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INTERACT MEMBERSHIP CONGRESS SLATED FOR FEBRUARY 17, 1983

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

All members of the organization are urged to attend due to the delicate matters that will be brought before the membership at this meeting. The first item on the agenda will deal with the continued existence of the organization. INTERACT activities have fallen off in the last few months, prompting discussions about the direction of the organization, its purpose and its reason for existing.

Suggestions for INTERACT have included the following: (1) Change the organization to a totally social one; (2) Disband the organization, it has served its purpose; (3) Change it to an audio/video production company for gay educational productions; (4) Change the purpose to providing social activities and services to older gay men and lesbians.

Also on the agenda will be the future of the Community Coffee House. The coordinator for the Coffee House will resign effective Friday, February 25, after two years of dedicated service. Unless a new coordinator is found, or lots of volunteers step forward, the Coffee House will close on that date after three and one-half years of operation.



SWITCHBOARD TRAINING ON TAP . . .

The Gay Switchboard of Houston will hold a series of volunteer training sessions beginning on the weekend of February 5 and 6 and ending the following weekend. Individuals interested in becoming a Switchboard volunteer should call 529-3211 for more information.

The Switchboard is a totally volunteer operation. Operational hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 3 p.m. to midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

Be sure to reserve your place at these very important sessions. Here's your opportunity to really serve your community!

529-3211



UP, UP AND AWAY!!!



At a special meeting of the I/H Incorporated board of directors on January 24, the corporation took the first step towards becoming the gay "United Way" of Houston.

One of the first items on the agenda was to schedule a large fund raiser for April. At the present time, the event is planned as an art and antique auction.

From now on, the first priority of the corporation board will be the raising and allocation of funds for the affiliate groups. The estimated budget for the corporation in 1983 exceeds \$80,000.

The next meeting of the I/H board will be on Thursday, February 3, at Bering Church. The meeting is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. and representatives of each affiliate are urged to attend.

INTERACT VIDEOTAPE COLLECTION LIST 1/83

	<u>Tape</u>	<u>Mtr.</u>
1981 MAYORAL RACE	14	584
ALL IN THE FAMILY	03	407
AUSTIN HOUSING ORD.	10	100
BEING GAY (KPRC TV)	14	437
BIBLE DEBATE ON GAYS	14	395
BILLIE JEAN KING	09	711
BISEXUAL LIVING	10	149
BOYS FOR SALE (KTRK)	04	482
CHICKEN HAWKS (KHOU)	14	588
COMING OUT ASSERTIVE	12	000
FALWELL vs PENTHOUSE	07	109
FAMILIES OF GAYS	14	292
FRED PAEZ KILLING	06	308
FRED PAEZ KILLING 2	13	122
FRED PAEZ KILLING 3	14	491
FRED PAEZ KILLING 4	14	565
GAY COUPLES	07	477
GAY FATHERS	07	223
GAY HISTORY (Kepner)	05	000
GAY HFD INSTRUCTORS	10	136
GAY LEADERSHIP CONF.	10	176
GAY POWER/POLITICS	12	000
GAY POWER/POLITICS 2	06	209
GAY PRIDE PARADE '81	10	293
GAY PRIDE WEEK 1980	06	250
GAY PRIDE WEEK 1981	07	293
GAY RIGHTS (CAVETTE)	03	571
GAY RIGHTS (DONAHUE)	03	000
GAY SENIOR CITIZENS	09	520
GAY SENIORS 2	11	560
GAY YOUNG PEOPLE	07	503
GAYS IN BOOM TOWN	13	191
GAYS ON TV	10	207
GERTRUDE STEIN (x3)	11	000
GERTY, GERTY STEIN	06	372
GPC KICKOFF 1981	07	347
HOUSTON '81 MAYORAL	10	050
HOUSTON TRANSVESTITE	06	252
IS YOUR CHILD GAY?	13	135
IS YOUR CHILD GAY? 2	14	503
KINSEY REPORT	10	000
LA CAGE AUX FOLLES	09	000
LA CAGE AUX FOLLES 2	08	023
LESBIAN MOTHERS	07	000
MATLOVICH vs U.S.	01	000
MISS GAY AMERICA	10	250
MISS GAY AMERICA 2	14	586
MONTROSE PATROL	07	290
PARENTS OF GAYS	04	000
POPPERS (TV news)	04	728
PROSTITUTION	07	356
PULSE TV (RAY HILL)	04	273
QUENTIN CRISP (TV)	06	000
TEXAS SODOMY REPEAL	10	181
TOWN MEETING 1 news	04	728
TRAPPER JOHN episode	14	000
WORD IS OUT	02	000

Tapes in the INTERACT collection are not available for loan. These are the master tapes of those that are presently available in the Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas collection. Not all of the tapes listed here are available for loan from the Archives collection. Organizations desiring to use one of the films or clips in the INTERACT collection may arrange to have the tape shown to their group by a member of INTERACT. Those desiring more information should contact Richard at 694-1732.

Tapes in the Archives collection may be checked out for a period no longer than two (2) days provided a \$25 deposit on the tape is left with the Archives. A \$5 minimum is requested as a contribution for use of the tape. Tapes are VHS format and speeds vary.

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FEBRUARY 1983

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S M T W T F S</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S M T W T F S</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">1</p> <p>Montrose Symphonic Band rehearsal at Bering Church</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">2</p> <p>Archives open each Wednesday, 2:45 pm to 5 p.m., 802 Westheimer</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">3</p> <p>I/H Incorporated Board of Directors 7:30 pm at Bering</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">4</p> <p>Community Coffee House</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Montrose Country Cloggers</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">5</p> <p>Switchboard training session. Call 529-3211</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;">6</p> <p>EVERY SUNDAY: Bering UMC MCCR----- Switchboard training continues</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">7</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">8</p> <p>Montrose Symphonic Band</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">9</p> <p>Archives open</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">10</p> <p>Montrose Art Alliance mtg. at Paez Center, 7:30 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">11</p> <p>Coffee House</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Cloggers</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">12</p> <p>Switchboard training</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;">13</p> <p>Switchboard training</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">VALENTINE'S DAY</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">15</p> <p>Montrose Symphonic Band</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">16</p> <p>Archives open</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">17</p> <p>INTERACT Membership Congress, 7:30 pm at Bering Church</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">18</p> <p>Coffee House</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Cloggers</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">19</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;">20</p> <p>Families & Friends of Gays mtg. at Presbyterian Center, 2 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">PRESIDENT'S DAY</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">22</p> <p>Montrose Symphonic Band</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">23</p> <p>Archives open</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">24</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">25</p> <p>Coffee House</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Cloggers</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">26</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;">27</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">28</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">29</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">30</p> <p>Need more information? Call the Gay Switchboard at 529-3211.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">31</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">1</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">2</p>

AFFILIATE NEWS . . .

● *Gay and Lesbian Archives of Texas* - Work is progressing well on the book, periodical, and audio/video collections. Walk-in hours continue to be 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, with appointments reserved for Sundays and Fridays. The Archives are located at 802 Westheimer in the Wilde & Stein Books building. Call 529-7014 for more information.

● *INTERACT* - This group provided the program for our good friends at Dignity on January 22. Samples from the INTERACT video tape collection were presented. These included "Coming Out: An Assertive Training for Living," and "Gays in Boomtown."

● *Montrose Art Alliance* - The art show announced in the last issue of this newsletter has been rescheduled for this month. Call Roz at 521-2461 for more information on the show or the organization.

● *Montrose Country Cloggers* - This fabulous group of down-home dancers is rehearsing in the Fellowship Hall every Friday night at Bering Church.

● *Families & Friends of Gays* - Freda reports that plans are being made to raise funds to send representatives to the national conference of parents and friends of gays to be held later this year.

● *Gay Switchboard* - A board of directors has finally been elected. Big plans are in the making.



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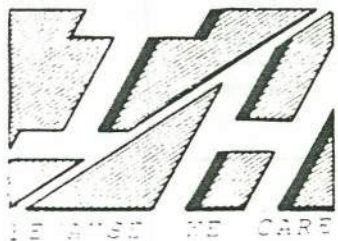
INCOME		TREASURY REPORT	Balance
\$ 108.00	- INTERACT Memberships	December 1982	\$2176.92 (11/31/82)
48.00	- MAA Memberships		
128.00	- MAA T/D Contributions		
6.40	- MAA affiliation fees to General		
24.00	- Band Memberships		
20.00	- Band T/D Contributions		
1.00	- Band affiliation fee to General		
<u>\$ 335.40</u>	Total Income		<u>+ 335.40</u> <u>\$2512.32</u>

EXPENSES

\$ 42.50	- MAA Art Sales
6.40	- MAA Affiliation Fee
10.00	- I/H Board Meeting Rent
10.00	- INTERACT Meeting Rent
1.00	- Band Affiliation Fee
8.00	- Chorale (Ins. Funds on deposit)
100.00	- MAA (Ins. Funds on deposit)
950.00	- Switchboard general expenses
137.50	- FFOG PR Expenses
57.38	- FFOG Printing/Office Supplies
40.00	- I/H Postage (Bulk Rate fee)
<u>\$1362.78</u>	

BREAKDOWN:

MAA	\$ 133.74	
Band	269.14	
INTERACT	198.92	
Chorale	3.00	
FFOG	395.50	
Archives	61.14	
General Fund	83.10	
		<u>-1362.78</u> <u>\$1149.54</u>



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

Other _____ *Indicate I/H Inc. subgroup here.*

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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 CLOSURES 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."

The Coffee House opened in September 1979 as a function of INTERACT to provide a social alternative to bars. Volunteers to unlock the doors and put the coffee on were scarce then and became even more difficult to find as people burned out.

Dennis Coning, chair of the Coffee House for the past two years, was given a special commendation for almost single-handedly carrying the Coffee House for the past year.

Attempts to involve other groups in the operation of the Coffee House were only partially successful. The lack of success in locating a new Coffee House chair resulted in the decision to close it.

OTHER I/H, INC. NEWS . . .

The Montrose Art Alliance opened its third show, and exhibit of paintings, at KEYBOARD, 3012 Milam, on Sunday, February 20.

This is the second show for MAA at KEYBOARD, the first being held there late last year. MAA's first exhibit was held at the Fred Paez Center during the last Westheimer Art Festival.

MAA will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 10, at the Paez Center, 401 Avondale, at 7:30 p.m.

In other I/H news, the first fund raiser for the new I/H board of directors is planned for April as an auction of antiques, art and other goods of value.

Members of the I/H affiliates and friends are asked to check their attics and basements (in Houston?) for Grandma's old rocker or whatever and to contribute to the auction. Proceeds will be divided among the I/H affiliates according to the budget set by the board of directors.

Information on time, place, etc., will be in next month's newsletter.



BECAUSE WE CARE

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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MARCH 1983

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



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INTERACT USHERS IN SPRING WITH A PARTY!

INTERACT, the educational affiliate of I/H Incorporated, will celebrate the coming of Spring with a covered-dish party at the home of long-time member Ken Iserloth, 1909 Brun #11.

Members of INTERACT will be issued a special invitation, however, you need not be a member to attend. The party will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Although INTERACT has suspended regular meetings for the present, special events such as dinners and programs will continue to be held. The INTERACT membership congress in February decided to hold the special functions to solicit responses from members and friends of the organization in reference to the future functions and directions of the organization. Members are welcome to initiate or recommend projects.



JOIN THE FEW, THE PROUD, . . .

Nope! We're not talking about the Marines. Rather, the Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas are looking for volunteers to help organize the collection and keep the facility open for use during the day.

Presently, the Archives are run by a collective of people and are open to the public on Wednesdays only from 2:45 to 5 p.m. Two individuals have volunteered to be on-call.

People are being sought who are willing to commit themselves to a regular schedule a minimum of two or three hours per week. Library experience is not necessary, only a desire to work on maintaining our heritage and history.

Interested individuals are urged to come by 802 Westheimer on Wednesdays or call 529-7014 and leave a message. Membership in the Archives collective is open to all.

Those of you who have closets or garages full of gay and lesbian magazines, books, tapes, letters, or whatever, are asked to consider the Archives when the time comes to dispose of them. The Archives will gladly take them off your hands.

I/H WELCOMES THE MONTROSE SINGERS

The Board of Directors of I/H Incorporated wishes to express a sincere "welcome" to the Montrose Singers to our corporate family. I/H Incorporated is organized to promote the activities and functions of its member groups and is proud to have the Singers as a part of it.



Dear Editor,

I am a gay male who is currently incarcerated and originally from the Houston area. I would very much enjoy receiving your paper if possible. Also, if space permits, can you place an ad in your personal section?

Thank you,

Claude Osborne
 Indiana State Prison
 Box 41
 Michigan City, Indiana 46360

(Well, since we don't have a personals section, we have decided to run your ad here. Hope it will do - editor)

G/W/M. age 23, blond, hazel eyes, 6'1", 180 pounds. I am in prison but get out soon. Won't you help make my last few months here less lonely and write??? Claude Osborne, #19911, Indiana State Prison, Box 41, Michigan City, Indiana 46360.



FINANCIAL SHORTS

Montrose Art Alliance estimated budget
 Fiscal year 1983

INCOME

- \$ 1250.00 - Gay Pride Week
- 300.00 - Memberships
- 300.00 - Income from art sales
- 1500.00 - Fund raisers
- 750.00 - Donations
- \$ 4100.00 - TOTAL

EXPENSES

- \$ 100.00 - Postage
- 1200.00 - Publicity
- 500.00 - Exhibits
- 2000.00 - Gay Pride Week 1983
- 300.00 - Meeting space
- \$ 4100.00 - TOTAL

I/H Affiliates breakdown as of 2/28/83

MAA	\$ 133.74
INTERACT	108.70
Archives	93.24
Band/Chorale	0.00
Singers	0.00
General fund	61.20
	<u>\$ 396.88</u>

(See I/H Treasury Report on p. 4)

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Organization Notes...

● ● *The Montrose Symphonic Band & Chorale* - This I/H affiliate is gearing up for Gay Pride Week and needs able-bodied men and women to fill the ranks of their Flag Corps, Color Guard and Drill Team. You need not play a musical instrument to belong. Call Andy Mills at (713) 527-9454 for details.

● *Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas* - This affiliate has been extremely busy recently. High school and college research projects have kept volunteers on their toes. More volunteers are needed. If you can give one three-hour shift per week, contact Richard Wednesdays between 2:45 and 5:45 p.m. at 529-7014. At other times, you may leave a message. In addition to the "Wish List" in the January issue of *Because We Care*, the Archives need microfilm equipment, publication file boxes, and four or five-drawer file cabinets (desperately!).

● *INTERACT/Houston* - Not to be confused with I/H Incorporated, this affiliate has suspended regular meetings temporarily. Special events will be held in coming months, however, including the dinner on the front page of this newsletter. Membership in this group is \$12 per year. For more information or a membership form, call Carl at 694-1732.

● *The Montrose Singers* - This men's chorus rehearses every Monday night, 7:30 p.m., in the choir room of Bering Memorial Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. For more information, call John-Michael Albert, director, at (713) 749-2832 (days) or 791-9496 (evenings).

● *The Montrose Art Alliance* - This group of dedicated artists has just completed a very successful exhibit at the KEYBOARD club. MAA will hold an arts festival on Monday night during Gay Pride Week. Membership is \$12 per year. Call Roz at 521-2461.

● *Gay Switchboard of Houston* - Congratulations are in order to the new board of directors of this organization. The Switchboard offers current event information, telephone counseling, referrals, TTY, and AIDS hotline. Volunteers are always welcome to inquire. Call 529-3211.

(For schedule information, see calendar on p. 4)



Gay Movies

"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

The hidden words listed below appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonally in the puzzle. Find each of the hidden words and box it in as shown in the example.

- (You are not) Alone
- Fortune (& Men's Eyes)
- Gay USA
- (Killing of Sister) George
- Naked (Civil Servant)
- Nighthawks
- (The) Silence
- Staircase
- (A Different) Story
- Taxi Zum Klo
- Windows
- Word Is Out

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M	W	V	T	Y	X	F	E	K	N	E
E	B	U	R	W	E	G	I	J	I	F
C	Y	O	G	N	R	E	D	Y	G	O
A	T	Z	O	O	F	H	G	S	H	L
S	I	L	E	N	C	E	A	R	T	K
W	A	G	A	D	N	Q	P	Z	H	M
I	M	K	Y	E	Z	A	B	L	A	U
N	E	X	N	O	N	P	K	P	W	Z
D	J	S	G	A	Y	U	S	A	K	I
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S	U	G	F	E	C	W	X	B	O	T
V	T	U	O	S	I	D	R	O	W	F

MCC/GALVESTON OPENS COFFEE HOUSE

The Galveston MCC church has opened a coffee house similar to the recently closed Community Coffee House.

Representatives from Galveston MCC contacted INTERACT members for advise on running a coffee house the night before the Community Coffee House closed only to learn of the demise of the former INTERACT function. MCC members came to Houston to discuss the problems and benefits of operating such a function on that last night.

Games from the Community Coffee House were contributed to the fledgling project.

Treasury Report
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INCOME	BALANCE
\$ 36.00 - INTERACT memberships	\$751.00 (1/31/83)
12.00 - INTERACT tax-deductible contribution	
.60 - INTERACT affiliation fee (5% x \$12) to I/H	
15.00 - Archives donations from store bucket	
1.60 - Refund for overpayment on I/H rubber stamp	
<u>\$ 65.20 - TOTAL</u>	<u>+ 65.20</u>
	\$816.31
EXPENSES	
15.00 - I/H postage for newsletters	
.60 - INTERACT affiliation fee	
8.33 - INTERACT membership congress expenses	
395.50 - FFOG withdrawal	
<u>\$ 419.43 - TOTAL</u>	<u>- 419.43</u>
	\$ 396.88 (2/28/83)

(See organizational breakdown p.2)



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10	Singers 11	Band 12	Archives open at 13 802 Westhei- mer, 2:45	Montrose Art Alliance 14 at Paez Cntr 7:30 p.m.	15	16
17	Singers 18	Band 19	Chorale 21 at Bering Archives	21	22	23
24	Singers 25	Band 26	" " 27	23	29	30



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ISSUE 50

MONTROSE ART ALLIANCE TO SPOTLIGHT THE ARTS

The Montrose Art Alliance is gearing up for a spotlight on the arts gala during Gay Pride Week. The event will include exhibits of paintings, photographs and sculpture along with performances by vocal and instrumental groups.



The MAA event will be held at the Swim Club on Monday, June 20. Preparations for the event are quite extensive, so volunteers are needed to help with publicity, ticket-taking at the door and many other details.

MAA, under the name of the Gay and Lesbian Artists, sponsored a similar event last year. Though smaller in scope than this year's event, it proved to be one of the most successful Gay Pride Week activities of the year.

Individuals wishing information on entering the show or volunteering can call Roz at 521-2461.

In other MAA news, I/H Incorporated has submitted an application for membership in the Cultural Arts Council, making membership and privileges of the Council available to MAA. More news on this will be available later.

Also, MAA will no longer be meeting at the Fred Paez Center (Despite what the membership form on page 3 says). Future meeting places are yet to be announced, so see *TWT* and the *Montrose Voice* for updates.



ARCHIVES UPDATE

The Gay Archives of Texas are currently receiving the following publications on an exchange or complimentary subscription basis:

Alabama Forum (Birmingham)
 The Calendar (San Antonio)
 Capital Forum News (Salem, OR)
 Challenge (New Jersey)
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 The Dorian Group (Seattle)
 Empty Closet (New York)
 Fox Tales (Illinois)

Gay Community News (Boston)
 Gay Life Chicago)
 Gay Paper (Baltimore)
 Gay Synagogue News (NYC)
 GLAD News (Denton, Tx)
 Impact (New Orleans)
 INTEGRITY Forum (National)
 Into The Courts (GRA)
 Kater Street (Philadelphia)

Mom...Guess What! (Sacramento)
 Parents/Friends of Gays (L.A.)
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 Patlar Gazette (Sacramento)
 RFD (National)
 Sisters United (Kansas)
 TGLTF News (Texas)
 Tri State Lambda News (Wyoming)
 The West Sider (NYC)

This is by no means a comprehensive list. The Archives would like to thank all of the publications participating in the exchange program. All of the publications above (and several hundred more) are kept on file at the Archives, 802 Westheimer. Individuals wishing to provide gift subscriptions, or publications and groups wishing to participate in the exchange of publications are invited to contact the Archives by writing P.O. Box 16041, Houston 77222, or by calling (713) 529-7014.

Organization Notes...

INTERACT - The April event for this group was a tremendous success with about 75 people attending the party at Ken and Gary's. The next scheduled event will take place in July.

The following INTERACT memberships have expired and are up for renewal: Bill B., Dennis C., Dan F., Bill H., Mark H., Neil I., Jack K., Chet M., David M., Carl O., Stuart P., Travis P., Karl R., Bob R., Stephen U., Paul V. O., and Cherry W.

Memberships are \$12 per year and should be mailed to P.O. Box 16041, Houston 77222.

Montrose Symphonic Band - The Band is still looking for individuals for the Flag Corps, Color Guard and Drill Team for Gay Pride Week. Call Andy Mills at 527-9454.

Montrose Singers - Rehearsals are held every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room of Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. For more information call John-Michael Albert, director, at (713) 749-2832 (days) or 791-9496 (evenings).

I/H affiliates are encouraged to use this newsletter to announce upcoming events and activities. Copy deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Remember, not only does this publication go to over 200 individuals in the Houston area, but it also goes to over 30 publications. Call Richard at 694-1732 with your news.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hazelwitch Productions, a local women's company, has announced two concerts for women by singer Alix Dobkin in the Activities Building at Bering Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 25. Concert times are 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Bridge players mourning the loss of the Community Coffeehouse as their weekly "fix" can take heart because First Unitarian Church has started a Friday evening bridge program. The program was begun to "provide a social atmosphere for interested people in which they can feel relaxed." In addition, lessons in basic bridge are available. There is a \$3 charge to cover basic utilities and space. First Unitarian Church is located at 5210 Fannin.



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The **Montrose Art Alliance (MAA)**, a non-profit cultural arts organization, provides a base for visual and literary artists interested in exchanging and promoting ideas, skills, talent and creative thought.

MAA's membership includes representatives from many areas of the cultural arts spectrum — sculptors, water colorists, poets, cartoonists, photographers, copywriters and others.

MAA sponsored a mini-festival and art show within weeks of its organizational meeting. Future plans include a larger Gay and Lesbian Art Festival, learning experiences and gallery shows. Born from the successful Gay and Lesbian Artists (GALA) evening during the Houston Gay Pride Week, MAA wants to continue that tradition of artistic energy flowing throughout all seasons.

JOIN US NOW!

MAA is a member of **I/H Inc.** (a non-profit tax-exempt educational and cultural forum).

MAA has plans to join the Cultural Arts Council of Houston and to become a link with the numerous Gay and Lesbian cultural arts organizations worldwide.

*General meetings are held at the Fred Paez Community Center,
401 Avondale, at 7:30 p.m., on the second Thursday of every month.*

For further information contact Roz Vecchio at 521-2461 or Carl Hayes at 694-1732.

*Membership dues are \$12 annually. Please make checks or money orders out to **I/H Inc.***

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Treasury Report
March 1983

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
\$ 57.30 - INTERACT (Final Coffeehouse donations)	\$ 396.88 (3/1/83)
65.00 - Archives tax-deductible donations	
3.25 - Archives affiliation fee to general fund	
<u>\$125.55 - TOTAL</u>	<u>+ 125.55</u>
	<u>\$ 522.43</u>
BREAKDOWN:	
\$ 42.68 - Archives supplies	MAA \$133.74
30.00 - Postmaster (Bulk rate postage)	INTERACT 106.00
10.00 - I/H Board rent	ARCHIVES 112.31
10.00 - INTERACT meeting rent	BAND 0
3.25 - Archives affiliation fees	GENERAL 24.45
50.00 - INTERACT accounting (\$175 owed)	
<u>\$145.93 - TOTAL</u>	<u>- 145.93</u>
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8	9 Montrose Singers	10 Band at Bering	11 Archives Open 2:30-5:00, 802 Westheimer	12 MAA meeting 7:30 location. TBA	13	14
15	16 Singers	17 Band	18 Chorale ----- Archives open	19	20	21
22	23 Singers	24 Band	25 Chorale ----- Archives	26	27	28
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Houston Gay Pride Week 1983

Gay men and women will be celebrating Gay Pride Week in a big way this year with Houston among the biggest.

Houston's activities will be many and varied and will include the Montrose Art Alliance sponsored event, "Men and Women Together: An Evening of the Arts" on June 20. Also, the Montrose Symphonic Band and Choral will join with the Kindred Spirits Ensemble for the "Festival Chorus" at the Cullen Auditorium on the University of Houston Campus on June 25.

Whether you are an "organization" person or not, these events would be well worth your effort to participate in and enjoy. Gay Pride Week is our time for reflection and celebration. We have the advantage of being the most diverse minority on the earth. This is reflected in the theme of this year's Gay Pride Week - Unity in Diversity. It will also be reflected on the faces of the thousands of people involved. Make sure yours is one of those faces!

ATTENTION I/H AFFILIATE GROUPS.....

Due to the post-Gay Pride Week slowdown in community activities, the next issue of *Because We Care* will combine July and August. In order to have sufficient production time, we are asking that materials be in the hands of the editor no later than June 20.

Materials should be typed or written. Only dates for the calendar will be taken over the phone. Due to space limitations, detailed text cannot be included in the calendar.

Affiliates are urged to contact Richard at 694-1732 for further information. Submissions can be mailed to P.O. Box 16041, 77022.

month's *Because We Care* calendar, call the Gay Switchboard at 529-3211.

Membership in I/H Incorporated is open to all educational/cultural groups. (See comment on page 2.)

ARCHIVES SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Gay Archives of Texas will be available by appointment only during the summer months. A spokesperson for the organization said that most users of the collection have been students for the past year, so volunteers will be working on an "as-work-needs-to-be-done basis" until school begins in September.

It is possible, he said, that if someone goes to the Archives during the week they will find someone there, particularly on Monday or Tuesday, however, appointments are suggested.

To make an appointment to use the Archives collection, call Richard at 694-1732 or Tony at 522-8052.

CHOICES JOINS I/H INCORPORATED

I/H Incorporated welcomes CHOICES, a new lesbian educational and social organization, to active membership within the corporation.

CHOICES started off running, sponsoring workshops, beach parties, social events, and benefits within its first two months of operation. Among other things, CHOICES will co-sponsor a celebration of "Juneteenth" with Black and White Men Together at BACCHUS on Sunday, June 19.

CHOICES has also started a support group for lesbian mothers. For more information on this or other CHOICES activities, including times and locations of events on this

What is I/H Incorporated?

In a nutshell, I/H Incorporated is a tool. It is a tool for the use of the gay and lesbian community of this city to use any way that it pleases.

Several times in the past, the Houston gay community has attempted to unite all of the organizations in the city under one "umbrella." The idea was good, but failed in every attempt.

INTERACT, the oldest gay organization in Houston, set up the charter for I/H Incorporated in 1980 as a non-profit educational organization. The idea was to set up one of these "umbrellas," just like before, but to set it up for the use of organizations that do not have the personnel or money that groups such as GPC or MCCR have. It is a support vehicle for small organizations, with the idea that these groups could consolidate resources and, hopefully, begin to solve that persistent problem of all gay groups - no money.

The main function of the group, however, is to provide support, a means of communication, and certain benefits to member organizations, otherwise known as affiliates.

The board of the corporation, made up of representatives of the affiliates and members of the community at-large, set up a membership system which allows affiliates total control of their own affairs with no interference by the parent corporation unless that affiliate's activities violate the corporate charter.

In the next issue, membership requirements and benefits will be discussed.

I/H Hotlines

MAA 521-2461 or 694-1732
INTERACT 694-1732 or 529-7014
Band/Chorale 527-9454
Singers 749-2832 (days)
792-9496 (evenings)
CHOICES 529-3211 (Gay Switchboard)
Gay Archives 529-7014 or 694-1732
Gay Switchboard 529-3211

Community News

There is a new gay and lesbian group of interest to those of you in the North Houston/Conroe area. It is called the Lambda Society and you can contact them by calling Jan at (409) 756-0354 or Ray at 756-4097.

A Families and Friends of Gays group has also started in Spring. Call Doris at (713) 353-4792.

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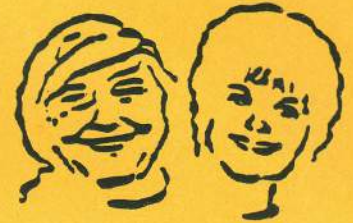
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INTERACT summer events

INTERACT will help to put a little life into the post-Gay Pride Week blues with a covered-dish social and a special summer coffee house.

The INTERACT covered-dish social will be on Saturday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. and will be hosted by INTERACT members Bill B. and Bob R. All paid INTERACT members will receive invitations, but anyone can attend. Call 694-1883 for directions and other information.

The One-Time-Only-End-Of-Summer Coffee House will be a reunion of sorts for those who were once regulars of the now-defunct Community Coffee House. It will be held on Saturday, August 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the choir area at Bering Methodist Church.

A special presentation of videotapes from the Gay Archives of Texas and INTERACT collections will be run non-stop throughout the evening. These will include the movie "La Cage Aux Folles II," news reports on AIDS, and local and national news coverage of Gay Pride Week activities.

Other activities will include the ever-present bridge games. For those who are not into card games, recent issues of gay publications from around the country will be available for your enjoyment courtesy of the Gay Archives of Texas.

Everyone is invited and it is absolutely free!



INTERACT's Carl Hays, who was named Mr. Gay Pride 1983 by the Houston Gay Pride Week Committee, waves to some of the estimated 50,000 persons who attended this year's parade. (Archives file photo)

Switchboard volunteer classes slated

The Gay Switchboard of Houston will begin a training class for new volunteers on July 15. The classes will continue through July 17 and pick up on July 23 and 24. Anyone interested in working a minimum of three hours each week on the telephone helping other members of our community with information, referrals and telephone counseling, please contact the Switchboard at 529-3211 between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight during the week and 3 p.m. to midnight weekends.

Please see the Switchboard section under Organization News for further Gay Switchboard news.

The deadline for Because We Care will be changing as of the September issue. The new deadline will be the first Thursday of each month, the same day as the I/H Board meeting. This will, we hope, give affiliates an extra opportunity to prepare their news items. The newsletter will be mailed approximately one week following the deadline, so the newsletter will include the first week of the following month. In other words, the September issue will include the first week of October.

I/H Incorporated: Part 2

When an organization approaches the Board of I/H Incorporated regarding membership, it is informed that only educational and cultural organizations will be considered, due to Internal Revenue rules, and that if the organization fits into one of these categories, it will be allowed membership as an affiliate (technically, a committee) of the corporation for a trial period of six months. If the affiliate has followed all required procedures at the end of the trial period, it will be given full membership status. During the trial period, however, the affiliate has all voting rights and access to other benefits the corporate body has to offer.

These benefits include tax-exempt status as a part of I/H Incorporated, a 501 (c)(3) educational corporation. Not only will contributions to the affiliate which are made to the corporation be tax-deductible, but purchases of supplies, etc., which are purchased through the corporation are exempt from state sales tax. In addition, mailings of 200 or more pieces may be sent at the .052¢ per piece rate given to non-profit, tax-exempt organizations by the Postal Service. A corporate mailing list is also being compiled so that members of all affiliates will receive news of all member groups.

You hold in your hand what is probably the most important tool in assuring communication between the affiliates. This newsletter is put together as a service to all of the affiliates and their members. Production and mailing fees are paid for through an "affiliate fee" of 5% on all *tax-deductible* contributions made to affiliate groups. This fee only includes contributions which can be written off by the donor. It does not include memberships, fund-raisers, etc.

The requirements of affiliate groups are fairly simple. Each group must designate one person to serve as a representative on the corporate board which meets on the first Thursday of each month. Regular attendance by that individual is mandatory. Organizations must also designate who is allowed to sign check requests from their account in the corporate fund. Also, receipts for goods purchased or invoices for goods to be purchased must be kept and given to the corporate treasurer. In other words, good bookkeeping practices must be maintained to insure the monetary integrity of the corporation, not to mention the safety of the tax status.

The future holds the possibility of consolidated fund-raising activities and further community services. In the meantime, I/H Incorporated offers a means for smaller organizations in the city to compete for contributions, funding, advertising, and strength with some of the larger organizations with the mega-bucks. Most of all, however, it offers a means for our community groups to unite and strengthen one another. Not only is there Unity In Diversity, but also strength in that diversity.

Organization Notes...

● ● *Gay Switchboard Of Houston* - The Gay Switchboard has recently been donated an Apple II computer, a gift from the Fitness Exchange. The acquisition of a computer will enable the Switchboard to keep resources, information on events and statistics on an ongoing basis. Our gratitude to the Fitness exchange for this gracious gift.

The Finance/Publicity Committee of the Switchboard is currently sending articles to all area newspapers to publicize the functions of the Service. Since so many gay persons live outside the Montrose area, it is hope that these efforts will expose our services to those who might never hear of us otherwise.

● ● *CHOICES* - Choices Advisory Committee meeting on July 16, noon, 210 Fairview, Apt. I. Volunteers are welcome. The general meeting of Choices will be held on Sunday, July 17 at the YWCA, 3615 Willia, at 12:30 p.m. There will be a pot luck lunch followed by the business meeting. This month's disussion will be "Coming Out Stories." There will be a beach party on Saturday, July 23 at Stewart Beach. Meet at the concession stand at 10:30 a.m. People needing rides and those wishing to carpool should contact Joey at 840-8041.

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Informal Rap Sessions will be held at Joey's place every other Friday, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. A chance to talk about what's on your mind with women who care. Starts July 15. Call Joey at 840-8041.

A Place In The Sun - There's A Place In The Sun where artists and audiences discover themselves and one another in an intimate setting: Gracielynn Books, 704 Fairview at Stanford. Seasoned pros or newcomers with a "spark" are helped to get professionally "on their way."

Performing artists receive 70% of the "gate" while A Place In The Sun receives 30%. Visual Artists get 65% from sale of their work, 27.5% goes to APITS and 7.5% to MAA for jurying. Artists accepted by the jury get three showings of 10 works apiece.

If you have time . . . volunteer! Help get mailings out, set up for programs, etc. Make a tax-deductible financial or "in-kind" contribution. Participate as a performer, visual artist or audience (\$2 a show ain't bad).

Please see the enclosed calendar for this month's events.

Gay Archives of Texas - The Archives are in dire need of file cabinets. If you have some that you would like to get rid of, regardless of the condition, call Richard at 694-1732.

INTERACT - INTERACT will hold its fall membership congress on Thursday, September 15. More on this meeting in next month's issue.

Montrose Art Alliance - The Men and Women Together show was a smashing success. We even made a little money! The next MAA meeting will be held on Thursday July 14 at 704 Fairview.

Montrose Symphonic Band - The Montrose Symphonic Band rehearses every Tuesday night at Bering Methodist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. Call Andy Mills at 527-9454.

Gay & Gray: The Older Homosexual Man

A provocative study recently published by the University of Illinois Press suggests that being a homosexual may make it easier to grow old. *Gay And Gray: The Older Homosexual Man*, by Dr. Raymond M. Berger, an assistant professor of social work at the university, is the first major study of aging homosexual men. It is already well on the way to enlightening public attitudes about a long misunderstood minority within a minority.

Until now little was known about older gay men. It was assumed that gays became lonely and isolated as they grew older. Some believed that gay men became more sexually aggressive as they aged. Others believed that they were asexual. Many assumed that older gays were sick and unhappy. And the horror of aging was believed to strike even earlier for gays than for heterosexuals.

Berger's findings have uprooted these notions. Most older homosexuals live with a lover, roommate or family members. Few are socially isolated. Contrary to popular belief, a third of these men have been married, many had children. Older homosexuals were found to actually be more "open" about their sexual orientation than younger gays! And the majority continued to live active sex lives, primarily with age peers.

Berger's findings point to the fact that gay men find a crisis of independence earlier in life than their straight counterparts, meaning that gays are better able to adapt to losses of old age such as the loss of a lover without the dependence on family members for support.

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- EVERY Tuesday: Montrose Symphonic Band rehearsal at Bering Church, 7:30 p.m.
: A Place In The Sun, 704 Fairview (Except July 19)
- JULY 12 : Switchboard Board meeting, 7 p.m.
14 : Montrose Art Alliance meeting, 7:30 p.m., at 704 Fairview.
15-17, 23-24: Switchboard volunteer training
16 : INTERACT covered-dish social hosted by Bill and Bob, 7:30 p.m. Call 694-1732 for directions.
17 : Choices meeting, YWCA Masterson Branch, 12:30 p.m.
23 : Choices beach party
- AUGUST 4 : I/H Incorporated Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., 704 Fairview
11 : Montrose Art Alliance meeting, 7:30 p.m., 704 Fairview
21 : Choices general meeting at YWCA, 12:30 p.m.
22 : Switchboard Board meeting, 7 p.m.
27 : The One-Time-Only-End-Of-Summer Coffee House featuring videotapes from the Archives/INTERACT collection, hosted by INTERACT, 7:30 p.m. at Bering Church
- For other community events, please call the Switchboard at 529-3211 6 p.m. to midnight on weekdays and 3 p.m. to midnight weekends.



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HOUSTON'S OLDEST IS NOW FOR HOUSTON'S OLDER

Houston's oldest gay rights organization is now Houston's only organization for older gays.

INTERACT has announced that, effective September 25, the organization has dissolved as a totally educational organization and will be replaced with an agency dedicated to providing social, educational and support services to gays over the age of 40.

The first meeting of the new agency will take place on Wednesday, October 26, at Bering Memorial Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, at 7:30 p.m.

A spokesperson for INTERACT said, "There is definitely life after 40. We are excited about having an organization in the city of Houston to address the very special needs of older gays. Houston's gay community has proved that it can take and accomplish anything that it sets its collective mind to do, so we expect this new organization to be well-received."

The October 26 meeting will be in the form of a forum for community input concerning the needs and functions of the new organization. Topics to be discussed will include needs assessments for older gays such as social and support functions. All interested persons are invited to attend.

"We see the group providing activities such as rap sessions, group trips, dances and dinners. But we also hope to have support services such as those required by individuals who have lost a spouse due to death or other reasons," said the spokesperson.

Although the organization's focus will be on gays over 40, individuals under that age who have concerns for older gays are also welcome, he said.



ARCHIVES UPDATE

The Gay Archives of Texas have been presented with a copy of a thesis by Bruce Remington of the University of Houston history department. The 168-page document is titled "Twelve Fighting Years: Homosexuals In Houston, 1969-1981."

The thesis gives a detailed account of the growth of gay power in our city. Stop by and have a look. You might be surprised!

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CALENDAR

- Oct. 18, 25 - Montrose Symphonic Band at Bering 7:30 p.m.; A Place In The Sun, 704 Fairview
26 - INTERACT (Over 40 group) at 3405 Mulberry, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3 - I/H board of directors meeting, 7:30 p.m.
10 - Montrose Art Alliance, 7:30 p.m. Call 521-2461 for location.

Information on meetings of Choices can be obtained by calling the Switchboard at 529-3211. The Archives are generally available to the public on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Other times can be arranged by appointment by calling 529-7014. Items for the calendar and/or the newsletter should be typed or printed and mailed to P.O. Box 16041, 77222 or dropped off at Wilde & Stein, 802 Westheimer no later than the first Thursday of each month. I/H Incorporated reserves the right to edit copy and/or refuse publication of items submitted.



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