

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF GAYS NEWSLETTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS
ISSUE #10, January 1980

Next meeting: Sunday, Jan. 13th, 2:30 p.m. @ MCCR, 1919 Decatur (see Map.)
Panel on counseling gays and their parents by the Montrose Counseling Center. Don't miss it--you should get a new insight into some of your problems and your feelings.

FAFOG News Items: Annella and four of the Gay Young People went to College Station on Dec. 15th to meet with Alternative which serves the Gay Community in the Brazos Valley. After a potluck lunch we presented a panel to a very interested audience. They seemed somewhat surprised to hear these young people say that they encourage coming out to parents as soon as possible. It is their feeling that this is an important step toward achieving a better relationship with parents. Address for Alternative is P.O. Box 8109, College Station, Tx. 77844. They maintain a Gay Line at 613/693-1630 Mon. thru Thurs., 8-10 p.m.

Charles Silverstein, Ph.D., author of A Family Matter, plans to be in Houston in Feb. - probably for our meeting on the 10th. Most of us are familiar with his book and will want to meet him and we know he wants to meet you. You will be interested to know that he has completed his second book which should prove to be of additional help to us, especially, as parents.

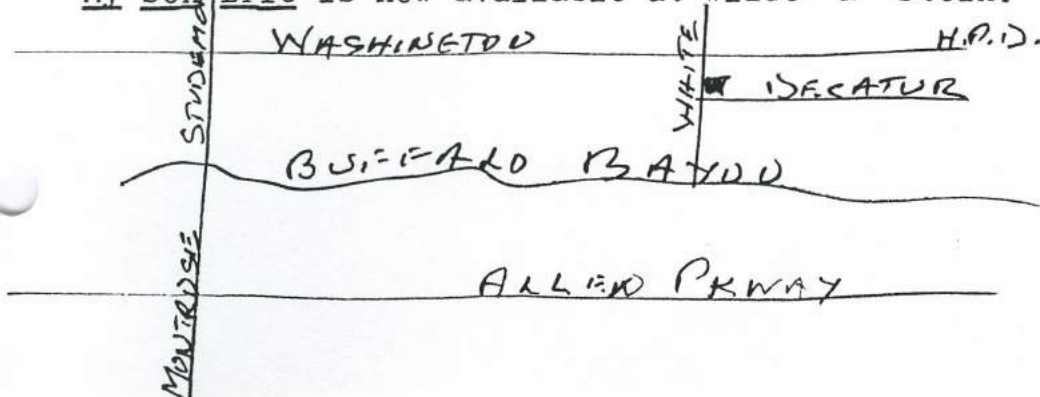
As this is going to press we are pleased to have had a telephone call from Myrtle Britt in Port Arthur. As most of you know she is the mother of Harvey Britt the gay activist who was appointed to complete the term of slain San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and has recently won an election to that seat. We hope that Mr. & Mrs. Britt will be able to join us in Feb.

We recently brought to your attention the need for emergency temporary housing for gay people who have been literally thrown out of home by their parents or who are new in town and in need of help. If any of you could and would help please call Annella @ 664-5339.

Those of you who were unfortunate enough to not be able to attend our Dec. meeting missed a rare opportunity to share with us the change in the church's attitude toward homosexuality as lived by Rev. Pogue and Father Meister.

See you Jan. 13th. Bring a friend!!!!

My Sony Eric is now available at Wilde 'N' Stein.



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Next meeting: Sunday, March 16, 2:30 p.m. @ MCCR, 1919 Decatur (see map.) We know that you are looking forward to the guest appearance of Dr. Charles Silverstein; this should be a great opportunity to get many of your questions answered.

Please note that the April meeting will be on the 2nd Sunday (April 13th) as usual. An invitation is to be extended to Family Connection to tell us about the services provided to run-away teenagers--some of whom are gay. Mark your calendar now as there will not be a News Letter in April.

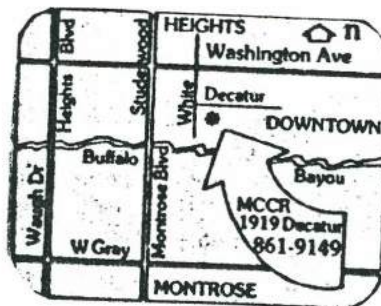
FAFOG News Items: Our appeal for temporary housing has resulted in one response for which we are grateful. Also, we have had a donation toward the expense of getting the News Letter out.

Annella met with the Gay Hispanic Caucus in Feb. and will meet with them again on March 11th.

Don't forget about the Integrity/HOUSTON Coffee House every Friday night from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Activities Bldg. of the Berring Memorial United Methodist Church @ Mulberry and Hawthorn. Come and join us.

How do you feel about a Garage Sale as a means of raising money? Please take a moment to let us know at our next meeting.

See you March 16th and April 13th. Bring a friend; bring your son or daughter but come; we need each of you.



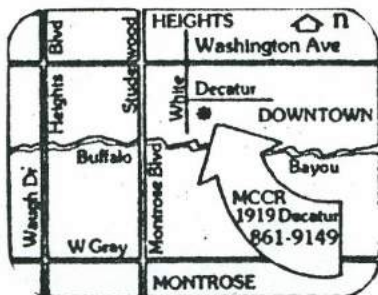
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Next meeting: Sunday, June 8, 2:30 p.m. @ MCCR, 1919 Decatur. There will be a panel discussion on "Understanding Special Needs of Our Gay Sons and Lesbian Daughters." The panel will include a social worker, a minister and a business man. We have a commitment from Rev. Charles Larsen, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection and also one from Lee Harrington who is the acting president of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. One thing which we learned from attending a program at one of our local Presbyterian churches was that young gay men, especially, are often reluctant to attend church with a lover because of the fact that they are fearful of the poor welcome which they might receive. We feel sure that this is a fear of parents for their loved ones also; in that regard our meeting on the 8th should be helpful in answering many of your questions of a religious nature. We also feel that parents are interested in knowing what to expect should one's co-workers, supervisors, etc. find out that someone is gay; and how should we, as parents, handle a situation which might be fraught with personal problems of all kinds. This panel will be of great help.

FAFOG News Items: Annella has accepted an invitation to take part on a panel about Alternative Life Styles as part of a June 18th Texas Extension Service Conference @ Texas A. & M. University at College Station.

According to information in the May 29th issue of the Montrose Star many national corporations now include in their non-discrimination policies lesbians and gay men. Among these 120 plus such are Exxon, IBM, Bank of America, Proctor & Gamble Co., Adolph Coors Co. and American Airlines. Locally we can thank Chemical Bank, Century 21 Realty, Coors Central, Southwestern Bell and Eastern Airlines for pledging their non-discrimination..

TEL. 664-5339



The United States Supreme Court will soon rule on the constitutionality of an Oklahoma statute which authorizes the firing of teachers who promote gay rights or who discuss homosexuality in a positive light. The Oklahoma law was promoted by Anita Bryant (former Miss Oklahoma) and was patterned after the so called "Briggs Initiative" which was defeated by California voters in 1978.

Parents Flag filed a friend-of-the-Court brief in the case arguing that the homophobic law violates the First Amendment because it: (1) discourages teachers from reprimanding students who harass or assault lesbian or gay students (2) interferes with freedom of religion because it can be used to fire teachers who stand up for gay rights in religious debates; and (3) infringes on the rights of teachers to engage in labor negotiations because, under the law, teachers could be dismissed for attempting to secure a sexual orientation non-discrimination clause in a union contract.

The Court heard oral argument in January and a decision is expected in June. Los Angeles attorneys, Thomas F. Coleman and Jay M. Kohorn represented Parents Flag in the case.

California Attorney General John Van de Kamp joined with New York Attorney General Robert Abrams on a brief which urged the Supreme Court to invalidate the statute. Please write to one or both of these courageous public officials thanking them for defending the rights of lesbians, gay men, and their supporters. Their addresses: Hon. John Van de Kamp, California Attorney General, c/o Emil Stipanovich, 3580 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90010; Robert Abrams, New York Attorney General, c/o Rosemarie Rhodes, Two World Trade Center, New York, N.Y. 10047. (Parents Flag Newsletter, Los Angeles-April 1985).

Dear Abby - Any Parents Flag newsletter writer has Dear Abby on the list of required daily newspaper reading. Sure enough in the Sunday, March 24, Los Angeles Times, Dear Abby advised a "Worried Mom", "Send a long stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Parents Flag.." and that means lots-a-mail from lots a "worried" folk. (Parents Flag Newsletter, Los Angeles-April 1985).

LETTERS AND NEWSLETTERS: Sacramento: reports that the local Lambda Community Fund is advancing money to fund a law suit against Falwell for remarks during a July 1984 broadcast of "Look Who's Talking".

San Francisco: reproduces, from The Advocate, an interview with Adele Sta President of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays... Also reports that The Office of Technological Assessment, an independent analytical arm of Congress, has criticized President Reagan and Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler for not appropriating enough funds to fight the AIDS crisis."...

Colorado-Denver: reproduces, in full, a letter sent by one of the parents to a local newspaper on the occasion of the suicide of a gay person... Reports that attendance at the December meeting numbered almost 200. The February meeting which marked the 5th anniversary had an attendance of almost 130.

Illinois-Chicago: reports that the voting strength of 17,000,000 lesbians and gays is greater than the total voting power of Hispanics, Jews and farmers combined. Also states that communication with elected representatives, through the mails can be decisive in influencing an official's vote.

Louisiana-Baton Rouge: brand new and eager to grow - a newsletter each month, and geared for action calling on parents to express appreciation to the sponsors of the TV airing of "Consenting Adult." Write your thanks to the following sponsors: Ralph Ward, Jr., Cheseborough Ponds, 33 Benedict Place, Greenwich, CT 06830; J.E. Burke, Johnson & Johnson, One Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, N.J. 08933; Gordon Stevens, Lever Brothers, 390 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022; W.C. Wescoe, Sterling Drug, Inc., 90 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

Missouri-St. Louis: cites an article from a Rochester, New York, newspaper reporting how a local town board adopted an ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, after a board member blatantly demonstrated his anti-gay prejudice and hatred.

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Next meeting: Sunday, July 13th, 2:30 @ MCCR, 1919 Decatur. We are fortunate to have Travis Peterson, MSW, as our guest speaker. Those of you who remember him from last year will want to be sure not to miss miss. This will be an excellent opportunity for those of you who are new to the group to benefit a great deal from his sensitive approach to many problems facing parents. He will share with us how parents might handle a situation im which a gay son or lesbian daughter has withdrawn from the family.

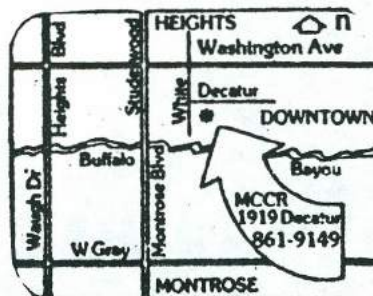
FAFOG News Items: Annella participated on a panel with members of Alternative (a College Station group) as part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service State Staff Conference. The panel was on "Alternative Lifestyles" as part of the section The Impact Of Change.

During Gay Pride Week Thelma Hansel made a presentation during the Day of Remembrance Service at the First Unitarian Church. She pointed out the need for support by families for their gay children and for each other. Annella accepted an invitation from Gay Parents to ride with them on their float in the parade on the final day of the week. It was a trememdously exciting experience.

We are all saddened by the death of Fred Paez, Sec. of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. His death at the hands of a Houston police officer leaves us with many doubts. Those of us who knew him as the caring person he was extend our sympathy to the Gay Community where he was an advocate of law and order.

Does it alarm you who are parents, and you who are friends, to know that there are such biased persons in this town that they would actually threaten some of our young men with knives and firearms? An incident has been reported to us which occured in the southwest part of Houston (miles from the Montrose area) on the night of July 3rd when an ugly group of men decided to try to "get rid of" these young men who were in their apartment minding their business. Perhaps we, as parents, could address this at our meeting on the 13th. Remember, it could happen to one of our loved ones; surely there is something we can do.

Please note our new address: 4030 Woodcraft, Houston, Tx. 77025; Tel. remains the same: 713/664-5339



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BY WAY OF EXPLANATION:

The Nov.-Dec. publication of the Nat'l. News is rather late due to the lack of time... and the myriad of every day details that are "more pressing"....have superceeded putting a news letter together. The Nat'l. Office in Wash. D.C. is a one-person operation (and will be so until we get funds for personnel) taking care of correspondence, doing public relations, filling orders for directories & resource packets, bookkeeping, developing & printing all resource materials....and a hundred other "little jobs" that never end.

In November, I took two weeks off and went to Puerto Rico with Robert (my first vacation in more than 4 years). When I got back the 1st. of Dec. I tried to catch up with the backlog but the Holiday Season interfered extensively. But now, I'm back in the groove and will get shaped up.

I realize that my "excuses" aren't exactly national news.....but I feel better for having made them. I just wish I could convey to each of you the needs, the challenges, and the potentials of the Nat'l. Federation..... It seems that we are proceeding rather slowly but we are moving constantly.....and growing in our outreach and program development. We are restricted and deterred only by our lack of funding which hopefully will be rectified before summer.

Your continuing interest--cooperation and support will enable the growth and stability of PFG programs for the benefit of parents & families everywhere.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND ALL OF YOU!

Gene Baker, Editor

PARENTS & FRIENDS IN PUERTO RICO!

In response to an invitation from the Univ. of Puerto Rico, School of Social Work, the Nat'l. Federation participated in a special seminar for more than 70 representatives from every major educational institution and social agency of the Island.

The seminar's main theme was "improving the P.R. social structure by working with Hispanic families in their homes"..... "Combatting physical, spiritual and emotional poverty through professional assistance and support....."

The presentation and "discovery" of PFG outreach programs provided an entirely new dimension of supportive services for families. Exceeding interest was generated through discussion and our display of PFG resource materials. Specific requests were made for PFG resource materials to be translated into spanish for their general use and distribution. It was further suggested that Federal Funds be requested from the Dept. of Health & Human Resources to enable and provide the translation and distribution of PFG resource materials.

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NOTICE..... this edition of the National News, Nov. & Dec. 1980..... is the last free issue. Because of the expense of printing and mailing, the National Office must rely upon subscriptions..... \$6.00 per year.....

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PARENTS & FRIENDS.....ACTIVITIES

PFG/CHICO, Calif;.....has a very long "out-reach".....serving parents from Paradise, Oroville, Yuba City, Susanville, Corning and Modesto!...a 75mile radius.

The last of August, 1980, Harlan Adams, facilitator of the Chico group, addressed the Rev. Jerry Falwell in a letter: "Maybe I need some help, for I find it impossible to understand how you can preach the gospel of love and yet be so vitriolic toward one of America's largest minorities, the homosexuals. What would YOU do with twenty million human beings whose orientation does not happen to be the same as yours?".....!Have always thought that the church was not a country club for saints, but a hospital for sinners."

note: this letter exceeded Chico's 75 mile radius and arrived in Washington, D.C. at Falwell hqtrs. We can't help but wonder if and how Rev. Falwell responded..... Please Harlan, let us know!

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PFG/HOUSTON, Texas.....invited representatives from Dignity, Integrity, Lutherans Concerned and the Houston Jewish Group to their December meeting....giving parents and others the opportunity to learn and know how gay people maintain ties with their religious beliefs and backgrounds.

The Texas Gay Conference, VIII will be held in Houston during the 1981 Labor Day week-end. Parent groups from Houston, New York, Calif. & Florida have been invited to participate.

In Nov. 1980, representatives of the Houston support group were invited by the Univ. of Houston, Continuing Education Ctr. to participate in a workshop for mental health practitioners to help them better understand and work with clients who might be gay or lesbian.

UPF/PHOENIX.....the United Parents & Friends support group starts their "Happy New Year Resolutions with the following: "It's that time when we reflect on the old year & get it together for the new one. Time to thank those parents & friends who, five or ten years ago, learned their son or daughter was Gay, established an organization and were there.... when we needed help."

UPF/PHOENIX, continued.....

the first meeting of 1981 should be interesting.....three special guests from the "gay community" will share their concerns & experiences with parents. The son of one parent, who was recently discharged from the Navy, will provide an insight on Gays in the military.....and the inconsistent manner in which charges of homosexual involvement are handled.

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PFG/CAMP HILL, Pa. comments in their newsletter....."our meetings are more meaningful when gay men and women also attend"....

Representatives from the Camp Hill support group were invited to "rap" with approximately 100 college students (and faculty) in early November at Susquehanna University.

A follow up letter reads; "please convey our thanks to.....for their sharing in experiences of themselves with our students and faculty at Susquehanna. Even though not everyone changed their feelings about gayness, they were very appreciative and commented positively....."

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PFG/BOSTON, Mass. of recent months, PFG/Boston has expanded their resources and contacts for referrals, etc. Of particular are three private agencies who provide support for troubled gay youths: BRIDGE OVER TROUBLE WATERS, COMMUNITY FOR GAY YOUTH, and the MASSACHUSETTS ADOLESCENT & FAMILY SERVICES.

As guest speaker at a PFG meeting, Ed Roche, (social worker, MAPS) spoke of the "special problems" that face gay youth on Boston's city streets. He stressed that very few support groups--either state or private--exist to serve gays with family or personal problems. When gays are referred to an agency for help....their sexual orientation is either denied, suppressed, or an active effort is made to alter their sexual identity. Gay youths are not welcomed in group homes because "it is feared that homosexuality is infectious".....

Mr. Roche made known the fact that his agency is searching for prospective foster parents or singles who can emotionally support and counsel gay children.

CONTACT PFG/BOSTON if any of you can and are willing to help. (editor's note)

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF GAYS NEWSLETTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS
ISSUE # 14 December 1980

Next meeting: Sunday, Dec. 14th, 2:30 p.m. @ MCCR, 1919 Decatur. Our guests will include representatives from Dignity, Episcopal Integrity, Lutherans Concerned and the Houston Jewish group. The purpose is to give us, as parents especially, the opportunity to learn how these young people maintain ties with their religious beliefs.

FAFOG NEW ITEMS: Cele Keeper and Annella Harrison were invited to participate in a workshop on Parenting Gays on Nov. 15th; this was one of a series of workshops offered by the Continuing Education Center, University of Houston for mental health practitioners to help them in understanding, and working with those clients who might be gay or lesbian. Participation by those in attendance was excellent.

Texas Gay Conference VIII will be held in Houston during the Labor Day week-end in 1981. Parent groups in New York, California and Florida are to be invited to participate with us. Keep this in mind; we will be asking you for help with housing and/or financial contributions.

Thelma was among those making a presentation at the last night meeting of the Houston City Council in October; thank you Thelma.

Annella took part in a KPFT program on Oct. 14th--the anniversary of the Gay Rights March on Washington.

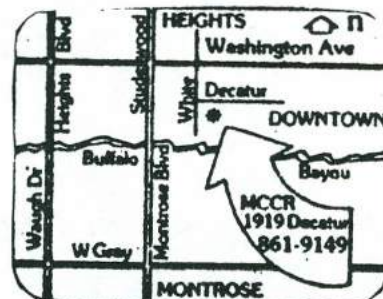
Due to circumstance beyond our control this is our first Newsletter and meeting since July. With the help of each one of you we will remain active; we need your support and look forward to seeing you the 14th.

The Montrose Singers will be in concert at the Tower Theatre on Sat. the 13th as well as the 14th; you will enjoy hearing these gifted young men under the direction of Andy Mills.

We were especially pleased to hear from a new group in San Antonio; the Parents & Friends of Gays; Alamo Chapter.

A special THANK YOU to Travis Peterson for his donation which made the mailing of this issue of the Newsletter possible.

Annella 664-5339



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No newsletter this month. only convention news. The Southern Regional convention of Parents Flag will be held in Houston, Texas March 30 and 31 at The Holiday Inn 2100 Memorial Drive almost downtown. Registration for rooms at The Holiday Inn can be made by calling toll free 1-800-238-8000 and informing them you are calling for Parents Flag block of rooms downtown Houston, Tex. It is \$45.00 per night for a room with 4 beds and you can tell them you will share if you so desire. Four in a room means \$11.25 each. Registration must be no later than Feb. 29

Registration for workshops and banquet will be only \$50.00 for members of Parents Flag and \$60.00 for non members. Meals on Saturday are included in this price. Banquet only is \$30.00. Workshops are 10 each or for all 10 workshops if not registered. Parents, gay men and women, religious leaders and politicians will be giving workshops and our featured speaker is a Psychologist, college professor and priest from Belmont, California speaking on Psychological approach to Homophobia.

After our banquet on Saturday evening there will be a caravan to a mens country-western club then on to a woman's disco club. Both places are very nice.

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You now have all the information so please get your registration for hotel and convention made no later than Feb 29.

- If you have money problems ask your gay community to help you now. They will. They appreciate parents as much as we appreciate them. Send registration for convention to address at top of page. We will have people meeting places. Let us know.

Family and Friends of Gays Houston, Texas

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Treasurer: Ann 524-5982

NEWSLETTER

Issue #1, November 1982

MEETINGS

Every third Sunday at 2:30 P.M. at the Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale. This is a different (but not new) location and a map is included to show directions. Call 464-6663 if you need more instructions.

We want to apologize for your not receiving a newsletter last month. Our Secretary had a family emergency that required her immediate attention and was unable to do the newsletter. She has had to resign so if any one of you members could and would be available for this board position we would like to hear from you. It is an honor to be on the board.

Now to bring you up-to-date on what went on in October. Freda and Ann were asked to give a presentation about Family and Friends of Gays both days of the Texas Gay-Lesbian Conference at the University of Houston. Frank manned our information booth there.

Freda and Ann were interviewed by Ray Hill on Radio Station KPFT and Family and Friends of Gays Ann, Freda and Frank attended a Drag brunch at the Galleon then we bar-hopped at JR's, Montrose Mining Co., and the Officers Club to promote Family and Friends of Gays and we intend to cover the city with this promotion. We were invited to participate in the Montrose Jam Block Party - sold cookies and made \$124.77 for Family and Friends of Gays. We participated in a benefit at the Hale which had had a fire. We also were invited by Marion Coleman to a birthday party at Kindred Spirits for our good friend, Larry Bagneris who is President of Gay Political Caucus. We also attended another birthday party for another good friend, Andy Mills of Mary's Lounge. Both of these wonderful men support Family and Friends of Gays, and we appreciate them and wish them many more happy years. They are all good friends of Family and Friends of Gays.

On October 23 we had a bake sale at Mary's. We thank Andy Mills for his help and hospitality and we thank the few of you who brought cakes and cookies. Ann hand made a beautiful afghan which was won by Betty. Betty donated it back to Family and Friends of Gays so we can auction it again. Thanks Betty. As usual we had a most enjoyable afternoon, but we only made \$359.01. With our expenses that won't carry us very far.

We are now listed in the Directory of Community Services, Guidance Counselors, Family Service Center, Family Connections, American Civil Liberties Union, Mental Health Association, Catholic Charities, State Health Service, Children's Referral, Directory of School Psychologists, HISD Guidance Counselors, Gay Political Caucus and National Gay Task Force.

The speakers for our October meeting were Stuart Kave and Lisa Chernin of the Aytz Chayin Jewish Gay Group. They were so well liked that no one wanted to end the meeting. Thank you Stuart and Lisa.

Ann, Freda and Frank attended an October 28 presentation, at Bering Methodist Church, given by Dr. Robert O'Brien of Montrose Clinic who discussed the role of the Clinic in the Houston Gay Community. The presentation was well done and very informative. We appreciated his talk.

We now, as some of you know, have a library of good books for our members to check out for the price of the book. This price is a must so if a book is not returned we have the money to replace it. The books may be kept from the meeting one month UNTIL THE NEXT MONTH'S MEETING which is one month. Your money will be returned when you bring the book or tape back, meaning that it doesn't cost you anything to read the book. We also have the tapes of the International meeting of Parents and Friends of Gays which was held this year in Los Angeles. They are good, and as soon as we make a copy of each of them, they will be available in our library also. They are very informative.

Frank and Freda attended an election party at Kindred Spirits, a woman's club, to watch the returns and to celebrate with the Gay Community. Debra Danburg came by and it was nice to meet her. It was a happy and late evening.

Ann, Freda and Frank have been invited to participate in a Parents night at Kindred Spirits where the Gay Community will bring their parents. Marion Coleman has made up some beautiful brochures of Families and Friends of Gays and we will share Family and Friends of Gays with the parents there.

We have also been invited to speak to the Rice University Gay group and the Lutheran Gay group this month.

As you see, there is a lot of activity for Family and Friends of Gays to be involved in. If you love your gay children, relatives and friends you are missing out on a very important part of their lives - and yours too, if you don't involve yourself with them and us. Ann, Freda, Frank, and to some extent, George, Betty, Jewel and Issac who are involved cannot carry your responsibility to your loved ones. You don't know the many pleasures that are awaiting you when you do involve yourselves. And we need your help. There is a lot to do and many ways of doing it, so if you don't care for some ways, you have a choice of different ways.

Another matter of importance is money. Since we are a newly organized group there is always a need for money. We will in the near future have dues for membership but then and now we need money to operate. We have almost 100 mail outs as well as supplies and public relation costs that takes money. We are asking you families of gays who are on our mailing or phone

list to consider dropping a few dollars in an envelope and mailing it to Family and Friends of Gays at 1720 Moritz #24, Houston, Texas 77055. We don't want to discontinue our mailing, but it may be necessary without your help. The Gay Community help us but we can't call on them all the time. It is your responsibility to offer help and it would certainly be appreciated.

Have you noticed whose names have appeared so often in this letter? We are the ones who give so much of our time and our own money for Family and Friends of Gays. Ann and Freda each spent over \$50.00 of their own money for a recent bake sale. Please help us. They are your children too, and we love them all. If you would come to our meetings (at least some of the time) you would like it and you would know what Family and Friends of Gays is all about. We want to share our joys with you and we have confidence that once you come you will want to come back.

Freda - President

Family and Friends of Gays

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BECAUSE of the rush of holiday activities we will not have a meeting in December. our next meeting will be January 16, 1983 at 2:30 P.M. at 41 Oakdale, at the Presbyterian Center. call if you need directions.

PLEASE MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW. we

expect all of you to come and give us input on how we can make Family and Friends of Gays a BETTER ORGANIZATION. THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION AND WE NEED EACH OTHER AND EACH OTHERS IDEAS.

THANKS TO MARION COLEMAN OF KINDRED SPIRITS AND MANY FROM THE GAY COMMUNITY FOR A DELIGHTFULLY HAPPY FAMILY EVENING. MANY PARENTS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WERE THERE; IN FACT THE PLACE WAS REALLY PACKED. WE LOVE YOU MARION.

HAPPY HANUKKAH
HAPPY NEW YEAR '83
ALL THE BEST WISHES FROM
Family and Friends of Gays
MERRY CHRISTMAS