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Highlights of September 17th's Gathering

Three women new to LOG attended September's Gathering. Welcome to Pamela, Georgette and Diane.

The LOG Annual Dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th, 2012, at the Montgomery Legion (330 Kent Street). Ottawa's own DJ "Spin Cindy" will be doing her musical magic as she spins platters to keep your feet shuffling the dance floor throughout the night. The Dance Committee is organizing the dance to coincide with International Women's Day on Thursday, March 8.

The door prizes for this year's Gatherings are \$25 gift certificates for various venues. Wildherness won a certificate to Cineplex (movie passes, drinks and popcorn). Wildherness also won LOG's Pride event draw of a \$25 gift certificate for Ten Thousand Villages. Congratulations!!

Our next Potluck Gathering will be **Saturday, November 26th**, 6:00 p.m., Room 202, Jack Purcell CC. We're pleased to have Mary Harvey as our guest. Visit thecreativemedium.com to see what may be in store!

Ottawa-Gatineau LGBT Film and Video Festival

Again this year, LOG will be a screening sponsor of the Festival. We're sponsoring *SO HARD TO FORGET (COMO ESQUECER)*. This is a Portuguese film with English subtitles. This will be shown Saturday, November 19th, 7:15 p.m., at the National Gallery of Canada.

"A poignant and ultimately uplifting examination of love, loss and redemption, *So Hard to Forget* charts the course of emotions experienced by Julia, a 35-year-old teacher who is grappling with depression following the end of her ten-year relationship with girlfriend Antonia. As Julia struggles to reclaim her life, she agrees to rent a seaside house outside of Rio with her gay best friend Hugo and Lisa, a lawyer whose boyfriend has dumped her after learning she is pregnant. The arrival of Lisa's free-spirited cousin, Helena, forces Julia to confront past trauma and admit that it may be time to let go and to possibly love again."

The Festival runs from November 17th to 20th. Visit insideout.ca for additional information. Tickets on-sale online and in-person at Venus Envy (320 Lisgar Street) beginning November 3rd.

Website translation

We're looking for a qualified translator to translate portions of the LOG website. If you are interested, or can refer someone, please send an e-mail to logopale@gmail.com or call Cindy at 613-828-5657. An honorarium is offered.

In their own words.....

There has been much activity with activities this year. Some LOG members would like to share their experiences....

"We had a small group of five women for LOG's "Seven Sculptures" walk for the Pride Health and Fitness Day August 20, but that just meant more time to talk and get to know each other. We walked from City Hall to the National Gallery and looked at seven different sculptures in the Byward Market and by the Gallery. We ended at the statue of Champlain overlooking the Ottawa River, and then ate lunch together in the gallery's cafeteria. Everyone had a nice time." *(Karen K.)*

"Marching in the Pride Parade this year was so enjoyable! The crowd was large and enthusiastic and the mood was celebratory. Wendy K. and I proudly held the banner for LOG, beamed at the crowd, and tried not to be blown away by the gusty winds rushing down Laurier Avenue. We watched the Rideau Valley Roller Girls ahead of us skate circles around the Ottawa Wolves Rugby Team and engage in playful push up contests with them. The music from the Wolves' float added to the party atmosphere of our section of the parade." *(Karen K.)*

"This year was a renewal for me when it comes to the Pride march. I had been attending in some form of another for the past 14 years now and it was starting to feel rather old hat. That is until I read a memo of our school principal mentioning that the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board was indeed marching in the Parade. Right at the forefront behind the parade marshal. There were over 200 of us participating. We ranged from students to teachers, principals, custodians, IT and others alike. All together as if in one happy family chanting O-C-D-S-B, repeatedly like a mantra. A time to be remembered." *(Anita S.)*

"It was an intimate (small) group of us ladies at the Dyke March. There was myself, Karen and her friend. One or two people joined us along the way. We held the LOG banner up high with PRIDE! At the end there was a lovely meal for us prepared by some of the local people." *(Anita S.)*

Deidre and Arlene won tickets for Jer's Vision "Day of Pink Boat Cruise". Arlene had this to say: "It was a fabulous evening for a boat cruise. It seemed full, we stayed outside to enjoy the breeze but lots of people were inside eating and drinking but when it got too warm they all tried to fit on the tiny deck outside. We met a very interesting array of gay men. It was sponsored by Beaus so the beer was also fabulous. That's about it, something that was fun that we probably wouldn't have done for ourselves."

"For the Lac Leamy Adventure in Nature the weather was cloudy and warm - perfect for the walk. Five LOG members participated and one woman, who was on her back to Pennsylvania, joined us. She googled Ottawa lesbians and found us on the web. Afterwards, all went for a delightful lunch at the St-Eloi Bistro." *(Carmen L.)*

"For the full moon hike/walk, couldn't ask for better weather. Eight LOG members participated in an easy walk from Keogan Chalet to Etienne-Brûlé Lookout and to the Champlain Lookout. Diane took several pictures - hopefully she will share them with us. Arlene and Deidre went back to Keogan to start the fire. Two Ottawa women came later and shared the potluck. They also became LOG members." *(Carmen L.)*

"The potluck corn roast was a success as people actually showed. Understandably it was a long way out for a lot of people. It was also competing with the Labor Day Weekend. We had two BBQs going with the option of both propane and charcoal. (For those who may have different BBQing philosophies.) It was followed up with a bonfire later in the evening and it was completed with marshmallows and hotdogs. Drink and merriment was had by all until the very wee hours of the morn. Stay tuned for next year's edition of Anita's Acres Corn roast Potluck." *(Anita S.)*

If you would like to share your experiences, or other input to the E-News, please send an e-mail to logopale@gmail.com.

Cheers!
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