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Ohio Lesbian Archives

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HAPPY 2013!

I am delighted to tell you that the Archives has been quite active since our last newsletter!

OLA is fortunate to have two interns right now: Christa/X-a, who is continuing with digitizing gems from the collection, and Lucy, who is doing research to complete her Masters at UC. Besides the wonderful work and assistance they contribute, they inspire Vic and me. Let us not forget our new volunteer, Sandy, who helped Vic organize the massive book collection and dusts without complaint! Months go by with no visitors and then we have people who use the resources and appreciate all we have collected over the years....well, let's be honest...decades. This is gratifying on many levels, and we thank them publically here.

We had a nice turnout for our Open House December 8th. Many supporters stopped by to see what we've been doing. Vic went all out with refreshments; she also donated the profit made from sales of the rainbow and goddess jewelry she created.

Please consider joining us some Tuesday evening! (5-7 pm & you might want to call first to ensure we'll be there: 513-256-7695). We invite you to come out of curiosity and leave feeling empowered by all the images and artifacts. You don't have to be a student or researcher to visit. We promise not to put you to work (the first time)--just show up and find out why we've survived all these decades and why it's important that we continue (donations gladly accepted but not required).

Archivally yours,
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OLA Fun(d)raiser at Pike Street Lounge

March 19, 2013

6 – 8 pm

Join OLA volunteers and supporters for *HAPPY HOUR* on Tuesday, March 19 at 266 West Pike Street in Covington, Kentucky 41011. A portion of the profits from 6 – 8 pm will be donated to OLA! We would like to thank the Pike Street Lounge for their generosity. We will give a brief presentation and answer any questions as the festivities begin. See you there!



Ironically enough, our laid-back three hour Open House on December 8 generated slightly more revenue than our very labor intensive Coffeehouse in October. We welcomed many friends and enjoyed showing off the collection, sharing memories and dreams, and relaxing in the holiday atmosphere. We would love to sponsor a coffeehouse/talent show each October to celebrate Lesbian/Gay History Month but need some help making it more fun and less physical labor. We are no longer spring chickens and frankly did not enjoy lugging the heavy sound equipment back to the archives for safekeeping at midnight after everyone else went home. Perhaps we need to ask for help. Help! Call or email us if you have any ideas on how to pull off a talent show devoted to local lesbian performers, writers, etc. with a minimum amount of pain. We would love any help or suggestions! Thank you!



Check out our next newsletter and blog for our Summer Pride Celebration Events: Open House with refreshments, rainbow & goddess jewelry sale and much more, including a Summer Soiree and an Open Mic Poetry Party (bring your own poems or those of your favorite lesbian poets).....
Again, thank you to all who help keep OLA thriving!