



# NEWSLETTER

**STRAIGHT** from Cincinnati

October, 198

## FIRST LADY VISITS STRAIGHT



CHAIN OF COMMAND

SINCE STRAIGHT'S BEEN HERE

Executive Staff

Jerry Rushing, Director  
Assistant Directors  
Winifred (Wini) Boyd  
Jerry Delaney  
Executive Trainee  
Mark Wilson

(This song, sung to the tune of Ice Castles was written in honor of Mrs. Reagan's visit by six of the young people in Group; Kristen, Paulette, Heather, Maren, Steve, and James.)

We appreciate your care,  
All the times that you've been there,  
All the thoughts and prayers you've said for us,  
Reaching out with support and love,  
We have grown so much.  
Since Straight's been here,  
We can show our love and care.

Staff

Group Staff Supervisor

Cathy [redacted]

Senior Staff

Eileen [redacted]  
Bob [redacted]

Junior Staff

Theresa [redacted]  
Amie [redacted]  
John [redacted]  
Bill [redacted]  
Todd [redacted]  
Brian [redacted]  
Steve [redacted]

So we give our love to you  
In everything we do  
No longer must we run away.  
No more pain from yesterday,  
Only dreams come true.  
Since Straight's been here,  
In our hearts you'll always be there.

Staff Trainees

Scott [redacted]  
Greg [redacted]

Now we see the light  
No longer must we fight to stay alive.  
While you're there behind us,  
We'll survive.

Administrative Staff

Bookkeeper

Jan [redacted]

Intake Coordinator

Joan [redacted]

Assistant Intake Coordinator

Carolyn [redacted]

Community Services Directors

Betty Rushing  
Karmen [redacted]

Secretary

Linda [redacted]

Receptionists

Connie [redacted]  
Peg [redacted]

Administrative Coordinator

Pat [redacted]

Now that we are on our way,  
We'd like to stop and say,  
Would you like to walk with us?  
Take our hands and come along  
Together we will both be strong,  
Tomorrow's on its way,  
As long as we have today.

THANK YOU; LYN

Everyone who reads the Straight Newsletter is grateful to Lyn W. for the professionalism and creativity he brought to the Cincinnati Straight Newsletter this past year. His hard work is very much appreciated.

Newsletter

Editor, Marty C. 891-7429  
Assoc. Ed., Betsy S. 561-9430

COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks are still on sale. Congratulations to Gail and Arnold for selling 195 cookbooks and winning a dinner for two at the Heritage Restaurant.

## WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO HAVE OUR FIRST LADY AT AN OPEN MEETING

BY Betsy S.

As a Straight parent, what pride I felt when it was announced that our First Lady, Mrs. Nancy Reagan, would be an Open Meeting guest September 17th. Many friends and neighbors asked with excitement, "Are you going to be there? Do you have to go to that meeting? Will you see Nancy?" There was a special feeling of pleasure in saying "Yes!" Parents and young people alike were very thrilled and looking forward to it. It seemed as if all Cincinnati's eyes were turned to Straight, Inc. and Mrs. Reagan's visit. How reassuring and encouraging to feel concern and interest for families and young people by one of such honorable status.

Comments of the young people showing their enthusiasm also made it an exciting evening. What joy to see the posters on the wall, and to hear their song, "Since Straight's Been Here," written especially for the First Lady, which moved many to tears.

Our honored guest gave out to the young people and parents with an aura of genuine warmth, love and even homeyness. It was evident she is not some stiff and formal presence, carrying out official duties, but a very special lady who shares from the heart her concerns for adolescent drug abusers. You might say she really feels for the future leaders, our young people of today. She commended them for facing up to their problem, and she is proud that they are doing something to help themselves. "We need you clear-eyed and clear-minded....strong and quick."

As a parent, I felt encouraged, proud and supported to know Mrs. Reagan so empathizes with parents in our hurts and pains with our children, as well as the triumphs achieved through the Straight program. As William Oliver, National Director of straight, put it in the words of Paul in the Bible, Mrs. Reagan exemplifies love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. In the presence of a person with these qualities, the evening certainly was full of hope and joy.

## ATTENTION PARENTS WITH A HOST CHILD:

Regarding Open Meeting attendance - You do what the rule states for your child, not your host child. For example, if your child is on third phase and you have a fourth phase host child, you come to Monday and Friday Open Meeting. If you have a third phase host child and your child is on fourth phase and off on Monday, you are also off.

## NOTE TO OUT-OF-TOWN PARENTS

Effective 10-1-84 the single - or double - room rate at the Sharonville Hilton will be raised to \$38.00 per night. This is a tremendous reduction of their normal rate and the first increase to us in over two years.

## SHORT AND SIMPLE HOUSEHOLD RULES

If you open it, close it  
 If you drop it, pick it up  
 If you mess it up, clean it up  
 If you turn it on, turn it off  
 If you hurt it, hug it

## TEN FUN AND MONEY-SAVING PERMISSION IDEAS FOR OCTOBER

1. Long walks - Cincinnati Nature Center (need a membership on the weekends), Sharon Woods, Winton Woods, Hueston Woods (near Oxford), Mt. Airy Park, Eden Park, to name a few.
2. Pumpkin decorating contest
3. Findly Market - located at Race and 12th, an open air market with great food buys. Open all day Saturday
4. Marathon Monopoly (or Trivia, or a variety of games) Contest - set up rules, set out food and play - good for a rainy afternoon
5. Go to a shopping mall with a group. Draw names and see what terrific gift you can buy for the person whose name you draw for two dollars. Exchange gifts later.
6. Have a letter-writing permission - anybody can write somebody a letter.
7. Cook. Decide in advance what to make so ingredients are on hand. Homemade bread, candy, popcorn balls and caramel apples are fun.
8. Out of town families - if you are at a motel with a pool, have a group over to swim. Especially fun when it's cold outside (indoor pool, that is).
9. Make Christmas Cards - it's not too early! And the cards you make yourself are the very best.
10. Parents, take your kids with you while you run errands. A good experience when they slip into the belief that they are the only ones with a lot of responsibilities.

## Resources for outings at front desk:

1978 ed. of Cincinnati Companion

Over 2000 places to go and things to do; including a page in the back of freebies, and places that are open on Sundays.

1979 ed. of Cincinnati for Kids

lots of near things to do, some are no longer available, call first.

1984 ed. of Day Trips

Ideas for short trips within two hours travel from Cincinnati.

## Available at B. Dalton booksellers:

Day Trips \$6.95

Cincinnati Without Fears or Tears \$7.95

Jack Osler's 50 Favorite Mini Trips for Ohio \$3.95

## Available at Waldenbooks:

Cincinnati - A Day along the Ohio (for children) \$4.50

Savoirfaire - a guide to the best boutiques, shops and restaurants \$6.95

7-STEP NEWS

The September 14th Open Meeting celebrated the announcement of six new 7-Steppers. Congratulations to: Kim A., Ron D., Scott M., Dave S., Tom G., Ken H. Again on September 21st, four new 7-Steppers were honored. Congratulations to Deanna F., Dan F., Jim V. and Rob E. This brings the Cincinnati 7-Step Society to 126 members in good standing.

Remember the Progressive Dinner for all 7-Steppers and their families on October 7th at 5:30. The cost is \$3.25 per person for the entree. Call Carol B. (272-0964) for more information.

Thanks to the 7-Step Society for paying for the installation of the pay phone located in the parent lobby.

Coming October 27th is the SPOOKY HAUNTED HOUSE. Details will be announced soon, or call Eric G. (791-4475) for more information.

NOTES FROM THE BOTTOM OF A TEA BOX

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.  
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.  
To reach out for another is to risk involvement.  
To expose feelings is to risk exposing our true self.  
To place your ideas, your dreams, before the crowd is to risk loss.  
To love is to risk not being loved in return.  
To live is to risk dying.  
To hope is to risk despair.  
To try at all is to risk failure.  
But to risk we must,  
Because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
The man, the woman, who risks nothing, does nothing,  
has nothing, is nothing.

BOOSTER CLUB TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER

The Booster Club has raised \$8,236.54 during the month of September. This includes money from cookbook sales, 7-Step sculpture raffle plus the regular raffle and concession money.

SIBLING NEWS

The Sibling group has begun a concession stand in the front lobby each Saturday morning. Please support the Sibling group by buying your snacks from them.

**INSTANT PRINT PLUS**

All the advantages of a "quick print", PLUS!

- QUICK PRINTING
- 2-COLOR PRINTING
- BINDER
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- PHOTOCOPYING
- DARKROOM
- PHOTOCOPIES
- WEDDING INVITATIONS

**554-1797**

BUSINESS HOURS  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

 Serving the area for 10 years 

11137 READING ROAD, SHARONVILLE, OHIO 45241

**TARVIN**  
**PLUMBING AND HEATING**

76 YEARS OF QUALITY SERVICE

REPAIR AND REMODELING SPECIALISTS

COMPLETE BATH AND KITCHEN REMODELING

KOHLER • AMERICAN STANDARD  
• JACUZZI

SHOWROOM - 3748 EASTERN AV  
CINTI OH

 **321-5726** 

IF NO ANSWER CALL 231-3738

# OCTOBER 1984

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p> <p><i>First Quarter</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p>	<p>RAP: 6 Siblings 10:00am 7-Steppers 7:00pm Parents Only 7:00pm</p>
<p>7 7-Steppers &amp; Families - Progressive Dinner -5:30pm</p>	<p>8 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p> <p><i>Columbus Day Thanksgiving (Lapsed)</i></p>	<p>9 RAP: 7-Steppers 6:00</p> <p><i>Full Moon Leif Erikson Day Fire Prevention Day</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p>	<p>13 RAP: Siblings 10:00 am 7-Steppers 7:00 pm</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p>	<p>16 RAP: 7-Steppers 6:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Last Quarter</i></p>	<p>18 RAP: 5th Phasers &amp; Parents 6:15</p>	<p>19 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p> <p><i>Revolutionary War Ended, 1781</i></p>	<p>20 RAP: Siblings 10:00am 7-Steppers &amp; Parents 7 pm</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p>	<p>23 RAP: 7-Steppers 6:00</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>New Moon Killed Mothman Day</i></p>	<p>25 RAP: 4th Phasers &amp; Parents 6:15</p>	<p>26 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p>	<p>27 RAP: Siblings 10:00 am 7-Steppers 7:00 pm <b>HAUNTED HOUSE!</b></p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 OPEN MEETING 6:30</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		<p>September</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p>	<p>November</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30</p>