

# SURVEY

## LESBIAN CONNECTION SURVEY

This survey has been put together by Margaret, a former Ambitious Amazon. If we receive enough responses by December 15, Margaret will compile the results, and we'll print them in the following issue of LC. We hope through this survey we can all learn more about each other. Also this will give you a chance to tell us specifically how you feel about the different aspects of the newsletter.

This survey is anonymous - there is no need to include your name and address with it. Feel free to skip any questions you consider too personal, but we'd especially like you to answer those concerning LC. If you share your copy of LC with other lesbians, we suggest you either zerox extra copies of the survey or use a separate piece of paper (please number your answers); if you can't do either of these maybe you could use different colors of ink on the same copy.

Most of the questions can be answered with a simple yes or no, or by circling the appropriate word or words. For those questions that require a lengthy answer, or if you want to elaborate on any of your answers, you may find that you need an extra sheet of paper.

When you're done send the survey to: Survey, c/o Ambitious Amazons, PO Box 811, East Lansing, MI, 48823. Please try to get it to us by December 15. We hope you'll answer the questions honestly, and you'll enjoy filling it out. --Ambitious Amazons & Margaret

- 1) How long have you been reading LC? \_\_\_\_\_ 2) How did you find out about LC? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What lesbian, women's or gay publications do you read? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) If you worked on LC, how would you change it? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Do you live in: a city the country in between (circle one)
- 6) Do you think you would have written to get LC originally if it had cost \$? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) If we charge for subscriptions, will you continue to subscribe? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) What's the most you'd be willing to pay for a year's subscription \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Do you like the fact that LC is free and survives totally on donations from its readers? \_\_\_\_\_ NOTE: You may want to use an extra sheet of paper for more detailed explanations of the above four questions - #6, #7, #8, and #9.
- 10) How many of the following do you live with, if any? lesbians \_\_\_\_\_ other women \_\_\_\_\_ men \_\_\_\_\_ children \_\_\_\_\_ others \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Do you wish the contents of LC were edited more: \_\_\_\_\_ 12) Does the grammar in LC ever bother you? \_\_\_\_\_ 13) Have you ever been in the armed forces? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) If so, would you recommend them to other lesbians? \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) How long have you called yourself a lesbian? \_\_\_\_\_ 16) What kinds of articles and news would you like to see in LC? \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) What's your job status (circle one): full time part time welfare student unemployed other 18) Explain what you do: \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Are you a mother? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which: biological non-biological 20) How many children do you have? female \_\_\_\_\_ male \_\_\_\_\_ 21) How many lesbians besides you read your copy of LC? \_\_\_\_\_ 22) After you read LC do you (circle one): throw it away pass it on to friends put it in the bathroom save it other
- 23) Do you belong to any other minority group (eg., ethnic, racial, religious, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_ 25) Are you (circle one): carnivorous or vegetarian
- 26) How would you rate yourself politically (circle): apathetic conservative liberal crazy anarchist no politics other 27) Are you part of a lesbian community? \_\_\_\_\_
- 28) If yes, how many lesbians are in the community: 1-5 5-10 11-50 51-100 over 100
- 29) How do you define lesbian community? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30) Do you attend lesbian parties or activities? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, do you generally enjoy them? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_
- 31) Do you like to (circle): dance fish swim climb trees read poetry whistle read LC other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

- 32) List 3 of your favorite lesbian books, if any: \_\_\_\_\_
- 33) For common goals, do you think lesbians should work with (circle one or more):  
 lesbians    straight women    gay men    straight men    lesbians only
- 34) What are your favorite lesbian records, if any? \_\_\_\_\_
- 35) Did you vote in the presidential election? \_\_\_\_\_ 36) Who would you like to see as president (circle one)?  
 Jimmy Carter    Ronald Reagan    Jerry Ford    Betty Ford  
 Lily Tomlin    other \_\_\_\_\_
- 37) How do you classify yourself (circle one or more): celibate    single    in a couple  
 monogamous    non-monogamous    38) Which do you think is better? monogamy    non-monogamy
- 39) Do you enjoy (circle appropriate word or words): kissing    cunnilingus    holding hands  
 using vibrators    tribadism    cuddling    using dildos    mutual masturbation    S & M  
 group sex    masturbation    spooning    40) What parts of LC do you like the best?  
 Rate 1 to 12 in order of preference, with 1 being your most favorite:  
 \_\_\_ cover    \_\_\_ responses    \_\_\_ reviews    \_\_\_ announcements  
 \_\_\_ Ambitious Amazon's letter    \_\_\_ ads    \_\_\_ letters    \_\_\_ articles  
 \_\_\_ contact dykes    \_\_\_ directories    \_\_\_ Your Town    \_\_\_ news shorts
- 41) How thoroughly do you read the following sections: (A) skip it (B) glance at it  
 (C) read parts (D) read it all (rate the following A, B, C, or D)  
 \_\_\_ cover    \_\_\_ responses    \_\_\_ reviews    \_\_\_ announcements  
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- 42) Have you ever wanted to write something for LC but didn't get around to it? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Well, why don't you -- right now?!?)
- 43) Do you have any pets? If yes, how many: dogs \_\_\_ kitties \_\_\_ fish \_\_\_ rabbits \_\_\_  
 birds \_\_\_ worms \_\_\_ hamsters \_\_\_ cockroaches \_\_\_ snakes \_\_\_ skunks \_\_\_ others \_\_\_\_\_
- 44) Do you consider yourself (circle most appropriate words): homosexual  
 lesbian socialist    gay woman    lesbian    dyke    lesbian separatist    butch    femme  
 lesbian feminist    feminist lesbian    other \_\_\_\_\_
- 45) What was the last grade of schooling you had? \_\_\_\_\_
- 46) Do you have any problem receiving your copy of LC through the mail? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 47) If you pick LC up at a bookstore or from a group, do you find they usually run out of  
 copies quickly? \_\_\_\_\_ 48) If yes, please write the name and address of the group: \_\_\_\_\_
- 49) Have you told your lesbian friends about LC? \_\_\_\_\_ 50) Are you legally married to a  
 man at present? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you ever in the past? \_\_\_\_\_
- 51) How much do you make a year? (include all forms of income & circle one)  
 under \$5,000    5,000 - 9,999    10,000 - 14,999    over 15,000
- 52) Which of the following sections in LC have you made use of? (circle) Ads  
 Announcements    Contact Dykes'    Directories    Explain \_\_\_\_\_
- 53) If you've had any problems with them explain \_\_\_\_\_
- 54) If you have been listed in any of the 4 items above, what kind of response have you  
 received? \_\_\_\_\_
- 55) Do you know of any lesbian groups or businesses that should be listed in LC, or any  
 group that might want to distribute copies? \_\_\_\_\_
- 56) What's your astrological sign? \_\_\_\_\_ 57) This survey is (circle those  
 appropriate): strange    a waste of time    a waste of paper    good    great    bad  
 obnoxious    annoying    fun to fill out    boring    good for kindling
- 57) What questions would you have added to this survey? \_\_\_\_\_
- 58) Have you ever sent a donation to LC? \_\_\_\_\_

P.S. One of the writers of this survey would like to ask two questions for her personal  
 knowledge: Do you play the French Horn? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a limnologist? \_\_\_\_\_

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