter keeps members informed of scheduled activities and special events, such as weekend retreats or meets with other gay clubs (Twin Cities, Milwaukee, Chicago). Members in good standing receive a membership directory, which provides contact information plus physical measurements, wrestling styles and other sports interests of the active members. A collection of books, wrestling publications and newsletters of other gay clubs across the nation, plus video tapes of gay wrestling meets are available.

Membership is open to any gay man, at least 18 years old, who is interested in actively participating in wrestling and who is committed to keeping himself in good physical condition. Beginners are welcomed. Meetings are held Saturdays at 8:30 pm, October to May, in the home of a member.

Contact: 244-8675 (evenings)
Address: PO Box 8234, Madison, WI 53708

GAY/LESBIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

In the spring of 1988, a support group for gay and lesbian employees of the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) was organized. At present, the group meets every two weeks in the homes of various members. Since we are very much in the infancy stages of organization, our goals are still being discussed and formulated. However, we are firm in our intentions to include all gay and lesbian employees of the MMSD (i.e., teachers, educational assistants, secretaries, custodial staff, administrators, etc.). Although one of the main purposes of the group is to lend support to one another, we will also plan discussions, invite guest speakers, show video presentations of pertinent topics and plan social gatherings.

Contact: John Matthews of Madison Teachers, Inc. at 257-0491 or Doug of The UNITED at 255-8582.

MEN MEN MARRIED GROUP GAY FATHER'S GROUP

A gay father's group has been functioning for approximately three years in Madison. Meetings are held every two weeks at a member's home, Friday evenings alternating with Sunday afternoon potlucks. Currently there are 32 members, with 10-20 attending each meeting. The group has accumulated invaluable collective experience in helping new members deal with coming out, separation and divorce. Members range in background from being married, in the closet, and with young kids, to being divorced for many years with adult children. The group is used by members both for support and socializing, and some of the meetings are arranged to provide a congenial setting for fathers and their kids to socialize together.

Contact: Jack Siebert at 231-3064 or
Deric Bownds at 238-9160

GAY/LESBIAN TEEN SUPPORT GROUP

The Gay/Lesbian Teen Support Group first met in March of 1985. Since then, the group has met more than 150 times and has had over 80 members, two-thirds of them male, one-third female. Students from all of the Madison high schools, the university, and even as far away as Janesville have attended the group. The ages range from 14 to 21.

The group is open to anyone under the age of 21 and members are not required to talk, give a name, or label themselves as gay, bisexual, etc. The group is not considered a closed support group, so new members may join anytime. It's okay to bring a supportive friend along.

The group meets on a weekly basis and meetings usually consist of discussions, some with topics that are predetermined and some that are open. Topics are generated by the members themselves and have included such things as: Coming out to parents and friends; School discrimination; Self-esteem; Intimacy in relationships; Sexual Abuse; Rape; Alcohol and other drug abuse; Gay couples; Bisexuality; AIDS; and Gay Pride. The group is open for discussion on any issue. Past activities have included movies, parties, camping and talent shows. Future plans include the possibility of a teen dance.

The group consists of 2 adult facilitators (a lesbian and a gay man) and several teens, and meets every Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 during the school year, and every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 during the summer. The group meets in the Memorial Union on the University campus. Check Today In The Union (TITU) for room assignments.

Contact: Tim at 257-1349

MEN OVER 30 SUPPORT GROUP

Beginning as a support group for gay men 30 years or older at the Gay Center on February 27, 1981, the Over 30 Group was formed out of a need for older gays to be able to meet socially, discuss issues pertinent to a more mature lifestyle, and deal with the problems of growing older in a youth-oriented culture. The meeting format changed over the first year from a therapy-oriented support group to a less formal social and discussion group.

Activities include: guest speakers, movies and plays, discussion of gay-related current events, potluck dinners, picnics, parties, weekend retreats and campouts, etc. A membership list (for member's use only) gives opportunities to meet socially outside of regular meetings as well. A newsletter, mailed a week in advance, gives background information on each meeting, plus items of general interest and a calendar of gay-sponsored events in the Madison area.

Membership is open to any gay man at least 30 years old. Regular attendance is encouraged, but not required. Meetings are held on alternate Fridays at 8:00 pm in the homes of group members. Membership dues are \$10/year to cover newsletter mailing costs. Confidentiality is respected, and members must use discretion in contacting other members.

Telephone: 244-8690 (evenings)
Address: PO Box 8234, Madison WI 53708

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (PFLAG)

Statement of Purpose-National PFLAG Federation:

- To provide a support system for families and friends of lesbians and gays in their effort to understand, accept, and support their children with love and pride.
- To provide education for individuals and the community at large on the nature of homosexuality.
- To support the full human and civil rights of lesbians and gays.
- To speak out and act whenever necessary to defend and enhance those human civil rights.

Madison Chapter:

The Madison chapter of this national organization has been in existence for four years. Past and future topics include: coming out to extended family, AIDS, couples, gay teens, older gays, gay parents, the Alternative Families ordinance, and the theories of the causes of homosexuality.

Attendance has varied from five to twenty-five, and anyone is welcome at any meeting. We encourage gay and lesbian people to attend as we believe that exposure to gays other than their own children is an important part of a parent's coming to accept their child's sexual orientation. Group members have given presentations in churches and schools, and have talked to gays about how to come out to their parents.

Meetings:

PFLAG meets on the third Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Friends (Quaker) Meeting House at 1704 Roberts Court (behind the Randall Bank on Monroe St). The first hour of each meeting is devoted to a topic and the second hour the group breaks into small groups to discuss the topic or any other personal concerns.

Address: PO Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701
Contact: Jane at 271-0270

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Ada James Campus Women's Center	262-8093
BAGALS: "Bunch of Lesbian and Gay Graduate and Professional Students"	Vilius at 244-2004
Lizards-Social/Support Group for Lesbians over 30	Jane at 592-4534
Symposium-UW-Madison Gay Faculty Group	John at 262 5395
UPAC-United Political Action Committee	255-8582

These groups did not respond in time to be included in this edition of "THE DIRECTORY."