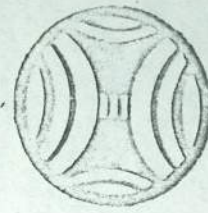


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Inc.

po box 16041

houston, texas 77022

January 15, 1982

Dear I/H Member,

Please review the following paragraph that indicates the reorganization of the board as decided upon in the membership meeting of January 7, 1982.

"The Board of Directors will consist of a total of nine members elected for staggered three year terms. Four members of the organization will be elected to the Board of Directors for the first board year and will be responsible for developing the membership of a continuing board. All members of I/H Inc. will be notified 30 days prior to the election."

This note will serve as your formal notification of the election. You are cordially invited to vote on Thursday, February 18, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. at Bering Memorial Church at 3405 Mulberry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Levitt".

William Levitt
Secretary of I/H Inc.

AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR GAYS AND FRIENDS AND A FORUM FOR RELATED TOPICS - BECAUSE WE CARE



The University of Texas System Cancer Center

M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute

Texas Medical Center • 6723 Bertner Avenue • Houston, Texas 77030

Cancer Prevention

January 12, 1982

Interact
Box 16041
Houston, TX 77022

To Those Concerned:

As you may know, there has been an unusual outbreak of Kaposi's Sarcoma, a very rare form of cancer, and related diseases during the past several months. Gay men between the ages of 25 and 40 are affected almost exclusively. Reports first came from New York City and San Francisco. This disease is now definitely occurring in Houston's gay community. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta have told us that they are now receiving an average of more than one report per day from across the country--a number that far exceeds the expected in such a specific and relatively small population as gay men. So far more than 200 cases have been reported to the CDC during this outbreak within the last year.

Without alarming the gay community of Houston, we believe that we have an obligation to inform people of this new, public health problem so that gay men may take whatever steps are available to prevent this disease or seek prompt diagnosis of it by recognizing its signs and symptoms. We also believe we have an opportunity to learn what some of the causes of these diseases are in gay men so they might be prevented in the future.

As a beginning effort to educate and alert the community we are asking you or your representative and friends to attend an educational forum to be held at the Gay Political Caucus (GPC) Headquarters (4600 Main, second floor) on Wednesday, January 20 at 8 PM. Dr. Guy R. Newell, Director of Cancer Prevention at UT M.D. Anderson Hospital and Dr. Peter W.A. Mansell, Associate Director, will explain the background and suspected causes of the disease. They will also explain a proposed action plan including how you can help us and yourselves. (This part of the meeting

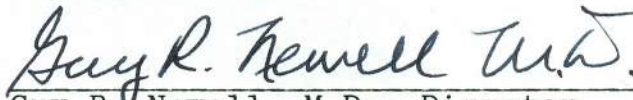
will follow a report from 7:30 - 8 PM on the findings of the committee that investigated anti-gay materials distributed during the recent election.)

We will follow up this letter with a phone call, or you may call us at 792-3020. Please ask to speak with Dr. Newell, Dr. Mansell, Michael Wilson or Craig Rowland.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting and publicize it as much as you can.

In anticipation of your participation and support, we thank you.

Sincerely,



Guy R. Newell, M.D., Director
Department of Cancer Prevention
UT M.D. Anderson Hospital



Lee Harrington, President
Gay Political Caucus

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INTERACT is pleased to announce that Dennis Medina will speak on the topic "Gay Liberation in Mexico" at the Educational Forum, April 22, 1982, 7:30 P.M. The Educational Forum will be at 3405 Mulberry Street, Houston.

Mr. Medina a member of the GAY HISPANIC CAUCUS was recently interviewed by the GAY COMMUNITY NEWS of Boston concerning the Houston Police Department and Houston's Gay Hispanics. Mr. Medina holds a BS in Psychology from Texas A. & M.

INTERACT spokesman, Carl Owens, commented, "This Educational Forum represents a joining of resources by two disparate groups in the Houston Gay Community to provide the public with more information about Gay Life." Educational Forums are open to the public and free, though donations will be accepted and divided between the GAY HISPANIC CAUCUS and INTERACT. A signer will be available.

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Dallas, Texas 75214
1 January 1982

Dear friends of Interact/Houston,

The Gay Organization Of Dallas encloses membership dues for 1982.

BECAUSE WE CARE recently reported that a friend had given you a complete set of the MATTACHINE REVIEW.

When I was young - a long time ago, I joined the gay movement when I first learned that there was a movement in 1952. At that time, there was only one gay organization in all America - One, Inc. Mattachine had existed prior to One in Los Angeles, but had disbanded, later to re-organize in San Francisco, at which time, I of course joined.

Through the years I kept all the issues of the Mattachine Review, until like you, I had a storage problem and threw them out, along with the early issues of ONE.

Had I only known!



(Johnson)

35, Jalan Keruing,
Taman Kebun Teh,
Johore Bahru,
Johore, West MALAYSIA.

December 22nd., 1981.

Integrity/Houston,
P.O. Box 16041,
Houston, Texas 77002, U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:-

Hi & howdy! Right before me now is a copy of the 1980 edition of the **Houston Gay Pride Week** (June 20-29) booklet which I got it with compliments from a certain gay publisher of U.S.A. recently. Thought I would write you because I really wish to know more information about gay liberation and political rights of U.S.A. and sources of gay publications exist in the more liberated civilised countries in the world (America & Europe, particularly).

Presently do you have any of these publicity materials and informative literature available for public distribution; if so, hopefully you could send me, at least some, if not all by return of mail for my perusal and reference; I certainly appreciate that if you could meet this request of mine: (1) a copy of Gay Pride Week of Houston booklet (1981 edition); (2) a list of addresses of publishers of Gay Pride Week booklets on other cities and towns in U.S.A., also in Canada, Europe & elsewhere in the world; (3) a list of titles of all gay magazines, newspapers and journals as stocked in the library of your Archives, with addresses of their publishers; (4) some interesting gay rights and liberation fact sheets and journals, comprising those on annual Stonewall Celebration, latest American & worldwide gay political rights/liberation & immigration rules, and also gay pride week celebrations; (5) some entertainment magazines for gay communities in Texas (like This Week in Texas/Our Community/Montrose Stars/What's On?/Key/Where?), plus also a copy each of Wilde'n'Stein mail order publication catalogue, and KPFT (90.1 FM) Stereo Listening Guide.

You know, Malaysia is still a non-sex free and yet very conservative country, and as such the postal people here often release mail packages from abroad for inspection especially those that have a green customs declaration form attached on the envelopes, and also those with sello-tape pasted all over the back flap of the envelopes. If you wish your mail to reach me safely without postal rip-off, please do not use sello-tape to seal your envelope just ordinary glue or adhesive will do; also do not paste a green customs declaration form on your envelope; the best thing for you to do is to have your package sent by FIRST CLASS MAIL in a plain brown envelope (no-peek type) and you can even write "Printed Papers" or "Printed Matters" elsewhere on it.

On the next page of this letter is a list of names of some gay business enterprises & organizations; in the past I did have written to some but regretfully they all were returned to me for the reason of non-delivery either because they had moved elsewhere or discontinued in business; well, how I wish you could help me to trace the addresses (I mean the most current and up-to-date ones) of those whom you do have heard of; I appreciate that.

Thanking you; until I hear from you real soon; all my very best to everybody at Houston's Integrity a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year; and do not forget to Eat Your Heart Out! May God bless You

Because of social discrimination against gay love, I still have myself locked up tightly in the closet; henceforth I would appreciate you to treat my identity (name & address) in your strictest confidence.

P.S.

Sincerely: Mr. J. Aw

addresses wanted:

Magazines: **Just L.A.**; Entertainment West; **Florida Alive!**; R.F.D.; **Workout**; Illustrated Sport; **California Scene**; Cruise; **Gay Chicago**; Houston's Midnight Rider; **Score One**; Our Community (Dallas); **Him (England)**; Big David; **David**; Adam International; **Incognito**; Gay Examiner (England); **International Forum/IP**; Gay Liberator; **Gay Alternative**; Fag Rag; **Gay Times**; Gay Literature; **Interchange**; Homosexual Counseling Journal; **Hommes (France)**; Soho Weekly News; **Maverick**; Quorum; **Jeffrey Line-Up**; Journal for Homosexuality.

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Johore, West MALAYSIA. (Asia)

Johore Bahru,

Paman Kebun Teh,

35, Jalan Keruing,

Mr. J. Aw,

Nama dan alamat Pengirim

KEMUDIAN LIPAT DI SINI

United States of AMERICA.

Texas 77002,

Houston,

Post Office Box 16041,

Attn.: Gay Archives of Texas,

Integrity/Houston,



Malaysia



gay archives of texas

po box 16041

houston, texas 77022

Mr. J. Aw,
35, Jalan Keruing,
Taman Kebun Teh,
Johore Bahru,
Johore, West MALAYSIA (Asia)

1/17/82

Dear Mr. Aw,

Thank you for your recent letter. I will do what I can to provide what assistance that I can. Unfortunately, however, the Archives are in a state of transition at the moment, so most of what I am able to give you in the way of information will simply be additional addresses for you to contact.

I am enclosing a copy of the 1981 Houston Gay Pride Week program and also some copies of our local publications. You will also find a copy of the latest Gay Bibliography which will provide you with most of the names and addresses of gay publications in the United States. I am also enclosing the latest mail order catalog from Wilde-n-Stein Books.

You will find the addresses of most of the publications that you asked about in the Gay Bibliography, but I can already tell you that many of them, including the *Montrose Star*, *Midnight Rider*, and *Our Community* are no longer being published. A directory of Gay media around the world is available from Vox Populi Publications, P.O. Box 59154, Chicago, Illinois 60659. Also, you can obtain the addresses for gay organizations from the *Gayellow Pages*, c/o Renaissance House, Box 292, Village Station, New York, New York 10014.

I hope that this information will be of some help to you. I am only sorry that I could not do more, but the circumstances have prevented me from doing so.

We at the Gay Archives of Texas and INTERACT/Houston wish you the best in 1982.

I remain,

Very truly your's,

Richard Bueharts
director/archives

Enclosures

A SERVICE OF INTERACT /Houston



P.O. BOX 16041, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77222 - PHONE (713) 529-7014

December 5, 1982

Dear friends,

We at INTERACT would like to invite the officers and board of your organization to a community buffet to be hosted by our organization on Thursday, December 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is our Christmas present to those of you who are attempting to make Gay Houston a better place for all.

We hope that you will accept this token of our gratitude and join us in the meeting room at 3405 Mulberry.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

For INTERACT
694-1732

505 Wilmington
Bellaire, TX 77401
January 11, 1981

Dear Friend:


On Saturday, January 23, 1982, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., at the home of Jerry Bollfrass and Clark Moore, 1617 Fannin Street, Suite 1201 (The Houston House), Houston, David Goodstein will be sharing with us about the HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND, a Political Action Committee designed to assist Congressional candidates committed to justice and civil rights for lesbians and gay men. We cordially invite you to join us in this rare opportunity to spend an intimate evening with one of the nation's foremost gay leaders.

David, President of Liberation Publications, Inc. (the publisher of the ADVOCATE newspaper), played an instrumental role in attaining passage of California's consensual sex legislation in 1974. He was educated at Cornell University and the Columbia University School of Law. He has practiced criminal law, and is a successful Wall Street investor. David has served on the Cornell University Council, is the founder of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation, and currently serves as President of the Advocate Research and Education Fund (AREF). For the past ten years he has focused primarily in the struggle to achieve human rights for gay men and women. His accomplishments as a leader have reflected his belief in our system of government, utilizing judicial, legislative and political means to accomplish primary objectives.

The HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND shares common concerns and close relations with the Gay Rights National Lobby, but is a separate organization and is registered with the Federal Elections Commission. Created in 1980, the HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND contributed to the campaign of Representative Jim Weaver of Oregon, a co-sponsor of national gay rights legislation. Representative Weaver's sponsorship was being used against him in his re-election campaign, with his well-financed opponent running full-page ads and radio commercials focusing on the gay issue. With the contribution of the HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND, and the volunteer help mobilized, Representative Weaver withstood their onslaught, and serves us in Congress today. The HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND has since gained broad-based backing, and today boasts a prestigious Advisory Committee and an influential Board of Directors.

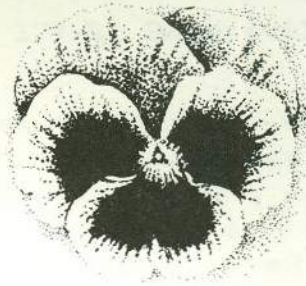
I am truly excited about this opportunity to share my friend David Goodstein with you. Join us for cocktails on January 23 to find out how you may become involved.

With love,



Roy Cameron
Board of Directors
AREF

RFD



Route 1, Box 127-E
Bakersville, NC.
28705

January 5, 1982

Bill Levitt, Newsletter Editor
Interact/Houston
PO Box 16041
Houston, TX 77022

Dear Mr. Levitt:

Recently we have begun receiving copies of your newsletter, Because We Care. RFD would like to establish an exchange subscription with your publication, and in conjunction, have copies of RFD placed in the Gay Archives of Texas for public access. Under separate cover you will receive our winter issue, #29, and with acknowledgement of this exchange agreement and continued receipt of your newsletter, all future issues.

We would also like to propose exchange advertising between our respective publications/organizations. We can run an ad, or a media announcement, 50-100 words, for I/H. In return we would appreciate, as often as possible, publication of one of the enclosed ads in Because We Care.

Thank you for contacting RFD, and we look forward to the beginning of our cooperative relationship.

In Solidarity and Gay Pride,

Edwin Bridges

Edwin Bridges
for the RFD Collective

PS: For more information of RFD, see issue #334 (1/7/82) of The Advocate.

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December 20, 1982

Dear Friends,

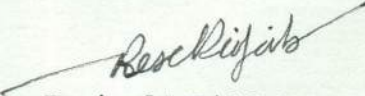
This is the time of year I enjoy most as it gives the chance to wish you, dear friends, A Happy Holiday.

I can't help but be proud of what we have achieved during our four months history in the Fred Paez Community Service Center. I am proud of all our friends and supporters for standing behind us, especially you. Your participation and contributions have brought us a long way from where we began.

In the spirit of this holiday season, I invite you to continue doing what you have done...to participate and contribute more to your Community Center. Our Employment Assistance Project, for example, has produced results, and definitely needs more funding to expand and be of more use.

I look forward to a bright New Year, a year in which we can work and play together, united...to the benefit and satisfaction of us all.

Sincerely yours,


Reginald Ridjab
General Manager



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NEWSLETTER OF I/H Inc.

December 1982

ISSUE 45

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Montrose Symphonic Band, the Montrose Singers and the Bayou Blues Singers will be the featured performing groups in this year's gay community Christmas concert on Saturday, December 11 at Cullen Auditorium on the University of Houston Central Campus.

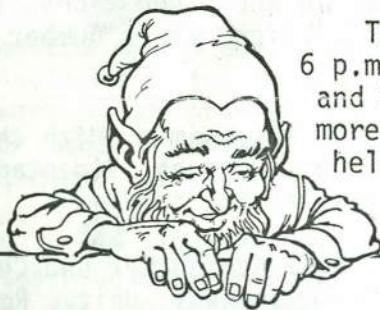
"Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be the theme of the concert. Tickets are on sale at Mary's, Kindred Spirits, Wilde & Stein Books and Union Jack for \$5. Tickets can also be purchased from members of the performing groups and at the door of Cullen Auditorium before the 8 p.m. concert.

The following evening, December 12, the Montrose Christmas Tree will be lighted in the 1000 block of Westheimer at 5:30 p.m. The tree lighting has become a tradition in our community. You won't want to miss it. There will be caroling, music and other entertainment and festivities.



SWITCHBOARD CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Gay Switchboard of Houston will celebrate its first anniversary on December 22, 1982. The Switchboard has logged over 4000 calls during its first year of operation, providing counselling, referrals and information for and about Houston's gay and lesbian community.



The Switchboard is a totally volunteer effort. Operational hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to midnight of Saturdays, and 3 p.m. to midnight on Sundays. (The Sunday hours will be expanded as more volunteers are added.) The next volunteer training session will be held in February, but interested persons are invited to contact the Switchboard at 529-3211 to reserve a spot in the program. Volunteers are required to go through several hours of intense training before they are scheduled to operate the phones.

A spokesperson for the organization said that the anniversary is especially important in that it proves that the Switchboard is a stable and permanent part of Houston's gay and lesbian community.

The Switchboard is an affiliate of I/H Incorporated and holds a seat on the corporation's Board of Directors. As an affiliate, all contributions to the Switchboard are tax-deductible. (Checks should be made to I/H Inc.) The Switchboard recently received a \$1000 contribution from the Colt 45s, a local gay male charity.

The December INTERACT event will be the annual Christmas dinner for members of the organization. This year's dinner will consist of a buffet to be held in the meeting room at 3405 Mulberry on Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m.

INTERACT members are invited to enjoy this special holiday festivity. Special guests will include leaders from other I/H affiliates.

CLOGGERS, INTERACT

HOST COFFEE HOUSE



The Community Coffee House will present two very interesting and diverse evenings of entertainment and culture this month.

The Montrose Country Cloggers will host the Coffee House on Friday, December 3, in the Activities Building at 3405 Mulberry. Besides the regular bridge and conversation, the Cloggers will demonstrate the precise and fascinating art of clogging. If you haven't experienced the Cloggers in action, this is your big chance. The Cloggers are sure to bring the house down!

The following Friday, December 10, INTERACT will host the Coffee House in its regular location in the choir area above the Bering Church offices. The special event will be a showing of the film "Nijinsky," a biographical drama about the life of the famous ballet artist. The movie will begin at 9 p.m. and is free.

The Coffee House will be open regular hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Community Coffee House is offered as a non-alcoholic social and educational activity aimed primarily at the gay and lesbian community. It is run totally by volunteers. All gay and lesbian - related organizations are invited to take part in the operation and development of the Coffee House and its programs. If you or your organization would like to host the Coffee House from time to time, please call Dennis at 528-1311 to schedule your date(s).

ARCHIVES TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Gay and Lesbian Archives of Texas will begin limited public operations beginning the first Sunday in December. The collection will be available for public use each Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A spokesperson for the collection explained that these limited hours will be expanded as more volunteers become familiar with the contents of the Archives, which currently holds around 800 books, numerous periodicals from the U.S. and abroad, audio and video tapes, files on various organizations and subjects, a gay and lesbian button collection, and a number of other items of historical interest.

The Archives are housed in the Wilde & Stein Books building, 802 Westheimer. With the exception of the videotape collection, items may not be taken from the Archives. Videotapes can be loaned out with an appropriate security deposit and a minimal service charge.

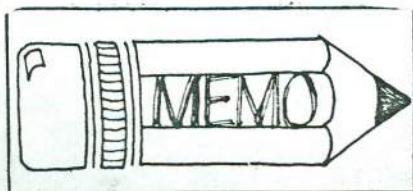


Because We Care is the monthly newsletter of I/H Incorporated, a non-profit, tax-exempt educational corporation. Copy and sponsor deadline is the 15th of the month. Sponsorship space rates are as follows:

Full page \$25
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1/4 page \$10
1/8 page \$ 7

Camera-ready art is requested. Classified rates are 15c per word for non-members and 5c per word for members. Mailing address: P.O. Box 16041, Houston, Texas 77222. (713) 694-1732.

The Archives were founded in 1972 by Adrian Cyr and Charles Gillis (Owner of Wilde & Stein) and the Awareness, Unity, Resource Association of Fort Worth. The Archives came under the I/H umbrella in 1978.



Singer/Songwriter Holly Near will be in concert at Rice University on Friday, December 10, at 8 p.m.

You won't want to miss this great performer, so be sure to be at Hammond Hall for the concert.

DECEMBER 1982

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5 11 am Every Sunday: Bering UMC MCCR ----- Gay & Lesbian Archives of Tx open 1 to 5 pm	6 Montrose Singers rehearsal 7-10 pm at 3405 Mulberry	7 Montrose Symphonic Band rehearsal at 3405 Mulberry 7:30 pm	8	9 Montrose Art Alliance meeting 7:30 pm	10 Community Coffee House hosted by INTERACT with movie "Nijinsky" at 9 pm	11 Montrose Symphoni Band Christmas Concert at UH 8 pm HANUKKAH
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19 Archives open Families/Friends mtg at Presby- terian Center 2 pm	20 Montrose Singers	21 Montrose Symphonic Band rehearsal	22	23	24 Coffee House	25 Merry Christmas CHRISTMAS
26 Archives NOT open	27 Montrose Singers	28	29	30	31 Coffee House	Need more info? call the Gay Switchboard 529-3211

AFFILIATE NEWS

● Families and Friends of Gays have moved to the Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale, for their regular third Sunday of the month meeting. The meetings will continue to begin at 2 p.m.

● The Gay and Lesbian Archives of Texas will not have another group meeting until after the holiday season. However, individuals interested in using the Archives or volunteering to work in the Archives may stop by during regular hours, 1-5 p.m., on Sundays (except December 26 and January 2) and talk to Bob or Richard. If you prefer to phone, call 694-1732.

● The Gay Switchboard is taking names for the next training session which will take place in February. Call 529-3211 if you are interested in being a switchboard volunteer.

● The Montrose Singers meet every Monday night, 7-10 p.m., at 3405 Mulberry Street.

I/H affiliates are encouraged to submit items to this newsletter for publication. Copy deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Don't miss out on the opportunity to publicize your group's activities! Send your news to us at P.O. Box 16041, 77222, or call 694-1732.



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INCOME

\$ 120.00 - Chorale memberships
 260.00 - Tax-deductible band donations
 6.00 - Misc. I/H donations
 5.00 - Misc. Archive donations
 100.00 - FFOG Bake sale (partial)
 13.00 - Affiliation fees to general fund
 \$ 504.00 - Total Income

Balance 9/31/82
 \$ 1139.61

+ 504.00
 \$ 1543.61

EXPENSES

\$ 20.00 - Rent
 184.50 - Copier for Archives
 247.00 - Band expenses
 10.00 - Postage
 239.58 - FFOG Printing/postage
 13.00 - Band affiliation fees
 \$ 714.08 - Total expenses

Breakdown;

Band	\$ 00.00
Coffee House	50.00
Campaign Fund	20.00
Chorale	120.00
FFOG	499.73
Archives	13.68
General Fund	126.12
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Yes, I would like to become a member of Interact/Houston. Enclosed find my \$12 yearly membership. I also understand that I will receive *Because We Care* each month.

I am a member of Interact and would like to continue my support. Enclosed please find my donation of \$__ for *Circle one* Interact I/H General Fund.

I do not wish to join Interact, but here is my donation for the following sub-group. _____ *Indicate name of I/H Inc. subgroup here.*

I wish to pledge \$__ monthly to *Circle one* Interact I/H General Fund

Other _____ *Indicate I/H Inc. sub-group here.*

Checks should be made out to I/H Incorporated. Mail your tax-deductible donation to P.O. Box 16041, Houston 77222.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ I do NOT wish to be on the mail list.



BECAUSE WE CARE

P.O. BOX 16041, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77222 - PHONE (713) 529-7014

Charles Gillis
802 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006

January 17, 1983

Dear Charles,

Welcome back to INTERACT! Enclosed you will find your membership button. Please wear it to all INTERACT functions as it will identify you as a paid member.

We hope that you will take advantage of your privileges as a voting member of Houston's oldest gay rights organization. Membership "congresses" are held twice each year. Please see our newsletter, "Because We Care," for upcoming meetings. You are also welcome to attend the open meetings of the corporate board of directors on the first Thursday of each month.

Most of all, however, we hope that you will find the joy and pleasure that we have found over the years in service to our community. After all, if we don't provide educational and other services pertaining to our lifestyle, who will? To this end we provide educational forums for our community. You are invited and urged to participate in these community functions.

Once again, welcome. It has been through the efforts of individuals such as yourself that Houston has become a mecca for gay rights in the Southwest, and it is through these same efforts that we will continue in years to come.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Richard

Membership chair



BECAUSE WE CARE

P.O. BOX 16041, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77222 - PHONE (713) 529-7014

Charles Gillis
801 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006

January 6, 1983

Dear Charles,

It's that time again. Yes, it's time for you to renew your membership in INTERACT, Houston's oldest gay rights organization.

The past year has been a time of tremendous growth and activity for the gay and lesbian community of our city and we are proud to say that INTERACT has played a vital role in our community's development. However, we could not have done it without your support.

Your membership dues of \$12 per year provide the basis for our educational forums, audio/visual presentations, and speakers operations. Membership entitles you to attend INTERACT functions at a discount when there is a charge for admission. Most importantly, however, your membership entitles you to full participation in any decision-making through your vote.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our most recent newsletter. Please use the membership application on the back page to renew your INTERACT membership today.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Richard

Membership chair



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February 11, 1983

Dear INTERACT member,

INTERACT will go into its 13th year of service to the Houston community at the first membership congress of 1983 on Thursday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Bering Methodist Church.

All members are urged to attend due to the delicate matters that will be brought before the assembly at this meeting. The agenda for the evening will consist of the following: (1) The continued existence of INTERACT. Activities have fallen off in recent months, prompting discussion about the direction of the organization, its purpose and its reason for existing. Suggestions for the organization have included disbanding the group or changing it to a social group, an audio/video educational group, or a support group for the aged. (2) The future of the Community Coffee House. Dennis will be resigning as coordinator of the Coffee House after two years of dedicated service. Unless a new coordinator is found by Friday, February 25, the Coffee House will close after three and one-half years of operation. (3) Election of officers, if deemed appropriate.

All members, past and present, are asked to attend, although voting will be restricted to members whose memberships are up to date.

I hope to see you next Thursday! I remain,

Very truly yours,

Richard

Membership chair

Date 3/13/83

To: Interact

From: J. W. KELLETT

Sorry to hear that the coffee house was closed. But every time I come by during the last couple of years, the people there were so unfriendly that I finally said the hell with it.

Jack

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INTERACT MAKES CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Changes are in the making for INTERACT, the educational committee of I/H Incorporated, as a result of the membership congress held February 17.

The INTERACT members present at the meeting expressed an overwhelming desire to continue the work of the organization, but to do away with monthly educational forums, preferring a "come as they may" approach. In fact, the only organizational functions scheduled for 1983 so far are four social functions similar to the Saturday evening covered-dish suppers which were very popular at one time. The first of these will be held in April. INTERACT members will receive invitations in the mail.

The videotape collection will continue. However, the Community Coffee House will be dropped as an INTERACT function (see story below).

COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE CLOSES AFTER 2 1/2 YEARS

Effective Friday, February 25, the Community Coffee House will close.

The announcement was made official at the INTERACT membership congress on February 17 after attempts to bring in additional Coffee House volunteers failed. "Apathy" was cited as the primary reason.

One INTERACT member remarked, "The need for a non-alcoholic social outlet is needed now more than ever. Unfortunately, even those who are desperate for this type of function are unwilling to give one Friday evening every other month or so to keep it going. It's too bad."

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Treasury Report
January 1983

INCOME

\$ 27.00 - INTERACT memberships
 18.00 - Donation to Archives
 .90 - Affiliation fees from Archives
 \$ 45.90 - TOTAL

BALANCE
 \$1187.54 (12/31)

+ 45.90
 \$1233.44

EXPENSES

\$ 10.00 - Rent (I/H)
 106.29 - INTERACT Christmas party
 50.00 - INTERACT accounting
 .90 - Archives affiliation fee
 315.14 - Band/Choral expenses
 \$ 482.33 - TOTAL

BREAKDOWN:

MAA 133.74
 INTERACT 69.63
 FFOG 395.50
 Archives 78.24
 Gen. Fund 74.00

- 482.33
 \$ 751.11 (1/31)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Switchboard 529-3211		Montrose Symphonic Band 1	2:30 - 5 pm Archives 2 open	I/H Board 3 7:30 p.m.	4	5
Every Sun. 6 MCCR Bering UMC	7	Band 8 rehearsal	Archives 9 open	Montrose 10 Art Alliance 7:30 p.m. at Paez Center	11	12
13	14	Band 15	Archives 16 open	17	18	19
Families & 20 Friends meets at Presb, Cntr	21	Band 22	Archives 23 open	24	25	26
27	28	Band 29	Archives 30	31	1	2