WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST NEWSLETTER. THIS IS A WHOLE NEW THING FOR OUR AREA AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH US LUCK

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NEXT MEETING

THE next meeting of the MLF will be held on Sept. 25, Sunday, at 189 Water Street, Skowhegan. There will be a party on Saturday night, and plenty of room for people to spend the night, either in Skowhegan or in Waterville.

Our Tentative Agenda:

Saturday night - PARTY 8PM.
bring some munchies to share and whatever you want to drink
(if you have music to share, bring instuments or records).

Sunday
10AM Social - welcome(well have tea, can't guarantee coffee)
11AM General Meeting
12NOON Bag lunch - bring your own, there is a store near for those
who forget, also a MAC Donald's
1 PM Political Meeting
3PM Open Time - Softball with Kathy (bring equipment if you can)
Massage with Bette(bring oil, etc)
5PM POT LUCK SUPPER - bring a dish to share.

PLEASE NOTE:
1. NO DOGS: we have no room for them and my son is allergic to doghair.
2. Bring your own lunch and something for pot luck, there will be
an oven available for your fantastic DYKEDISHES
3. If planning to spend Sat. night, bring a sleeping bag/pillow, etc.
4. No arrange sleeping space or for more info, call SUE 873-5004 or
Connie 474-8311 (be discrete, that is a business phone)
5. Hang on to your map - there is no phone at the meeting place and
Sue will not be at her home on Sunday.

We will be at Flo's, so if there are any questions, just ask Sue, Kathy,
Connie, Janice or Joyce. The Waterville Contingent has all the answers.
see other side for map!!

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Record Warehouse,
66 Main St. Bangor, 945-6547, now carries Olivia and Wise Women records,
thanks to Daral. Records can be ordered and t-shirts may be available soon.

ALSO: Wise Women Enterprises
is located in Stonington and they sell both retail and wholesale.
DIRECTIONS TO SKOWHEGAN

From South:
Take 95 to 2nd Waterville exit (Main st./Rt104)
Turn left on 104 to Skowhegan (about 17 miles)
Past Hospital, turn right at yield sign, Gayly forward thru lights, over
bridges to Water Street. Park at municipal building - you can see the house
from the back of the parking lot.

From North
Take 95 to Newport - Rt2 exit
follow Rt 2 to downtown Skowhegan (about 1/2 hr.)
follow parking procedure above or park at Notre Dame school.

MINUTES TO THE LAST NEW MEETING

In case anyone didn’t notice the last meeting was a touch disorganized.
This humble newsletter staff member never received the meeting minutes, so I
am making them up here.

As far as memory serves, we sat down and talked all together for a bit.
We discussed the newsletter, whether or not to send it to the entire mailing list
again. The decision was to periodically do that to stay in touch with the women
who have at one point or other received the letter but haven't responded yet.
A suggested policy was that at the end of each group's term of newsletter
making they would send it out to everyone since by then they should be absolutely
terrific at producing newsletters. (This group has decided to wait until we
are a little better at it before sending it to the masses, perhaps next issue)

Various discussions ensued on various topics. Afternoon activities were
planned - Speakers Bureau, Positive Negative energy workshop, Welcome group,
PTF meeting.

Speakers Bureau was postponed till next meeting. The welcome group met
and more women signed up for the newsletter. With a bit of positive energy
Bobbie-Lynn received a massage during the PNF energy workshop.
The Political Task Force met and talked about the following:
- what do we want to do?
- letter to Florida Citrus Co. included in newsletter for later discussion
- name of PTF - decided to bring up at group meeting
- lesbians who aren’t feminists and feminists who aren't lesbians.
- priorities.... and ideas

- Making a positive lesbian presence known in Maine
- Central info. place on what’s going on
- Speakers - public education
- New England Lesbian Conference
- Campaign for human rights, writing our own amendment
- Regional Groups meeting, organizing.
- IWY conference.
IT was decided that the regional groups would meet before the next meeting and talk about LESBIAN PRESENCE and the IY conference. The areas are BANGOR, PORTLAND, BATH/BRUNSWICK, WATERVILLE, CAMDEN. happy thinking and talking.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quiet responsible dyke looking for someone to share an apartment 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 call or write Ellie Goldberg, R.F.D.32 Union, Maine. 04862. 763-3938.

There will be a party at 16 Sanford St., Bangor the night before the MLF meeting. Sleeping space available, bring sleeping bag. Also bring own bottle and own eggs - how do you like them - Saturday night Sept. 24 8 PM. 947-0468.

- Nancy, Joanne, Diane and Theresa.

Another workshop for next meeting - Coming out to the folks -- Nancy

Joanne Peppas has a custody case coming up Sept. 20th. Letters of support would be appreciated. Box 293 Belfast.

I want to share with all of you, who have been, and are continually a source of strength, hope and support for me, the loss of my companion and friend Thurman, who died at home Sept. fifth.

Diana Fish

The subscription fee for the MLF newsletter is $5.00 for those who can afford it, per year. We hope donations will cover the cost for those who can't. Please fill out the form below and send to Diana Fish, Rt. 1, Box 18, Orrington, Maine, 04474. Change of address requests can also be sent to that address. Our next issue will be sent to the entire mailing list. If you have someone who you would like to add to the mailing list let us know.

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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

___ Enclosed is my $5.00 sub. fee for the newsletter.

___ I still wish to receive the nl, but cannot afford the subscription fee.

___ I still wish to receive the nl. Please find enclosed a ______

___ I do not wish to receive the newsletter anymore.

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS:
This letter was drafted by Sue Farrell. If anybody is interested in using this letter in some form it can be discussed at the next meeting.

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that because of the recent discriminatory activities of Anita Bryant against homosexuals and lesbians, there is now, and will continue to be, an active boycott of (your product) in the (city, town, county, community) of _______.

The citizens of ______ feel that it is incumbent upon your company to disassociate itself from Anita Bryant. The continuation of Anita Bryant as spokeswoman for Florida Citrus Products indicates your company supports her views of discrimination. We in ______ will continue, therefore, to boycott (your product) until your company disavows Anita Bryant and her views.

Sincerely,

The idea for this letter was for various areas to send copies to different citrus producers who use Anita as spokeswoman.

The inclosed petitions was provided by Karen Saum. The political task force discussed it at the last meeting and decided to include it in the newsletter, though no decision was reached on how it should be used. It will be brought up at the next meeting if you gather signatures bring the petitions to the meeting.

CLASSIFIED ADS

wanted by charming, middle-aged former glamour girl loves sunshine beaches and fruit, attractive female companion, come to the Florida sunshine treee, write Navel.

Dear Dykes, Win a free one way trip to Bangor for sending in the best joke comments pertinent information or trivia.

Any contributions to the next newsletter send to Andy Bear, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609.