



the Honeypot

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A Few Words . . .

by Christine Jarosz
Director/Coordinator

Last month I wrote about an experience I had with my Mother during the holidays. I wanted to let you know that my Mother was really touched by my article and shared it with her friends. That, of course, made me very happy. So, I really want to thank the LRC for the opportunity to write each month. Without it, I probably would not have had that experience and that experience was very important to me.

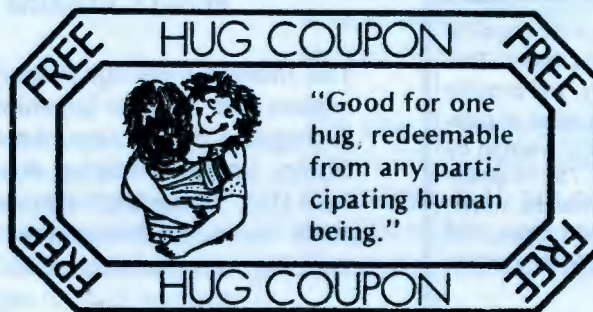
I know I wrote that I would write about our finances, and budget, and money matters this month; but, I don't think I can. This past month, along with 78% of the world, I have been sick (I hear the collective "oh". Thanks, I appreciate your kindness) and I still have not recovered my wits (and you are saying, "what wits"?) to write about such an important and intricate matter. So, I hope you can wait til next month.

One light thing I can write about is personal growth. This year, almost one year to the day, I started to learn to use the computer...something I thought I could never do. I just did not allow myself to think that I was capable. I was an idea person...an inspirer...not a technically skilled and talented person. I really limited myself. Now I am getting pretty good at it. I, of course, was very lucky... I had a very good teacher, Deb Floyd. And, I want to thank Deb for all the support that she gives to me and to other womyn. She is patient, smart, and very capable. LRC and I owe her very much. She is just great. But the point is that life is a continuing experience and if you allow yourself, you can do anything...if you just let yourself. Well, so much for this month. Maybe next month I will have recovered enough to write something interesting. Maybe not.

Thanks to Mary Ellen, Gail, and Jennifer who told me how much they liked my article about my Mom and me last month. Your kind words mean a lot.



KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE A HUG?



USE ONE YOURSELF NOW AND THEN?

REDEEM OUR COUPON AT THE LRC - NO STRINGS ATTACHED

**Crisis Intervention Program
Battered Lesbian Project:**

February 5, 1993 a meeting with Dallas Lesbian and Gay Alliance on Domestic Violence was held at the Gay/Lesbian Community Center. Christine Jarosz, Artemis, and Tanea, all of the LRC's Battered Lesbian Project, attended this meeting called by DGLA Board Member, Gary Bellamy. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways of introducing the issue of Domestic Violence to the Lesbian and Gay Community. Since LRC has been conscious of this issue and been working on it for over 3 years, Gary asked the LRC to participate and bring our expertise to the meeting. Since there are already programs for womyn, both in the Lesbian and mainstream communities, the primary focus it seems will be to introduce this area of concern to the Gay Community (meaning men). Approximately 15 people were at this meeting. Except for Gary, all were womyn. There were lawyers, police officers, therapists, Battered Lesbians, community activists, and Program Directors in attendance. LRC members made certain that everyone knew what the Centre had and was continuing to do in the area of Domestic Violence and Crisis Intervention. The information was very well received. The only concern that LRC representatives had was one that continues to be a critical issue for womyn. There were 14 womyn there and it appeared that most of them were interested in spending their time and energy on issues of interest and benefit to men. Needless to say that the issue of Domestic Violence in gay relationships are of importance, but if womyn continue to abandon the needs of womyn in favor of the needs of men, where does that leave womyn? LRC plans to continue to meet and work with DGLA on this project to insure that womyn's needs are not overlooked and abandoned. And, we'd like to say that Gary deserves a lot of credit for talking on a project that will get little support from men. Hopefully his stand will help other men take responsibility for their own lives rather than depending on the neverending love and nurturing of womyn alone. The Crisis Intervention Program: Battered Lesbian Project meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 5:30 at the Centre.

The Lesbian Resource Centre exists to create physical space where lesbians are valued for themselves. This space, committed to a feminist philosophy, will provide resources to all lesbians. The LRC Newsletter is published monthly and is distributed to over 650 womyn by the LRC, P.O. Box 180446, Dallas, TX 75218-0446. (214) 821-3999. We welcome your comments, news, suggestions, and contributions. Call for ad rates. All material is due in the LRC by the second Friday of the month.

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ThankYou THANKYOU ThankYou ThankYou

Thanks this month go especially to Maria for making dinner last week. She volunteered at the very last minute and saved the day. Thanks Maria. Also thanks to Donna Bigelow, Mary Jo, Audrey, Teresa, Jennifer, Karla, Deb, Lisa Mashigian, all those who helped with the Therapy Sisters Concert, Teri Rosario, Valerie B, Lurese, Tanea, Artemis, Judy Cannon, Ruth, Vicki Harris, MaAnna, Lynn, Valerie G, Judith Powell, Lucy.

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a grounds keeper (someone to take care of and that the lawn around the corner)



make sure the Garden is mown...Spring is just



Volunteers to answer the telephone (requires a short training session).

PLEASE call Christine if you know of someone who would like to do any of these little tasks.

What Christine Did in February:

This month's meetings, telephone calls and conversations: turkey basters and artificial insemination, pan sexuality (what is that?), segregation by Lesbians of men, sexual discrimination, hatred and bigotry, leather and dildos, directions to the Centre (52), harassment calls (12), Friday Night Dinners, Over 38's, drag queens, relationships, teenagers being thrown out of their homes because of their sexuality, responsibility, suicide, Battered Lesbians, etc.

Please Note new policy on newsletter: Items other than announcements and artwork should be submitted on diskette. Thanks for your cooperation. (Editor)

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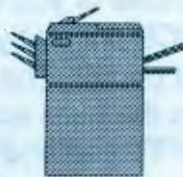
Just this very week, one of our newest members was able to borrow money to buy a new car to replace the one she wrecked on Saturday night. And where was she able to get a loan with the speed of lightning? Well, the WSFCU, the oldest women's/feminist credit union in the country, run by sisters and other friendly sorts.

This credit union that was started to help women with their credit and money matters loans money to women, their partners, or their family members. Credit cards are available through this wonderful institution. And unlike other community credit unions, unsecured loans are available based upon credit worthiness.

The Credit Union was created specifically to help women establish credit. They offer help with money management problems. It is easily accessible on Central Expressway at the University/Yale exit. Members of the Lesbian Resource Centre are able to join this common bond Credit Union. You are helping other like minded womyn when you save or borrow from the Credit Union. Let your money or your need help others at the very same time. Mary Deskins is the womyn to call at 368-4466.

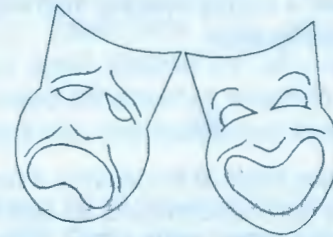
A Most Welcome Gift

Received a donation of a Sharp Copier from *Printing Please*. This copier will be used as parts for the one we already have but does not work at this time. Donna Bigelow is our resident Sharp Copier Technician and will have our machine running again soon.



Black ink pens, color pens, markers, scotch tape, another telephone line, another really good answering machine, telephone, fax machine, hanging magazine rack, lawn mower, rake, shovel, clippers, plants and flowers, waste baskets, roof repairs, pencil sharpener, stamps, money, new members, shelves in the kitchen. Thanks to all of you who brought in office supplies last month.

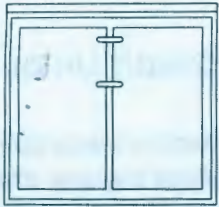
WISH LIST



The UNDERMAIN THEATRE Presents the regional premiere of Howard Barker's THE CASTLE (A TRIUMPH).

A love affair between the lady of a medieval manor and a farm woman creates a feminist utopia which is challenged by the return of crusading knights.

The play runs Wednesdays through Saturdays until March 27. Curtain times are 7:30 pm on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 8:15 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$10 to \$14; *Wednesdays are Pay What You Can*. The UNDERMAIN THEATRE is located 3202 Elm St.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Over 38's

Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30. A nice place to meet. (At the LRC, of course.)



BEYOND VANILLA

S/M, LEATHER, FETISH SEMINARS

Saturday, March 13, 1993

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Dallas Gay & Lesbian Community Center

Call (214) 559-3511 for more info.



UNDER 30

Sunday, March 14 from 2:00 - 5:00pm, the Under 30 Group will have a cookout for members and prospective members. Anyone who is interested in learning about the group is invited to attend this informal gathering. Please plan to attend. For more information, talk to Karla or Jennifer - we are at the LRC every Saturday from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.



On March 26, the Friday Night Dinner will be prepared for your dining pleasure by the Under 30 Group. Anyone interested in the new group **come to dinner!** What better way to spend a Friday evening than with good food and good conversation



Don't forget Saturday Night at the Movies, a fun way to see some classics you may have missed, as well as relatively new releases. At the LRC, on the First Saturday of the month, at 7:00 pm. See a flick with your friends!



The Tuesday Night Discussion Group, currently meeting on Wednesday evenings, is always a sure bet for interesting conversation. Check the calendar for dates and times, and then check it out!



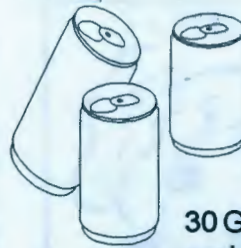
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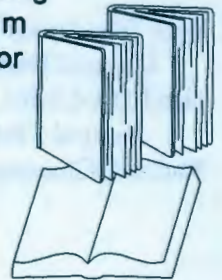
Lisa R. Mashigian
President



CANS FOR BOOKS

Have you heard about the project being sponsored by the new Under

30 Group? We are collecting and recycling aluminum cans. The money will go to buy books for the LRC library. Due to a lack of storage space at the Center, the group will be collecting at the LRC every third Saturday from noon to 5:00 pm starting March 20. See ya Saturdays!



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SPECIAL THANKS

For those of you who did not attend the WINTER DANCE put on by the Under 30 Group, you missed a great party!! The success of this event is due primarily to the hard work and sweat of the following members: Teresa and Jennifer F. for the cleaning and decorating, J-lene for signs and carpentry skills, and Amanda and Grace for music and stereo equipment. A round of applause for all. A special thanks to Jennifer B. for spinning the tunes that kept us dancing, and Kathy of Sue Ellen's who was kind enough to provide us with some of the music for the evening, and Dawyn for taking care of the cash box at the door. Last but not least, all the wonderful women who pitched in when the dance was over and the lights came up, and helped clean-up and put the Center back together.

The following Saturday, January 31, the Under 30 Group ran the extremely successful LRC Cafe during the Therape Sisters concert. Thanks to Kathy, Kristy, and Amanda for their hard work. Thanks to everyone for making these events the successes they were.

1993 MCC/LRC AUCTION

Each year MCC sponsors an Auction to benefit three different Lesbian groups. LRC has always been one of those groups. This year the auction will be held at the MCC church on **April 3 at 6:00pm**. Donations of services (hair cuts, yard maintenance, color counseling, therapy, massages, piano lessons, violin lessons, painting, etc) and things (jewelry, paintings, clothes, furniture, clothes, anything) are appreciated. Call Dawynn or Lisa to help.

Sheila's uncle is bringing to the Auction thousands of dollars worth of leather goods (exotic and erotic-all sorts). Last year Deb bought a \$300 dollar leather jacket for \$75.00. There are a lot of great deals to be had. This is also an event to which we invite all those guys out there who want to support their sisters and who want to get a good deal.

There are lots of things that need to be done for this to be a successful event. There is always a ton of food there...lots of someones have to make it and set it up....someone has to solicit the donations...someone has to work the tables...someone has to help with the catalogue...someone has to clean up...you know there are a million things that have to be done on any project. SO, call Lisa or Dawynn.

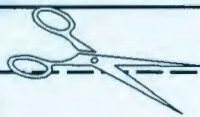


NAME THAT GROUP

The name, "Under 30 Group", lacks the pizzazz that the dynamic women of the group are seeking, but we're having trouble coming up with something better. We are appealing to the masses for help. We are sponsoring a NAME THE GROUP contest. Watch for details and a listing of the rules to be posted at the LRC!



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Talent Show

The Spring Talent Show is almost on us. If you want to perform or participate, please call Christine. At the end of March or April. Call for exact dates.



SRO

Diana Rivers' Performance Art presentation was a great success! The crowd, which was standing room only, was very enthusiastic, and participated in the production by dancing and playing musical instruments, which were distributed by the troupe. Local musicians also participated in this creative and colorful presentation. The event, which was held on Valentine's Day, generated a very high energy level shared by all present. Tentatively scheduled for another event in late fall...watch for details if you are interested in participating.

Thanks to all of the women involved, including the Under 30 Goup (they're everywhere), and all the local talent, the clean-up crew, security crew, publicity crew, and everyone who worked to make this event such a success.



PLEASE CHECK A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- FOUNDING MOTHER (10\$ PER MONTH) _____
- CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (40\$ PER YEAR) _____
- PARTICIPATING/VOTING MEMBER (40\$ PER YEAR) _____
- BENEFACTOR AMOUNT (250\$ - 500\$ PER YEAR) _____
- CORPORATE MEMBER (200\$ PER YEAR) _____

THE CIRCLE IS EVER OPEN, EVER UNBROKEN

by Artemis Silverowl

I made a promise to my Self this past Lammas (August 1992) to revive/restart a Wimmin's Dianic Magic Circle in the Metroplex. After a slow start, I am pleased to say that area wimmin are showing their interest and support through an ever increasing number who regularly attend these Circles. I would like to thank the LRC for providing a safe place for gathering and for enabling news of the rituals to be spread through out the community via announcements in *The Honeypot*.

It has been brought to my attention that there are some wimmin who are hesitant to attend these rituals, because they have no knowledge of what goes on at a ritual and they don't know what to bring with them to the Circle. Please do not allow lack of experience with wimmin's Magic to prevent you from attending ritual. These rituals are designed to enable and encourage ALL wimmin the opportunity to dis-cover the Goddess within and celebrate Her mysteries.

Generally speaking, the following items are used/needed at ritual:

1. Festive clothes
2. Food to share at the ritual feast
3. Candles, one placed on the altar to represent yourself and an extra one just in case they're needed for other things.
4. A special/magical object to place on the altar; this can include a favorite crystal, feather, statue, flowers, etc.
5. Musical instruments, especially percussion type

I would also like to assure wimmin that attendance at a ritual does not mean that participation in all aspects of the ritual is mandatory. During the course of the ritual only do the things that you are comfortable with doing. You can always opt to step out of any portion of the ritual that you are not comfortable with doing. Further, you are always able to leave the Circle at any time if you are not comfortable.

So I would like to extend an invitation to you to come and attend a ritual... take a moment to come closer to your Goddess Self... and feel the power of Wimmin's Energy. Blessed Be!



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RECAP

The evening with The Therape Sisters was an unqualified success!! Not only was the crowd "Standing room only", people actually had to be turned away at the door! This is another instance establishing that the women's community can and will support events and artists who see things, and share them, from a unique perspective. Many thanks to every one who worked so hard. In light of the fact that not all women who wanted to see the show were able to, a larger facility is being sought for future such events. We don't want anyone to miss out on such great entertainment.



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Feb 28 10:30am Women's Lodge 1:00pm -5 Librarian's Open House	Mar 1 ● FQ 3:00pm -7 Centre Open 6:30pm New Member Orientation	Mar 2 3:00pm -7 Centre Open	Mar 3 <i>Jean Harlow Day</i> 7:30pm Tuesday Night Discussion	Mar 4 MARCH IS 7:00pm Women's Lodge	Mar 5 7:30pm Friday Night Dinners	Mar 6 3:00pm -5:00 Under 30's 7:00pm Saturday Night at the Movies
Mar 7 10:30am Women's Lodge 1:00pm -5 Librarian's Open House	Mar 8 ○ FM International Women's Day 3:00pm -7 Centre Open 5:30pm Domestic Violence Task Force	Mar 9 3:00pm -7 Centre Open 7:30pm Over 38's Group	Mar 10	Mar 11 WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH 7:00pm Women's Lodge	Mar 12 6:00pm LRC Business/ Board Meeting/ Newsletter Deadline 7:30pm Friday Night Dinners	Mar 13 3:00pm -5:00 Under 30's 6:30pm Umoja Hermanas
Mar 14 ● LQ 10:30am Women's Lodge 1:00pm -5 Librarian's Open House	Mar 15 3:00pm -7 Centre Open 6:30pm Volunteer Training	Mar 16 <i>Sarah Caldwell Day</i> 3:00pm -7 Centre Open 7:30pm Womyn Overcoming Racism	Mar 17 7:30pm Tuesday Night Discussion Group	Mar 18 7:00pm Women's Lodge	Mar 19 6:00pm Newsletter Mailing 6:30pm Membership Committee 7:30pm Friday Night Dinners	Mar 20 Spring begins 3:00pm -5:00 Under 30's
Mar 21 10:30am Women's Lodge 12:30pm Facilities Committee 1:00pm -5 Librarian's Open House 2:00pm -5pm Spring Equinox 5:00pm Womyn of Color Poetry and Short Story Session	Mar 22 3:00pm -7 Centre Open 5:30pm Domestic Violence Task Force	Mar 23 ● NM 3:00pm -7 Centre Open 7:30pm Over 38's Group	Mar 24	Mar 25 Matilda Jocelyn Gage Day 7:00pm Women's Lodge 7:30pm Book Study	Mar 26 Sandra Day O'Connor Day 7:30pm Friday Night Dinners	Mar 27 3:00pm -5:00 Under 30's
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