



Erie Gay Community Newsletter

March, 1993

☎ = New Group/Event this issue

Events & Happenings

Important Note: Events listed here are specifically gay or of interest to a lot of lesbian/gay people. If you know of an event that should be listed here, please get the info to us by the 20th of the month. For out of town events, call a day or two before to confirm that it is still on; mistakes can occur and circumstances can change at the last moment.

☎ **March Is National Women's History Month** See *ShowCase* for details

☎ **Now Thru Mar 27—PhotoNominal '93** Provocative photo exhibit. Subject matter includes gay male, sexual minorities & AIDS. At Jamestown Community College, 525 Falconer, Jamestown. For info or directions, call (716) 665-9107.

☎ **Mar 6—AIDS Benefit Show at Nite Spot Bar in Jamestown NY** 11pm - 1 am. \$2 donation benefits AIDS Community Services Jamestown Chapter

☎ **Mar 7—March on Washington Committee Meeting** 2 pm at AIDS Council of Erie, 554 E 10th
Mar 7—Sermon by Metropolitan Community Church of LA Senior Pastor Nancy Wilson At Ford Chapel at Allegheny College in Meadville. Brought to you by CSGLBP. *Several events are being planned in around Pastor Wilson's visit! See the article this issue for more info!*

☎ **Mar 10—AIDS Council of Erie Meeting between Board Members & Volunteers & Clients** 8 pm. Please attend this very important meeting. Your input is invaluable!

☎ **Mar 12-27 (Thu, Fri & Sat) 8 pm—Boys in the Band** Play at Theaterloft, 545 Elmwood, Buffalo. 25th anniversary production of landmark gay comedy-drama. Tickets \$12/\$10 for students/seniors. ☎ (716) 832-7320.

Mar 13—Rock-n-Roll Remembered Concert ♪ by North Coast Men's Chorus at Lakewood High School Try Out Theater in Cleveland, OH. ♪ North Coast Men's Chorus, PO Box 15181, Cleveland, OH 44115.

☎ **Mar 14—March on Washington Committee Meeting** 2 pm at AIDS Council of Erie, 554 E 10th

☎ **Mar 14—Miss Gay Midwest USA 1993** The X-Change. Info & apps ☎ (216) 792-1246 or ✉ 114 Javit Court, Youngstown OH 44515

☎ **Mar 20—Lesbian Moms Group Mexican Night** Tacos, Mexican snacks, piñatas. Moms & kids. 5pm at Lucinda Marsh's office, 214 Walnut, Waterford, PA.

☎ **Mar 20—1st Annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Organizations Conference** Pre-Registration cost is \$5 each, same day is \$10. From 9 am to 4 pm. Several workshops planned. ☎ (216) 972-6851 or ✉ Gay/Lesbian Student Resource, Univ of Akron, Gardner Student Center Office #14, Akron, OH 44325-4606

Mar 20—Lambda Foundation Annual Ball - Held at Vista Hotel in Pgh. Cost is \$40 for Dinner & Ball, or \$15 for Ball alone. Lambda Foundation profits are used to fund lesbian/gay organizations in PA, OH, WV. Tickets can be ordered by phone ☎ (412) 521-5444 or at 5150 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224-1627. *See article this issue!*

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☞ **Mar 24—HIV Housing Meeting** At 6:00 pm at Cathedral of Saint Paul, opposite Courthouse ☎ Deb Monohan at 838-0123

☞ **Mar 26-28—Lesbian In Touch Encounter (LITE) Weekend** "Intensive encounter that focuses on the individual lesbian & her relationship w/ self, w/ others & w/ God." \$58 inc room, board & materials ☎ (412) 362-2349 or ✍ PO Box 362 Pittsburgh, PA 15230

☞ **Mar 27—Rhiannon in Concert** ♪ Lesbian eclectic vocalist at 8 pm at the Ford Auditorium, Cleveland ☎ (216) 321-7799

☞ **Apr 4—March on Washington Committee Meeting** 2 pm at AIDS Council of Erie, 554 E 10th

☞ **Apr 2-4—Gay Encounter for Men (GEM) Weekend** "To help gay/bisexual men grow from alienation toward reconciliation & celebration" \$58 inc room, board & materials ☎ (412) 362-2349 or ✍ PO Box 362 Pittsburgh, PA 15230

☞ **Apr 17—Building Relationships That Endure** 9:30-3:30. Communicate more effectively nad resolve conflicts over power & control issues, jealousy, financial concerns, family demands, and sexual desire differences. South Shore Counseling. \$50/couple ☎ (814) 725-8504 or ✍ South Shore Counseling Group, 55 East Main Street, North East PA, Dale Allgeier, Facilitator

☞ **Apr 18—March on Washington Committee Meeting/Bon Voyage Party** Drawing for raffle, Bon Voyage Party. 2 pm at AIDS Council of Erie, 554 E 10th

☞ **Apr 25—March on Washington** Don't Miss This One!!! See the article in this issue. ☎ Michael at (814) 456-9833 or ✍ Erie March on Washington Committee, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-3063.

☞ **Apr 25-28—Lesbian Physician Conference** In Washington DC. Held in conjunction with March on Washington.

☞ **May 5—Coming Out Okay: Group Therapy for Those Who Have Recently Come Out** For 8 weeks on Wed 7-8:30 pm. Issues such as denial, fear confusion, guilt, dating, safer sex, relationships dealt with as group determines. South Shore Counseling. \$20/eve ☎ Dale at (814) 725-8504

☞ **May 8—Ins & Outs of Safer Sex** Making safer sex hot, how to negotiate safer sex, etc. 12-3 pm. \$15 (sliding scale) South Shore Counseling. ☎ Dale at 725-8504

☞ **May 15—Pancake Breakfast at Unitarian - Universalist Congregation of Erie** Benefits LGLV.

☞ **May 29—Carole & Bren Concert** Performance at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. Details later. ☎ Lisa at (814) 734-1358

☞ **Jun 5—Pride Dance** Sponsored by Bridges. At UU Congregation. Open to all our friends. ☎ Jacquelyn at (814) 455-0549 or Michael at (814) 456-9833 for more info or write to Bridges.

☞ **Sep 5—Bridges Festival** At Glinodo Conference Center. DJ and much, much more!

Groups & Organizations

AIDS Council of Erie

Location: 554 East 10th Street; Erie, PA 16503-1314. ☎ (814) 455-5492. ☎ *Hours:* 8:30 to 4:30 Mon.-Fri. *Activities:* Living with HIV Group: 1st Wed of month, 6 pm. Coffeehouse/Social every other Fri. Pot-Luck Supper (open) last Wed. of month. Also Buddy program, Memorial service, Bereavement group. Call for more info. See Mar 10 meeting in Events & Happenings

Bridges

A coalition of organizations which seeks to use networking and communication skills to build a better community. ✍ Bridges, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-3063. (814) 455-0549 or (814) 456-9833.

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People

A support group for Allegheny College students/faculty. ✍ CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. ☎ Jill at 332-4368 or Dan at 332-2238.

Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO)

Student group, primarily social. *Meetings:* Tuesdays from 8-10 pm in Hendricks Hall, Room G13 (☎). ☎ Jessica at (814) 732-2574 or David at (814) 732-4278.

Erie Sisters

Peer support group for TV/TS/CD ✍ Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505

Friends Alike

Peer support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual & cross-gendered people in Oil City. /PO Box 904, Oil City, PA 16301-0904. ☎Chris at (814) 676-0836.

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance -
the Other 10% (GALA 10)**

Support group for gay men and lesbians and friends and family. Open to public. *Meetings:* 3rd Tuesday of month at 8:00 pm, call for site. Next meetings are March 16, April 20 & May 18. /Mercy Institute, 501 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16546. Attn: Sr Marlene Lehmkuhl ☎Sr Marlene at (814) 824-2572.

**Gay and Lesbian Drug & Alcohol Abuse Support
Group**

Meetings: Thursdays at 7:00 pm at Jamestown Community College (in Chautauqua room at the Library). ☎(716) 664-5556 or (716) 483-0749

☎ Girth & Mirth

For big men & their admirers. /PO Box 7048, Erie, PA 16510-7048 ☎TC at (814) 899-0202.

Integrity

An Christian-based spiritual and support group that welcomes people of all faiths. *Meetings:* 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (7:00pm) at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street. /Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 1782, Erie, PA, 16507-1782. ☎(814) 455-0549.

Schedule: Mar. 14—Holy Communion & discussion; Mar. 21—Human Sexuality Dialogue; Mar. 28—Evening Prayer/Pot-luck & continuation of discussion on Inclusive Language.

**☎ Jamestown HIV Positive
Support Group**

☎ Jill Johnson at (716) 664-7855

☎ Jamestown PFLAG

For parents & friends of lesbians & gays. Meets last Tuesday of the month, call for site. Meeting Dates: Mar 30, Apr 27 & May 25 ☎(716) 488-1264 or (716) 763-1529

☎ Jamestown Social Group

For men & women. /7 Sampson Street, Jamestown NY 14701 ☎ (716) 484-7285 or (716) 664-5556.

League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV)

Non partisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for primary and general election, voter registration/education, lobbying. *Meetings:* 1st Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm at AIDS Council, 554 East 10th Street in Erie. Next are March 7, April 4, May 2. ☎Michael at (814) 456-9833. /LGLV-Erie, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-3063. ☎

Lesbian Moms Support Group

Support group for lesbian moms, co-partners and women interested in parenting. /Lucinda Marsh, 214 Walnut Street, Waterford, PA 16441. ☎(814) 796-3535.

Life's Blood

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for Gays and Lesbians. *Meetings:* Sundays at 8:00 pm at the AIDS Council, 554 East 10th Street in Erie. ☎

March on Washington Committee

See article in this issue. ☎Michael at (814) 456-9833 or Sally at (814) 454-2713. ☎

Men's Coffeehouse

The Men's Coffeehouse is an alcohol & smoke-free environment with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. They get together on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you on March 12, April 9 & May 14. ☎(814) 455-9049 for more info. ☎

Trigon (Gamma Beta Lambda)

Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. /College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563. ☎(814) 453-6232

Womynspace Coffeehouse

The Womyn's Coffeehouse is an alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. They get together on the 1st Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you on March 6 (talent show; call Jo at 455-1511 if you want to perform or show your art), April 3 & May 1. ☎Sally at (814) 454-2713.

**Don't Be Trustin' the
Luck o' the Irish... Play
Safe Every Time!**



Allegheny Alumni Caucus, Activities

Allegheny College is looking for members of its alumni in the Erie area who are interested in the possibility of forming a Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alumni Caucus.

Nancy Wilson, an Allegheny alumna, prominent gay rights activist, author and Senior Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles, will visit the campus on March 7, 8 and 9, 1993. She will provide the sermon at Ford Chapel on Sunday at 10:45 am. This will be

followed by an Alumni Caucus Brunch at noon for all Allegheny Alumni at 558 Highland Avenue in Meadville. She will also present a lecture as part of Women's History Month on Monday the 8th at 8:00 pm in Ford Chapel. On Tuesday the 9th there will be a workshop/lunch at noon.

Ms. Wilson has suggested that during her visit Allegheny alumni gather on campus to talk and discuss the possibility of forming a Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual

Caucus. Plans are being made to meet informally Saturday evening, March 6 in addition to the other activities.

Interested alumni should contact: Prof. Ernest Schwarz at (814) 337-2307 or write: Allegheny College, Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbians & Bisexuals, Box 186, Meadville, PA 16335 for further details. All responses will be kept confidential.

The Wilson visit is being coordinated by Allegheny's Committee in Support of Gays, Lesbians & Bisexuals. This group is now in its second year of existence and was formed at the suggestion of Brian McNaught, author of *On Being Gay*, whose inspiring talk brought a standing ovation from a capacity audience at the college in 1991. The Committee, comprised of students, faculty, administrators, and staff, works to educate the College community to help make Allegheny a supportive and safe place for all people.

Washington DC APRIL 25, 1993



**DON'T MISS
THIS ONE!**

Ad Rates

Businesses and Sponsors! Show your support and reach Erie's lesbigay community directly! Advertising space is now available in the quarterly supplement for just \$20 for an eighth page ad, \$35 for a quarter page ad, and \$65 for a half page ad. Write the address above or call (814) 456-9833 for further details!

Community Directory

AIDS Services:

AIDS Council of Erie, Inc.	455-5492
AIDS Factline	1-800-324-AIDS
National AIDS Hotline	1-800-662-6080

Bars:

<i>Ashtabula, OH</i>	Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St.
<i>Erie, PA</i>	Lizzie Bordon's Part II, 3412 West 12th St.
	Silver Slipper Lounge, 1317 State St.
<i>Jamestown, NY</i>	Nite Spot, 201 Windsor St.
	Sneakers, 100 Harrison

Community Service Organizations:

Bridges	455-0549
March on Washington Committee	454-2713

Counseling:

Lisa DiPlacido, MS, Private Psychotherapist	452-4366
South Shore Counseling Group (North East, PA)	725-8504

Medical Services:

Erie Co. Dept. of Health (VD Clinic/AIDS Testing)	451-6700
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Political/Advocacy Organizations:

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters	456-9833
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Publications:

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Religious Organizations:

Integrity	455-0549
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Social Organizations:

Mens' Coffeehouse	455-9049
Womynspace Coffeehouse	454-2713

Student Organizations:

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual	
People (Allegheny College, Meadville)	332-4368
Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO)	732-2574
GALA 10 (Mercyhurst College)	824-2572
Trigon (Gamma Beta Lambda, Behrend College) ...	453-6232

Support Groups:

Erie Sisters, 2115 W. 8th St., Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505	
Friends Alike (Oil City)	676-0826
Gay & Lesbian Drug & Alcohol Abuse	
Support Group	716-483-0749
Lesbian Moms Support Group	796-3535
Lifes Blood (AA)	Sundays, 8:00 PM, 554 E. 10th St.

Bridges Events

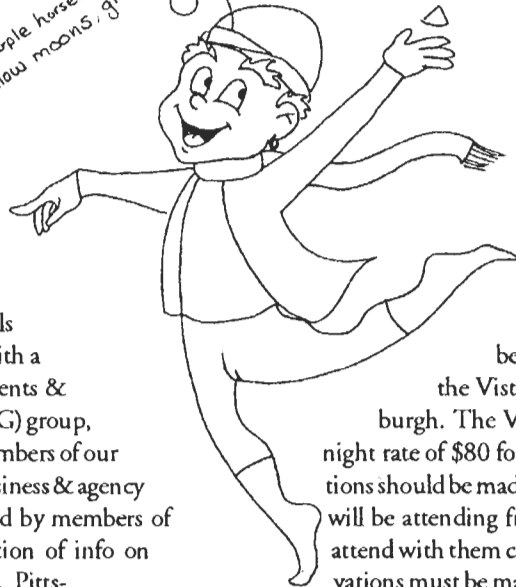
We would like to thank all the people who have enjoyed the dances that Bridges has put on. This is part of how we are able to afford putting out this newsletter. At our "Escape to the Tropics" dance on January 30th, about 150-200 people showed up to dance and celebrate. [Ed. The Island Princess has great gams!] Many people worked hard to contribute to the fabulous decorations, the music, & etc. Thank you for rewarding our efforts!

The Potluck/Forum was a great and fun-filled get-together on February 20. We had representatives from most of the area lesbian groups and a lot of wonderful input. Among the suggestions (some are more long-term than others) were a speakers'/media/coming out group (Out & Proud will have its first organizational meeting at the Erie AIDS Council on Sunday May 2 at 2:00 pm. More details next issue), a community center with a large library, a youth group, a Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) group, a core of volunteers to help out members of our community, a lesbian/friendly business & agency directory, a hotline number staffed by members of our community, greater distribution of info on Erie events & groups to Buffalo, Pittsburgh & Cleveland, and literature racks for the bars.

Upcoming Bridges events include a Pride Dance on June 5 (mark your calendars now!) and a Festival on September 5.

How about some from fresh fruit juice?

*Purple horseshoes, gold stars, blue diamonds
yellow moons, green clovers & Pink
Triangles.....*



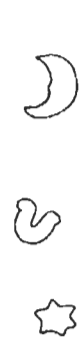
don't push it, sweetie...

Lambda 6th Annual Ball

On March 20th, the Lambda Foundation will put on its Sixth Annual Ball. The Lambda Foundation is a Pittsburgh-based charitable/non-profit organization that raises and manages funds for the gay and lesbian community in PA, OH and

WV. The gala affair is black tie optional. Complete evening of dinner and dancing costs \$40; tickets for the entertainment portion alone are \$15.

Music for dancing will be provided by the band Straight Up. The Ball will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Vista International Hotel in Pittsburgh. The Vista is offering a special overnight rate of \$80 for out-of-town guests. Reservations should be made early. Michael and Jacquelyn will be attending from Erie; if you would like to attend with them call 456-9833. Mail order reservations must be made by March 12. To reserve or for more info, contact the Lambda Foundation, 5150 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224 or call (412) 441-9786.



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March on Washington Update

Here's the latest on efforts to get Erie area people to the April 25 March on Washington.

A lot of people from our area are driving down to the March in their own vehicles.

Vans can be rented most cheaply from Sears/Budget or New Car Rental: both offer free unlimited mileage. You must have a credit card to rent a van. If you're interested in taking a van down, but don't have people to travel with, call the Erie March on Washington (MOW) Committee to see if they can match you up.

There will be a **Bus** leaving from Erie and Edinboro late Saturday night (April 24). The bus is from Anderson Tours is *non-smoking* and features a TV, a VCR and a bathroom. The bus will travel overnight (this means you sleep on the ride down) and return after the March late on Sunday. Send your check for \$37 made out to EGO (or Edinboro Gay Organization) to Prof. Jessica Jopp, EUP, Faculty Annex 108, Edinboro, PA 16444.

Efforts are now being made to **raise money** so that people who can't afford the price of the trip can attend the March. Scholarships of up to \$25 will be available. If you can't afford the trip, inform the local March on Washington Committee and arrangements can be made to cover the fare cost for you. Your requests for assistance will be kept confidential, but the MOW committee asks that you only take advantage of this offer if you really need it.

Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1.00 apiece; if you'd like to help sell them call Jeff at 455-5492 (Days) or Sally at 454-2713 (Eves). The drawing will be held on April 18. First prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Sun Electronics, and 2nd prize is a dinner for two at La Bella Bistro.

People who support the March are encouraged to contribute if they can. If you can't make it to the March, a **donation** will enable you to be there in spirit!

Hotels and motels around DC are filling up, and finding **accomodations** will be tough. If you're planning to stay over, you might need help finding a place. Starlight Holidays can help you find hotel/motel accomodations (call 1-800-343-9994). To locate community housing, call 1-800-832-2889. Paid members of the League of Gay

and Lesbian Voters might be able to get accomodations through the League (call Michael at 456-9833).

There will be all kinds of **gay/lesbian events going on in DC** during the week of the March. The schedule for that week has been printed in the newest issue of the March on Washington's newspaper (the one with blue ink and the heading "Our Time Has Come"). This issue can be picked up at the bars and lesbigay organizations, or call the local MOW committee.

For information about Bus trip, call Jessica Jopp MWF 9-11 am, 732-2574 or Erie Area MOW, Michael at 456-9833 or Deb at 453-2785. **For specific questions about the March**, call 1-800-832-2889 (Volunteering, Caucus info, Advertising, Parking, Disabled, Lobbying, Buses, Vendor, Press Kit, Black Tie, etc)

News/Snippets

- ▼ Want to know more about legal issues concerning gay & lesbian parents? The Women's Law Project of Philadelphia has just published *Gay & Lesbian Parenting: A Guide to Legal Rights in Pennsylvania*. To order, send \$2 for the first book and \$1 for each additional copy. Send check or money order to Parenting Handbook, Women's Law Project, 125 S. Ninth Street, Suite 401, Philadelphia, PA 19107; or call (215) 928-9801.
- ▼ Kudos to all who made the First Annual AIDS Benefit at the Silver Slipper on Feb 13 such a hit. The event raised around \$680 for direct client services. Here's to the organizers, the bartenders who donated their tips, the management of the Silver Slipper, the AIDS Council, the performers and support people and most of all, all of you who gave so generously!
- ▼ LGLV Erie is looking for a regional representative. Interested parties are invited to contact the League.
- ▼ The American Red Cross is compiling a directory of people & agencies serving HIV positive people/PWA's. If you have any information, please contact Beth Marchal at the American Red Cross, 4961 Pittsburgh Ave, Erie PA 16509, (814) 833-0942.

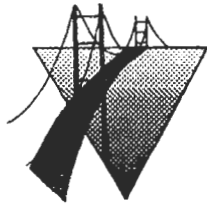
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Statement of Purpose

The purpose of *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* is to serve as a voice for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and our friends & families in the Erie area. We wish this newsletter to be a source of information, support and affirmation. We also see *EGCN* as a vehicle for celebration of the goodness and diversity of the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. *EGCN* is a cooperative effort between lesbigay groups and individuals to help our community develop and thrive.

It Takes a Bit o' the Green...

...to put out a publication such as this. If you share our dream of a strong lesbigay community in the Erie area, please subscribe or send your contribution today. Help us find our own little pot of gold at the end of our rainbow. Thanks and bless ye!

Requests for anonymity respected.



Editorial Policy

We will consider for publication any material which broadens our understanding of our lifestyles and each other. Views and opinions appearing in this newsletter do not necessarily represent those of the staff nor those of the component groups.

We will not publish any material which promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, age, class, physical ability or any other reason. We do not support exploitation of minors.

All materials submitted must be signed so we can contact the authors should we need to consider editorial

revisions. However, within the pages of the newsletter, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed. If you wish to have your full name published, you must send a written and signed note that gives us permission to do so. This publication will not "out" anyone.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit news for publication and to share your comments, criticisms, and positive feelings with us.

Materials should be sent to: *EGCN*; PO Box 3063; Erie, PA 16508-3063. Call (814) 456-9833 for more information.

AIDS Funding Crisis—You Can Help

by Greg Valiga

The AIDS Council of Erie County, Inc. has endured difficult times since its inception—uncertain funding, personnel problems, poor public image, spending controversies—but the current funding shortfall threatens to drastically curtail Council functions unless quick action is taken by the Governor's Office of the Budget.

Background The AIDS Council is partially funded by Ryan White funds distributed by the federal government to states hardest hit by AIDS. In PA, the funding channel used to be from the Bureau of HIV/AIDS to the local AIDS service organizations. The process has changed—the funds are now diverted to seven regional coalitions which oversee allocation of funding to all areas of the state. Our regional coalition is the Northwest Rural AIDS Alliance (NRAA), administered by Clarion University. Clarion, being a state entity, decided to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau (instead of the usual contract), a move they thought would enable them to avoid the six month delay that NRAA encountered last year. Unfortunately, because of the way this process has been handled, negotiations which began in March of 1992 (for the fiscal year beginning in July, 1992) have not yet resulted in the release of \$63,000 to the AIDS Council.

Results of Delay As this negotiation process sputtered and stalled, the Bureau of HIV/AIDS proceeded to distribute all of the available funds to the other six coalitions, plus the Department of Public Welfare's Special Pharmaceutical Program. The additional funding necessary to fulfill the Memorandum had to be requested by the Bureau, and must now be approved by the state. Despite assurances that the moneys could be released as soon as late February, nobody knows what bureaucratic hell awaits the request.

What You Can Do The local lesbian community can have a great impact on this funding situation by calling and writing their elected officials. Urge your legislators to apply immediate pressure to the Governor's Office of the

Budget to approve the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Request for Additional Federal Funding (RAFF) so the the Northwest Rural AIDS Alliance can distribute critically needed Ryan White funds to the AIDS Council of Erie County. Let them know that this funding delay is affecting people you know and care for.

LGLV-Erie Efforts The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is spearheading efforts to ease the AIDS Council dilemma. They are in the midst of a postcard writing campaign designed to urge increases in Ryan White funding and a more efficient system to distribute these moneys to AIDS service organizations across the state. Postcards are available at the local bars and through League members. You needn't worry about your elected officials' names and addresses, just sign your name and address to the cards and return them to the League. LGLV will address and mail them for you.

Calling your legislators or writing letters are much more effective ways of dealing with them. The League is available to guide you in your contacts. If you don't know who your legislators are, or would like a sample letter to send, call the League for help. The above-mentioned postcards are also available for distribution to friends and family. You can contact the League at 833-3258 (days-Greg) or 456-9833 (anytime-Mike).

Contacts

Governor Casey—Action Line (717) 783-1198

Sen. Buzz Andrezeski; 200 West 11th Street; Erie PA 16501; 452-4783

Rep. Linda Bebk-Jones; 460 East 26th Street; Erie PA 16504; 459-1949

Rep. Italo Cappabianca; 1216 West 26th Street; Erie PA 16508; 453-7639

Rep. Karl Boyes; 4602 Peach Street; Erie PA 16509; 868-5489

Rep. Tom Scrimenti; 9 West Main Street; North East PA 16428; 725-8664

Rep. James Merry; 511 East Main Street; Girard PA 16417; 774-8604