



Austin Lambda #17 1/81 newsletter

NEWSLETTER VACATION

This issue of the Austin Lambda newsletter is an abbreviation of the usual 12-page monthly edition for two reasons: first, vacation-induced exhaustion; second, a critical lack of money. Delayed until next month are: an article on 'New Life for Cuban Lesbians,' a letter from Robin Tyler on her impressions of our production of her performance here, a feature from Boston's 'Gay Community News' on gay men in prison (some for life) for having sex with 'minors' and some regular features like 'Questions you always wanted to ask...' The newsletter has a circulation of 1,000 distributed to sponsors and to the public through clubs, bars, bookstores, etc. It can only be published with your help.

SPONSOR DRIVE (And A Call For Help)

Austin Lambda is a Lesbian and Gay Men's educational project which offers a newsletter, workshops, support groups, a speakers' bureau for the community, etc. It exists totally on the financial support of individuals in the community. About 150 persons currently help support Lambda, through monthly 'pledges' of \$3, \$10 or more if more can be afforded. We get by through periodic fund-raising events, but we really need nearly twice the number of sponsors we now have. Visit our attractive center at 603 West 12th Street and consider becoming a sponsor. If you are already a sponsor, you can help the drive by encouraging one other woman or man to become a sponsor. Tell them what we do; tell them we need them. New sponsors can send their first donation, along with name and address, and they will receive the next issue of the newsletter by mail. Any extra donations which can be offered at this time to carry us through a vacation slump will be appreciated.

LESBIAN MOTHERS

There is a monthly open pot-luck supper for Lesbians, Lesbian co-parents, and their children the first Sunday of each month. Call 479-0654 for information.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS

For fun - and for funds - Austin Lambda will hold a community supper at 603 W 12th once a month. This month Joe Adams will serve up a super-Chile (for veggies too) with salad and corn bread - all for \$2.50 and the pleasure of helping Lambda. The supper will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday January 20th. A beverage will be included with the supper. Please come.

RUNNERS AND TO-BE-RUNNERS

Austin Lambda is sponsoring a Lesbian/Gay fun-run around town lake every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. All interested runners should meet at the Gazebo at Auditorium Shores (near the Municipal Auditorium). Physical fitness is not required; only a desire to run. Bring friends.

AWARENESS SESSIONS

Austin Lambda holds regular weekly 'awareness' or rap sessions respectively for Lesbians and for Gay Men. The Lesbian meeting is held every Thursday at 8 p.m.; the Gay meeting is held every Monday night at 8 p.m. The gatherings are open to new women and men each week.

NEW LESBIAN/GAY THERAPY GROUP

Austin Lambda is sponsoring a new therapy group for both Lesbians and Gay Men. The difference between this group and other such groups offered in the community will be (a) that it is open to both Lesbians and Gay Men and (b) that the group will remain open - anyone may enter or leave the group any week. It is hoped that the group will be especially helpful for women and men who are (a) in temporary crises (b) wanting the benefit of a mixed group or (c) want an experience with being in a therapy group without making a long term commitment to one. Of course the group will welcome involvement for as long as an individual wishes to keep attending. The professional fee for persons attending any session is \$5 per session. The therapists leading the group will be Lee Nicoloff and Michael Fernandes, Lesbian and Gay therapist respectively. The group will meet each Wednesday night from 8 until 10 p.m. beginning Wednesday, January 21st. Please come if you are interested in being in this therapy group. Tell friends. And please be on time.

LESBIAN FILMS--BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Austin Lambda will be showing three films, creations of the feminist filmmaker, Jan Oxenberg.

'A Comedy In Six Unnatural Acts' is a satire of some of the stereotyped images of lesbians.

'Home Movie' is an autobiographical film combining documentary footage of the lesbian community with actual old home movies.

'I'm not One of 'Em' features a woman spectator at the roller derby, talking about her experiences with lesbianism.

Show times, at Lambda: Sat, Jan 24, 8 pm; and Sun, Jan 25, 6 pm and 8 pm. Donation \$2.

IN THE CLOSET ON THE JOB

A workshop for working people who have to deal with being in the closet in their professions was first held at Lambda in November, led by Sissy Loftin and Michael Fernandes.

The group decided to continue a monthly open support group for all Lesbians and Gay Men who want help in dealing with this issue. The first monthly meeting of the continuing group will be held on Tuesday, January 13th from 7:30-9 p.m. Everyone, from every sort of work and profession, is welcome.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU WORK SESSION

The Lesbian/Gay Speakers' Bureau will have a work session Saturday, January 17th at 10:30 a.m.

at Austin Lambda, 603 W. 12th. Old and new friends who are interested in the Speakers' Bureau project are needed to come and help with a mailing - letting university classes and groups know about the speakers' service. There is much work to be done to reach out to the community in this way - letting others know about our lives at a time when this sort of education is especially important. As always, many helpers will make little work. Please stop by to help.

GAY/LESBIAN ALCOHOL COLLECTIVE

In an attempt to address the problem of alcoholism and alcohol abuse within the Lesbian and Gay community, an organizational meeting of alcohol and drug professionals will be held at Austin Lambda on Wednesday January 14th at 7:30 p.m. No specific goals are set for the meeting but it is hoped that some way will be found locally to combat the dependency that affects 3 out of 10 Lesbians and Gay Men (3 times higher incidence than in the straight population). Everyone is welcome.

LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP

Austin Lambda will sponsor a therapy group specifically for Lesbians, led by Carolyn Crumpton, a local psychologist. The group will meet at Lambda. Fees will be fixed according to individual needs but are expected to range from \$10 to \$15 per session. Interested women are asked to call Carolyn at 478-1298.

AUSTIN LAMBDA LIBRARY RE-OPENED AND ENLARGED: The library now contains over 100 volumes (growing) of Lesbian/Gay fiction, non-fiction, autobiography, research, poetry & drama, and even a section entitled 'Other Views.' Call 478-8653 to be sure we're open, then come and take a book!

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