

## Annual report for 1975.

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## GPU INC ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL 1975

Cash Received	1974	1975	
Gpu News	6074.46	11355.68	1*
Benefit Ball	2245.00	N/A	
Collections at Monday meetings	952.79	659.17	
Benefit donations, Safransky Fund	902.00	338.63	
Donations for Public Relations	624.42	462.42	
V. D. Examination Center	565.89	3192.80	
Membership Dues	226.00	274.00	
General Donations	175.67	193.76	
Speakers Honorariums	135.00	138.95	
Social Events	84.00	.00	
Fund Raising	22.60	288.63	
Building Fund Donations	.00	338.63	
Library	.00	42.00	
Phone Committee	.00	30.00	
General Corporation Operations	.00	105.00	
Interest from Savings Account	40.89	123.42	
TOTAL	\$ 12048.72	\$ 17543.09	
Cash Expenses			
Gpu News	6342.80	11879.65	1*
Benefit Ball, Hall, Prizes	1704.54	N/A	
V. D. Examination Center	905.79	250.13	
Public Relations	748.03	432.22	
Legal Fees	425.00	860.00	
Phone Service	143.89	67.02	2*
Library	131.15	192.90	
Education, Speakers Committee	90.86	109.54	
Social	86.61	N/A	
Rent	80.00		3*
Office Supplies	69.52		
Postage	61.96		
Fund Raising	45.00	26.38	
Safransky Fund	13.34	.00	
General Corporation Operations	.00	318.14	
Membership Committee	.00	48.88	
Salaries, V. D. Center	.00	1833.29	
Savings Account	.00	1000.00	
Federal Government, State, FICA	.00	642.94	
TOTAL	\$ 10848.49	\$ 17661.09	

- 1\* See GPU News Financial Report for 1975 for a complete detail report.
- 2\* \$235.32 was payed directly to the phone company by the Gem Fund for the V. D. Center Hotline.
- 3\* Rent was furnished by a private donation of the Gem Fund estimated at \$85.00 per month. Or \$1020.00 for the year.
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TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS FOR 1975

Balance in savings account, Dec 31, 1975	\$2,664.31
" " general " " " "	1,116.13
" " GPU News " " " "	<u>588.75</u>
Total in bank accounts	4,369.19

# CHAIRMAN - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT FOR 1975 by Alyn W. Hess

This has been a year of continued growth for Gay Peoples Union, Inc. At the start of the year we were meeting in the small and crowded V.D. Examination Center on St. Paul Street, because we had been burned out of the 1st Baptist Church in late 1974. No other churches would allow gay people to meet within their walls.

It seemed as the winter proceeded in 1975 that, although there were many meetings devoted to creating a community center for G.P.U. to operate out of, we did not have the resources, nor devotion to the idea, to be able to create and operate a center of the kind that we needed. Thus there was a gap between the desire for a center and the capabilities to get it.

This gap was bridged by the Gerald Earl Meyers Foundation, Inc. when in June they rented a lower flat at 1568 N. Farwell Ave. for use as a community center. We moved in right away and then put in nearly a month's meetings working to clean up the place and get it into usable shape for meetings and the V.D. Examinations. During the rest of the year repairs were made on the building to bring it up to code so that an occupancy permit could finally be issued just before Christmas. The G.E.M. Fund estimates that over \$10,000. were spent for renovations, and furniture. G.P.U. owes a large debt of thanks to Mr. Meyers and his foundation for creating a center where for the first time we have been able to hold simultaneous sessions of various topics and draw together effectively our programs. We have not yet realized this goal of gathering our resources, and it must be one of the goals for the next year to move the library in and get it opened up to the public on a regularly scheduled basis.

The financial report of the treasure needs a few items pointed out and explained. It appears that our income in the general funds was only \$140 larger than 1974's. But where the money came from is nowhere near the same. In '74 over 1/3rd came from the benefit ball. In '75 over 1/2 of our income came from reimbursements for the V.D. examination program. These City of Milwaukee funds channeled through the 16th Street Community Health Center reflect our drive to put G.P.U. on a paid, full-time, funded basis in the future.

Looking at the donations, it appears that we are down \$300. from '74. But notice that well over \$300. were donated to the building fund. Thus our overall donations remained about the same, meaning that



unless there is an increase in attendance at weekly meetings, there will be little increased giving. All those special appeals for the building fund just diverted the money which had regularly been put into the lavender donations bowl.

The biggest expense in 1974 was \$1700. for the ball. In '75 there is 1800 dollars in salaries for the V.D. Examiners and director, plus a new item of \$650. paid in taxes. Again this reflects our efforts to put G.P.U. on a paid staff basis. (There will follow below an outline of hurdles we must jump in order to proceed toward that goal.) However, the rather high costs of setting up the V.D. Program in '74 did not have to be repeated and in fact many supplies paid for then are still on the shelf awaiting use. Further, The GEM Fund has continued to cover the costs of many items needed for the V.D. program.

Our legal expenses doubled over what we had in '74 because of our year long battle with the Federal Internal Revenue Service seeking a 501 (c) (3) income tax exemption status as a recognized charity. If we would have been granted it, all donations to this corporation would have been allowed to have been deducted from the donors base of taxable income. We must continue this fight in 1976. It is crucial!

Financially, Gay People's Union is very sound. We have over \$4000. in our three accounts at the end of the year. Last year we had a little over \$3000. But in addition we have more assets such as the GPU News typesetter, more books in the library, and our trademarked teeshirts and buttons. Since we have not put a dollar value on our library, it is impossible to set a total corporate worth figure with any accuracy. But it might be between ten and twenty thousand dollars.

There are some important decisions that have to be made this coming year by the new board and officers. I shall try to outline my feelings and opinions on them below, in order to help focus them.

I feel that we have put too great an emphasis on social service to the community and those in need. This has worn down our dedicated members and volunteers but not done a great deal to eliminate the sources of oppression that have for the most part created the situations where we are asked to help. It seems to me we should have been and need to become more active in confronting the society where oppressive discrimination against gay people exists, and where our rights are denied. Despite my having argued for this kind of role for G.P.U. for

several years now, the membership has never been willing to take a stand on going out and meeting the anti-gay feelings head on. I have tried through the topics of the meeting to raise the consciousness levels of the members to the level where they not only understand the need for confrontations and negotiations but also have the ideas, research and the willingness to carry out these efforts. Yet the general membership does not see fit to attend the Monday night meetings regularly and so can not be brought along as a group. Every meeting has had to go back and cover the same old basic materials for new members and those who have not been able to attend often enough to keep up their growth in awareness.

So we have been held back by our own members who want to be so comfortably middle class that they will not set the time aside to become sufficiently interested in Gay Liberation (as a movement for their own good) to think about it all the time and do something about it every week. As an example of how little they will let it intrude into their lives, how many of them will you see wearing their G.P.U. Lambdas trademark buttons everywhere they go each day? Seldom do I see even that small mute action. I am at a loss to know what to do with such a group of members. There have been mighty efforts over the last 5½ years I have been in this movement, but none of them can overcome this inertia of apathy. So the leaders must learn that it is something you must live with.

How then can we ever reach our goals, if we have not got a large group of dedicated, working, and knowledgeable members? I am even more convinced now than I was 5 years ago that the only way we will go forward is with a full time staff of people who can work during the daily hours of commerce, to change the rest of society. We have tried doing it on weekends and evening for long enough now to know full well that we can not get to our goal in our life times if we can only work on it part time.

For example, if I had not been unemployed and living on compensation, I would not have had the time to go to the meetings to set up our V.D. Examination program, nor to buy the supplies, paint the rooms, do the initial public relations and nail down the money. Had I been working, this opportunity would likely have passed us by just as so many others have, because there just is not the time in any ones life to do what is needed for gay lib and still make ones living working at a regular job. So fulltime day workers are needed to advance our cause each day on a daily schedule of work.

I have roughed out ideas for proposals of programs that would move our cause forward. But, I have not had the time to tour these around to friends for their helpful input, nor to put them all together in a final form that can be copied and taken to corporate foundations and government agencies to persuade them to give us the money we need to do the work of gay liberation.

So what are we to do? We have amassed a large amount of money and it should be used to fight the I.R.S. tooth and Nail (through the courts if need be) until they grant us the right (that all other similar but non-gay corporations have) to our 501 (c)(3) exemption. Once that is in hand, we have already laid the groundwork of contacts and friends in the community so that we will be able to apply successfully to the United Fund for membership. We can apply for 51 42 county health and social service grants and 92-255 federal funds. We can get staff people to work for us in the Youth Employment act or the WIN programs and they will be paid by those programs, not G.P.U. I have worked very hard to build the reputation of Gay People's Union, Inc. within the social service community of professionals and have succeeded in gaining recognition for us on all levels of government. They will give us the money if we can just get past the federal I.R.S.

So we should now pledge all of our nest egg of savings to getting that 501 (c)(3) exemption. Once we have it we will be able to replace it rather quickly.

Then our own unemployed members can go through the WIN agency and be assigned to work fulltime with GPU and get paid a minimum wage for their work. They will be able then to write the proposals and to circulate them to sources of money from which substantial living wages can be obtained. So you can see now, that in the long run, we need to fight with the IRS, in order to get the money to hire full time people who will be able to work full time on making this a better world for gay people.

This I.R.S. Fight will not be something that will mean much involvement for the membership however. Therefore, I propose that those who want to be active during this election year should organize a voter education committee which will poll and question all candidates for all offices on the ballot in Milwaukee county. They should make their findings all known to the general public as part of our educational effort. Public education of citizens on crucial issues is part of our charter. By next year at this time we should be ready to take off and make real progress.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1975-1976 has been a time of great change and movement for Gay Peoples' Union. We have acquired a new home, at the Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell Ave. And we, as a group have had to survive a burn-out of our former meeting place, cramped quarters on St. Paul St., and much internal stress caused by these three major moves.

It was, despite hardship, a year of tremendous growth for GPU. The newspaper gained with the purchase of an IBM typesetter, and tremendous subscription growth. The speakers' committee made large inroads to our non-Gay brothers and sisters with an increased number of speakers' engagements. The Crisis Line and the V.D. Clinic helped to continue and re-inforce GPU's long history of service to the Gay community. Fund-raising events added to our group's visibility, with participation in the Brady St. Festivals and several rummage sales. And we, as a group, did not forget support of Gay events, either. A large group of GPU members participated in Chicago's Gay Pride Week parade. We also had representatives at Gay Academic Union conferences and at Nat'l. Gay Task Force affairs. We have also become a resource for a group of Gay educators interested in searching out negative material about homosexuality in texts, and promoting change in this all-important area.

Our meetings, though somewhat chaotic, because of moves, always aimed at raising personal liberation as well as group liberation. We had four meetings which were attended by several owners of gay bars, with the idea of establishing better relations. As a result, the owner of Ces't La Vie established of donation jar at his Sunday brunches especially for GPU. We also sponsored an exhibition of martial arts at the Inferno on January 28, 1976. This was in response to several severe beating in the gay bar district. We also had a speaker from Tulane University in Louisiana who spoke on how liberation is progressing there. We had a meeting devoted to speakers from the female impersonator/"drag"/professional entertainers' segment of the Gay community. This meeting, while it provoked a great deal of controversy, established a strong line of communication with this group. We had a meeting devoted to the speakers' committee, with a mock speaking engagement; a meeting for discussion of minorities within the gay community. And, ofcourse, several early meetings were utilized for repair of our new home at the Center.

At several meetings, when the question of Gay civil rights came up, GPU prepared to support military persons, (either verbally, or by fund raisers) who are fighting for their rights. As the question concerning our own Tax Exemptions arose, we prepared to go to Washington D.C. to fight for our own rights. However, we learned that there was much within our organization which the IRS did not like (i.e. that we are a gay organization.) and that we should draw back and remake our appeal.

Miriam ben Shalom,  
president from Jan. 1975 to Dec. 1975  
dated Jan. 26, 1976

(Compared to 1974)

## INCOME

500 Advertising	5091.14		+ \$1430	
501 Counter Sales	1261.11		+ 281	
502 Subscriptions	3980.97		+ 2144	
503 Donations	839.36		+ 640	
504 Bookstores	183.10	\$ 11,355.68	+ 87	+ 4582

## EXPENDITURES

600 Supplies	2440.25		+ \$2309	
605 Telephone	66.35		+ 16	
610 Printing	4966.77		+ 837	
612 Mailing	2588.62		+ 1469	
615 Artwork	310.66		+ 17	
616 Honoraria	50.00		+ 10	
620 Adv/Promotional	1000.67		+ 582	
622 Travel & Misc.	456.33	\$ 11,879.65	+ 150	+ 5390

## BALANCE SHEET(CASH FLOW)

100 Cash-on-Hand				
31/12/74	773.02			
Coll. 1975	11695.38	\$ 12,468.40	(Bank Balance)	
Spent 1975	11879.65	11,879.65	\$ 588.75	
200 Accounts Receivable				
As of 31/12/74	644.50		(Accounts Receivable)	
1975	5091.14	5,735.64		
Paid 1975	5430.84	5,430.84	\$ 304.80	

## RETAINED EARNINGS (Cash Only)

401 Retained earnings 1974	1,417.52		(Forwarded to 1976)	
400 Retained earnings 1975	- 523.97	\$ 893.55		

## CAPITALIZED EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Payments on I.B.M. Typesetter*	1093.11			
Interest(straight-line method)**	- 179.44			
Depreciation(straight-line)***	- 461.00			
Accrued Value(1975)		452.67		
Refund on Second-Class Postal Account		273.53		
1975 Cash earnings		- 523.97		
NET PROFIT 1975		+ 202.23	\$ 202.23	

\* Entered in account #600. This figure does not include cost of a service contract.

\*\* Straight-line interest = \$179.44 X 5 years.

\*\*\* Straight-line depreciation = \$461.00 X 10 yrs.

NOTES

Monthly payments on I.B.M. equipment are about 75% offset by savings realized in typesetting costs.

Postage expenses are expected to decrease dramatically in 1976, since in December of 1975 GPU NEWS was awarded a second class mailing permit. Be-



cause of constantly increasing second and third class rates, assessment of actual savings is somewhat speculative. Second-class mailing cost for the December issue was \$20.48, while the cost of the same mailing at third-class rates would have been \$172.80; a saving of \$152.32. We have eliminated our third-class mailings completely, while retaining first-class service to Canada, Mexico, and Europe. This policy should enable us to realize a savings of approximately \$1800 in fiscal 1976.

### SUMMARY

Fiscal 1975 has been characterized by dramatic growth together with a continued economic solvency. The accrued worth of GPU NEWS (capital and equipment) continues to exceed \$1000 - a figure which is consistent with our responsibilities to subscribers and advertisers, and with the nonprofit structure of the publication.

The December 1974 circulation of GPU NEWS barely reached 900, while our December 1975 circulation almost reached 1700 - an increased circulation of over 90% within a single year. This dramatic increase has been achieved in two distinct manners:

- 1) An increase in subscribers throughout the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, and Western Europe. This increase was realized through direct mail campaigns, paid advertising, exchange advertising, and of course by recommendations made to friends by satisfied subscribers.
- 2) An increase in retail distribution outlets. In addition to sales by bars, bookstores, and baths in Milwaukee, GPU NEWS is now sold at retail outlets in Rockford, Madison, LaCrosse, Oshkosh, Boston, Cedar Rapids, Nashville, Washington D.C., New York City, Saint Louis, Toronto, Montreal, and London (England).

Our advertising base has also continued to expand throughout the past year. In addition to the many Milwaukee advertisers, the past year has seen advertising accounts from San Francisco, Chicago, Iowa, Washington D.C., New York, Montreal, and various other cities.

It is not expected that fiscal 1976 will see dramatic increases in our cash reserves, notwithstanding the great savings realized in acquiring a second-class permit and a typesetter. Other costs (including printing, supplies, direct-mail advertising, and promotions) continue to increase; so that prospective savings will for the most part be offset by increased costs in other areas. We hope, however, to have successfully avoided any subscription or per-copy increases during the next year; and, in so doing, to make GPU NEWS increasing more attractive to potential subscribers and advertisers.

The staff of GPU NEWS also feels that some darkness should be cast upon all of the above sweetness and light, for problem areas remain. Chief among these have been difficulties in locating reliable volunteers. While circulation (and hence WORK-HOURS) has increased, our staff has actually diminished in the past year. A primary goal during 1976 will be that of locating persons willing and able to serve the gay community through GPU NEWS. Another problem area has been caused by rapidly increasing postal rates; which have made direct-mail advertising a marginal business at best. Other alternatives must be tested during the coming months.

In summary, the past year has been a good one; and, of equal importance, the next year bears the promise of increased outreach to our community - locally, nationally, and internationally.



## SPEAKER COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past year, it seems as if the GPU Speaker's Committee has gained a greater respect in the non-Gay community as a resource group and as an authoritative, knowledgeable lecturers' group on the subject on homosexuality.

This past year, we have increased our appearances before 'helping professions' groups. We have had several major speaking engagements: At Lakeland Counseling Center, in Walworth Co., in Green Bay, as a full seminar with UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Association of Community Human Service Programs. We also had speakers' engagements with the UW-M School of Nursing, the Marquette Medical School, the 16th Street Community Health Center (3 engagements), UW-Parkside (2 engagements) Women Helping Women (2 engagements), Liberal Religious Youth-Unitarian Church, the South Side Community Health Clinic (which was a bi-lingual presentation), B'nai Brith/BBYO Organization, at the St. George Home for Youth (to child-care workers: a true first!!!), Gateway Technical Institute-Kenosha, MATC (2 engagements), with WKTJ radio-Kathy Dunn's show, with WOKY-WOKY Talky, the Single Parents' Group, Bradley Road High School (2 engagements), and several personal interviews with students from Cudahay High School, and from other area schools. We were asked to speak for psychology classes at these schools, but were prevented from doing so by the school superintendent of each school.

Some of these engagements were paid engagements-with honourariums. Some were just for car fare or a 'pass-the-hat' fee. We took in approximately one hundred and fifty dollars this year--approximately, because not all the honourariums have been received to date.

Looking forward to the coming year, it appears that we will be more involved than ever with lectures. Already, we have a series of three to four engagements with the Milwaukee Co. Health Department, with the UW-M School of Nursing, and with the 16th Street Health Clinic. Many more engagements are expected, with the possibility of a lecture in Chicago. Also, the Speakers' Committee will be leading a seminar on homosexuality and one on Lesbianism at a sexuality conference to be held at UW-M in April.

Miriam Ben Shalom, chairperson.  
January 26, 1976

### APPROXIMATE LABOR TIME AND PROJECTED MONITARY VALUE OF THE GPU SPEAKERS COMMITTEE.

Average length of lecture: $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.	Average wage for public lecturer, authority: \$500 @ eng.
Average length of preparation before each lecture by speaker: 3 hours	
Average of hours spent in research for a speaker on outside basis: 4 hours @ wk.	Average, per hour wage, researcher \$4.50
No. of speakers on committee: 10 persons	
	Total value, research of GPU: \$9280.00
Total hours prep., all speakers: 220 hrs	Total value, prep. \$ 990.00
Total hours in lecture: 33 hrs	Total value, per lec. \$11,000.00
Total hours, research: 40 hrs wk.,	Grand Value \$21,270.00
2080 hrs yr.	
2373 hrs	



## VENEREAL DISEASE EXAMINATION CENTER

The G.P.U. Venereal Disease Examination Center moved from, 225 E. St. Paul Street in June to the present address, The Farwell Center-1568 N. Farwell Ave. The V.D. Examination program is founded from three sources. The City of Milwaukee Department of Health grant, which is channeled through the H.O.P.E., 16th Street clinic; The Gerald E. Meyers Foundation Provision of office space & equipment; and Gay Peoples' Union's own financial resources & volunteers. The city's grant will cover operations at least through October of 1976. We are finding ways to try & stretch that so it may last a month or so longer.

There is further cooperation in this program with the city venereal disease laboratory which performs the actual tests on the specimens collected at the examination center. The State of Wisconsin Health & Social Services provides the discreet follow-up contact of those clients whose specimens test positively. Thus, this program is working cooperatively with government & private resources to try & diminish a social program.

This is the first year of full operations & the V.D. center was open on 104 days in 1975. There were 509 people given a free examinations. The city Health Department has confirmed during the year that a 3.3% rectal; a 4.0% urethral; a 2.9% oral gonorrhea; and 6.% early syphilis cases, For a total of 16.2% venereal disease in the gay community.

Since taking over the directorship of the V.D. program I have met with the city & state health department personally; & had a V.D. committee meeting & set up a proper work schedule & P.R. program for our testing center. I also hired seven new people for our program. Starting in February, we will be open on Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. An out-reach program that was started last year at the Club Bath, (Blood test only) was increased to do a complete V.D. examination this year on every other Tuesday night. New posters will be out in the bars & bath; & with the city health department, & we'll try to get on radio & T.V. advertisement.

My special thanks to Paul DeMargo for letting us do the examination at the Club Bath last year; & to Jim of the River Queen. Thanks to Jeff M. & Donna C. for a full year's work well done at the center; & thanks to the other examiners throughout the year, who are: Dennis Y; Dave W; Robert D; Kim B; Robert S; Mark B; Wayne R; Larry T; Monica C; Without these volunteers we could not operate the V.D. center. Also thanks to the G.P.U. News for giving us free advertising space in almost every issue to the problems of V.D. and published several articles about the diseases.

The payroll contained 12 examiners & a director. Normal operating expenses for the center during the year are:

Salaries:-----\$2,278.00

Misc. expenses & phone:----- 226.15

Total expenses for the year:-----\$2,504.15

The rent of the center is a donation from Gerald E. Meyers Foundation.

Donations to the V.D. Examination Center are incomplete to me, for Dennis did not keep accurate records on the donations. Whatever donations he turned over to the treasurer of G.P.U., & the treasurer in turn put these with other donations into the records. This year there will be accurate records kept on all donations to the V.D. Examination Center.

Plans for the future includes ways & means to obtain a greater number of people to use our services & to have an out-reach program at some of the bars.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Richardi, Director

mG.P.U. V.D. Examination Center

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE 1975

This year some changes were made on the phone line. On Feb. 23, 1975 the phone line was moved from Alyn's home to Rick's. At that time, real statistics were kept up, on how many calls & to what category they run into. Also a criteria was set up, to improve the quality of our volunteers; Such as:

Be a G.P.U. member for one year;

Be out of the closet for three years;

Go to training session in counseling, for active listing & role playing on the line, & for referral knowledge;

Read at least five (5) basic books on gay liberation;

The committee as a whole feels that has improved the counseling & information on the phone line. Now the statistics for the year are; (starting March 1, 1975)

1766-for Counseling,

1267-for G.P.U. & other gay organizations,

1771-for Bar & bath information,

1713-for Cranks (sick people),

1867-for Hangups,

79-for Referral calls to other hot lines, (statistics are only for the last 3 months of the year),

The totals for the year are 8,673 calls. In 10 months, an average of 867 calls a month. So add two months on the total (1734) & we have 10,307 calls this year. For an average of 29 calls a day. Also at this time we still tried to maintain a 24 hour phone line service.

A special thanks must be given to those operators who have consistently answered the line on a regular schedule throughout the year. With<sup>out</sup> them we could not have operated the phone line.

Monday-Bob S. & Steve P.

Monday night-Erine R.

Tuesday-Steve P. & Jeff M.

Tuesday night- Donna & Jay, Sunny & Lowell W.

Wednesday- Tom W. & Jeff M.

Wednesday night-Lowell W. & Donna & Jay.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE CON:

Thursday-Bruce B. & Steve P.

Thursday night-Don S., Bob M. & Dave W.

Friday-Bruce B., Paul S. & Tom W.

Friday night- Louie S. & Tom W. & Erine R.

Saturday- Louie S. & Dave W.

Saturday night-Louie S. & Dave W.

Sunday-Bill R, Keven M. & Dave W.

Sunday night- Rick & Dave.

Backup personal were: Tony K; Don S; Steve P; Bill R; Alyn H; Keven M; Bruce B;

Kathy Z; Sunny; Meriam B; Kathy H; & Keven M;

Retired from the phone line this Year are: Louie S; Bill R; Jeff M; Donna & Jay;

Bruce B; Steve P; & Sunny;

The expenses for runing the phone line this year are:

Telephone -----\$240.00

Office Equipment---- 25.00

Total for the year--\$265.00

\$ 30.00 Donation in March.

\$200.00 Donation By Gerald E. Meyers Foundation.

Total Cost this year--\$35.00

During the up coming year, The committee will try to up-grade the criteria of all volunteers, & throu suggestions at are quarterly committee meetings, & from the G.P.U. membership.

Submitted By:

Rick Richardi

Committee Co-ordinator



## FUND RAISING EVENTS

Fund raising was not a part of any one committee, it was a conjunction of individual efforts of various G.P.U. members.

My efforts in Fund Raising were; 2 Brady St. Festivals; 2 Rummage Sales; one Chicago Gay Pride Parade; & the selling of tee shirts & buttons.

Also some of the expenses were picked up & turned into the treasurer by individuals of various events of G.P.U. So I'll give you a report of what we made at each event.

There were 2 Brady St. Festivals; one in June & one in Sept.; Through Brady St. this is one way Gay Peoples Union has in reaching the public, in education & understanding of the gay community. We had books, G.P.U. News, tee shirts, buttons, a kissing booth, & bellows (With the word GAY printed on them). At the June Brady St. we made \$138.00; & At the Sept. Brady St. we made \$94.15 for a total of \$232.15.

We had 2 Rummage Sales this year. One in Aug; & one in connection with the Sept. Brady St. we made an income from the rummage sales of \$303.63. But we had to return \$15.00 for a tire, to a indignant member of G.P.U. So our total income for the rummage sales were \$288.63.

Then I manage the income from the Chicago Gay Pride Parade. At the parade we had a contingent of 20 G.P.U. members, in three cars. We sold tee shirts, buttons, bellows, & G.P.U. News there. Income from Chicago was \$86.97

Also we sold some tee shirts & buttons at G.P.U. meeting, down in Rockford, Ill. & at other activities. So the income from these are \$142.00

Now the total from these activities are:

Two Brady Street Festivals-----	\$232.15
Two Rummage Sales-----	288.00
Chicago Gay Pride Parade-----	86.97
Tee shirts, & buttons-----	<u>142.00</u>
Total Income-----	\$750.63

Again my special thanks to these members of G.P.U.

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