



GAY WAYNE NEWS

The official weekly newsletter of the
Wayne State University GLBTA Student Union
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-On our agenda this week-

WHAT IS THIS?

Because many members are unable to make weekly meetings, yet so many would like to still participate in our organization's events, moment-by-moment minutes have been replaced with a weekly newsletter. Hopefully a newsletter will provide more details, background and insight into our events.

RUTH ELLIS CENTER:

The Ruth Ellis Center (REC) is a drop-in house for GLBT youth that have been kicked out or ran away from home, skip school, etc. because of the negative and unbearable way that they are treated. There is also a live-in center, which houses between 25 and 30 teens. The GLBTA is planning a series of monthly get-togethers with these teens in order to give a helping hand to those less fortunate than us.

For anyone wanting to participate in the Ruth Ellis Center program, the following information is vital. Kezia Curtis has a form that need to be filled out if you wish to participate. If you don't have a form, please email Kezia on facebook and arrange it so you can fill one out. These forms are necessary so that the REC can perform a background check on all participants- to make sure that no one is a pedophile or has a criminal record. Whether or not you have already filled out your form, the entire process of a background check has been known to take as long as 14 business days, so please turn them into Kezia ASAP!

Ruth Ellis Center is located at [77 Victor St.](#) Highland Park, MI 48203.

Everyone is going to be providing their own transportation. However, if you are unavailable to drive yourself to REC, there are other options. Elizabeth Murray, Phil McDonald, Sara Pfaff, Danielle McCall, Kim Edwards, Steve Nosakowski, Cara Beichler, Kaitlin Utley & Clare Wilson have offered to pick up & drop off individuals from campus. Each can carry between two and four people in their respective vehicles. Please email one of the above individuals over facebook in order to make arrangements.

Our first event at REC is going to be on November 16, 2007 at 7:00pm. It is going to be a meet & greet. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass or something for everyone to drink (except alcohol, of course). Everything and anything should be OK- entrees, food, pizza, dessert. Assuming that all 30 teens are present, plus 30 GLBTA people, plus another 30 drop-in kids, it is recommended that portions be appropriate for 90-100 people. We will also be sponsoring a series of games for this meet in order to try and get to know the residents better and to get them to know us better. Please bring a board game of some kind as well. REC has also recently acquired a new sound system, so everyone who is participating is strongly encouraged to bring a CD / burned CD of music that you think the kids would like. Finally, two things for which the REC is asking are frozen meats and donated clothes. If anyone would care to be so generous as to donate some of the above products, it would be greatly appreciated. To reiterate, if you wish to participate:

1. Fill out background check form & give to Kezia Curtis ASAP.
2. November 16, 2007 @ 7:00pm.
3. Need your own transit.
4. 77 Victor St., Highland Park.
5. Make / buy food for 100 people.

6. Bring a board game.
7. Bring a CD / burned CD. (or better yet, bring two)
8. Possibly bring frozen meats and / or clothes.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER

Planning for the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) is progressing nicely. Student Center suites 309 and 311 are believed to have been acquired to be the new location for the center. Dr. Strauss, Dean of Students, is expected in November to issue a final notice on whether or not these rooms have been secured for the GSRC. At this time, the organization is asking that members brainstorm as to what we would like to have included in the center. Thus far, the following items have been discussed as being a part of the GSRC:

1. GLBT magazine subscription & books!
2. Corkboard.
3. Chalkboard / dry erase board.
4. Furniture (couch, coffee table, lamp, desk).
5. Artwork / mural / flag (It would be really helpful if anyone can do artwork or knows a local artist that would donate a piece)
6. Coffee pot.
7. Computer / internet / scanner / printer.
8. Basic office supplies.

Your insight is requested. If you have an idea on what could be placed in the center, or if you have an idea for a program, please email the secretary at al0795@wayne.edu.

DISPLAY CASE

Once again, we will be putting together a display case. Steve has been able to reserve a case for us during the week starting Monday, December 3. The case will have to be completed by Tuesday the 4th and taken down before noon on Monday, December 10. Thus far, we have a running theme for the case, "Gays Have Families, Too." We are currently looking for pictures of members with their families, drawings of families together, GLBT families and so forth. Any artwork or further ideas to extend the theme would be appreciated. If you can't make the meeting on Monday, November 5, contact the secretary at al0795@wayne.edu to submit your ideas.

LIBERIAN LITERACY PROJECT

The Liberian Literacy Project (LLP) was established to help purchase text books for college students in Liberia. Each member of the GLBTA is encouraged to donate one book, and get 25 other students to donate one book, in which case they would each pledge 25 other students to donate one book. Please go to liberianliteracyfoundation.org in order to find out where you can drop off the books locally. Further questions about the GLBTA's participation should be directed to Katrina Fenton.