

## Maine Bisexual People's Network Newsletter, May 1992

P.O. Box 10772, Portland, ME 04104

*Meetings are 3rd Sunday of every month, 1-4 pm, at 18 Center St., Brunswick (private office.)*

Hi Folks,

There's something green outside. Since it isn't money, must be SPRING!

**Surprised to hear from MBPN?** At our April meeting, we decided to mail a newsletter to everyone who was on our former (1989) mailing list. We want to let you know we're alive again and would like to have you join us. Write to me at Box 10772 if you want to continue to receive our mailings.

As another part of our **outreach**, we decided to contact student groups and counseling staff on every Maine college campus. We'll give them meeting information and offer information and support on bisexual issues.

### MAINE EVENTS

Portland City Councilor, Peter O'Donnell, has introduced a city ordinance (Chapter 13-A, **Human Rights Re: Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation**) that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and credit within the **City of Portland**. (I'm sure you know we aren't protected by state or federal laws.) Public hearing 5/11 at 7:30 at City Hall. If you live in Portland, please contact O'Donnell and other City Council members and express your support for this legislation.

It's not too late to attend this year's Lesbian and Gaymen's **Symposium XIX**, Friday-Mon., **May 22-25** at U. ME at Presque Isle. It is hosted by Northern Lambda Nord, a gay-lesbian-bisexual organization. (P.O. Box 990, Caribou, ME 04736. 498-2088 voice.) Speakers, entertainment, films, workshops, dancing, etc. Housing in dorm rooms; several meal plans; child care. I'm sure the conference will be wonderful especially for those of you who live so far north that you can never get to our meetings.

The Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance urges any person or business subjected to **anti-gay harassment**, threats, &/or physical assault including police abuse to report all incidents to them at P.O. Box 232, Hallowell, ME 04347. They are Maine's collector for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. They have a reporting form.

The **Unitarian Universalist Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Group of Maine** is now holding monthly meetings at 1st Parish Church, Congress St., in Portland. I was their April speaker and found them to be welcoming and bi friendly. Next meeting: May 27 at 7 pm. Potluck.

**The Names Project** has sent us an announcement about **The Quilt**. Sections will be on display: Skowhegan High School 5/8-11; Portland, 5/17; 5/20-24 at Symposium XIX. Volunteers are needed for every part of this effort. P.O. Box 4319, Portland, 04101. 774-2198.

The **9th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & March** will be in Portland on Sunday, 5/17. 6 pm: candlelight gathering at Monument Sq., and march to St. Luke's Cathedral on State St. for the 6:30 pm memorial gathering.

**Much To Do About Something**, an evening of song to benefit the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, will be Sat., May 9, 8 pm, at McAuley Performing Arts Ctr., (McAuley High School) 631 Stevens Ave., Portland, \$10.

**Matlovitch Society** continues to present speakers, 7:30-9 pm, 2nd and 4th Thurs. at the Portland Public Library. **Bisexuality on June 11**. Complete schedule printed in "Our Paper" &/or \$20 to P.O. Box 942, Portland 04104. for a 1 yr. tax deductible Society membership. Also, the Society's office at 72 Pine St is open Sun. afternoons so folks will have a safe space to meet/visit/hang out.

**June 6, Sat., Portland Pride March.** Details later.

### BEYOND MAINE

The new **International Directory of Bisexual Organizations**, 8th edition, Apr. '92, is available. I have copies for sale and bring one to each meeting.

**Biversity Boston calendar:** (events at The Center, 138 Newbury St., 2nd floor, Boston, unless otherwise noted. Information from ECBN (617) 247-6683 (BIS-MOVE) May 16: monthly Bi Brunch at 10:45, 33 Edinboro St. in Boston's Chinatown. Meet under the Chinatown arch on Beach St. June 7: Bi-Space, 8-10 pm. June 20: Monthly Bi Brunch. July 11 & Aug. 8: Beach outings at Singing Beach.

**Bisexual Writers Retreat**, Aug. 7-9, near Philadelphia, PA. \$50 per person. Contact Drew Lewis 617-536-5127 or c/o BBMN at The Center (see above.)

**June 12-14 (Fri.-Sun.) BiFest '92** including **6/13 Pride March**, Boston. Several of us will be attending BiFest. Some will march in the Pride parade with bi groups from all over New England. Last year's BiFest events included films, workshops, a dance, brunches, and a lot of fun hanging out.

The **entire AIDS quilt** will be displayed Oct. 9-11, 1992 in D.C. The Maine Names Project will participate and needs volunteers to read and unfold the quilt. Call David Ketchum at 934-4997 for information.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter from the **East Coast Bisexual Network** giving a summary of their accomplishments and asking for contributions. Why should we contribute? What do they do for us? Many of you found us thru ECBN. You are receiving this newsletter because they gave me the personal support and organizational information to restart MBPN, write a monthly newsletter, and find a regular meeting place. In other words, right now, we exist partly because of them. They supply us with literature on bisexuality. They keep us informed about all kinds of bi events and resources we wouldn't otherwise know about. They host us for events we attend in the Boston area. They maintain the only bi archives in the world. We need ECBN and it needs us

Hope to see you on May 17. Carpooling encouraged. Call me for connections. [REDACTED]. Contributions to the potluck refreshments are also appreciated but certainly not mandatory.

If you are receiving this newsletter regularly and want to be taken off the mailing list, please let me know so we can save the postage. Thanks. (Folks from our '89 mailing list are only being sent one issue and need to contact us if they want to be put on our current mailing list.)

Bye bi for now,

*May '92*