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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, sponsored by National Gay Rights Advocates and other groups, will be a powerful day in lesbian and gay history. The goal of NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY is to increase the visibility and political clout of the more than 20 million gay men and lesbians in this country. On October 11, 1988, the anniversary of the historic March On Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, thousands of people will bring the spirit of the March to their local communities.

The slogan for the day is TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP. Some of us at the last potluck discussed what the next step might be for lesbians and gays in the La Crosse area, and came up with the idea of either buying billboard space for the month of October, or putting an ad in the paper on October 11. Both would say something about how the lesbian/gay community of the La Crosse area celebrates NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY.

We are, of course, going to need money to do this, perhaps between \$300 and \$500. If you would like to make a

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OLIVIA CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CONCERTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Olivia Records caps its 15th anniversary year with a national celebration at New York's Carnegie Hall and the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Friday November 25. The Carnegie Hall concert, scene of Olivia's historic tenth anniversary gala, begins at 8:00 pm. Featured artists include Chris Williams and Band, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Heiðra McCalla, Toot Furr and Band, Nancy Vogl and Dianne Davidson and Band. An Anniversary Ball at the Waldorf-Astoria Grand Hotel will follow the concert. The evening is lavender tie optional.

Judy Dlugosz, president of Olivia, says: "It will be a wonderful sight, women from all over the world scrivling at Carnegie in horse-drawn carriages, limousines, and motorcycles, decked out in fabulous, flaming attire! The entourage from Carnegie to the Waldorf following the concert will be a spectacular moment in New York history."

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WISCONSIN GAY REPUBLICANS GROUP

Coming on the heels of the first national gay Republican organization, a Madison elected official has announced that he plans to start a gay Republican group in Wisconsin. Jim McFarland, an openly gay Alderman who is also Republican, is coordinating the effort to set up the first GOP organization for gays and lesbians in Wisconsin. He hopes to appeal to all parts of the state.

The general goals of the new group, tentatively named Wisconsin Republicans for Equality and Privacy (WNERP), would be the same as that of the newly formed national group: to promote concerns of gays and lesbians within the Republican Party and to promote concerns of the Republican Party among lesbians and gays.

There has been a tendency for Republican legislators to ignore gay/lesbian voters and cater to the interests of the religious fundamentalist wing of the party. McFarland claims that this is because most Republicans think that all the lesbians and gays are

Democrats and live in somebody else's district. McFarland is concerned that the gay community not put its eggs in one basket by only supporting Democrats. "When candidates of both parties are vying for gay/lesbian support, then the gay community will finally be able to say it has some political clout," McFarland said.

Besides, McFarland adds, lesbians and gays who consider themselves Republican need a niche as well. "For too long, Republican gays and lesbians have been ignored by both their party and their community," according to McFarland. Anyone who wants to become involved can contact WNERP at 227 Langdon #101, Madison, WI 53703 (confidentiality assured).

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contribution of money, or would like to help plan our statement, come to the next potluck. If you can't make the potluck, but are still interested in helping, call Joy at 783-0059.

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Concert tickets are \$40, \$35, and \$25. Anniversary ball tickets are \$40 advance or \$50 at the door. All tickets are available by sending a check or money order to Olivia Records, 4400 Market Street, Oakland, CA 94608; or for credit card orders, call (415) 555-0364.

Other Olivia 15th anniversary concerts are tentatively scheduled, including Minneapolis on October 29. Watch the *LLW* for more details.

CONFERENCE OF INTEREST

Fall seems to be the time for scheduling conferences. Below are five in particular that may be of interest to LLW readers.

September 30-October 2: The National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, this country's only national organization designed to address the needs and concerns of Black Lesbians and Gays, is having its Tenth Anniversary Homecoming Conference in Washington, DC. The theme of the conference is: *Home Work (for homeboys and home girls)*. Its intent is to prepare Black Lesbians and Gays for local organizing and to empower them to develop strategies for meeting their own needs and enhancing the quality of their lives and of the at-large Lesbian and Gay movement. For more information, contact: Renee McCoy, NCBGL, 19841 West Seven Mile, Detroit, MI 48219.

October 1-8, 1988, the University of Minnesota at Duluth, will host a conference entitled: *Explorations in Feminist Ethics: Theory and Practice*. There are well over two dozen workshops scheduled on a wide variety of topics. Keynote speakers are Charlotte Bunch and Sara Ruddick. For more information and/or to register, write: Center for Continuing Education, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN 55812 or call (218) 726-6142.

October 7-10, 1988, the National Organization For Women will sponsor a *Lesbian Rights Conference* in San Diego, California. Speakers will include Robin Morgan, Joan O'Leary (executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates) Renee McCoy (executive director of National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays), Carmen Vazquez (coordinator of Lesbian and Gay Health Services for San Francisco County) and Karen Thompson. Deidre McCalla and Lucie Blue Tremblay will perform. For additional information, contact: Nancy Buermyer, NOW Action Center, Suite 800, 1401 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC 20005 or call (202) 447-2279.

October 27-27, 1988 the University of Pennsylvania is sponsoring a national conference entitled *Ending Campus Violence: Decisions and Directions*. Now more than ever sexual, racial, homophobic and other forms of violence have reached a heightened state in academic settings. In response to this escalating problem, the University of Pennsylvania in collaboration with other universities and institutions is organizing this conference. The main goals of the conference are:

1. To provide a forum for the exploration of issues and concerns to end violence on college campuses.

2. To identify the nature and extent of the full range of the violence on campuses.

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3. To identify effective strategies and services for addressing this violence. For more information and/or to register, contact: Charlotte Wilkins, Conference Coordinator, University of Pennsylvania, 119 Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6306.

November 18-20: *Creating Change: A National Conference for Gay and Lesbian Organization* will feature keynote speeches by two leading gay activists, Virginia Apuzzo and John D'Emilio. The conference is organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and will be held in Washington, DC. The conference is open to all lesbian and gay organizations. For more information, write: NGLTF, Creating Change, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13: Primary Election Day in Wisconsin. Vote for Tony Earl.

September 15: TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH in Rochester. Begins at 6:30 pm at Soldiers Field Park (near Crossroads shopping center). Contact/Gay Lesbian Community Services of Rochester, (507) 281-3265, for more information.

September 22: *LLN* Deadline.

September 22: September's potluck is on a Thursday at Char's, 127 South 23rd Street, beginning at 6:30. Bring a dish to pass, your own beverage, and a friend.

September 30-October 2: National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays Conference. See article.

October 7-8: Conference entitled *Exploration in Feminist Ethics* in Duluth. See article on conferences for more information.

October 7-10: NOW Conference on *Lesbian Rights*. See article on conferences for more information.

October 11: NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY. See article.

October 27-29: Conference on *Ending Campus Violence*. See article on conferences for more information.

October 29: Olivia's 15th anniversary concert in Minneapolis. See article for more information.

November 25: Olivia's 15th anniversary concert at Carnegie Hall and ball at the Waldorf-Astoria. See article for more information.



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SUPPORT GROUP CANCELED

The support group which was scheduled to meet on Thursday nights for lesbians in abusive relationships, has been canceled. If you are in a relationship and have been battered physically, emotionally, or verbally by your partner, and need help, call New Horizons at 784-6419, Barb R. at 895-6666, or First Call For Help at 782-8010. And remember, if you need emergency shelter, New Horizons is open to all women, including lesbians.



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ET CETERA

Gay/Lesbian Events of 1989: The second edition of a national gay/lesbian bulletin board is now in preparation. The editors of *Gay/Lesbian Events 1988* are calling on organizations to submit their 1989 events for inclusion in a nationwide listing to be published this November. Any organization wishing to list their special 1989 events should send a letter giving the name and date of the event (or best estimated date), the sponsoring organization, address and phone number, and a short description of the event to: Envoy Enterprises, 749 Rush Street, Suite 509, Chicago, IL 60611.

Gay and Lesbian Ham Radio Club: The Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is a service oriented international organization of amateur radio operations, or *hams*, and has served the gay and lesbian community since 1975. Amateur Radio is an exciting hobby that has an area of interest for everyone: satellite communications, computer-to-computer message systems, talking via shortwave to stations around the world, etc. LARC members maintain a number of on-the-air meetings for members every week. All members receive the club newsletter. For more information contact: LARC, PO Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

National Pen Pals: *Gay Ways* is a new national pen pal organization for the gay/lesbian community, and is looking for members.

The purpose of the group is to help lesbian and gays, especially isolated one, to "join together and expand our ideas, thoughts, and ways of thinking." They have a \$5 processing fee. Contact them at: Gay Ways, 1321 East South Dixie Hwy., #13-401, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

MCC in 20: The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a denomination with a special ministry to gays and lesbians, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 1988, and plans are under way for anniversary observances at MCC churches across the country. There are 200 MCC churches in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Europe, Australia, Mexico, and South America.

Names Project Quilt: In the past year, more than three-quarters of a million Americans have viewed the Quilt put together by the NAMES Project Foundation. The Quilt is made of 3 foot by 6 foot panels, each bearing the name of a single person lost to AIDS. Donations of nearly \$500,000 made at each of the twenty cities the Quilt was exhibited in, stayed with the local community to be used for AIDS services. The Quilt remains an ongoing project with, sadly, new panels added daily. It will return to Washington in October for the anniversary of the March. To donate, or for more information, write: The NAMES Project, PO Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Network of Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Associations:
The Network of Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Associations, a national association of gay and lesbian alumni/ae groups, has announced its new referral service to help individual graduates wishing to make contact with their university or college GALA. NetGALA is aware of nearly all the GALAs with contact names and addresses. In some cases where there is no GALA, NetGALA has contacts for individuals who are interested in starting a group. Alumni/ae who wish to make contact with their college/university GALA, or who wish to start a GALA, should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: NetGALA, PO Box 15141, Washington, DC 20003.

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