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THE (F)AMILY (A)FFAIRS (N)EWSLETTER

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER
AND INTERSEX COMMUNITY

FOLLOW YOUR HEART - DO YOUR PART - CHERISH OUR FAMILY

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NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

There is no news this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This category is for non-social notices about GLBTQI community members that you think other GLBTQI community members might like to know about...things like: births, deaths, adoptions, commitments, graduations, promotions, new jobs, awards, shows, ongoing classes, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.

Announcement #1 (Brunswick): Note from the FAN editor: this is a shortened version of the job listing to fit in the FAN – if you are interested, I will send you by e-mail the full listing.

Job Opening: Executive Director FLSA Status: Exempt / Part Time Position. Reports To: Board of Directors **JOB SUMMARY:** The Executive Director is responsible for providing strategic leadership for the existing programs by working with the Board of Directors to establish and implement long-range goals, strategies, plans and policies. The Executive Director serves as the agency's liaison to State and Federal funding resources, community social service agencies and the media. The Executive Director oversees the program directors and staff and assists in the successful implementation of the full array of services they provide. The Executive Director oversees and ensures that all agency activity is in full compliance with local, state and federal regulations and the organization's Code of Ethics. **KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:** Must possess cultural awareness and competency with the target client group[s]. Prefer four (4) year Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Public Administration or related field. Understanding of financial matters including contracts, accounting methods and procedures, budgeting, financial management and financial planning preferred. Competency/experience with grant-writing and RFPs [Request For Proposals] desired. Strong computer proficiency and Internet experience required. Prior experience at administrative/managerial level required. Well-developed interpersonal and verbal and written communications skills are essential to maximize communication within and outside of the agency. Prefer three years supervisory experience in a public health or social service setting. Current State of Maine driver's license, clean driving record and reliable transportation required. PLEASE FORWARD RESUME, REFERENCES AND SALARY REQUIREMENT TO: All About Prevention, P O Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011, Or: AAP@allaboutprevention.org

Announcement #2 (Rockland):

Maine Community Foundation Awards Grant to Out!...As I Want To Be

The Equity Fund of MCF recently awarded \$7500 to Out!...As I Want To Be to hire a part time staffer to establish collaborative relationships with other youth oriented organizations and the community, and to launch a significant fundraising effort for the future. Dora Lievow was hired in February.

Out!...As I Want To Be has been serving young people on an all-volunteer basis for fifteen years. Known as Outright for its first ten years, Out! is a resource for Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (GLBTQ) youth aged 14 – 22 and their parents and allies. From the website: “Our programs and activities are driven by the needs, ideas, and energy of youth, who participate fully in decision-making at every level. At our weekly meetings; make new friends, see old friends, talk, laugh, play games, see movies, learn about GLBTQ life, discuss serious and not-so-serious issues.” The group also has a myspace page.

Coordinator Lis Clark and a rotating group of advisors provide a safe space two evenings a week (Wednesdays, 5 – 8pm, Fridays, from 6 – 9 pm) at Out’s cozy office upstairs at 501 Main Street. Together, young people and an advisor prepare a meal served family style around a large table. Conversation and support is informal and comes as much from other young people, who are often isolated during their days at Rockland, Belfast, Mt. View, Camden, Medomak Valley, or George’s Valley high schools.

Lievow, in her former role as founder and director of The Community School’s residential program in Camden, has been familiar with the needs and strengths of GLBTQ teens. “My affinity with Out!’s mission is strong. And what could be more gratifying than to apply the skills I gleaned at The Community School to another critical resource for young people. Not only can I draw on our success in the organizational development of the School, but I can recall our mistakes and lessons learned!”

Lievow will be setting up meetings with the staff of non-profits and will be working with GLBTQ young people to offer presentations to service groups, churches, and high schools. To contact Lievow through Out, go to the website at www.outmaine.org.

OP/EDs:

This is your chance to spout off (or offer your insightful thoughts and opinions) about ANYTHING related to the GLBTQI community. Any subscriber is welcomed to submit. Please keep your thoughts as succinct (and civilized) as possible. Subscribers should be willing to allow at least their first name and an email address to be listed with the posting.

Opinion #1:

Why is it the GLBT movement is spending so much money on the marriage issue when we have so many people that are discriminated against on so many fronts and we are not paying any attention to them or helping them over come the discrimination?

And also why is it the GLBT movement always throws out the Trans part of any agreement they go for when it comes to settlement or making a law. And they do not try to police the GLBT movement people for the violations of the rights of Trans people. Example the Lesbians who want no Transsexuals in their organizations because they do not have a cervix. (known as throwing the Trans part of the movement under the wheels of the bus to get an agreement with congress people or senate people.)

I would love to hear the answers to this;

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EVENTS (CHANGING):

MARCH

MAR 5 (Friday). Portland. MaineTransNet is hosting the Transforming Health and Wellness conference at the USM Portland campus in collaboration with USM's Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity and the Trans Care Collaborative. The purpose of the conference is to raise awareness about health and wellness-related needs of the transgender community, and to address how the many areas of life that affect wellness may be influenced by gender non-conforming experiences. The conference will have workshops geared towards medical and mental health professionals as well as the transgender/genderqueer/gender-fluid community. Confirmed presenters include Jean Vermette, Chris Bartlett, M.D., Frank Brooks, LCSW, and Joelle Ruby Ryan, Ph.D. The conference will conclude with a reading by author Jennifer Finney Boylan. She will perform excerpts from both her fiction and nonfiction work, recent opinion pieces published in the New York Times, and give a preview of her new young adult book, *FALCON QUINN AND THE BLACK MIRROR*. For more information and to register, please visit the conference website: <http://www.mainetransnet.org/conference.html>.

MAR 6 (Saturday). Hermon. 8:00 P.M. – midnight. Morgan Hill Event Center, 82 Morgan Hill Lane in Hermon, Maine — March Dragness! — Between 8-9:30pm with after party dance until midnight. First big drag show in the Bangor area. Presented by the Bridge Alliance & Jessi Mallory Entertainment. Featuring DJ Jess and drinks all night!

MAR 10 (Wednesday). Portland. 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Rainbow Business and Professional Association dinner and meeting at 88 Spring Street (Holiday Inn by the Bay). Speaker is Sarah Holmes, coordinator, Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity at the University of Southern Maine, provides a glimpse into the future of the LGBT community as she discusses the in-roads being made in Maine and beyond. While recognized by Advocate magazine as one of the nation's top 100 colleges and universities for LGBT students, USM, she says, continues to look ahead. "While we are very proud of the many accomplishments on behalf of students and staff, there's always more work to do." 5:30 - 6:30 Cocktails in Lounge, 6:30 Dinner and Speaker. \$30 for RBPA members and \$40 for nonmembers. Call 207.775.0077 to RSVP, or e-mail: rsvp@rbpa.org **RSVP by March 5, 2010.**

MAR 11 (Thursday) Ellsworth. 6:00 P.M. Downeast Diversity Center, 47 Foster Avenue. Premier of "This Film is Not Yet Rated." Director Kirby Dick (OUTRAGE) sheds much-needed light on the inner workings of a secretive organization that wields great power over not only the movies the public gets to see but also the ones that get made. Doors open at 6:00 P.M., movie starts at 7:00.

MAR 18 (Thursday). Portland. 4:10 P.M. - 6:00 P.M., Gorham Campus, University of Southern Maine. Film: Training Rules, This documentary by Dee Mosbacher, addresses the issue of homophobia in women's athletics. The case of Harris v. Portland (a groundbreaking case in which a female basketball player sued her coach for alleged discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation and invasion of privacy). The documentary and discussion is being presented by Women and Gender Studies and co-sponsored by the Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity and USM Athletics. <http://www.trainingrules.com/>

MAR 25 (Thursday). Ellsworth. 6:00 P.M. Cleonice, "Guys Night Out" with the Downeast Diversity Center. Featuring the only Tapas bar north of Portland. Chef Richard Hanson has specifically designed a 3 course menu featuring the bistro's specialties. Seating for this event is limited and must be reserved in advance. Flat fee of \$30 must be received by March 23. Please call the Downeast Diversity Center at 699-4988 for more information or to reserve a spot.

MAR 27 (Saturday). Belfast. 6:30 P.M. The 5th Annual Make Beautiful Tribe Celebration. Held at the American Legion Hall at High, Church and Market Streets. This event, celebrating ourselves and our communities through music, song, comedy and laughter, is open to the greater Make Beautiful Tribe community and our friends of all genders and sexual orientations. The entire evening is drag friendly,

whether your drag is leather, lace, jeans or formal attire, or not any of those things at all. Hors d'oeuvres will be served before the show, and dessert during intermission. Since there will be a cash bar, you must be 21 or older to attend. For more information, go to: <http://www.makebeautifultribe.org> or contact wayne@mrlanguage.com.

MAR 27 (Saturday). Portland. 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. EqualityMaine Foundation 26th Annual Awards Dinner. Holiday Inn by the Bay. Please join Equality Maine for an evening to honor Bold Leadership, Inspiring Community, and Progress to Equality. Tickets and sponsorships are currently available. Please see their website for more information: <http://equalitymaine.org/events/annual-dinner>

MAR 30 (Tuesday). Portland. 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. DownEast Pride Alliance "BUSINESS AFTER HOURS" EVENT — The Business After Hours GLBT & gay-friendly networking event will be held on Tuesday, March 30, between 5:30pm-7:30pm at The Pearl on 444 Fore Street in Portland. Cash bar with exotic cocktails by trained mixologists. This event will also be catered by personal chef & caterer, Keithley in the Kitchen. Bring friends & colleagues and business cards for our Media Table.

APRIL

APR 6 (Tuesday). Northport. The Fifth Annual University of Maine Geriatric Colloquium: Sexuality and Aging: Dispelling the Myths. Held at Point Lookout Resort and Conference Center. Special attention will be directed at the anticipated impact of having a generation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) baby boomers using a wide range of health and social services including both community and institution-based forms of care in the coming years. Because sexual orientation and gender identity are now included in the Maine Human Rights law, all public institutions need to be proactive in planning for the issues that may arise with regard to staff, clients, and residents. Please see the following link for more information and for a link for a PDF brochure with more info:
<http://www.umaine.edu/mainecenteronaging/>

APR 7 (Wednesday) Portland. University of New England. Noon. Aging in the next Decade: Issues of Ageism and LGBT Elders, Westbrook College of Health Professions Lecture Hall, University of New England Portland Campus. Peg Cruikshank, women's studies lecturer and author, will discuss current issues in aging and ageism, with particular focus on issues faced by LGBT elders. Cruikshank is the author of *The Gay and Lesbian Liberation Movement*, (1992) and an interdisciplinary book *Learning to be Old: Gender Culture and Aging* (2nd edition 2009). She has been teaching LGBT courses at various schools on the East and West Coasts since 1982. Part of UNE's Diversity Lecture Series. For more information, please contact Donna Gaspar at dgaspar@une.edu or at (207) 602-2461.

APR 7-8 (Wednesday/Thursday). Biddeford. University of New England. 8:00 P.M. The Laramie Project. This student theatrical performance sponsored by UNE's Gay/Straight Alliance. The Laramie Project is a play by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project about the reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. The murder is widely considered to be a hate crime motivated by homophobia. The play, based more than 200 interviews conducted with people of the town, chronicles the life of the town of Laramie in the year after the murder. The Laramie Project is one of the most performed plays in the U.S. today. Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Donna Gaspar at dgaspar@une.edu or at (207) 602-2461.

APR 9 – 11 (Friday through Sunday) Machias. Third Annual Rainbow Ball Weekend, at the The University of Maine at Machias. The 100% Society would like to invite the community to the The Rainbow Ball which is, as always, an open and affirming chem-free Prom evening that includes dancing, DJ, entertainers, pictures, food and friends. This year's Rainbow Ball on Saturday April 10th from 7-11pm will have a Back to the 50's theme! We also have an entire weekend of free events planned for youth. All associated High School, College, Youth groups, and community members (including groups that are allies) are invited to a casual, fun, safe, supervised, friendly and community celebration including a campus admissions preview during the day on Saturday. Our campus is located an hour north of Bar Harbor, ME. We can provide contact information for past chaperones if there are questions and concerns. Rainbow Ball prom tickets for college students and community members cost \$15/person and \$20/couple (all ticket sales

go to support next year's ball)! Admission for high school students, youth groups and their chaperones is FREE. This includes room fees (Friday/Saturday), prom tickets and all meals. If your group needs housing accommodations, please RSVP any interest in this event by Monday March 8, 2010 as we have limited free housing for high school/youth groups. We will also provide assistance with transportation to the Rainbow Ball itself (gas money or ride coordination). To RSVP or to find out more information, please contact Betty Kelley, UMM Assistant to our President, with "Rainbow Ball" in the subject line to: <mailto:bkelly@maine.edu> or call between 1:00 and 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday at 255-1211. Visit our 100% Society page on Facebook. For more information, please see our campus webpage about this and other weekend events: <http://www.umm.maine.edu/100percent.html>

EVENTS (ONGOING):

Androscoggin County

GUY2GUY. Lewiston/Auburn meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Saturday night movie on the fourth Saturday of every month. We invite you to come and join us in a friendly, open and non-judgmental environment. Check the web site for more information at <http://www.guy2guy.org/> See full listing below for more details.

OUTRIGHT L/A. UU Church, corner of Spring and Pleasant Street, Auburn. Weekly drop-in for youth age 22 and under every Friday from 6:00 - 8:30pm. FMI call 207-795-8956 or email info@outrightla.org or check the web site at www.outrightla.org See full listing below for more details.

YANKEE BOYZ. UU Church, Auburn. Monthly social/support group meeting Sept - June (1st or 2nd Sunday of the month...call ahead to verify) for those born female, or intersex, and which female and/or "woman" as an identity does not fit. FMI contact PJ at pjmears@roadrunner.com or call 783-4630. See full listing below for more details.

Aroostook County

NORTHERN LAMBDA. Monthly meeting or gathering on the 4th Saturday of each month. Location varies within Aroostook County. FMI and/or directions contact Tess at 694-2639 or Kent at 538-7630 or email northernlambda@gmail.com. See full listing below for more details.

Cumberland County

AA MEETING - GLBT, Portland, 32 Thomas Street. Sunday evenings, 6:30pm, at Williston West Church. More info: <http://www.aamaine.org/groups/1/glbtc.htm>

DEMAND EQUALITY NOW PROTESTS. Sundays from 9:00 am to 11:15 a.m. Portland, Immaculate Conception Church, 302 Congress St. Group statement: "We protest at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception because it is the home church of Bishop Malone, who helped direct over \$500,000.00 in church funds and donations to help REPEAL equal marriage rights in Maine. We protest to send the message that the vote may be over, but we won't "get over it". We're not going anywhere. Everyone is welcome, any orientation, any height, any weight, lol. Just dress warmly!" For more information, please see the group's facebook site at: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&gid=176167710924>

HIV SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN Portland, 58 Gilman Street. We meet every third Tuesday, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Open meetings. We meet at the Virology Treatment Center, 58 Gilman Street, Portland. Call Diane for more information: 662-2991.

MAINETRANSNET Portland, 640 Brighton Ave. Peer support meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 pm. MaineTransNet's peer support meetings are limited to people who identify as

transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. E-mail Alex at alex@mainetransnet.org for more information.

(PFLAG) PARENTS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS, Portland. Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St, in Portland. ALL are welcomed, not just parents. FMI call 207-831-3015 or email mdpalmmer@gwi.net

PORTLAND FRONT RUNNERS. Portland, Back Cove Parking Lot. Meets every Saturday at 9:05 AM in the middle of the Back Cove parking lot for a run/walk around the cove. Brunch afterwards at Whole Foods around 10 AM. FMI contact Bruce Fithian at (207) 831-7113. Please see full listing below.

Hancock County

AA MEETING - GLBT, Ellsworth, Friday evenings at 6:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 121 Bucksport Rd. More information can be found on the Central Maine AA meeting site: www.aamaine.org

DOWNEAST DIVERSITY CENTER. Ellsworth, 47 Foster Avenue. Various social activities, FMI contact David Dauphinee, Director, Downeast Diversity Center at 207-951-2727 or by email at downeastdiversity@me.com On Mondays, beginning February 8, 2010 from 9-11 A.M. is a Senior Bridge Drop In, catered toward gay seniors who are interested in a safe place to talk and enjoy some coffee, tea, and conversation. Centered around learning the game of Bridge and several other card games. The Center also has a Tai Chi class for gay men only on Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Suggested donation is \$5 per class. Classes begin at 30 minutes and progress to one hour over fifteen weeks.

GAY GUYS GROUP (GGG) POTLUCK DINNER. Ellsworth Area. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. 6-9 pm-ish at various locations in the greater Ellsworth Area. FMI and to get directions and time contact Wayne at wayne@maineguyz.org You can also check the web site and get on their mailing list at www.maineguyz.org See full listing below for more details.

(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. Meets fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the UU Church in Ellsworth. FMI contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email downeastglsen@roadrunner.com . You can check the resource-rich national web site at www.glsen.org and find our chapter page at www.glsen.org/downeastme.

Kennebec County

JUST GUYS. Augusta, 9 Green St. Regular weekly meeting meets every Wednesday 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. See full listing below for more details.

Knox County

OUT!...AS I WANT TO BE. 501 Main Street, Suite #3, Rockland. GLBTQ youth, ages 14 to 22, meetings every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Lis at 632-4797 or email outmaine@yahoo.com . Check the web site at www.outmaine.org or the myspace posting at www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe See full listing below for more details.

Penobscot County

10% SOLUTIONS. Bangor, Rm. 215 of The Commons, Husson University. A GLBTIQ support group which is held on Monday nights. The meetings are open to all students, staff or faculty at either Husson University or The New England School of Communications. FMI contact Alex Patel at patela@husson.edu or by phone at 941-7990.

GLBT ON RYE (Gays, Bisexuals, Lesbians and Transgenders on Real Youth Education). Bangor, Rm. 127 of Peabody Hall, Husson University. Weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30. The meetings are open to all students, staff or faculty at either Husson University or The New England School of Communications. FMI contact Alex Patel at patela@husson.edu or by phone at 941-7990.

RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP. Bangor, Hammond St. Congregational Church. Third Saturday of each month. This gathering is open to the GLBTQI community and straight allies. It is under the auspices of the very GLBT-welcoming Hammond Street Congregational Church. While it usually consists of a potluck dinner at someone's home, there have also been gaming nights and other activities. Persons who are interested should call the church at 942-4381 for details of time and place.

Sagadahoc County

GUY2GUY. Brunswick meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Saturday night movie on the second Saturday of every month. We invite you to come and join us in a friendly, open and non-judgmental environment. Check the web site for more information at <http://www.guy2guy.org/> See full listing below for more details.

BUSINESSES:

NEW LISTINGS OF GLBTQI-OWNED BUSINESSES AND GLBTQI BUSINESS INDIVIDUALS:

The complete directory-to-date of folks who have asked to be listed is available on request. Also, it will be emailed to everyone next on March 15, 2010. If you are a GLBTQI business owner, an "out" GLBTQI business person associating with a non-GLBTQI-owned business, or a straight-owned supportive ally who wants a free listing, then contact me. I'm Zack at thefan@maine.rr.com or at 518-8663. I do not promise to answer the phone, but I do promise to listen to the voicemail and call you back, if requested.

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My name is Vicky Blanchette and I have created studio space in my home to design stained glass and other art mediums, inspired by nature, social justice, creative discovery, and by your ideas! From its humble beginnings in medieval times, glass has been created from sand transformed by fire to give us all beautiful colors and textures to use with light to illuminate gorgeous stained glass art. The studio is located in Bangor, Maine and is equipped with a large light table, two grinders, glass storage, a myriad of tools and supplies, and a lot of work space to handle just about any job. It all starts with an IDEA. From there, the magic begins to unfold through glass. Contact me to talk about your ideas at 207.944.2695 or through email at astartestainedglass@gmail.com

PERSONALS:

No new listings this issue.

SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:

If you're a FAN subscriber trying to sell/buy something, want to trade for something else, or have something to give away, this is the category to post to. The FAN makes no guarantees about anything listed here, we simply provide the free listing as a service.

No new listings this issue.

LIVING SPACE RENTALS:

If you are FAN subscriber with a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) to rent to someone, or if you are looking for a living space to rent from someone, then this is the category to post to. Postings run for four (4) consecutive issues and may be renewed for additional 4-issue runs if you wish. Send your listings to me, Zack, at thefan@maine.rr.com.

OLD TOWN - Small family of three adults have sunny sweet room for rent in huge Old Town house: 1. Unfurnished *, 2. Large closet, 3. share upstairs bath with lovely claw footed tub, 4. heat, electric, cable, internet, laundry, local phone included, 5. big beautiful kitchen to share, 6. living room to share, 7. quiet, peaceful homey atmosphere, 8. off road parking, 9. dead end street, 10. less than five minutes to bus, 11. 8 minutes to Microdyne, 12. 10 minutes to University, 13. cat friendly, Tenant Must Be: 1. willing to clean up after self, 2. quiet, 3. agree to one common room chore a week, 4. embrace diversity. Pictures upon request - \$400.00 monthly. Please call @ 207-827-4920 or e-mail @ wiserubel@yahoo.com

* can be furnished upon request

SURRY - Recently renovated mobile home for rent on a quiet dead-end street in Surry (near Ellsworth). Large kitchen, with new refrigerator and new stove.. Comfortable living room. Large bedroom with two closets. Bath with shower and two sinks. Smaller room that could be used as a second bedroom or an office. Recently painted and new carpets. On a large lot with plenty of room for a huge garden. Southern exposure, so bright and sunny during the day. Internet and cable-ready. \$600/month + utilities. For more information, and to schedule a visit, e-mail: wayne@mrlanguage.com (preferably) or call 667-9482 (evenings after 9:00 please).

GLBTQI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Bridge Alliance is a registered non profit organization connecting the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied (GLBTA) community in Aroostook, Hancock, Washington, Piscataquis, and Penobscot counties. Our primary goal is to accomplish the following: facilitate the development of a GLBTA community which promotes and embraces diversity; to promote and encourage the understanding that the GLBTA community plays an important role in Maine's cultural, social and economic landscape; to give back to the GLBTA community through charitable donations or in-kind services; to produce annual events that will assemble the GLBTA community in Northern Maine. We look forward to having you as a partner in our many endeavors. The web site for the Bridge Alliance is www.thebridgealliance.org. The email address is info@thebridgealliance.org. The events calendar is at www.thebridgealliance.org/events.html

Bridging The Gap provides no-cost clinical breast exams, mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and other breast health services to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 20 to 29 who have a symptom of concern and age 30 to 39 who have a symptom of concern or a family history of breast cancer. FMI and to see if you qualify contact Robin at Bridging The Gap at 941-2808.

Caring Connections provides no-cost mammograms and Pap tests to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 40 to 64 who meet income guidelines and don't have insurance to cover breast and cervical health services. FMI contact Robin at Caring Connections at 941-2808.

Connections! Gay or Bisexual male in Maine? On your own and not getting any younger? Want to be connected by phone with other mature gay men in Maine? Network for conversation, companionship, connections for support, help in recovery from medical treatment, ice storms or accidents. Call or be called or both. If you know of anyone who may not see this message, for the sake of community pass this information on. Even slight connections among people raise our spirits. To find out more call Peter (in confidence) at 207-348-2212 between 9AM and 8PM.

(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. Meets fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the UU Church in Ellsworth. We eat together (usually pizza) and ask participants to pitch in for the cost (usually about \$5). New members always welcome. Our work is focused on making schools safer and more respectful for all students and staff regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We do staff trainings, workshops at other events, and advocate for student needs. Recently we have begun to work with and encourage several gay-straight alliances (GSA's) in local high schools. We are teachers, parents, school administrators, counselors, and other interested citizens; men and women, gay and straight, working together. FMI contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email downeastglsen@roadrunner.com . You can check the resource-rich national web site at www.glsen.org and find our chapter page at www.glsen.org/downeastme.

Equality Maine, has been providing education and legislative advocacy for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1984. It sponsors a variety of social and legislative educational events each year and is always looking for volunteers and new members. If you're not a member, you should be. FMI contact Equality Maine at 207-761-3732 or toll free at 1-800-556-5472. Their email address is info@equalitymaine.org and the web site is www.equalitymaine.org

(GLAD) Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders. To learn about and protect your rights under Maine's anti-discrimination law, visit GLAD's website at www.glad.org or call the free legal hotline at 1-800-455-GLAD (1-800-455-4523). GLAD is New England's legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. GLAD's legal victories in Maine have addressed HIV discrimination, harassment of gay students, co-guardianship rights for same-sex parents, domestic partner benefits and more

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Collection at the University of Southern Maine is working to capture the history of Maine's LGBT community. We collect papers of individuals and the records of organizations active in the community. Although we mostly collect print material (books, serials, written documents) we collect almost any object that documents the life and experience of the LGBT community (photographs, books, newsletters, objects, posters, T-shirts, buttons, etc). Following professional standards, we are careful to guard the privacy of individuals involved with the collections and will work with donors who choose anonymity. For information on the collection and donating material please contact Susie Bock, 207-780-4269 or bocks@usm.maine.edu.

Lesbian Health Project. Initiated in 1992, the Lesbian Health Project of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center seeks to promote non-homophobic health services which will provide lesbians with the ability to make the best health decisions possible based on accurate knowledge. The focus of the project is on developing educational materials for lesbians and trainings for health and social service professionals. In addition, the project sponsors a Lesbian Health Clinic at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center which provides low-cost, woman positive, lesbian-centered health care including: pelvic exams, breast exams, health education, instruction in breast self-exam, pap smears, mammography referrals, health advocacy, screening and treatment of STD's. For more information or to become involved in the work of the project contact the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center at 947-5337

Lesbian Radio is on the air Wednesday afternoons from 1 until 1:30 pm. Listen in at 90.9 and 104.1FM and online at www.wmpg.org to politics, news, arts, business, music, poetry--all things Lesbian-y. Deb Gallagher hosts the show live each week. ourlesbianradioshow@yahoo.com

Living Queer Here! A locally-produced radio show aired on station WERU. An exploration into the full range of life created and experienced by the queer community in Maine. Hosted by Gail Mackinson & Cindy Montgomery. The show airs on the 4th Thursday of each month 10-11 am. WERU broadcasts in the greater Blue Hill area on frequency 89.9 FM, in the Bangor area on frequency 102.9 FM, and streams on the web at www.weru.org . WERU also broadcasts the nationally syndicated GLBTI show: **This Way Out** every Wednesday afternoon from 4 - 4:30 pm.

Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program, offers no-cost mammograms, pap tests, and gynecological exams to qualifying Maine women (regardless of sexual orientation). If you are a woman in Maine and you are due for a Pap test or mammogram, help is just a phone call away. The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program can help you get the health care you deserve. If you are a Maine woman over 40, have little or no insurance and meet certain income guidelines then you may be eligible for no-cost mammograms, Pap tests, and gynecological exams at your choice of participating area providers. Call today to see if you qualify, 973-3646 or 1-800-350-5180. (TTY 1-800-438-5514) The best protection is early detection! (Jessica Thompson - contact)

Maine Equity Fund. Part of the Maine Community Foundation, The Maine Equity Fund's mission is to strengthen GLBT organizations in Maine and support community-based initiatives that address GLBT issues and needs through grant making. The vision driving the fund is one of inclusive, diverse, prejudice-free communities for the GLBT population and for all people in Maine. Detailed grant information is available on the web and the annual proposal deadline is in September. <http://www.mainecef.org/grants/availablegrants/equityfund.aspx>

MaineTransNet (Maine Transgender Network, Inc.) is an organization dedicated to educating the public about gender identity and raising awareness of the varied forms of gender expression. We provide support and consultation to health and social service professionals, transgender individuals, their families, and interested others. MTN also sponsors a transgender peer support group and a separate group for partners of trans/genderqueer/questioning individuals. FMI email Alex at alex@mainetransnet.org or check the web site at www.mainetransnet.org. You could also leave a message at 207-408-1685.

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues meets monthly in Portland. Membership on the NASW LGBT Committee is open to social workers in Maine who are interested in LGBT issues in general and improving social work services to LGBT populations in particular. Please join us. Contact Frank Brooks at fbrooks1@maine.rr.com for meeting place, dates, and times.

The Naughty North Collective is a state wide radical queer direct action (dis)organization. We are committed to celebrating our queerest selves while resisting the devastating violence inherent in the consumer driven assimilationist gaystream. We will defend ourselves against the brutal silence of isolation thru a diverse and dedicated network of action oriented friends and lovers. We will not deny our anger or fail to recognize the links between queer struggle and challenging power. Naughty North is a defiant orgasm in the face of oppression: all are welcome to get off with us! <http://www.thenaughtynorth.blogspot.com>

Trans Care Collaborative. Mission: To improve the medical and mental health care available to the transgender and gender-diverse population in Maine. To foster a network of medical care, mental health and other support services treating the transgender and gender-diverse community in Maine. To advocate for the needs of transgender and gender-diverse individuals. This is a Portland-based group *for medical and mental health professionals only*. We meet monthly to discuss trans-related healthcare and occasionally offer events that raise awareness about trans issues. FMI contact: Rick Bouchard, LCSW at 207-650-6450 ... email CONSTL8@maine.rr.com OR Wayne Bachner, LCSW at 207-662-4872 ... email BACHNW@mmc.org

The Transgender Fund. With offices in Freeport, Maine, The Transgender Fund is a national, completely independent, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable foundation. It has been created by and for transgendered individuals. Our funding is derived from contributions by caring individuals of all levels of means. Our strength and independence come from the fact that there is no single benefactor who has seeded the Fund with a large amount of capital. Contributions you make are added to those of your sisters and brothers. Individually, they may seem modest, but collectively they add up to a powerful force that is reinvested in the support of projects fostering the well-being of all our gender variant minorities. FMI email info@tgfund.org OR check the web site at www.tgfund.org

Trans Youth Equality Foundation. A new foundation established to support transgender and transsexual youth (ages 2-22). We are a resource for information and support to parents of trans youths, advocates, allies, and the youths themselves. We are here to listen, advocate, etc. We have a lending library and a zine and a poetry contest for trans folks, youth and their allies. Located in Portland but available to all. Please reach out. FMI contact Susan Maasch, director at contact@transyouthequality.org and check the web site at www.transyouthequality.org

SOCIAL GROUPS:

Buddy Bikers, Gay Motorcycle Group (PORTLAND) Guys who are gay/gay friendly who enjoy group rides. Based in the Portland area, but rides are not limited to Southern Maine. Harleys to Hondas, Choppers to Rice Rockets. SORRY, NO SCOOTERS ALLOWED. Annual event; Biker Boy Brunch, third Sunday of August to Amore's in Ogunquit. EMAIL buddybikers@yahoo.com Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/buddybikers>

Clay Hill Farm Restaurant (OGUNQUIT) hosts a variety of women-only events during the year. Among them are a Christmas Season dinner-dance, a women's Valentine's Day dinner-dance (for both couples AND singles), and a Spring Soiree in June. You can check out the web site at www.clayhillfarm.com . To get on the e-mail list for their Events For Women, send your request to Jackie at Lmsmarketing@yahoo.com

DEPA (DownEast Pride Alliance). (PORTLAND) DEPA's mission is to grow, promote and increase the visibility of GLBT businesses, their owners, and their allies in the communities that support them. Sid Tripp with Proactive Resources Design and Leah Bartley of Smith Barney have teamed-up to co-sponsor a monthly after-hours gay business network called The DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA). We hope to fill the need for a comprehensive business network geared specifically for gay & gay friendly businesses throughout Southern & Coastal Maine. FMI contact Sid Tripp at 772-3599 or Leah Bartley at 771-0854 or check the web site at www.depabusiness.com

Downeast Diversity Center (47 Foster Avenue in Ellsworth). The Center, which has plans to expand its range of services in coming months, is initially being established to bring the community of men who have sex with men (the MSM community) together **every other Tuesday night** for a series of varied activities including presentations, games nights, movie nights, and music nights, and possibly even potlucks, dances, etc. It is hoped that eventually the Center will be able to open its doors for a wide range of activities for not only the MSM community, but also for the greater GLBT community. We welcome all Maine men, especially those in the greater Hancock, Penobscot, Waldo, and Washington county areas, to come and join us. The Center will be what you make of it, and your participation is vital to its success. FMI contact David Dauphinee, **Director**, Downeast Diversity Center at 207-951-2727 or by email at downeastdiversity@me.com

GetOut (PORTLAND and OGUNQUIT) is committed to serving as a bridge connecting and supporting men who have sex with men (MSM), gay men, bisexual men, and questioning men through educational and community activities. This diverse mix of activities will provide these men with alternatives to the gay bars and on-line hook up sites by drawing attention to the rise in STD infections, the steady number of HIV infections among the gay male population, and the importance of establishing and maintaining a visible community. It is the hope of all participants and supporters that a safe and non-judgmental environment be created to allow for the comfortable exploration of sexual identities. Group Happenings Include: Volleyball, Men's Discussion Group, Book Club, Coffeehouse, Men's Health, Movie Night, and Lending Library. There is a GetOut group in Portland/GoPortland <http://www.goportland.net/> There is also a GetOut group in Ogunquit/GoOgunquit <http://www.googunquit.net/>

Guy2Guy (BRUNSWICK and LEWISTON/AUBURN) is a group of guys (gay, straight, bi, questioning, trans) building community together. We have regular discussions, workshops, movie nights, and social activities. We acknowledge the need for guys to get together in a healthy and safe environment to talk about issues important to them and to build community. Guy2Guy meets in Lewiston/Auburn on the 1st

and 3rd Mondays of each month and meets in Brunswick on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Please visit our calendar for more information. We invite you to come and join us in a friendly, open and non-judgmental environment. Check the web site at <http://www.guy2guy.org/>

just guys. (AUGUSTA) A social group for men who have sex with men meets every Wednesday at the just guys 1950's library café, second floor, 9 Green St, in Augusta. We work to create a safe, welcoming space free of attitude, ego, gossip, labels, or judgment. Drop in for casual chat, cookies, and coffee Wednesday any time from 5:30 to 7:00. The regular weekly meetings are 7-8:30. The night's activities can include discussions, games, guest speakers, or movies, and always fun snacks. Join us, bring a friend, come share! Free, anonymous, 20-minute rapid oral test is available with appointment anytime. FMI contact Lew at 621-3794. More information, weekly updates at www.justguys.info

just friends (AUGUSTA BASED BUT STATEWIDE) A just-started group of folk, male and female, who have offered an ear, a shoulder, a hand, and friendship on a one-to-one, peer basis. Lonely? Lost? Just down? Just need to share some stuff? When you need a friend and friends just pass you by, give Lew a shout, and you can be connected to someone who cares. For those of you who cannot make meetings, but have access to the net, this could be your touch with someone who would be glad to connect with you. You can decide if you want to share your name, your problems, your bad jokes, emails, or just a cup of coffee. The people are not counselors, docs or therapists, they're just friends. 621-3794 or the cell (with poor reception, sorry): 215-4594 or check out www.justguys.info

Maine Street Bar (OGUNQUIT) hosts monthly women-only T-dances. For more info about them check the web site at <http://www.mainestreetogunquit.com/women.php>

Northern Lambda. (AROOSTOOK COUNTY) A GLBTQ social group that hosts monthly meetings/gatherings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Location varies within Aroostook County. Open to all gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning folks (and their friends & supporters). FMI and/or directions contact Tess at 694-2639 or Kent at 538-7630 or email northernlambda@gmail.com . You can also ask to join their YahooGroup and keep informed on all the doing's via email. <http://www.northernlambda.org>

Out!...As I Want To Be. (ROCKLAND) An organization for all GLBTQQ youth, ages 14 to 22, as well as straight allies. We are an all-volunteer, youth-driven organization. We seek to provide outreach, affirmation, support, and education in a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth in Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties and their offshore islands. We meet in Rockland at 501 Main Street (the building just before the Ferry Terminal), Suite #3 (2nd floor) every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Lis at 632-4797 or email outmaine@yahoo.com . Check the web site at www.outmaine.org or the myspace posting at www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe

Outright L/A. (ANDROSCOGGIN / OXFORD / FRANKLIN COUNTIES) Outright Lewiston/Auburn creates safe and affirming environments for youth age 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Outright L/A hosts a weekly drop-in, a place for youth age 22 and under to meet other youth, talk, plan events, play games, watch movies, get information on HIV prevention, and much more! Outright L/A meets every Friday from 6:00 - 8:30pm at the UU Church on the corner of Spring and Pleasant streets in Auburn. FMI call 207-795-8956 or email info@outrightla.org or check the web site at www.outrightla.org

Portland Front Runners (PORTLAND), The Portland Front Runners, a GLBT running/walking group, meets every Saturday at 9:05 AM in the middle of the Back Cove parking lot for a run/walk around the cove. Brunch afterwards at Whole Foods around 10 AM. A great way to keep healthy and make new friends. FMI contact Bruce Fithian at (207) 831-7113

Portland Lesbian Coffee House. (PORTLAND) Join our community of women to talk about books, politics, music, raising children or the wacky thing that happened on the latest episode of The L Word. All stripes of the tribe welcome. This is a social group that includes women of all ages and statuses. You can check it out on the web at <http://lgbtfriends.meetup.com/78/> . FMI about dates, times, location, contact Mary at laughingmary@hotmail.com

PRYSM (Proud Rainbow Youth Of Southern Maine) (PORTLAND) An organization that provides safe and supportive community for youth 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their allies (LGBTQA). Drop-in groups are every Tuesday from 5-7:30 pm. Located at 343 Forest Avenue, rear entrance. Also provide outreach, phone & email support; community education, leadership development, safer-sex/HIV prevention education, and connections to community resources. Volunteer opportunities available! FMI call 874-1022 or email prysm@commcc.org

Rainbow Business & Professional Association (RBPA) (PORTLAND) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the vitality, productivity and growth of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender business and professional community throughout the State of Maine. Since 1992, our aim has been to promote and support the LGBT business and professional community in Maine. RBPA is a rapidly growing organization with a membership that boasts business leaders, entrepreneurs, the self-employed, individuals from the corporate community and non-profit organizations. Check the web site at www.rbpa.org

Saco Bay Gay Men (BIDDEFORD/SACO), A gay men's support group has been started in Saco. We meet at the UU Church of Saco & Biddeford, every Thursday evening. We started out meeting on November 6th and are growing. FMI contact Tom Muisse at sbgm@verizon.net

Seacoast Outright. (PORTSMOUTH, NH) but available to GLBTI youth from York county and southern Maine. A peer support group/organization for GLBTI youths. FMI contact Tawnee Walling, Executive Director at 603-431-1013 or check the web site at www.seacoastoutright.org

Seacoast Sapphos (PORTLAND TO PORTSMOUTH) A women's social group that sponsors dances, BBQs, potlucks, concerts, etc. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Cherie at seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com or check the web site at www.seacoastsapphos.org

Thrive (PORTLAND AREA). Thrive offers gay, bi and questioning guys social and community building opportunities. Thrive coordinates social events like coffee houses, movie nights, and dinners. Thrive also provides wellness programming, information and advocacy for health issues and responsibilities unique to our community. FMI call 207-756-8071, email thrive@portlandmaine.gov or check the website at www.thrivemaine.com.

Trans Port Me (PORTLAND) This is a trans support group located in Portland, Maine for people who identify as transgender. Both M2F and F2M are welcome. We are located in downtown Portland and meet on a monthly basis in a safe location. A screening and interview process is in place to insure security and discretion. Admission to this group is by invitation only. My name is Gail and I am your host and moderator, but this is YOUR support group so the more input involvement and participation you provide the better. Internet support is fine, but person to person support, validation and interaction with people who are like us can have a profound effect on our overall well-being and sense of self. Send an e-mail to mailto:g_g_moreau@yahoo.com to join the online support group.

Twin Ponds Lodge (WATERVILLE-AUGUSTA AREA) is a private social club in Maine for adult male naturists and men who are comfortable with naturists. This private social club fills a niche for men seeking a comfortable and welcoming setting surrounded by nature on 75 acres of fields and woods. As a members-only club, we welcome you into a clothing-optional country setting to enjoy relaxation, recreation, and socializing. Passing through the gated entrance, you are greeted by two ponds surrounded by the lodge, lawns, cabins, and tenting areas. There are also areas for RVs with full hookups, including sewer. The lodge also welcomes member day visitors to enjoy the surroundings and recreational opportunities, and to explore the trails that wind through the woods. The Lodge is open year-round and features a large indoor heated pool, hot tub, sauna, and (coming soon) a steam room. The large great room provides seating for socializing, eating, or enjoying the large screen satellite television. The recreation room has a ping-pong and billiard table. (The gym/exercise room is coming soon!) We welcome all men, whether gay, straight, or bisexual. FMI, check the web site at www.twinpondslodge.com or email them at stay@twinpondslodge.com or call John at 207-437-2200.

WAYVES (CANADIAN MARITIMES) For those FAN readers who are near the Canadian maritime provinces there is a monthly newspaper, called WAYVES, which is put out by the maritime GLBT community. It's put out in print copy only, covers all the maritime provinces, and contains feature articles, regular columns, listings of groups and services, listings of GLBT events coming up, and business ads. A subscription sent to the U.S. is \$30/year CDN. FMI about subscribing contact Jim McMillan at 902-826-7356, email submissions@wayves.ca, or write to Wayves, PO Box 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 3S1. You can also check their web site at www.wayves.ca

Yankee Boyz. (AUBURN) A social/support group for those born female, or intersex, and which female and/or "woman" as an identity does not fit. Female-to-male Transsexuals, Transgenderists, Crossdressers, TG Butches, Stonebutches and otherwise very masculine identified female "guys" and their SOFFA'S (significant other, friend, family, allies) are welcome. All sexual orientations are welcome. A place to share ideas and experiences in an atmosphere where we do not have to fight for validation. Meets monthly Sept - June (1st or 2nd Sunday of the month...call ahead to verify). Meetings are held at the U.U. Church in Auburn. FMI contact PJ at pjmears@roadrunner.com or call 783-4630.

WEB-BASED MAINE GLBTQI LISTSERVES AND E-MAIL LISTS:

Bisexual Group Online. Bisexuals in Maine and other points north (BINNE). This is a discussion group, NOT a dating group. Located in Yahoo! groups at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/binne>.

Coastal Women's Connection. A women's social group providing connections for LBT women in the Brunswick to Portland area. oftball, camping, potlucks, etc. FMI about their activities you can join their yahoo group site (they have an events calendar) at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coastalwomensconnection>.

Deserve to Know. A web site sponsored by The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention which features community resources for men who have sex with men (MSM) and all who are working to prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in Maine. This interactive Web site features a community calendar, HIV testing sites, and other helpful information. D2K will provides an anonymous and friendly place to browse information about HIV, HIV testing and men's health issues. It also features local and national news and information geared toward the MSM community. Check it out at www.deservetoknowme.org

Gay Maine. www.gaymaine.com. The lesbian and gay directory for gay-owned and gay-friendly places in Maine: Bars, clubs, hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, and more!

Laura's Playground. Transgender Suicide Prevention and Support Site. Jessica writes: I'm a moderator at a transgender suicide prevention and support site. It's a wonderful place with a live chat and lots of information. The chat runs 24 hours a day and I don't remember the last time there wasn't a moderator present. We screen the chatters to make sure we keep out 'admirers' and anyone who might harass. All moderators go thru suicide prevention training thru <http://training.sprc.org> as well as training from the administrators and supervisors. And it isn't only for suicidal individuals, a lot of TGs just go there to chat with people who understand their situation. I personally have found lots of support there and made some great friends. The people there are always willing to help answer any questions someone might have. Maine doesn't have much support to offer to TGs north of Bangor, or even much in Bangor. I just want to make sure that people know that Laura's Playground is around to offer support, answer questions, and help people find the resources they need. You can find it at: www.lauras-playground.com

Maine Gay Men's Weekly News Letter is an email newsletter focusing on organizations and activities in southern Maine. It is primarily for gay men, but they do include some general GLBT activities info and links to various GLBT organizations around the state. FMI, to see a sample copy, or to be added to their mailing list, send Joe an email at cascogays@gmail.com with your request.

Maine GayNet Listserv. A long-running listserv for the Maine GLBTQ community which allows members to post notices, opinions, etc. (in a broadcast manner) to everyone else on the listserv. To join the Maine GayNet listserv, send the following command in the body of a message to majordomo@groups.queernet.org: subscribe me-gaynet youremailaddress.

Maine Gay Outdoor Network Events (MEGONE) is a yahoo group site/email list for Maine's GLBT? folks (& friends) for posting announcements of outdoor related events. It's not a formal club or organization--just an informal way to let folks know about outdoor activities that they might like to participate in--whether it's a hike, a paddle, camping trip, nature walk, or even a downtown shopping walk--it's up to you. This is not meant to compete with other groups such as the Chiltern Club--it's just an idea that some of us came up with on a recent trip to Baxter State Park :) So, if you'd like some company the next time you take a hike, go on a bike ride, paddle, etc., just send an email to megone@yahoogroups.com to let members know the details. To join the group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/megone/> Please pass the word along to other gay-related lists/groups—the more people who join, the more opportunities there will be for connecting with like-minded folks for some great outdoor fun. Right now, the membership is "open" to anyone who would like to join....however, if we have any problems with folks who are not gay-friendly, I may change it to a process requiring membership approval. Also, people posting should use discretion regarding publicly posting time/place to meet—you may want to simply say "anyone interested in details, please email me at _____, or call me at _____ " Any questions? let me know! (mikeondavispond@yahoo.com)

Maine Lesbians Listserv Anyone who identifies as a lesbian is welcome to join. The website address is: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-lesbians> Women can request to join from the website or email me: patput@midcoast.com

Maine-Motorcycle-Women. Family member Vicky has set up a group on Google for women motorcyclists. Check it out at: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-motorcycle-women?lnk=srg> FMI contact Vicky at vroommaine@gmail.com

Proud Lesbians of Poverty We seek people to join the group as we explore ways to improve the civil rights of GLBTQ's of poverty who cannot afford a lawyer to enforce their Gay Civil Rights, or their original Human Rights as a person. We are open to all people of any background. FMI contact Jan at janshouse@yahoo.com or phone 207-453-2353 or join the yahoo group at <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ProudLesbians/>

Rubyfruit Cafe. A Maine-based, on-line, lesbian virtual community. Rubyfruit Cafe is a lesbian community magazine designed to showcase our lives, creativity, spirituality, politics, and much more. It is a website that will be driven by your submissions, your music, poetry, videos, photos, and stories. Show us where and how you live (show us your "crib") ... Tell us about your spirituality ... what you think politically and poetically ... sing your song or show us your garden ... share your lives, ideas and hopes with each other. If you find an interesting article, website, product, or new talent, let us hear about it. I want to create a fun, creative, supportive, environment for everyone to relax and just enjoy each other ... to take pleasure in our diversity and talents ... a place of tolerance and celebration. www.rubyfruitcafe.com

THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, AND HOW OF THE FAMILY AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER:

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to thefan@maine.rr.com (Be sure to include the words "family affairs" or "The FAN" in the subject line).

WHAT IS "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

FAMILY AFFAIRS is a free, twice-a-month, social activities newsletter for the GLBTQI (gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans/queer/intersexed) community, sent out on the 1st and 15th of each month. It

covers the State of Maine. The list was graciously begun and maintained for many years by Jean Vermette in Bangor. It is now operated by Zack Paakkonen of Portland.

WHO CAN SUBMIT NOTICES TO "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

Anyone! This is your chance to organize your own activities and get some GLBTQI-family company for those fun and interesting things you'd like to do. Do you want to host a potluck, attend a concert, or have someone to join you on that bus tour to Boston? Are you looking for someone to join you at the hockey or baseball games, for hiking, or to go to that special art exhibit? Are you looking for canoeing, golfing, camping, or fishing partners? This is the best place to look. Think up something fun to do, organize it, and let us know about it....it's easy!

CAN I ORGANIZE AN ACTIVITY THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE "EVERYONE" ?

Yes. People who want to organize an activity for the GLBTQ and/or I community are free to set whatever requirements or restrictions they want to on the activity they're organizing. If you want to organize a "women only" camping trip, a "men only" drumming night, a "youth from age 18-24 only" dance, or a day trip to a water park for GLBTQI "couples with children", that would be fine.

CAN I POST A SOCIAL ITEM THAT'S NOT GLBTQI FOCUSED?

But of course! Not everyone who watches women's basketball is a lesbian! If you want to organize an activity around something that is "mostly-straight-but-GLBTQI-friendly," then do it!

ARE THERE ANY DEADLINES FOR POSTING?

If you want to be sure that your posting will make it into the next issue, please send it to thefan@maine.rr.com no later than four days prior to when the next issue comes out (in other words – three days before either the 1st or the 15th of the month). Although I can try to get a last-minute post into the next issue if you mail it later than my deadline, I can't guarantee it will make it.

HOW DO I GET ONTO OR OFF THE MAILING LIST ?

Just email me and ask to be put on (or taken off) the list: thefan@maine.rr.com

CAVEATS:

All newsletters are emailed BCC, and the email list is not given out to anyone. Still, keep in mind that while this newsletter is for the GLBTQI community, not everyone on the mailing list may be a "family" member. People ask to be put on the list and I put them on. There is no interview process or attempt to verify "queer" status. It's up to you to behave appropriately for whatever level of anonymity/security you feel you need.