A MESSAGE FROM GLBTF CO-CHAIRS LEON BEY AND WENDY THOMAS

As you can probably tell, this does not look like the usual GLBTF Newsletter. Unfortunately, the current editor was unable to produce this issue. The Co-chairs of the GLBTF apologize for this, and assure you that the "regular" GLBTF Newsletter will appear after Midwinter.

In the meantime, we are issuing this brief version to provide GLBTF members with an update on our activities. You'll find the complete schedule for Midwinter meetings, as well as a tentative agenda for Midwinter Steering Committee meetings, information on our 25th anniversary events planned for Chicago in June 1995, notes from Miami meetings, etc.

Again, please accept our apologies for this brief issue. We look forward to seeing everyone in Philadelphia!

ALA PHILADELPHIA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE GLBTF SCHEDULE

Here's the final schedule for Midwinter! Please remember that all of our meetings are open to everyone (except for the Book Awards Committee meetings, which are closed for deliberations). We welcome new faces!

Friday, February 3
Program Planning Committee, 2:00-4:00pm, Wyndham, Seminar A.
Steering Committee, 8:00-10:00 pm, Wyndham, Philadelphia S.

Saturday, February 4
Book Awards Committee (closed meeting), 2:00-5:00 pm, Wyndham, Salon 8.
*Open House/Reception: Lesbian and Gay Library Archives of Philadelphia, 4:00-6:00 pm, 201 S. Camac St., 4 blocks from Convention Center.
*Social Hour, 6:00-8:00 pm, Woody's Bar, 202 S. 13th Street, between Walnut and Locust, 2nd floor.

Sunday, February 5
Book Awards Committee (closed meeting), 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Four Seasons, Madison.
Read-A-Loud, 4:30-5:30 pm, Pennsylvania Con. Ctr., 203B.
*Reception: Giovanni's Room Bookstore, 6:00-7:30 pm, 345 S. 12th Street.

Monday, February 6
All Committees Meeting, 9:30-11:00 am, Sheraton Society Hill, BR A1, A2.
Program Planning Committee, 2:00-4:00 pm, Embassy, Tower Conference Room.

Tuesday, February 7
Steering Committee, 8:00-9:30 am, Ritz, Plaza Room.
In addition to the usual committee meetings, you'll see lots of special events listed. For example, the Open House and Reception at the Lesbian & Gay Library/Archives of Philadelphia will feature Steve Capsuto, Librarian, as host, and Barbara Gittings will be a special guest! The reception at Giovanni's Room, Philadelphia's l/g/b bookstore, will be hosted by owner Ed Mermance. And Bill Wood, owner of Woody's Bar, is looking forward to welcoming us for our Social Hour.

Many, many thanks to John Cunningham and Rod McNeil for organizing these events.

FYI: The Steering Committee meeting on February 7 will be listed in the program as running from 8:00-11:00 am. Ignore this! The meeting will only run from 8:00-9:30 am. Asterisked items (*) are not "official" ALA meetings. Note the time and location--these events will NOT be in the program! Lastly, the reception at the AIDS Library of Philadelphia has been cancelled, as they will be in the midst of moving during Midwinter.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR ALA PHILADELPHIA WINTER MEETING

These and other items will be part of the Friday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 7 GLBTF Steering Committee meetings and the Monday, February 6 All Committees Meeting:

- Budget Request for 1995-96; Reports on Preconference and 25th Anniversary Gala in June, 1995;
- Reports on the Clearinghouse, Book Awards Committee, Fundraising Committee (including the book awards as an annual fundraising event);
- Boy Scouts issue;
- Strategic Planning: looking at where we are now and where we want to go in the future.

If you would like to have other items added to the agenda, please contact by January 25, Leon Bey, GLBTF Co-chair, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, 215 E. Third St., Dayton, OH 45402-2103; phone: 513-227-9500, ext. 324; fax: 513-227-9528.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH GLBTF IN 1995

The GLBTF needs library people and friends, gay or not, to help with our 25th anniversary celebration activities. During ALA's annual conference in Chicago (June 1995), we'll be celebrating the fact that we are the first and oldest g/l/b professional group in the U.S.

If you are interested in volunteering, see the list of opportunities and contact names below. If you would like more information about the GLBTF, please contact co-chair Wendy Thomas: Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA 02138; phone: 617-495-8647; fax: 617-496-8340; e-mail: wendy@harvarda.harvard.edu

Local Arrangements/Gala Dinner:

We'll need people to help with logistics for making local Chicago arrangements and planning for our Gala Dinner (Saturday, June 24, 1995). People based in Chicago are ESPECIALLY needed. Contact: Roland Hansen, Program Planning Committee Co-chair, Flaxman Library, School of the Art
Institute of Chicago, 37 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60603; Phone: 312-899-5097; Fax: 312-899-1465.

Advertising/Publicity:
We'll need to do a lot of publicity for our 25th anniversary events! If you can help, contact: Mark Martin, Publicity Chair, Temple Archives, 300 Park, Diboll, TX 75941; phone: 409-829-3543; fax: 409-829-3523.

Preconference:
On Friday, June 23, 1995, we'll host a preconference, "Reaching Inside: Reaching OUT: Supporting Growth in Libraries and in the Community." This one-day program will explore human resources issues, cooperative efforts with external community organizations, Internet resources, and program/collection development relating to g/l/b issues that affect libraries. Sessions will be designed to benefit all gay and non-gay library personnel, including administrators, human resources staff, and public and technical service librarians.

We'll need people to help design specific break-out sessions during the preconference, to suggest speakers, to assist with arrangements and to usher/direct. Contact: Michael Miller, Program Planning Committee Co-chair, Reference Librarian, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA; phone: 610-758-4890; fax: 610-758-6524; e-mail: mm0r@lehigh.edu

READ-A-LOUD:
We need a Read-A-Loud coordinator for ALA's annual conference. The Read-A-Loud is scheduled for Sunday, June 25, 1995, 4:30-5:30 pm. The coordinator leads this event, and gets people to sign up to read excerpts from books, poetry, articles, etc. Contact: Wendy Thomas, GLBT Co-chair, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA 02138; phone: 617-495-8647; fax: 617-496-8340; e-mail: wendy@harvarda.harvard.edu

FUNDRAISING:
We need volunteers to assist with long-term fundraising plans, which involve investigating ways to make the Book Awards self-sustaining. Contact: Joseph Eagan, Fundraising Chair, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Government Reference Service, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; phone: 410-396-4042; fax: 410-396-9537; e-mail: jeagan@epf11.epflbalto.org

CLEARINGHOUSE:
We need volunteers to update existing bibliographies and compile new ones. Contact: Dan Hodge, Clearinghouse Coordinator, Datacenter Library Director, 464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94612; Phone: 510-835-4692; fax: 510-835-3017; e-mail: dan@igc.apc.org

BOOK REVIEWS EDITOR:
David Streeter has asked to be relieved of his duties as Reviews Editor. David's hard work and effort have really contributed to the Newsletter. Thanks, David. David's term will expire with the annual conference in Chicago. The incoming Reviews Editor should be prepared to take over at that time.
The Reviews Editor coordinates the distribution of book review assignments, communicates with publishers of materials to be reviewed, prepares the final drafts of reviews for inclusion in the Newsletter and works with the Editor in general to present reviews of a variety of lesbian, gay and bisexual-themed works. Must be a member of ALA/SRRT/GLBTF. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for a hard-working, detail and deadline-oriented individual. Interested? Need more information? Please get in touch with the editor before Midwinter Conference if possible: Karl Fattig, Catalog Librarian, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME 04011; phone: 207-725-3284; fax: 207-725-3083; e-mail: kfattig@polar.bowdoin.edu

PRECONFERENCE UPDATE FROM MICHAEL MILLER, CO-CHAIR, PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The GLBTF is proud to host a preconference in honor of 25 years of gay activism in the library profession. The GLBTF claims the title of the oldest gay and lesbian professional organization in the country. The preconference, entitled "Reaching In, Reaching OUT: Supporting Growth in Libraries and Society," will cover a range of topics. These topics include collection development and community outreach services, to gay resources and patrons, LesBiGay professional groups' exchange, and a forum covering LesBiGay E-resources. The Keynote speaker for the pre-conference will be Donna Minkowitz, writer correspondent for the Village Voice. To help with planning contact: Michael Miller, Co-chair, GLBTF Program Planning Committee; phone: 610-758-4890; e-mail: mm0r@lehigh.edu

25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER GALA UPDATE FROM ROLAND HANSEN, CO-CHAIR, PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Plans for the GLBTF 25th Anniversary Dinner Gala are in full swing. The place will be the Hotel Inter-Continental, located on Michigan Avenue, just north of the Chicago River, the Tribune Tower, and the Wrigley Building. The dinner will be Saturday night, June 24, 1995, beginning at 7 p.m. with a cash bar cocktail hour. The Book Awards will probably begin at 9:30 p.m. The per person cost of the dinner has not been determined. Tickets will most likely be sold in advance only as the caterers need a final count on Thursday, June 22nd.

There is still a need for local arrangements volunteers. I am waiting to hear from several colleagues in the area, but anyone else interested should contact me.

The two crucial issues are getting a keynote speaker, and fixing the price of the dinner ticket. We need to pursue some outside funding, which will lower the price of the dinner ticket. We need anyone with any corporate/publishing/entertainment/retail contacts. Our goal is to raise five thousand dollars. This will bring the ticket price to $35.00 per person, and realize a profit for us. Any and all leads are appreciated, but please contact me before you contact anyone to make sure we are not duplicating
contacts, etc. At this point, without outside funding the
ticket cost is $50.00 per person, and we will break even.
Remember, a ticket is required for the dinner only. The Book
Awards will be free to all. Contact Roland Hansen, SAIC
Flaxman Library, 37 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60603; Phone: 312-
899-5097; fax: 312-899-1465.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE FROM JOSEPH EAGAN, CO-CHAIR, FUNDRAISING
COMMITTEE

At the 1994 Annual Conference, SRRT announced an end to
all funding for book awards within five years. In response
to this announcement, the GLBTF Steering Committee appointed
a Fundraising Committee to investigate the best methods of
funding our Awards in the future. Two distinct methods have
been explored: annual fundraising to cover the costs of that
year's Awards, and long-term fundraising to establish a
permanent endowment to provide needed revenues. The
Fundraising Committee members and the Co-Chairs had a
conference call with ALA's Patricia Martin and Mattye Nelson
in November to discuss pertinent issues surrounding both
methods. The current consensus of the Committee is that
GLBTF needs to pursue annual fundraising activities that
will raise funds for the Book Awards, and also enhance our
overall visibility. Further discussions about future funding
of the Book Awards will occur at the Midwinter Steering
Committee and All Committees Meetings.

The members of the Fundraising Committee are Ellen
Greenblatt, Mark Martin, Michael Nitz, and Joseph Eagan,
chair.

BOOK AWARDS STICKER UPDATE FROM MARK MARTIN, PUBLICITY CHAIR

For the past 25 years the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Task
Force (GLBTF) has awarded, more or less annually, book awards
for works important for or relevant to our community. Over
those years publicity efforts primarily focused inwardly on
the members of the community who were also, nearly
exclusively, library workers. Publishers were made aware of
our work but usually only those who were responsible for the
winning words. For one reason or another the Task Force's
reluctance to make itself more widely known continued year to
year.

Events at Midwinter and Annual meetings of ALA over the
past two or three years have presented many reasons to re-
examine our work and our procedures. Newly imposed
requirements from the Social Responsibilities Round Table
(SRRT) for book awards fiscal self-sufficiency have been an
especially strong incentive. As a result, the Steering
Committee of the GLBTF voted in Miami to proceed with the
design of a Book Awards sticker to be made available for
purchase to publishers, book sellers, and distributors. It
was felt a sticker would increase GLBTF visibility, serve as
a source of revenue, and eventually make larger scale fund
raising easier by increasing our visibility outside ALA and
publishing circles.
After extended and spirited discussion, a final design has been agreed upon (see copy following this article). The final product will be printed on 1.5 inch round, black stickers. The type and the book outline will be white while the triangle will be as shocking a pink as we can find. The triangle over the book should make it clear, even without reading the text, that the book behind the sticker has something to do with gay/lesbian/bisexual topics. For the truly curious, the text will nail down who presents the awards and how long we’ve been doing it. In combination with a publicity blitz at the Midwinter meeting, these stickers will help put the GLBTF on the road to getting its name and "face" in front of the world.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR GLBTF'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY
Get creative and compose a mission statement for GLBTF's 25th anniversary. We're looking for a two to three line mission statement that says it all about GLBTF. If you are unclear about the many aspects of GLBTF, get updated by contacting a co-chair. Remember, keep the mission statement short, concise, comprehensive, grounded and visionary. Yes, it can be done! The winning statement will be used on all GLBTF promotion for our 25th anniversary. Send your entry by January 25 to Leon Bey, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, 215 E. 3rd St., Dayton, OH 45402-2103.

QUARTERLY FORUM
In the next quarterly issues of the GLBTF Newsletter, we'd like to start a regular feature of a "Quarterly Forum" discussing an important g/l/b issue. The topic for the next newsletter is: How can GLBTF be more welcoming of women? Get creative. Factor in issues of leadership, committees, social, etc. We'll feature your comments in the next newsletter but if you go over 25 words we'll have to edit. Keep it short. Send your comments by January 25 to Leon Bey, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, 215 E. 3rd St., Dayton, OH 45402-2103.

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

OutWrite '95 The Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Writer's conference will be held March 3-5, 1995 Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Mass. Keynote addresses will be by Tony Kushner and Linda Villarosa (editor of Essence). For information and registration, call (617) 426-4469.

HQ76.3 -- the New England Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Librarians and Library Staff have a new address -- P.O. Box 2317 Jamaica Plains, MA 02130. Membership is $15. For more information, contact Joanne Goodman (617) 522-7374.

Network Q, a national lesbian and gay videomagazine, has moved from Albuquerque, NM to Atlanta, GA. Their new address is 884 Monroe Dr., Atlanta, GA 30308. They are also pleased to announce that in their third year of production they have begun to sell their monthly video at Tower Video retail stores in Atlanta, Austin, Nashville, New Orleans and Washington, DC. Network Q has been favorably recommended by Video Librarian (Sept/Oct 1994). For more information on Network Q contact, Joan Karpeles at 1-800-368-0638 or (404) 733-6112.

Norman Kester, Coordinator of Lavender Librarians, in Toronto, Canada, is presently editing an anthology on gay and lesbian librarians and their adventurous lives, in and outside of the profession. Suggested topics include: "coming out", professional and reference work, the GLBTF, gay activism, censorship and your role in furthering gay and lesbian studies, queer writing and culture. Submit essays or personal accounts (max 1250 words, double spaced). Librarians from various institutions as well as those who come from working class backgrounds, are HIV-positive and/or of color are asked to write and submit. Guideline requests or early submissions and short bio with Canadian SASE to Norman Kester, 1418-620 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4Y 2R8 (416) 944-9711 or fax (416) 922-0824 for more information. Deadline is March 31, 1995.

FROM THE EDITOR

The full-featured version of the GLBTF Newsletter will be back again in March 1995. I have extended subscriptions to account for the fact that there was no Fall Newsletter (v.6, no.3 does not exist). We have a new title however...as the organization officially voted to update its name at Miami Beach. Please do continue to send me your address changes and clippings. at my Maine address: editor's address: Karl Fattig, Catalog Librarian, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME 04011. (e-mail kfattig@polar.bowdoin.edu).
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