MLF was formed at a workshop at Symposium III. The purpose of the organization was, and is, to provide a basis for support, consciousness raising and political action. Also a celebration for Lesbians throughout the state.

Meeting Minutes
General discussion on families, community reactions, lifestyles, and lovers. Began generating resource list of therapists. About 15 women convened at the 7/25 meeting at the Unitarian Church in Augusta.

Sexuality Workshop
Immediately following the MLF meeting, Vicki arrived with her "film festival" workshop. About 25 women were there and as the afternoon progressed we made a small dent in sharing some of our most intimate thoughts and feelings about ourselves and our bodies. The films, two very explicit about lesbian lovemaking, were a jumping off point for individual and group discussion. Debbie Estelle organized the day, and to her and Vicki, we give thanks!

Next Meeting and Directions
Barbara Guess 623-1864
65 School Street
Augusta, Maine 04330

Meeting at 1:00. Watch for signs by Cony H.S. At the rotary in front of Cony, take road that puts Cony on your right; go to the top of the hill and bear left; go to the 2nd street on the left-School St. White house on the corner, with red shutters.

Agenda
1:00 Name reps from different areas for newsletter
2:00 Organizational mtg. for Augusta area women's groups
2:30 Softball game- BRING YOUR EQUIPMENT PLEASE!
5:00 Potluck Supper

Calendar
August 8 SBA Dance and Concert by Kathryn Vetsel. Donation for dance and concert $4 - 8:30 p.m.
August 16-22 Women in the '80s Conference Workshops, films, panel discussions. For info call Joy 392-6992 or Nancy 392-1416. Reservation deadline Aug. 12
Space limited. Bouldoire, Blue Hill Falls, Me.

August 21-24 Healing Arts Festival, New Life Foundation for Holistic Studies, Hidden Valley Camp, Freedom, Me. Keynote speakers; Kay More, Michael Jansen, John McMahan. For info write- New Life Festival, Box 335, Athens, Me. 04301
or call 1-500-547-5995 Ext. 700

Sept. 5-7 First Annual New England Women's Musical Festival. Margie Adam Alix Dobkin, Maxine Feldman, Terry Garthwaite, Judy Sloan, Jane Sapp, Latteta Theresa, Nancy Tuokko and more.... #203 247-4651, N.E.W.M.F., P.O. Box 1629, Hartford, Ct. 06114. Prices, 3 day advance 35/40/48, 3 day gate 45/50/58, 1 day advance 10/12/13, 1 day gate 22/23/27.

Sept 11-13 Lesbian Feminist Collective Camping Weekend. Kay Gardner in concert. NO PETS. $15 in advance $20 at the gate. LF&C, PO Box 47, Penacook, N.H.03303


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communique from Northern Lambda Word: "RED magazine is a quarterly journal for "Country Gaysmen Everywhere." The Other Earth News (TEN) is a homesteading/back to-the-land publication with a very wide general circulation. According to the recent issue of RED, TEN has a policy of refusing RED advertising. A phone call to TEN in North Carolina has confirmed their policy of refusing ALL lesbian-gay advertising. They stated that their readers had complained about seeing gay or lesbian items in TEN.
This is a letter received in response to urging NPB Radio to broadcast "The Man with the Pink Triangle.

"Thank you for your letter concerning the NPB Radio program offering entitled "The Man with the Pink Triangle." The program has been made available to us through the Extended Program Service of NPR. As with all EPS offerings, we have recorded this program for review. We appreciate your interest in NPB Radio and the MAN WITH THE Pink Triangle.

It is with some displeasure I must inform you the NPB "Radio will not be broadcasting this dramatization. Due to the nature of the subject, the format of its delivery, and our current program schedule, there is only two slots where we could have aired this program. One of those is taken by a contracted series called the Stude-Terkel Almanac. We cannot pre-empt that series. That leaves only Sunday at 6 p.m. and frankly, the technical and production quality of The Man with the Pink Triangle does not meet the standards set by NPB. If you wish to or the cassette copy of the program, please be sending $7 to: The Pink Triangle, 207 W. 26th St., Boston, MA 02134. I hope you find it appropriate to support NPB Radio in the future. Sincerely, Robert E. Robinson Radio Program Manager.

LATE WOMEN FOR A NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE

There are existing in all areas of Maine, women who are activists. What I envision is a network, a web of connections so we can all become aware of the important work our sisters are undertaking. The vehicle for carrying on the community could be a newsletter (aurora). We can project our ideas, projects, problems, and creative solutions outward to our co-members. We call this FOR (Women for a Nuclear Free Future). This first act was very inspiring and well received. Besides this ad, the group helped almost 30 women from Maine to travel down to Washington, D.C. for the Women's Action last November. They organized and got gas scholarships to sisters who otherwise might not have been able to make the trip. Almost 2,000 women from the East attended.

Another activity undertaken by FOR was the successful May 10 Mothers Day March for Peace. Almost 500 people attended voicing opposition to the rise of a defense mentality in this country and asking for a peaceful world for us and our children.

We have published a newsletter, Aurora, that will come out again this summer. Through this, we are putting out a call to women statewide to become involved with the work of FOR. We are encouraging grassroots organizing on a county level. This fall, we hope to have an organizers conference. We will ratify a unity statement, create and energize statewide projects, share skills like press releases, canvassing, action oriented events and get to know each other. This event will take place in late June, planning of such an event, or receive the newsletter or just find out what is going on write FOR, P.O. Box 4118, Station A, Portland, ME 04101.

Dear Women-

An issue arose at last week's dance (7/25) at the SBA Club. Simply stated, several young local lesbians came to the club. Some women objected strenuously to their presence on the grounds that they were dangerous to the club and to the surrounding women's community. There are so many different opinions and levels of feeling about the incident that a comments seems appropriate.

First of all, it is obvious that our community and the SBA club is in a fairly vulnerable position (it's less than lovable to be a dyke in Maine). However, not one woman who participated in the heated discussion regarding this issue was cognizant of the legal rights of the club. A woman agreed to find out exact where we stand legally by the next dance.

Second, only a few very few women participated in the impromptu and emotional discussion (held right after the open meeting), and only these few were in the decision making process.

Third, the young local women who were judged to be Dangerous, were not asked for their opinions or observations regarding the issue. Thereby, whether we like it or not, the SBA club contributed to their oppression.

Fourth, How much power do the local homophobes really have and how much are we imagining that they have? How much power are we giving them in our imagination an irreality?
Fifth, where is the fine line to be drawn between being sensible and discreet and suffocating inside a closet?

The decision that was made by the impromptu committee is that women who look und or who are not generally known are to be asked for identification at the door of the club.

In Sisterhood, NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

"If we know, then we must fight for your life as though it were our own, which it is and render impassable with our bodies the corridor to the gas chamber. For if they take you in the morning, they will be coming for us that night." James Baldwin in a letter to Angela Davis, Nov., 1970

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