



WOMONSPACE

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Since the last news sheet, much has happened with Edmonton's best and only organized lesbian activity group. I'm dying to tell you all about it but first things first.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

At the next general meeting on the 14th of September, 1982, we will be taking nominations for the election of another executive. This executive will stand for a term to last from the election in November '82 (I hope) until May '83. The executive that stands right now consists of four people who accepted positions in January '82 and three people who were asked to stand and accepted at the last general meeting of the 10th - August '82.

Originally the people who have been acting as an executive up to the last meeting were only supposed to run on an interim basis for three or four months. Those months have long passed. I think it is time that some others of you have a chance to show your stuff. We all know that there are some terrific ideas and great energy out there. We really need it!! Starting a group like this takes a lot of time and energy, and it looks like we have finally got it started. Now some of us are about ready to throw in the towel and Womonspace really needs people to keep the group going and maybe even to rev up a bit!!

The only thing we ask of people who wish to stand for election is that they are members and that they have been to at least one meeting before that of the elections. So please come on the 14th, bring friends that you think might be interested in having the kind of say you have as an executive member, or any other friends who might simply be interested in being members.

The next thing of great importance is that we will be applying for our liquor licence very soon and what is required by the liquor board of a group like ours is that we have made application for society status and that we give them a copy of our constitution and a copy of our membership list which they will keep in the strictest confidence. The number of members we have determines the size of dances we can have so, all you women who enjoy and wish to continue enjoying our dances please drop by for the meeting on the 14 - September '82 at Every Woman's Place, 9926 - 112 street at 7:30 p.m. Be part of what's happening and sign our membership list. We have no membership fees yet so that's all you have to do to be a member and now is the best time to do it.

Our general meetings happen at the same time and at the same place on the second Tuesday of every month, at least until further notice. They are early enough to allow for some time to go to Flashback after if you wish to.



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING

Womonspace has, through the efforts of several concerned members, finally become a self-defined and self-regulating community of women. Yes, we have actually finished and passed our constitution!! None of us wants to hear that word spoken again for a long time.

Archives of Womonspace, consisting of all material from the very beginning are being stored at Jeanne's.

We have had some good coverage in the last few months. GATE included an article about us in the June '82 issue of the Gay Gleaner, the Roughnecks also included a blurb in their July '82 issue of Roughnecks, and our name and mailing address appears every month in The Body Politic directory pages. We also have left information about the group at GATE, Every Woman's Place and at Common Woman Books.

As a result of all the publicity in the gay community, we have received some interesting mail and phone calls. We were approached by Gayellow Pages in New York to see if we wished to be included in their directory of gay organizations and businesses in North America. We accepted. We had a call from the Body Politic in Toronto, wanting to know more about us, a call from a Calgary women's group asking for support on an issue and a call from Lethbridge wanting some information from us.

So you see, we can't go anywhere but gayly forward.

Edmonton will have lots of things for lesbians to do socially through Womonspace. By concentrating all our energy into one central core we only get better and stronger and more active. Remember our main objective is to get a place of our own for meetings, office space, social gatherings, etc., and etc.!

Come and be part of it all - meet and make new friends, too.

For more information call Jeanne at 433-3559, or Louise at 488-2290 (2 - 5 p.m.).

OTHER THINGS

- Congrats to the dance committee who produced such a fine dance at the Riverdale Hall on the 14 - August '82.

- And the same to the women of the Senior Ball Team. You do very good dances and that was demonstrated on Friday the 27 - August '82.

