VERMONT GAY SOCIAL ALTERNATIVES
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Hello Friends!

Finally the calendar says it's SPRING! Hopefully the weather will prove it and get you all out to our functions. If you can't make it to our events, tell us why and maybe we can accommodate you. The things to remember are that we all want to meet you and share our friendship and that our events are casual and comfortable. So why not attend and try us out—you can enjoy yourself more than think.

Notices for membership dues start this month. If you have an enclosed form that means it's time for you to send us your $12.00. We will be sending you only one notice. Payment will reactivate your name on our mailing list and we will send you our next mailings for the up coming year. So don't hesitate, send your payment now.

As for the social register, we have extended the deadline so as to include as many listings as possible in our first issue. So if you haven't sent yours in yet you have until April 28th to do so. Again, don't think of it as a personal ad but more like an expanded version of a telephone book just for Gays and Lesbians which includes interests, hours, and any other information you want to put in.

March was an event filled month. The pot-luck dinner was a huge success with alot of great dishes. I can still smell the garlic in the air. We will try to have at least one pot-luck per month and maybe continue the theme type meal. As you all must have noticed all of last months events were held in my home. I love having parties and will continue to do so but it is also enjoyable to have different locations on occasion. If you are interested in hosting a party in your home or in your yard to attract people from your area let me know. You can choose the type of event you want to host, the time and date, etc...

I want to take a moment to thank some of you for tremendous support over the last year and the energy you have given me to continue V.G.S.A. Thank you—Wendell, Rick, JoAnn, Moira, Steve, Preston, Tom F., Larry, Pieter, Ron, Ira, Peter, Tim, Herb, and my family which is a constant source of energy, love and support. Also thanks again to some of the organizations across Vermont which offer you and our group ideas and support. S.A.M., Vt. C.A.R.E.S., "The List", UVM-GLBA, Pearls Bar, Out In The Mountains, and many others.

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APRIL EVENTS

April 5--Women's Dance at Pearls Bar.

April 6--Slumber Party and Video Night at Real's home starting 8:00 and ending after coffee on Sunday. Bring a video and your sleeping bag. Refreshments will be furnished.

April 14--Men's T-Dance sponsored by the Mansfield Bucks starting at 5:00 at Pearls Bar.
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What is V.G.S.A.?  
We are a group with approx. 200 members from all over Vermont. The group includes both Gays and Lesbians of all ages, single and couples. The main purpose of the group is to allow each member the opportunities of meeting and making new friendships in casual, non-alcohol, drug free atmospheres.

How does V.G.S.A. do this?  
At present V.G.S.A. is hosting at least one event per week during different hours and on various days to allow each member the opportunity to participate in all or at least some of the events depending on his or her schedule. Because of this schedule the events always have a comfortable number of attendees (usually 10 - 50) allowing a better atmosphere for socializing with everyone.

What types of events does V.G.S.A. have?  
V.G.S.A. hosts game nights, pot-luck dinners, weekend and single day trips, beach days, social hours, video nights, slumber parties, barbeques and anything else that will allow a good forum for people to socialize.

What else does V.G.S.A. do?  
V.G.S.A. sends out a monthly mailer which gives you the facts about the group and it's future events. The mailer also includes other groups functions and information that may be beneficial to the members. V.G.S.A. also is starting a social register which members and non-members may join so that they may meet others who have like interests, schedules, or are from simular areas, on an individual basis apart from the events V.G.S.A. hosts.

How do you join V.G.S.A.?  
You may join V.G.S.A. simply by writing to the above address. We charge a $12.00 annual membership fee for the monthly mailings. To recieve the social register (you must also be in it) which has bi-monthly updates sent there is a fee of $12.00. You may also call 802-893-6935 for any more information. Any toll calls will be returned collect.

Who should join V.G.S.A.?  
YOU!!...if you want a new source for making friends and if you want to meet people you might not normally meet in other atmospheres.

REAL J. MASSON
DIRECTOR V.G.S.A.
April 20—POT-LUCK DINNER at Roger and Josh's house. Bring your favorite dish and share in all the others. Starts at 6:00. (no smoking indoors) Directions to their house in Hinesburg: South on Hinesburg Road (Rte 116) from Williston Road approximately 10 miles to traffic light. On right side of corner is a Merchants bank. At this corner turn left up hill past CVU High School. You will come to a four corner stop (approx. 1/2 mile from traffic light). Continue straight through up the hill. This will lead into an S curve. As you come out of the S curve there is a development of contemporary houses called Orchard Commons (approx. 3/4 mile from traffic light). Turn left into Orchard Commons. Their house is the third house on the left from the main road. It has light blue, dark blue and purple trim. You can't miss it!!! But if you do call them at 482-4115.

April 20—Ladies' Lounge Dance at Pearls Bar.

April 24—Game Night at Wendell's starting at 7:00. Bring a game and let's play. Directions: Take Rt. 7 to Colchester. Turn onto Rt. 2A which is Main St. and drive .8 mile. Wendell's house is #71 and is of white stucco design. Park across the street in the church parking lot. 878-7645

April 28—POT-LUCK BRUNCH at Tim's house starting at 12:00 in Montpelier. This is a great opportunity for all of you in the central Vermont area to attend one of V.G.S.A.'s events. Bloody Marys, Mimosas and non-alcoholic beverages will be furnished. Bring a brunch type dish and share in all the others. Directions to Tim's house: Take exit off Interstate 89 into Montpelier. At the second set of lights take a left, go over bridge and past the Grand Union. On right is Barre Street, take Barre St. and travel one block until Steve's Market and take a left onto Hubbard St. Go up one block and take a right onto First Ave. Tim's house is the fifth on the left (including the house on the corner) #8. If you get lost call 229-2611.

April 28—Bingo and Pizza Night at Pearl's Bar.

May 5—Game Night at Real's. Starting at 6:00. Bring a game and let's play. (We can even order out for PIZZA)

Hope to see you all in April and remember to send in your dues when the time comes. $12.00 is cheap when you consider all the friends you will make, the monthly mailings, invitations to a minimum of 48 various events sponsored by V.G.S.A. and information about other things going on in the state. Also remember to send in your listing for the Social Register by April 28th. ($12.00 separate fee to be included.)

Real J. Masson
Director V.G.S.A.