

NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD

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THIS IS OUR SECOND NEWSLETTER, AND MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE IN MID-JANUARY; THE MOST OBVIOUS IS OUR NAME CHANGE. ORIGINALLY CALLED AROOSTOOK LAMBDA, THE MEMBERSHIP AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING VOTED TO CHANGE THE NAME TO NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD. LAMBDA IS A GREEK LETTER, ADOPTED AS A SYMBOL BY THE INTERNATIONAL GAY MOVEMENT. LAMBDA MEANS "ETERNAL LOVE". GIVEN THE GEOGRAPHIC POSITION WHICH OUR ASSOCIATION SERVES, WE HAVE ADDED THE EXPRESSION "NORTHERN/NORD" TO "LAMBDA". THIS EXPRESSION APPEARS IN OUR TWO LANGUAGES IN ORDER TO RESPECT THE IDENTITY OF OUR FRANCOPHONE AND ANGLOPHONE MEMBERS.

AN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO GIVE MORE DIRECTION AND PURPOSE TO OUR GROUP. THIS COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON MARCH 1ST. FROM THIS MEETING, SEVERAL THINGS RESULTED: (1) A WORKING DRAFT OF A CONSTITUTION FOR NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD - COPIES OF THIS PRELIMINARY CONSTITUTION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT OUR MARCH MEETING. THIS IS NOT A FINAL DRAFT, BUT A BASIS FROM WHICH WE MAY BUILD. (2) OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS - THEY WILL BE HELD THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. AT EACH MEETING, A MODERATOR, SECRETARY, AND INTERPRETER WILL BE CHOSEN, AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED. THE "BUSINESS" LANGUAGE AT EACH MEETING WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN FRENCH AND ENGLISH, AND A SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN NECESSARY. MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION IN THEIR HOME LANGUAGE. AT OUR MARCH 30TH MEETING, THE MODERATOR WILL CONDUCT BUSINESS IN FRENCH. THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH. (3) OUR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL - RULES AND GENERAL PROCEDURE WERE DISCUSSED AND FINALIZED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT AT THIS, OUR FIRST DANCE, ONLY GAY SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND THEIR GAY GUESTS SHALL BE ADMITTED. IN THIS WAY, WE MAY FEEL THAT FINALLY WE HAVE OUR OWN TIME AND PLACE FOR ENTERTAINMENT. NO ONE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE DANCE. TO DEFER EXPENSES, THERE WILL BE A \$1.00 COVER CHARGE AT THE DOOR. NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR AS WELL. THE COST OF THE CARD IS \$5.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR MEMBERSHIP. THE \$1.00 COVER CHARGE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE \$5.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE SOCIAL. THE LABATT BEER COMPANY IS HELPING, IN PART, WITH THE COSTS AT OUR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL. THEREFORE, BEVERAGES WILL BE "TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE." THANKS, MERCI, LABATT! ▽

LE MONDE GAI DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

CETTE ENTÊTE NE MANQUERAIT CERTAINEMENT PAS DE SURPRENDRE BIEN DES GENS DANS NOTRE PROVINCE. ET POURTANT LE NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK EST LOIN D'ÊTRE UNE EXCEPTION AU RESTE DU CANADA. EN EFFET, NOTRE PROVINCE POSSÈDE UNE NOMBREUSE ET CROISSANTE POPULATION GAIÉ. PAR CONTRE, EN TERME ORGANISATIONNEL LES GAIÉ(ES) AU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK SONT PARMIS LES PLUS DÉSORGANISÉ(E)S DU PAYS.

NOTRE PROVINCE EST LA SEULE AVEC L'ILE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD À NE PAS

ENCORE POSSÉDER UN BAR OU UN CLUB GAI PERMANENT DANS SES FRONTIÈRES PROVINCIALES.

AU NIVEAU NATIONAL NOUS PARTICIPONS TRÈS PEU AUX RENCONTRES, AUX CONGRÈS OU AUX COLLOQUES GAIES. NOUS SOMMES SURTOUT REMARQUÉS PAR NOTRE FLAGRANTE ABSENCE.

MAIS TOUT N'EST PAS NÉCESSAIREMENT DE CARACTÈRE NÉGATIF. UNE LUEUR D'ESPOIR COMMENCE À SE FAIRE PERCEVOIR À L'HORIZON. DEPUIS QUELQUES MOIS UNE ORGANISATION DU NOM DE F.L.A.G. EXISTE À FRÉDÉRICTON. DEUX DANSES GAIES ONT DÉJÀ EUT LIEU DANS UN DISCO DE LA CAPITALE ET UNE PROCHAINE EST PRÉVUE AUX ENVIRONS DE LA FÊTE DE SAINT PATRICK. SOIXANTE-DIX PUIS ENVIRON QUATRE VINGT CINQ PERSONNES ONT ASSISTÉ À CES DANSES. LES MEMBRES DE F.L.A.G. ONT MÊME L'ESPOIR D'OBTENIR UN CLUB GAI PERMANENT DURANT L'ANNÉE COURANTE.

SUITE À L'INITIATIVE DE FRÉDÉRICTON UN GROUPE À SAINT-JEAN EXAMINE LA POSSIBILITÉ DE SE REGROUPER EN ASSOCIATION D'ICI PEU DE TEMPS. IL SEMBLE AUSSI Y AVOIR DE L'ESPOIR POUR MONCTON. ET BIEN SÛR, IL EXISTE LAMBDA NORD REGROUPANT LA POPULATION GAIE DE LA VALLÉE DU HAUT ST-JEAN ET DE L'AROOSTOOK AU MAINE.

SERAIT-IL POSSIBLE QUE NOUS ASSISTONS PRÉSENTEMENT À LA FORMATION DE L'EMBRYON DU MOUVEMENT GAI DANS NOTRE PITTORESQUE PROVINCE? QUELLE EXTRAORDINAIRE FORCE DE FRAPPE ON AURAIT SI TOUS NOS ÉNERGIES SE REGROUPAIENT ÉVENTUELLEMENT AU NIVEAU PROVINCIAL. ENFIN, CEUX QUI CROIENT PRÉSENTEMENT DÉTENIR LE MONOPOLE SUR LE RESPECT ET LA DIGNITÉ HUMAINE SERAIENT OBLIGÉS DE NOUS ÉCOUTER ET DE CHANGER LEUR CONDUITE.

VA-T-ON UN JOUR APPRENDRE À S'ORGANISER! VOILÀ LE PRÉSENT DILEMME AUQUEL FAIT FACE LA POPULATION GAIE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK, DE L'AROOSTOOK ET DU TÉMISCOUATA. ▽

"VOYEZ POUR VOUS-MÊME SI VOUS ÊTES UN ESCLAVE D'HIER OU UN HOMME LIBRE DE DEMAIN."

-KAHLIL GIBRAN

MAINE LESBIAN AND GAY SYMPOSIUM IN BANGOR

THIS YEAR'S MAINE LESBIAN AND GAY SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD IN BANGOR, AT BANGOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE. DATES ARE FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY MARCH 21, 22, AND 23, 1980. SYMPOSIUM VII, AS IT IS KNOWN, WILL INCLUDE WORKSHOPS, FILMS, GUEST SPEAKERS AND A BOOK AND CRAFT SHOW AND SALE. THERE WILL BE A SPAGHETTI DINNER (BOTH MEAT AND MEATLESS SAUCES) ON SATURDAY NIGHT, FOLLOWED BY A DANCE. THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE SYMPOSIUM IS \$5.00 (U.S. FUNDS), WHICH INCLUDES THE DINNER AND DANCE. THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS THIS YEAR WILL BE LUCIA VALESKA, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE, AND STEVE ENDEAN OF THE GAY RIGHTS NATIONAL LOBBY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SYMPOSIUM, FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED FORM AND MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HOPE TO GET ENOUGH PEOPLE TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN GOING FROM AROOSTOOK/MADAWASKA/VICTORIA/TÉMISCOUATA SO THAT WE CAN ORGANIZE CARPOOLS. THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM AND TRANSPORTATION AT THE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL. ▽

"SEE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU ARE A SLAVE OF YESTERDAY OR A FREE PERSON OF TOMORROW."

-KAHLIL GIBRAN

MLF CONTACTED BY NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD

ONE OF OUR MEMBERS SENT A MEDIA NOTICE TO MAINE LESBIAN FEMINISTS IN BELFAST, MAINE (ON THE COAST). IT APPEARED IN THEIR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER. WE HOPE TO REACH ANY MLF MEMBERS IN OUR REGION. ANYONE INTERESTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MAINE LESBIAN FEMINISTS MAY WRITE TO MLF, PO BOX 125, BELFAST, MAINE 04915. ▽

F.L.A.G. CONTACTS NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD

WE'VE BEEN CONTACTED BY F.L.A.G. - FREDERICTON LESBIANS AND GAYS. THEY SAW OUR LISTING ON THE COMMUNITY PAGE OF THE BODY POLITIC. THEIR ADDRESS IS BOX 1556, STATION A, FREDERICTON, N-B. THEY ALSO HAVE A PHONE LINE, IF YOU GET TO FREDERICTON - (506)454-8130. ▽

AMHC AND NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD WORK TOGETHER

THE AROOSTOOK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (AMHC) IN CARIBOU HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH US. WE ARE NOW ARRANGING FOR AMHC TO USE US AS A REFERRAL SERVICE FOR PEER SUPPORT. THEY RECEIVE MANY PHONE CALLS ON THEIR "800" NUMBER FROM LESBIANS AND GAY MEN THROUGHOUT AROOSTOOK COUNTY. THESE GAY PEOPLE FEEL THAT THEY ARE ALONE AND NEED TO TALK TO OTHER GAYS. IT IS THROUGH AMHC THAT WE HOPE TO REACH OUR GAY SISTERS AND BRÜTHERS AND HELP THEM TO BECOME SELF-ACCEPTING AND REALIZE THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE. WE ARE EVERYWHERE!!! ▽

THE CUSTOM'S DIFFERENT IN QUÉBEC

JUST A WORD OR TWO TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN TO QUÉBEC AND ARE PLANNING TO GO TO OUR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL: CUSTOMS THERE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN AROOSTOOK. WHEN THE WAITER BRINGS YOUR DRINK, AND YOU'VE PAID HIM, HE WILL PUT YOUR CHANGE ON THE TRAY FOR YOU TO REMOVE. WHAT YOU LEAVE ON THE TRAY WILL BE HIS TIP - AND IT'S CUSTOMARY TO TIP EVERY TIME; DON'T LEAVE SOMETHING ON THE TABLE WHEN YOU GO. AND REMEMBER, THE CANADIAN DOLLAR IS WORTH \$.87 U.S. -- SO BE SURE TO EXCHANGE YOUR MONEY! ▽

DANS CE CAFÉ...

DANS CE CAFÉ BONDÉ D'IMBÉCILES, NOUS DEUX,
SEULS NOUS REPRESENTIONS LE SOI-DISANT HIDEUX
VICE D'ÊTRE "POUR HOMMES" ET SANS QU'ILS S'EN DOUTASSENT
NOUS ENCAGUIONS CES CONS AVEC LEUR AIR BONASSE,
LEURS NORMALES AMOURS ET LEUR MORALE EN TOC,
CEPENDANT QUE, BRANLÉS ET DE TAILLE ET D'ESTOC,
A TIRE-LARIGOT, À GOGO, PAR PRINCIPES
TOUTEFOIS, VOILÉS PAR LES FLOCONS DE NOS PIPES
(COMME AUTREFOIS HÉRA COPULAIT AVEC ZEUS),
NOS VITS, TELS QUE DES NEZ JOYEUX DE KARRAGHEUS
QU'EUSSENT MOUCHÉS NOS MAINS D'UN GESTE DÉLECTABLE,
ÉTERNUAIENT DES JETS DE FOUTRES SOUS LA TABLE.

POÈME DE PAUL VERLAINE
DÉDIÉ A ARTHUR RIMBAUD, 1891

