



# STRAIGHT

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## GARAGE SALE

A gigantic garage/warehouse sale will occur on June 12th and 13th at the Queen City Distributing Company's Warehouse located at 2601 Arbor Place, near the intersection of I-71 and Edwards Road in Hyde Park.

Proceeds from the sale will go to Straight Inc. of Cincinnati to help purchase chairs for Open Meetings and Rap Rooms.

A number of Straight parents have been active in planning and launching this project. George (Chairperson) is ably assisted by

Jack (Treasurer), Marian, (Pricing), Nancy (Inventory) Randy (Planning), Paul (Site layout and preparation), Ursula (Publicity), Don (Trucking), Carol (Selling), and Eva and Karl (Refreshments).

Many other parents and "upper-phasers" have also helped out in the transportation, pricing and sorting of donated articles. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the sale so that it will be a huge success!!!

## SEE YOU DOWNTOWN!

On May 27, Straight Inc. will be represented on Fountain Square, downtown Cincinnati, at the annual Spring Council on Alcoholism Fair from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

The committee under the leadership of Jerry has developed the project with the aid of Sherry, Don, Paula, Jerry, Chris, Ray, and Jack.

A table display board is being prepared to tell the story of Straight and provide information that can be used at awareness groups school functions, PTA meetings, and neighborhood meetings.

Hope to see you at the fair on the Square!

## STRAIGHT IN THE NEWS

Over the last month, Straight Inc. has received national attention through television, magazine, or newspaper coverage.

On Friday morning, April 23, Dr. Miller Newton was a guest on the Today Show, where he discussed his book, Gone Way Down and presented a thumbnail sketch of Straight.

On Saturday, April 24, Straight again received national television exposure on NBC Magazine in a 30 minute segment reviewing the entire Straight program.

The program was a very positive experience and presented a realistic picture for everyone who saw the program. A video tape of the program will be available soon through our office.

In the April 1982 issue of Reader's Digest, Straight received nationwide recognition in an article which presented the story of Straight and followed a family through the entire program. If you have not read the article, please do so; you will like it.

## GOLF

### TOURNAMENT

A golf tournament for Straight parents and friends has been announced by Booster Club Chairman Ted.

A committee is being formed to plan the events at a local country club. All of the details will be announced soon. If you have not signed up to assist Ted, please do so.

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## COFFEE... TEA... CHOCOLATE...

**DOUGHNUTS**

If you use any of these products, buy them from the Coffee Emporium 3316 Erie Avenue at Victoria in Hyde Park. The Coffee Emporium supports Straight by donating the coffee we use at each Open Meeting. Go to the shop and enjoy the charming, relaxing atmosphere while you sniff your way to your choice of items. Be sure to tell them you are from Straight. Or, you may place an order using the order forms located on the literature table each Open Meeting night. Place your order forms in the box marked "Emporium Express".

There are many varieties of coffees available from mild to pungent and decaf, priced from \$5.30 to \$7.50 per pound. (Remember, this coffee goes farther than regular coffee.) Teas available vary from plain breakfast teas to exotic herbal teas for \$6.00 per half pound. (One half pound will last a LONG time.)

Also available at the Coffee Emporium are New Orleans-style doughnut mix -- terrific for Sunday morning breakfasts with new comers.

We want to give positive credit to those parents and friends of Straight who are supporting the coffee donation. We also certainly want to thank the Coffee Emporium for their support of Straight, Inc.

## STRAIGHT RAFFLE

One of the ways we raise money for Straight is a raffle conducted every Open Meeting night. All prizes are donated and feature predominantly hand crafted items. This is an opportunity for everyone to support the program with a minimal contribution and at the same time, win a lovely prize.

If you can knit, weave, sew or have craft skills, why not make something and donate it to the Booster Club so that it can be auctioned at our Open Meetings. Even if you don't have such a skill, why not donate something that can be auctioned. The money is used to help reduce the cost of our operations.

We want to thank all those who have generously donated items for this endeavor, and will certainly be appreciative of continuing donations.

**B & B****LANDSCAPING**

Is your yard a mess, with overgrown trees and bushes? Is your yard a jungle? You can change that with B & B Landscaping! I do almost any type of yard work, and at a reasonable cost, too! Call Scott Borders, 281-8513 (nights) or 281-4586 (days) for information and appointments.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 1982

Other Mother's Days were not "happy". You, my child, did not contribute to my day; you detracted from it. I was ready to resign my "mother" status altogether. As I watched other families celebrate with love, I cried tears of frustration and disappointment. How I wanted to feel that special bond between mother and child. Each year I prayed it would be better.

This year, it is better. I am proud of your accomplishments as only a mother can be proud. I like you for your enthusiasm. I respect you for your courage and new-found strength, I love you for yourself, and.. I thank you for making Mother's Day 1982 truly a "happy" one.

## TO FOSTER PARENTS

How can I ever repay you?  
I've said it, and so have  
you.

How can I ever in all this  
world

Repay the things you do?  
Perhaps I never can repay  
To you --- or you to me,  
But we can pass that kind-  
ness on

To others we may see.  
--H.L. Marshall

## A TIME FOR REFLECTION

BY JERRY RUSHING

As I sit here in my office, my mind glances back to last Fall when I was asked to head the opening of the Cincinnati program. To be very honest, Cincinnati was not on my list of priority cities for visiting or spending several months of my life (especially during the Winter!) But Straight had a need and I consented to come. I left a familiar, safe, secure home (Atlanta) to begin the awesome task of transplanting Straight St. Pete to Straight Cincinnati. Starting or moving a "program" is relatively easy compared with the scary task of establishing the proper environment for successfully transferring, nurturing and maintaining the "Straight Spirit". I knew I had an excellent (I can't give enough positive credit) staff but I knew even with a superior staff, such as we had, we were pushing the limits. We (the staff) had a lot to live up to. You parents had already proven your abilities by your all-out 120% effort to raise the essential funds and have a building prepared for occupancy by the time we arrived.

And arrive we did....  
January 6. Two busloads of kids and luggage made their way from the Greater

Cincinnati Airport to the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church to meet a lot of anxious parents. The rest is history!

I stated in the beginning that if the Cincinnati Straight opening went half as smoothly as the Atlanta opening I'd be happy. I can't begin to express my pleasure and satisfaction because it's gone twice as well!

I am going to make a feeble attempt to thank the many who have been involved with the success of Cincinnati Straight. Thanks go to: Atlanta Straight for being gracious to allow me the privilege of growing by consenting to my coming to Cincinnati; to Atlanta parents who shared their awareness and expertise streamlining the transition; particular thanks to Hamp Vason who donated the plane and crew to transport the kids; to Charlie Brewer, Larry and Judy Cunningham who came to Cincinnati to meet with you parents; to Bob Boston and Tom Markham, whose dedication, business savvy, and determination were the motivating force in successfully getting a Straight program in Cincy; to the hundreds of parents and workers who spent endless

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## REFLECTION, CONTINUED

hours preparing the building for occupancy. There are too many to name, but you know who you are, and my sincere and heartfelt gratitude are with you; to all the parents who are working so hard now to help the program. The Booster leaders, runners, phoners, concessionaires, rafflers...on and on. It would be impossible to run a program without each of you. To the Staff! How can I begin to thank the Staff enough? They are the ones who really make the program work. I just sit on top of the pile with the best view. To the Administrative Staff- Judy M. [redacted] and Cynthia C. [redacted], who have taken the intake load and carried it magnificently. Both have touched a lot of hurting parents in need of help; Carole M. [redacted], who has been my right and left arm. She has literally been a God-send and I can't thank her enough for her support and very hard work, giving my life some semblance of order on hectic days (which are often.) To Dave Crock (Assistant Director) whose group knowledge and ability allows me the luxury and security of knowing everything is fine when I'm busy or gone. I admire his life (almost ten years Straight) and his abilities. We could not have developed a successful program without his taking care of the group and guiding the staff. To the

Junior and Senior Staff for their endless hours of sacrifice, support, care, love for the kids and the program, abilities (which continually amaze me) and dedication. I couldn't have asked for a finer kids staff and I thank them from the depths of my heart. And finally the kids in group. That's why we're here! To be honest, I could just pull my hair out at times when one of them decides to take a short vacation, or doesn't want to take that step to realize some of that hidden potential. But, oh...how great! when one of those nasty druggie kids finally decides that he or she is worth something and makes that decision to make something out of his or her life.

This has been a tough six months!! But in tough times you grow and I have grown. I'm glad! A part of me will always be here. I really have mixed feelings about leaving. Happy because I get to go back home and get married (Yea!) but very sad because I'm leaving some good friends and family (my Straight family). I know that Cincinnati Straight will get larger and better because you have what it takes...COMMITMENT!!!

Thanks again to everyone and I can't forget to say..

LOVE YA PARENTS...

LOVE YA STAFF...

LOVE YA GROUP!!!

## JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE - 12th & 13th

OPEN MEETINGS WITH SIBLING RAPS: Mondays - 7, 14, 21, 28, and Fridays - 4, 11, 18, 25

OTHER SIBLING RAPS: Saturdays - 5, 12, 19, 26  
9:00 a.m. till 12:00

7 STEP RAPS: Closed: Tuesdays - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Sat. 19th  
Open: Saturdays - 5, 12, 26

5th PHASE PARENT RAP - 17th

4th PHASE PARENT RAP - 24th

STAFF MEETINGS: Tuesdays - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 25th

## FRIENDS OF STRAIGHT

Stan Johnson of VAN LEUNEN'S  
Phil Goldman of ARBY'S

We hope that you, as part of the Straight family, will take special note of the "Friends of Straight" listed monthly and give them your business and appreciation whenever possible.