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THE MONTHLY NEWZLETTA OF IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK

IMPERIAL QUEENS

A registered, genuine organization
run by and for D/Qs, T/Ss and Female Impersonators
in a fun, helpful and democratic form.

Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month
(except if first Friday falls on a National Holiday).

at

New York, NY

(MON.)  THE CENTER "GARDEN PARTY"
JUNE 21 -  DISPLAY EXHIBIT by I.Q.N.Y.

(SUN.) NEW YORK GAY PRIDE PARADE
JUNE 27 - featuring I.Q.N.Y. "FLOATILLA"

IQNY MEETINGS:
current month
.....June 4

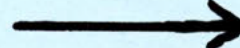
next meeting:
.....July 2

Please ATTEND!

MANHATTAN, NY 10011

(New York City)
(Long Island)

"BEFORE
THE
PARADE
PASSES
BY....."



"Hi-
Lites"

IMPERIAL QUEENS

Suite 120
70-A Greenwich Ave.
Manhattan, NY 10011

Meeting of June 4, 1993

Time: Meeting called to order at 8:08 p.m. by WILLIAMSON LEIGH.

Place: THE GAY CENTER

Attended: WILLIAMSON, FARRELL, KURT ZAGER, BARON MORRIS, WILLIE DELGADO, PAUL STANG, JEAN HALL, BART JONES, CHRIS JACOBS, BROOKE LYNN, ALLEN HERSCHAFT, EDWIN OTERO and general members and guests.

Guest

Speaker: DAVID WOOLWINE, PhD of "GAY MEN'S SURVEY & QUESTIONNAIRE"

HI-LITES of BUSINESS PART of MEETING:

OLD BUSINESS:

- * Official "Portrait Session of I.Q.N.Y. Officials" will be scheduled with DAVID BURD STUDIOS in August.
- * PROMOTION & PUBLICITY: IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK now appears in more lists, publications, journals, and informational sources than ever before in our history (and her-story). Thanks to Queen ALLYSON ALLANTE. Our general membership needs to "give back" to our club by doing what they can to promote and publicize I.Q.N.Y. Flyers distributed.
- * OLD LAW: Member ALLEN HERSCHAFT will follow up with Assemblyperson (NYS) DEBORAH J. GLICK'S OFFICE regarding an old penal law on the books of New York State pertaining to "dressing-up in public in groups". It is an antiquated law which was "based on bigotry not reason" as succinctly analyzed by JEAN HALL at our meeting.
- * CORRESPONDENCE: Over fifty pieces of correspondence and flyers were nutshelled as to events I.Q.N.Y. has been invited to participate in.

GUEST SPEAKER DAVID WOOLWINE explained his "G-MEN QUESTIONNAIRE" for his upcoming book which does a sociological insight and documentary of GAY culture and a history of common oppression. The audience 'Q & A' session concluded that Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, C/D's and T/S's are all an integral part of Gay culture.

His anonymous (as it is to gather information on one's perceptions, preferences and philosophies of Gays in total) "Questionnaire" asks some of the following questions:

- * "Are you OUT?"
- * "Do you identify as Gay, Bi, Other?"
- * "Do you belong to/support Gay organizations?"
- * "How would you describe the overall Gay community; what parameters?"

NOTE: Contact I.Q.N.Y. if you want a "Questionnaire" to participate.

OPERATION



LIFT THE BAN

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND

President William Jefferson Clinton
White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I, together with many others, am writing to express my strong support of your policy to eliminate the ban which prohibits American Citizens who are gay or lesbian from serving in the United States Military. I believe that this ban is an unacceptable challenge to the civil rights that all American citizens cherish. It also deprives a potential employer - The United States of America - of a resource of competent individuals because of irrelevant criteria.

As you have repeatedly said, people entering the military, or other professions, should not be prejudged nor should they be stereotyped. People need to be seen as individuals - all responsible for their own behavior. Know that your support of these beliefs has been heard and applauded.

In recent years, each generation of Americans has had to confront injustices in our society, and each person has had to consult the Constitution and his or her conscience as positions are determined. This ban causes all of us to be faced with another threat to our civil rights. We need to cast aside prejudices, stereotypes and narrow interests. I ask you to continue to take a stand for justice by opposing this irrational ban prohibiting people to serve in the military simply because of sexual orientation. You are making history! Please continue to seize the opportunity.

I am proud that you have taken this position for civil rights. Know that you do not stand alone, and count on me for your support.

Thank you.

Imperially yours,

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NOTE to I.Q.N.Y.
Members & Friends:

Please send your own personal letter of support. You may use this letter as a sample to inspire you.

Sunday, June 27th Gay/Lesbian Pride Day Parade

We will be assembling on 55th Street
between 5th Av. & Av. of the Americas
at 12:00 PM.

R.S.V.P. to let us know YOU WILL BE THERE with the IMPERIAL QUEENS of NY.

JOIN US!

Look for the 1969 blue
Cadillac convertible.

("BEFORE THE PARADE PASSES BY")

"GAY PRIDE" MEANS YOU SHOULD BE PROUD. BE THERE!

"In Germany they first came for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me—and by that time no one was left to speak up."

Pastor Martin Niemoller

"BEFORE THE PARADE PASSES BY"

(--- Dolly Levi in "HELLO, DOLLY")

Before the Parade passes by,
I've gotta go and taste
Sunday's high life;

Before the Parade passes by,
I've gotta get some LIFE
back into MY LIFE.

Before the Parade passes by...
I'm ready to move out in front,
I've had enough of just
passing by LIFE;
With the rest of "them",
With the best of "them",
I can hold my head up high!

LIAY PRIDE PARADE
= MARCH ORDER =

SECTIONS	JUN 27 1993	TIME	LOCATION
Lead Motorcycles Big Apple Corps		11:30 AM	5th Ave. between 52nd & 53rd Streets
1. Women Only		11:30 AM	5th Ave. between 53rd & 54th Streets
2. People of Color		11:30 AM	5th Ave. between 54th & 55th Streets
3. Youth/Parent/Senior GRAND MARSHALS		11:30 AM	5th Ave. between 55th & 56th Streets
4. PWA/AIDS Physically Disabled		11:45 AM	56th Street between 5th Ave. & 6th Ave.
5. Political/Movement Bisexual		12:15 PM	56th Street between 5th Ave. & Madison
6. Religious/Spiritual		12:30 PM	55th Street between 5th Ave. & Madison
7. Professional/ IGNY Social & Neighborhood		12:45 PM	 55th Street between 5th Ave. & 6th Ave. closer to 5th Av.
8. New Jersey/Conn. New England/Boston		1:00 PM	55th Street between 5th Ave. & 6th Ave. closer to 6th
9. Athletic/Leather		1:00 PM	54th Street between 5th Ave. & Madison
10. Student/Alumni/ae Theater/Arts		1:15 PM	54th Street between 5th Ave. & 6th Ave. closer to 5th
11. Upstate/Westchester Canada/Internat'l Penn./D.C./Delaware Maryland/Long Island		1:30 PM	54th Street between 5th Ave. & 6th Ave. closer to 6th
12. Clean & Sober		1:45 PM	53rd Street between 5th Ave. & Madison

All vehicles must have a permit to enter the Line of March and be in place by 11:00 AM.

NOTE: Color theme is "Blue & White". GALS should wear a blue, white or blue & white gown or party dress. GUYS should wear blue shorts and white tank-top with blue or white sneakers. The IMPERIAL QUEENS classic Cadillac convertible is already, you guessed it, blue & white!

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LONG ISLAND

Hitting the Pavement for Gay Pride

By Olivia Winslow
STAFF WRITER

JUN 13 1993

The music and dancing would soon follow. But for a moment, the festive atmosphere of the Long Island Gay Pride Parade in Huntington yesterday gave way to silence and reflection.

The reason was Allen Schindler, whose portrait was held high at the front of the parade units.

The gay sailor, who was beaten to death in Japan last fall by a shipmate, "was murdered because of hate and ignorance," said Steve Henaghan, a parade organizer.

The focus on Schindler, at the beginning of the march, was part of the parade's military theme. Organizers even appropriated the Army slogan, "Be All You Can Be," as they criticized the military's ban on gays.

"We're going to serve up a loud message that we're not going to stand for this," said David Kilmnick, another organizer and member of the Long Island Pride Committee, sponsor of the third annual parade, which drew several thousand marchers and spectators.

"It's time for the military to deal with reality," said Rene A. Puliatti. He said he served in the U.S. Navy for five years before resigning in 1990 with an honorable discharge after telling his superiors he was gay.

Puliatti, 30, a Syracuse native who now lives in Hoboken, N.J., said the military is "wasting our country's resources because of a lot of irrational fears."

In addition to bringing issues to the fore, the parade helps to showcase diversity in the gay and lesbian community, said one observer.

Participants included motorcycle club members, country and western line dancers, female impersonators and others from a variety of agencies and groups.

"We have to show people that we're just like everybody else," said Patrick Lieta of Copiague. "I think it's extremely important not to be invisible."

Participants were anything but invisible as they marched along New York Avenue, down Main Street and into the Town Hall parking lot for a rally.



Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays show their support on Main Street in Huntington

Supporters lined the route, cheering the marchers on. One mother wore a sign that read: "Straight Mom for Gay Rights."

But not everyone approved. Donna Carlino of Huntington wore a sign saying, "Jesus Can Set You Free." She said she thought the marchers were misguided, "but I still think that God loves them. I'm here to share that with them, not to condemn them."

Unlike the parade's rocky start in 1991, when the Town of Huntington initially withheld a permit for the group until a federal judge intervened, everything was smooth for the second straight year.

Kilmnick said the town had provided electrical power, a staging platform for the rally and portable toilets.

"We're now a tradition on Long Island and in Huntington," Kilmnick told the cheering throng.

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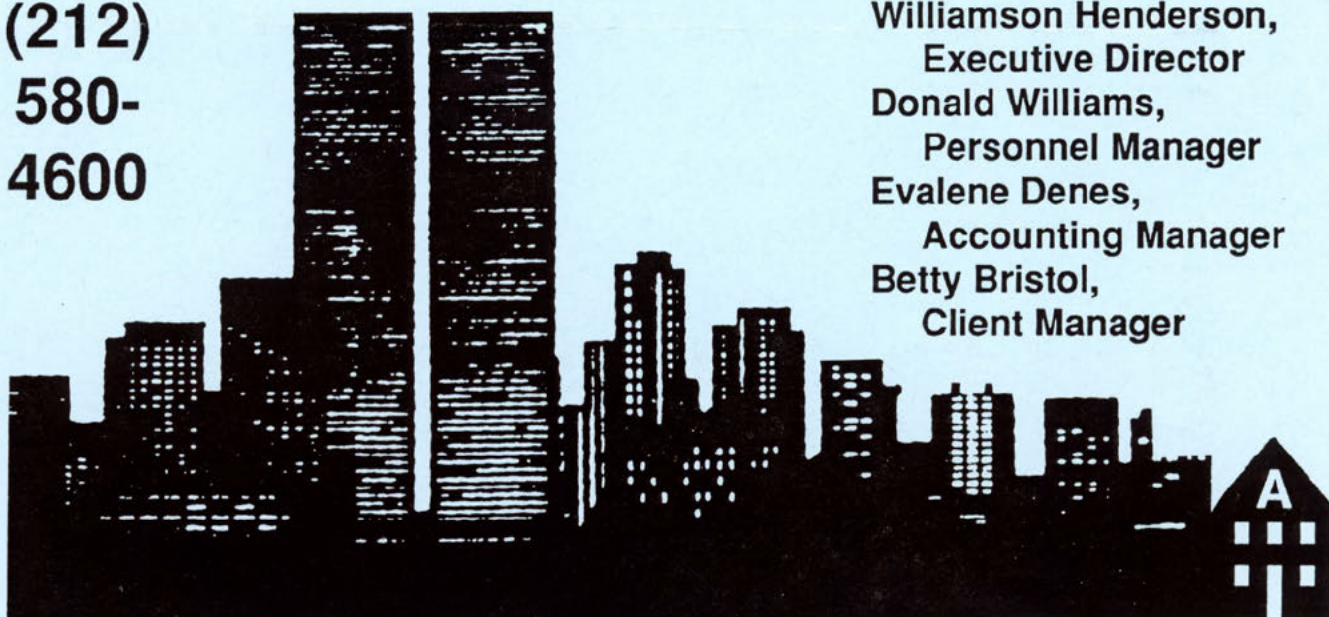
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"If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals!"



★ BENEFIT SHOWS

MEMBERSHIP CARD

★ MONTHLY MEETINGS

PARTICIPATING EVENTS

★ VOTING PRIVILEGES

PRIDE PARADE FLOATILLA

★ SPECIAL COMMITTEES

★ ANNUAL D/Q DANCE

GRATIS X-MAS DINNER

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