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Houston to host the second Texas Lesbian Conference

Texas—All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active (AMIGA) announces Houston, Texas will be the site for the second annual Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC). The conference will be held mid-May of 1989 advised Helen Ortiz, AMIGA spokesperson. TLC's aim is to bring women together from all over the region to explore issues of special interest to lesbians.

The first TLC held in Dallas on May 1988 and hosted by Lesbian Visionaries and Among Friends featured feminist theorist and 1984 candidate for President of the U.S., Sonia Johnson and New Jersey attorney and chair of the Lesbian Task Force of the National Organization for Women, Rosemary Dempsey.

"The emphasis of the conference is to bring women of all races, economic backgrounds, religions and ages to share in our lives as women who love women," commented AMIGA founder and TLC organizer, Linda Morales. "AMIGA's participation in the National Lesbian Rights conference held October 7-10 in San Diego, California brought more insights to planning a successful conference," said Ortiz.

Creative workshops and continuous entertainment will be scheduled through the weekend providing conference participants dialogue and enjoyment of a weekend devoted to lesbian issues and fun. An exhibit area is planned to provide artist, book vendors, organizations and others for display and sales. A Saturday dance will be highlight of the event featuring a variety of music ranging from top 40, C & W to Tejana sounds. A concert is scheduled to precede the dance with women musician artist tentatively scheduled.

A planning meeting will take place on Sunday December 11 at 1:00 PM at the Law Offices of Clyde Williams call 520-5667 for more info. All mujeres interested as volunteers, vendors or needing more information should write: TLC c/o AMIGA, Box 980134, Houston, TX 77098-0134 or call 520-5667.

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TEXAS LESBIAN CONFERENCE: JUNE 2-4

The second annual Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC) will take place on June 2-4, 1989 at Astro Village Hotel. The emphasis of the conference will be on "celebrating diversity" by bringing together women of all races, economic backgrounds, political identities, spiritualities and ages to share in our lives as women who love women.

Two native Texas lesbians will keynote the event and over 1000 women are expected to attend. Gloria Anzaldua, chicana, tejana and co-editor of The Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color, will keynote the Saturday morning session. Her address will focus on the borderland experience: caught between two cultures, an alien in both.

Capturing the social diversity of Texas communities, Sunday presentor and lesbian novelist Antoinette Azolakov explores the contrasting views of the feminist and the non-feminist and of the women in traditional versus non-traditional occupations. Her published works include Cass and the Stone Butch, Skiptrace and the Contactees Die Young.

The objectives of the conference are to create a network of lesbians to facilitate communication, promote grass-root organizations and increase visibility.

The conference is being produced by All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active (AMIGA) and Womynspace of Houston. AMIGA is a lesbian latina organization committed to increasing the visibility of latinas and which works toward civil rights for all. Womynspace of Houston is a non-hierarchical feminist organization founded to create an alternative space for womyn in chemical free,women only, supportive environment.

For more information on TLC '89 write: Box 980134, Houston, TX 77098 or call 713-520-5667. A TLC volunteer orientation is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, all interested women should call or write. A press conference is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 PM, in the Texas Lesbian Conference Hospitality Suite at the Astro Village Hotel.

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