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City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations
Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues
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October 15, 2002

Greetings,

As Governor and on behalf of the State of Illinois, Laura Lynn and I would like to extend our best wishes to all attendees, participants, and supporters of the 2002 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies.

Human rights are basic rights—not special rights. All Illinoisans should be proud of the efforts of these individuals to promote fairness and equality.

It has been my goal as Governor to create greater harmony among our state’s diverse communities. That is why I appointed the Illinois Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes. I urge each and every one of you to assist this valuable group in accomplishing its goals.

My best wishes to each of you as well as to your families.

Sincerely,

GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

Richard M. Daley
Mayor

October 26, 1999

GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I extend my warmest greetings to the sponsors, supporters, inductees and all those attending the 1999 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame ceremonies.

Chicago’s strength arises from its diversity. In recognizing and appreciating the differences between us, we also find the common bonds that unite us as a people.

Historically, countless members of the gay and lesbian communities have made important contributions to our city, nation and world. I am proud that my administration has played a positive and active role in helping to create greater harmony between all of our city’s diverse communities.

I commend the Hall of Fame for offering an opportunity for learning and a forum for discussion in the field of human rights. I look forward to continued work with the gay and lesbian community to ensure that all of our citizens are treated with dignity and equality.

In addition, I am delighted to recognize the achievements of the 1999 Hall of Fame inductees. I join with the Commission on Human Relations and Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian issues in congratulating each of them. They are part of a long tradition of those who seek to promote fairness and equality.

Best wishes for an exciting and memorable event.

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Richard M. Daley
Mayor
Lesbian Hall of Fame, has been established and maintained by the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, Inc. The establishment is a site on the World Wide Web (www.GLHallOfFame.org) and is fully funded through generous donations from individuals, businesses, and private funds.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is a significant Long-term commitment to the Chicago community, as it has made a significant contribution to the city of Chicago. This is a unique opportunity for the recognition of people of the LGB community, and the Hall of Fame recognizes the volunteer and professional efforts of people of the LGB community.

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CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME

1999 Inductees
John Balster

Ava Allen

Ava Allen is honored for more than 25 years of exemplary community spirit and service.

In her 1976 estimate of the population of Chicago, she predicted that Chicago’s population would reach 3 million. This estimate was based on historical trends and demographic data available at the time. Despite initial skepticism, her forecast eventually proved to be remarkably accurate. Allen’s dedication to community service and her insightful insights into population growth have left a lasting legacy in Chicago. Her contributions have been recognized with numerous awards and accolades, further cementing her status as a prominent figure in the city’s history.
David Brian Bell (Ph.D. '87)

Randy Duncan

[Image: Photograph of Randy Duncan]
RICK GARCIA

1986, Chicago.

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With the larger Jewish community, Chicago
stands tall in creating a center for Gay and Lesbian Jews and to join hands in the fight
against anti-Semitism. Despite this, the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in
Chicago has continued to grow and remains an integral part of the Lesbian and Gay
community.

GREG SHAPIRO

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FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, NORMAN SANDBERG

HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS MEMBER OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND COMPLETED ONE TERM AS A CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER. IN ADDITION TO HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, HE HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HIS COMMITMENT TO THE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY AND TO LEADING THE CHICAGO JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER HAS BEEN UNREQUITED.
A 97% increase in AIDS cases has been recorded in Chicago and the surrounding suburban areas since 1985. This increase has been linked to the growing use of crack cocaine and the spread of the AIDS virus among drug users. The city's health department has implemented a number of programs to combat the spread of AIDS, including education campaigns and counseling services. However, the rate of new infections continues to rise, highlighting the need for continued efforts to address this public health crisis.
Cancer

Deborah Chae, Regional Director, Illinois Department of Public Health, said the issue of breast and cervical cancer screening and prevention is a critical one for women of all ages. The Illinois Health Department, in collaboration with the Illinois Cancer Prevention Program, is working to improve access to screening and prevention services for women.

The Cancer Prevention Program has developed a comprehensive strategy to reduce the incidence of breast and cervical cancer in Illinois. This includes increasing awareness through public education and outreach programs.

In addition to providing resources and information, the program also offers educational programs and workshops for women and their families.

The program's goal is to reduce the number of breast and cervical cancer cases in Illinois by providing education and support to women at risk.

Photo: Healthy Women

Lesbian Community Cancer Project

Jesse White

During the 1999 legislative session, Illinois State Representative Jesse White sponsored the Human Rights Act amendment to the bill, which passed and became law.

White was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1974, and since then has been a staunch advocate for women's rights.

White has also been a proponent of social programs designed to help women and families in need.

White was instrumental in passing the Illinois Women's Health Act, which provides funding for women's health care services.

White has also been a vocal advocate for equal rights for all people.
The American community needs to understand the power of education and the need for college degrees. The NY Times article from 1970 highlights the importance of education, as stated by the quote, "Education is the key to success." (NY Times, 1970)

The article emphasizes the need for more educational opportunities and the importance of investing in education. It also mentions the role of educators and policymakers in shaping the future of education in the country.

In summary, the document stresses the significance of education in shaping the future of the American community, and the need for continued investment in educational opportunities.

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Go beyond.

Get involved in local business and civic organizations to connect with the community. Support local businesses and initiatives that contribute to the community's growth and development.

The local community, in turn, supports the businesses and initiatives that make the community thrive.

By working together, we can create a sustainable and thriving community for all.

Over time, the community has grown and evolved, becoming a hub for innovation and creativity.

And so, the cycle continues, with each generation building upon the achievements of the previous one.

The community is a living, breathing entity, always changing and growing. And with each new chapter, it becomes even stronger and more vibrant.
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