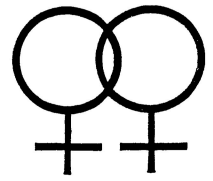


WOMONSPACE NEWS



The voice of Womonspace to the lesbian community of Edmonton

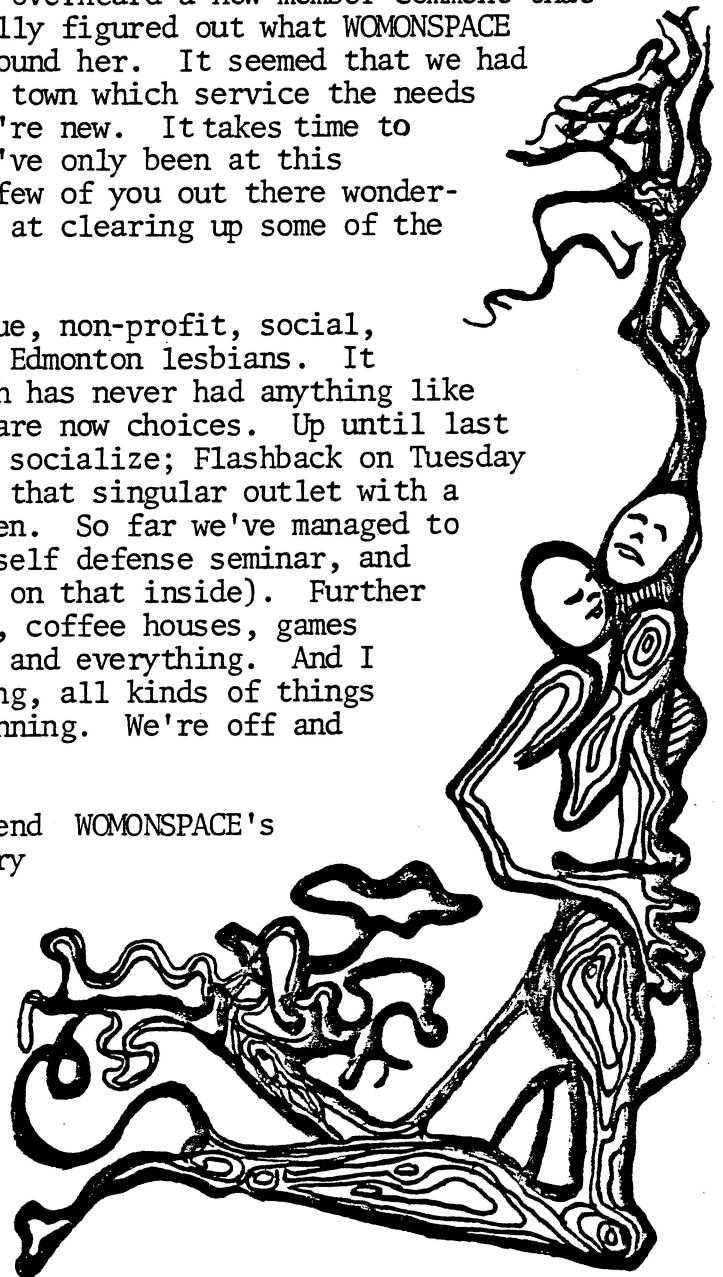
Confused ?

After the last general meeting of WOMONSPACE, I overheard a new member comment that now, after a year of hearing the name, she finally figured out what WOMONSPACE was all about. A collection of heads nodded around her. It seemed that we had been confused occasionally with other groups in town which service the needs of women in general. Well, what can I say? We're new. It takes time to establish a strong organizational entity and we've only been at this WOMONSPACE stuff for a year... Ah ha! Still a few of you out there wondering "what stuff?", right? Ok, I'll take a stab at clearing up some of the confusion.

Yes, WOMONSPACE is new - as a separate and unique, non-profit, social, recreational and educational resource group for Edmonton lesbians. It takes time, I suppose, in a city like ours which has never had anything like WOMONSPACE, to catch on to the fact that there are now choices. Up until last year, lesbians here had only one place to go to socialize; Flashback on Tuesday nights. Our purpose at WOMONSPACE is to add to that singular outlet with a variety of other social activities just for women. So far we've managed to chalk up monthly dances, a weekly gym night, a self defense seminar, and a chance to be a big hit at baseball (more into on that inside). Further plans include picnics, camping trips, ski trips, coffee houses, games nights, space to talk, space to learn, anything and everything. And I suppose that's kind of a shock; to find something, all kinds of things in fact, just for us. Well, it's only the beginning. We're off and running now - making a name for ourselves.

Confused and enthused?... you're welcome to attend WOMONSPACE's general meetings held the second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 PM at Every Woman's Place, 9926 - 112 Street.

Karen



December 1982

Showcase ~ Venus of the Month

* Venus governs love, harmony, artistry, feminine sexuality, attraction, and the ability to integrate existing influences into a unified whole.

MANN, A.T. *The round art: the astrology of time and space.*
Edited by Donald Lehmkuhl and Mary Flanagan. Cheltenham, Glos.: Paper Tiger, 1979.

The Originators of Womospace

Jeanne R. and Ann E. first started talking together in July 1981. Since both had been counsellors with GATE, and had heard many, many times, complaints from women that there was nothing for women to do socially in this city, they decided that somebody had to do something. They realized that nothing would be happening unless somebody undertook the task.

Through talking with other women, they concluded that there definitely was enough expertise among the women to do a totally all women's dance. They received advice and financing from GATE and organized the first women's dance in Sept. 1981.

While organizing that first dance they decided it was time for some kind of lesbian group here in Edmonton. It was from that, then, that Womospace evolved.


Jeanne has served on the board of Womospace as President since the first meeting in January 1982. She wrote up news sheets explaining what Womospace is and hopes to become, and since then has promoted the idea of a full monthly newsletter, which she continues to assist with. She also has many communications with other groups in Canada and the U.S. concerning Womospace.

Ann has served on the board of Womospace, also, since January 1982, as Secretary. She has consistently done the music for the dances from the very beginning and continues to do so. She also was the major organizer of the Volunteer Appreciation Night, which was held in Sept. 1982.

Together they co-ordinated the dances from Sept. 1981 to June 1982.

Jeanne wishes to thank Ann for dreaming with her those many months ago.

Shane



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Activities ~

Dances: You probably noticed. The last dance was a HUGE success - the best so far and a sell out! Many, many thanks to everyone who made it happen.

Next Dance - January 22/83

Hazeldean Hall

9630 - 66 Avenue

8:30 - 1:00

Hot and Cold Buffet

Admission: \$6.00

Music by Ann & Sheila

Softball Team: Here's your chance to be out-standing in your field (in field or out field) and have a ball (in your mitt). Sign up for Softball. Toss it around, and then register at the next general meeting of WOMONSPACE.

Gym Night: Apologies to the sweat-suit set; Gym night is cancelled on the following dates due to school activities - Dec. 16, 23, 30
Feb. 24
March 31

But don't retire your runners, every other Thursday night from 8:30 to 10:30 it's all ours at Westminster Junior High - 13712 - 104 Avenue.

Wine and Cheese party at GATE, Dec. 24 from 7 to 10. 10173 - 104 Street

Every Thursday night is Women's night at GATE 7 - 10 pm at 10173 - 104 Street. Everyone is welcome.

Young Lesbians and Gay Youth Group

Young people, 16 to 20 years of age, have had few places to meet their peers socially within our community. Now, just for them, a group is being formed, sponsored by GATE and the Unitarian Church. The leaders are aged 17 to 22 years of age.

The first organizational meeting is being held Saturday, December 18th, 6:30 pm at GATE, 10173 - 104 Street, 424-8361.

All young lesbians and gay youth, 16 to 20, are invited to attend, to plan some social activities and meet some new friends.

Metropolitan Community Church's Christmas Celebrations


God was revealed in the life of Jesus Christ and we Christians celebrate his birth with special worship services and a feast.

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the following events:

- * The four advent services - Sundays at 7:30 pm., Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19. (Advent wreath candle lighting, carol singing, Holy Communion, Scripture reading and message.)
- * Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 7:30 pm. (special music, Bible readings, carol singing, snacks and fellowship following)
- * Christ's Birthday Party (feast at 4:30 pm and worship at 7:30 pm.)
- * Christmas Sunday (pot luck supper 6:pm., worship at 7:30 pm)

M.C.C. Edmonton is a Christian community welcoming lesbians and gay men to workshop God and celebrate life in Christ's example.

We worship in the Unitarian Church building at 126 Street and 110 Avenue every Sunday at 7:30 pm. For personal contact, call 421-8552.



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Coming Events ~ Other Organizations

GATE Dance: Date - December 4/82
Phoenix Hall - 10852 - 98 St.
Time - 8:00 to 1:00
GATE members \$5.00
Non-members \$6.00
Tickets at the door



Vida, Ginny, Ed., Our Right to Love: A Lesbian Resource Book.
Englewood Cliffs, Prentice-Hall, 1978.

Food for Thought ~

Hello sir -
 Yes, I'm female -
 Yes, I'm fixing my car
 No I don't need your help
 Nor your alcohol -
 No - sir -
 I don't find it strange that I can fix my own car.
 Yes I am attractive
 No, I don't agree that that disqualifies me from
 knowledge about my car.
 Yes it is work requiring some strength
 Yes, I am female -
 Now, excuse me - you're taking up my air.

From: Karin Kratz, Dawn, A Collection
 of Poems, Initiative Publishing
 House Inc., Markham, Ontario
 1980, p.16.

Further Info :

It's a Takeover!!

Yes it is, and we in Womospace welcome it with open arms. Womospace News has recently been taken over by two very competent women from the community.

Shane hails from Vancouver, and has been in Edmonton since early 1976. She has been in the printing world for about seven years. Her first year and a half was spent doing printing for her school while going to school in Vancouver. Since, she has worked for three printers here in Edmonton. Her experience includes off-set printing, lay-out, some design work and silk screening.

Karen, the most recent staff member to join the committee is a writer. She has a degree in Creative Writing from the U. of A. With this as a basis, she has gone on to write advertising commercials for radio. She also does freelance writing of various kinds here in Edmonton.

A takeover like that, we can handle! With these two people in there scribbling and pasting we will surely have a quality newsletter for Womospace.

...And they say "if you can type, write, edit, draw, joke, rhyme or reason, we want you! Womospace News wants more staff, so if you can contribute any of the above call Shane 455-9406 or Jeanne 433-3559.

Contest!

You know what they say...if you've got it, flaunt it. Trouble is, we don't got it yet!! So we're holding a T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST. Be as creative as you want. The only stipulation is that your design must include the name WOMONSPACE. Send your entries to:
 Logo Contest
 c/o 11925 - 131 Street
 Edmonton

WOMONSPACE news is available at Flashback, GATE, Every Woman's Place, Common Woman Books, and at WOMONSPACE dances.

Some very interesting reading is in store for you in the following periodicals:

Cosmopolitan - October 82
 Lesbian Life Styles

Rolling Stone - November 82
 America's Gay Women

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

There was an election held November 9 and a new Executive was voted in. The new executive is as follows:

- President - Louise
- Vice-President - Agathe
- Treasurer - Linda
- Secretary - Ann
- Director of Public Relations - Jeanne
- Director of Activities - Pat
- Director of Membership - Candy

Many thanks to Bonnie and Kris for all their hard work on the Executive. Welcome to Agathe and Pat to the new Executive.

Olds Executive:

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- Secretary - Ann
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