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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Integrity/Houston. In just two weeks Integrity will begin its fourth year as a homophile service/fellowship organization to the Houston Community. We are pleased and gratified at the accomplishments these past three years and look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm and dedication. Election of the Board was held at the last meeting and I/H now has a 7-member board, instead of 5.

The Dallas meeting was a great success and we wish to thank the Dallas/Ft. Worth region for their great hospitality and hosting. We are especially grateful to Rev. J. Harris of MCC for use of their building and their many kindnesses. We are looking forward to having all of you in Houston for the April 5/6th meeting. More on this later, of course.

On February 13, Integrity will hold its annual celebration to begin another year. We have updated our audio/visual presentation; the new Board will be announced and our guest of honor is a great friend of Integrity, and a former administrative assistant to our State Legislator and now a member of Mayor Hofheinz's staff. We are awarding her a beautiful certificate on parchment making her an "honorary homosexual" and presenting a lovely and useable gift she can use at the office.

This year we will launch a membership drive and hope to work very closely with Randy B and Neal P of the Legal Committee. We are gratified to know that two such capable minds are steering this very important committee.

Word from NGTF is that Bella Abzug's bill looks good and has great promise. NGTF is to tackle major discriminators (AT&T, ABC) and individual firms and problem corporations. If you have information, contact Bob Herrick at NGTF with information. PROGRAMS TO KEEP AN EYE ON: Barney Miller, premiering 1/23 8PM. Hot 1 Baltimore, they say, two regular characters are described only as "the insperable George and Gordon." Either they're Siamese twins, a vaudeville act or a gay couple.

According to THE ADVOCATE, Issue 157, "Houston files may include Gay Activists. Mayor Roy Hofheinz admits he's bothered by secret police files which were recently exposed. The major says he "doesn't know that to do about" police intelligence reports on local political dissidents. The police files not only carried routine investigative information, but in some cases they contain information on the private sex lives of those under surveillance. Although the names of people on the list have not been released, many feel that business and professional people who have been active in Integrity, a gay rights group, will find their names included." (emphasis added). We will have to take a "wait and see" attitude. We feel, should we be on the list, we are in good company. The Mayor himself had a file, along with Rep. Barbara Jordan and any number of other outstanding citizens. Will keep you posted.

Our thanks to DOB Dallas, House of the Covenant and Gay People of Austin. Keep up the good work--it is good hearing from you. Thanks again for everything and God bless.

MEETS EACH THURSDAY, 7:30pm, 2020 WAUGH DRIVE

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