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*****MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST NEWSLETTER*****

GREETINGS FROM RAINY BANGOR*****ATTENTION THIS IS THE LAST FREE NEWSLETTER****

For whatever may be the reasons, only about 16 people out of an almost 200 persons mailing list have responded to the subscription request made in the last MLF Newsletter. One of the reasons might be that no deadline for subscriptions was set; therefore, newsletter workers and communications committee members are offering one more free issue, this one....DEADLINE FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BEGIN WITH THE JULY ISSUE OF THE MLF NEWSLETTER WILL BE JULY 10th. Several people have indicated they want to continue to receive the newsletter and will pay later. Some have sent extra money to finance subscriptions for others. Besides guaranteeing twelve issues (not counting this one or other freebies) to those who have paid \$5.00, no decisions have been made about how to distribute donations, so until further notice is given will continue to receive newsletters. If \$5.00 pinches you now, just let us know that you still want to receive the Newsletter.

Sorry everyone who sent money had to wait so long for receipts. The idea was to avoid extra postage by mailing receipts with the newsletter.

For the present time, any correspondence (request for information) can be sent to Diana Fish, Rt. 1, Box 18, Orrington, Maine. 04474. Any change will be reported in the July issue. Please include any information to be included in the July issue. by July 10. Because of a mix-up Maureen's wonderful directions just arrived, so this issue is later than it should be..

JUNE 18th evening after IWY meeting in Bangor

STATEWIDE MLF MEETING JUNE 19th in Bar Harbor, Maine.,..... all day SUNDAY
DIRECTIONS: From Ellsworth, Maureen Williams/ Mary Ellen Kimball are exactly 11.5 miles. Route 3 all the way. It's the only way to get to Mt. Desert Island/ Acadia National Park. We are exactly 4.5 miles from the "Bar Harbor Airways" black and white and red sign on the left at the airport's entrance in Trenton. Route 3 will take you then across beautiful Mt. Desert Narrows (a bridge followed by a small causeway). Road forks. Bear left on Rt. 3. Careful. Many accidents here. On left, you'll pass a motel and campground: touristsoriented billboards. left and right. As you pass over a small concrete bridge (Northeast Creek) slow down. Start counting all driveways on the right starting with the one directly across from Erna's German Motel. We are the 6th driveway. A LAVENDER BANDANA WILL WAVE IN THE BREEZE. This is a private, tarred right-of-way which turns to a narrow dirt road. The tarred driveway looks like it belongs to 1 single, large yellow gambrel-roofed house with a nice lawn. Slowly drive down in, passing a number of junk-like vehicles, big red barn and small gray shack. We are small L-shaped yellow house straight (I mean gayly forward) ahead.

PLEASE CARPOOL WHENEVER POSSIBLE. PARKING IS GOING TO BE INTERESTING. AND PLEASE USE DECORUM NEAR HOUSE, SINCE NEIGHBORS MIGHT BE WORKING IN GARDEN. IF IT DOESN'T RAIN, YOU MIGHT WANT TO TENT OUT IN MY FIELD OR SLEEP ON DECK. There are sleeping beds for 6 or 7 inside. Limited floor space for sleeping bags. If raining, it's going to be interesting. Dogs-ok, if the stay outside. I'm working on other Bah Habbah gay housing, but most live in small places. There are 3 stores 2-4 miles from house, plus several take-outs, good pizza and beer place you'll pass on approach via route 3..Bring dance music and instruments...

AGENDA for meeting at BAH HABBAH

Saturday June 18th.....recover from State convention of IWY in Bangor by partying and pot-lucking at Mo's and Mary Ellen's. HOUSING-15 and possibly more may sleep at College of the Atlantic, Bah Habbah; 6 in Tremont; tenting in field, beds for 6 and some floor space at our place. (We're still working on housing arrangements).

Sunday-June 19 (The first day of Lesbian Pride Week) Follow regular agenda format..
Note from newsletter staff:

Can't see when a business meeting will fit in here, but we need to discuss a few things concerning newsletter and we feel it's really important to find time for people who want to be involved in gay rights issues to be able to initiate that effort.

11 am--- Personal Sharing Workshop to be guided by Donna Jones, Bath and Loie Hayes, Ellsworth. Will focus on the Woman-Identified-Woman concept. They would prefer to participate with 5 people per group who want to share the feeling of knowing we do not have to rely on men for our emotional and physical needs. The stress of coming out will be discussed. Loie and Donna feel it would be ideal if every participating woman could give some thought to the woman-identified-woman concept prior to the meeting, even make notes so we can have some real sharing, rather than a battering around of ideas.

NOONISH _____ Lunch

The Art of massage interested so many at Washington, Maine MLF meeting that time and a small amount of private space will be available for the continuation of this workshop/ Kay Gardener, Joan and Shirley, et alia, from Stonington will be on hand with their records. (And if Kay is up to it, following her current globe trotting to Boston, Philie, NY and Bangor IOW, we may hear her work some of her magic.)

SUNDAY night- more partying, dancing, pot-lucking if desired.

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Gay dance sponsored by Wilde-Stein Club at Maine Christain BLDG in ORONO (1 Riverdale Place) Saturday July 9th, 8:00pm to midnight.

Next women's night at Flo's in; Augusta is July 13th.

Quiet Responsible dyke looking for someone to share an apartment with in the Augusta area this fall. Do you need a roommate? Do you have an extra room you could rent? Here's a chance to cut down on your expenses...Will be attending U.M.A. in September. Write to: Susan Leonard, 20 Montello St., Provincetown, Mass. or cal or write: Ellie Goldberg, RFD#2 Union, Me. 04862 02657

EDITORIAL

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In the past eight days:

1) Maine State legislature has defeated the amendment to the State Human Rights Act which would have given legal protection to gay people in the areas of housing, jobs and public accommodations.

2) Voters in Dade County, Florida repealed gay rights legislation.

3) The Massachusetts Senate refused to even consider a gay rights bill which was written to protect gays in Massachusetts's Civil Service.

It's not news to gays that they are feared and discriminated against by straights. What is new is consideration of gay rights issues by legislative bodies. Early defeat of these issues is hardly surprising; what would be tragic is if we were made apathic by it. Only through unified, organized effort can gays hope to change the negative votes on gay rights issues. Any black knows anti-discrimination laws don't end discrimination-but they at the least give the victims of that discrimination a path of legal redress. At the best they can contribute to opening communication and provide a setting for changing attitudes. I would like to see the MLF working closely with other gay groups in Maine to make a serious organized effort to see gay rights legislation passed in 1978.

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