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LAST CHANCE TO LOBBY YOUR LEGISLATOR TO PASS L.D. 1116 - AN ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION!!!

If you have not done so already please immediately call or write your state representative & senator and urge them to Vote Yes on this bill. MLGPA especially requests that people in Donald Berry’s (Belmont, Waldo, Morrill, Lincolnville, Searsport, Swanville, Searsmont) and Rodney McElroy’s (Burnham, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Montville, Palermo, Thorndike, Troy, Unity) districts are especially asked to contact them. For State Reps: call 1-800-423-2900 or House of Representatives, State House Station #2, Augusta 04333. At home Mr. Berry is 342-5675 and Mr. McElroy is 948-5225.

If you speak to either of these gentlemen and get a definite response, one way or the other let Mitzi know at 338-5889. We believe Joe Brooks (Brooks, Monroe, Frankfort, Jackson, Prospect, Stockton Springs, Winterport) will vote to pass, but if anyone could confirm this to Mitzi it would be appreciated. They are trying to get a head count in the House as the vote to pass there is not as sure as it is in the Senate! Other folks should send letters of thanks to Senator Susan Longley for her co-sponsorship and leadership on this historic piece of legislation and to State Rep. David Lindahl (Belfast, Isleboro, Northport) for his promised support. Senator Longley can be reached at State House Station #3, Augusta 04333 or 1-800-423-6900 and Rep. Lindahl at the above House of Representatives address.

UPCOMING COMMON CIRCLE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!

APRIL 28
Monday
6:00 P.M TO 9:00 P.M. ST. MARGARET’S PARISH HOUSE, 49 Court St. (corner of Elm and Court). Belfast. Please join us for some focused planning for the next 4 months regarding meetings and other activities. We especially are encouraging anyone with energy or information to assist in planning or carrying out tasks for the Hate Awareness Day in June and the “Love Makes A Family” photo exhibit in the fall. Let’s generate ideas for programs/discussions and get updates on legislative and grant writing activities.

APRIL 30
Wednesday
7:00 P.M. and on for the COMING OUT EPISODE of ELLEN on ABC. SHOW TIME is either 8:00 or 8:30 and the show is an hour! Bring your popcorn poppers and non-alcoholic beverages!!! Let’s have some fun together. Maybe
celebrate a legislative victory???. Invite friends!!!! This event will be at the home of Nan Stone on Oak Hill Rd., Swanville. Directions: From intersection of High & Main St. in Belfast go out High St. (past movie theater) exactly 7.1 miles. About two miles out the road will fork (bear right over RR tracks). Look for large rainbow colored mailbox on Right and turn into driveway. The house is not visible from the road. Nan’s phone is 338-5559.

May 5
Monday
7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Deb Hockensmith, 338-1704, is inviting all interested parties to come to her home, 12 Pearl St., Belfast to plan for the Hate Awareness Day event.

BOYCOT ADVERTISERS AND THANK THE ELLEN SUPPORTERS!

The religious right succeeded in getting Chrysler Corporation and J.C. Penney to withdraw their advertising for the Ellen series! Don’t buy their products and let them know why! Also thank Pres. James Tavares, ABC Television Network, 2040 Ave. of the Stars, Los Angelos, Ca. 90067 or e-mail at http://www.abc.com/vvoce/index.html for introducing an openly gay character into television. Also thank Walt Disney Company, Chairman Michael Eisner, 500 South Buena Vista St., Burbank, Ca. 91521. http://www.Disney.com/Mail.

COMMON CIRCLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
APPLICATION FOR MAINE EQUITY FUND GRANTS

Carol Good, Deb Hockensmith, and Mitzi Lichtman outdid themselves to meet the grant deadline set by the Maine Community Foundation and submitted what we think are three excellent proposals for funding. They include “Love Makes a Family” Photo Exhibit, a Hate Awareness Day and an operating cost subsidy for our group. We’ll know by late May whether our proposals were accepted for funding!!

Our thanks to John Cronin for proof-reading! We also sincerely thank Lynne Kaplowitz and the Maine Chapter of 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women for agreeing to be our fiscal sponsor for this grant!!

GLSTN - GAY-LESBIAN & STRAIGHT TEACHERS NETWORK

Downeast Maine Chapter, P.O. Box 373, Ellsworth, ME. 04605 667-2538. Peter Rees of Ellsworth is the local contact. They meet to plan for the safety and well being of all students and teachers in schools, without regard to sexual orientation. You do not have to be a teacher to be involved with GLSTN!! Contact Peter if you are interested! Our group could use a contact!
Community Calendar

April 19  Dance sponsored by Out on MDI and Outspoken 8:00 P.M. to Midnite $7 Gates Center, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor

April 19  Women’s Dance - Proceeds to Benefit So. Maine Chapter of GLSTN 8:00 P.M. to Midnite, $5, Williston West Church, 32 Thomas St., Portland

April 17, 18, 19  Oak St. Theatre. One Person Shows on Gay & Lesbian Lives 8 P.M.

24, 25, 26  You’re Just Like My Father

May 1, 2, 3  Skin & Ornaments  Call Theatre at 775-5103. Benefit for Pride Fund.

May 1-23  Building Community and Welcoming Diversity. Sponsored by the National Coalition Building Institute. 8:30 to 4:00 P.M. $65.00 or $35.00 for low income/student. Unitarian Universalist Church, Winthrop St., Augusta. Call Diane Gilman at 882-8022 for more info. To register send to Diane, NCBI, R.R. 3, Box 502, Woolwich 04579

April 28  Common Circle for Human Rights Monthly Meeting 7:00 P.M.

St. Margaret’s Parish House, 49 Court St., Belfast. See front for details. Questions call 338-5889

April 30  Ellen Comes Out - House Party at Nan Stone’s in Swanville. 7:00 P.M.

See front for details

May 3  Benefit Concert for Holocaust Human Rights Center 993-2620

Violinist and pianist. e-mail to http://www.state.me.us/msl/hhrc.html Call 338-5889

Women’s Coffeehouse To Benefit Womanland 7:00pm; Belfast Free Library; Women only; $6.00 plus or minus

May 4  Day of Remembrance. Contact Holocaust Human Rights Center At above e-mail address or call 993-2620 for details and location.

May 9 & 10  Maine Speakout Project Gathering

Friday evening 4:00 to 9:00 P.M. with dinner. $38.00 both days or $15 for Sat.

Saturday 7:30 to 5:00 P.M. with Breakfast & Lunch. Can go just for Sat.

Call 879-0480 or e-mail MSOPrject@aol.com

May 10  SHIRA (Midcoast’s Lesbian Accapella Group) Sings with the Quasimodals Our own, Sarah Nicholson is a member!! 7:30 P.M. Camden Public Library, Upstairs in old library. Free tickets with donation recommended!! Call 236-3440

Let’s make this a Common Circle Supported Event. Maybe dinner before at the Indian Restaurant? Call 338-5889 if you want to go and meet.

May 17  CONFERENCE ON LESBIAN HEALTH & SEXUALITY $20.00  Southern Maine Nursing College, Portland, Call Linda Wolfe AT 865-9768

May 29 - June 1  Springfest - Women’s Camping Weekend

Call 737-0930. This is in the mid-coast area.
June 13-15  Symposium XXIII: Community -- Come In Unity!!!
Workshops, recreation, entertainment designed for the GLBT community.
Southern Maine Technical College, South Portland Campus
Please preregister ASAP, organizers need a commitment of attendance.
To register or volunteer, call 625-8499
To become a workshop leader, call Susan at 785-3664

June 13  Kate Clinton at Symposium XXIII  Bob Green Lead-in- Sponsored by MLGPA
For tickets to concert only - Call 773-6974

June 18-22  Southern Maine Pride Week
Events include dance and parade!!!
For more information, contact Southern Maine Pride
P.O. Box 11502
Portland, ME 04104
Laurie Fortman, Executive Director  878-0546 or
Michael Rosetti, Operations Director  879-7323  (e-mail: smepride@gwi.net)

Late June  Hate Awareness Day - Belfast  Contact Deb at 338-1704 to help!

July 13 - 18  Seminars on Teaching the Holocaust by Holocaust Human Rights Center
More info? See previous e-mail address and phone.

Aug. 1 - 4  Diversity Leadership Institute - 7th Annual by Holocaust Human Rights Center.
More info? See previous e-mail address and phone.

Aug. 16 - 18  Gay Times Festival in Bar Harbor
More info later. Keynotes scheduled Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon

Mid-Sept. or Mid-Nov,  Love Makes A Family - Photo Exhibit and Text. Roundtable Discussion on

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