MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST NEWSLETTER

"Maine Lesbian Feminists was organized at a workshop at Gay Symposium III. The purpose of the organization was, and still is, to provide a base for support, consciousness raising, and political action. Also, a celebration for Lesbians throughout the State of Maine." C.H.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SBA Club will be having 2 Dances in July - plus a poetry reading. Dances are scheduled for - July 3rd and 17th. We have dances on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, August is the 7th and 21st. We also have our system so we'll always have music at our dances - GREAT HUH?!!! - It's nice to have music at our dances so come join us and enjoy the ALL WOMENS ENERGY!!! Now for the poetry reading...........

THE FEMINIST WRITER'S GUILD, in conjunction with the SUSAN B. ANTHONY CLUB of BELFAST is proud to announce a special poetry reading by:

ROCHELLE DUBOIS

on July 3, at 8:00, prior to the dance.

Dr. DuBois, a friend to the late Anais Nin, is an artist of extraordinary variety and depth. Although best known as a novelist, she has published 9 books of poetry, has had 3 plays produced since 1975, and 100 short stories have appeared in magazines. She has also received 3 writer-in-residence grants from the National Endowment for the Arts; is an editor, publisher, and printer in her own right; and a dancer as well as a teacher of dance; as well as a painter with exhibits to her credit. But what is most rare is Rochelle's own songs for women writers - both in terms of the struggle to develop creatively and to help in the effort to realize a market. For her brilliance, her energy, and her dedication to her sex she is well known and loved by women writers nationally.

Rochelle will appear at the Club and on Sunday, July 4th at 4pm at the New Leaf Bookstore in Rockport. JOIN WITH US SATURDAY NIGHT and hear and meet ROCHELLE DUBOIS, then LET'S DANCE::::

ANNOUNCEMENTS, HAPPENINGS, THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO!!!!

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence announces the Second National Conference and Membership Meeting - August 3-7 - "Building the Battered Women's Movement". For registration and information contact N.C.A.D.V., 1228 W. Mitchell St., Milwaukee, WI, 53204 or call (414) 643-5474 or 643-5540.

The New England Committee for the Human Rights Campaign Fund is organizing Fundraisers to support pro-gay politicians in the November elections, the goal is $45,000. For further info: New England Comm., PO Box 2430, Boston, MA 02208, or call (617) 262-1565.

!!!!OLIVIA MAKES HERSTORY!!!!

Olivia Records proudly invites you to join Meg Christian and Cris Williamson at Carnegie Hall, New York, for a concert to be recorded live celebrating our Tenth Anniversary, Friday, Nov. 26, 1982. Sales begin Sept. 1st thru Nov. 1st. Tickets are: sponsor tickets - $100, orchestra tickets - $85, dress circle - $20, balcony A - $17, balcony B - $12. Specify 7pm show or 10pm show. Send check and self enclosed addressed envelop to: Olivia Records, 4400 Market St., Oakland, CA 94608 or call (212) 929-1585.

Psychic Retreats for Women - July 23-25, August 20-22 - Exploring our psychic abilities using guided imagery, meditation, belief work, energizing, small group support, astrology, sending psychic energy long distances, listening within, relaxing, playing, exercising, massaging, gardening, forming conclusions and making changes in our lives. Reference will be made to the works of Jane Roberts, Diane Mariechild, Dolores Krieger. $75 each session includes camping space, hearty vegetarian meals, guest facilitators, beauty within the woods, sessions. Contact Marlane Spil linger, RPD #1, Box 5655, Wiscasset, ME 04578, or call 882-5480 before 8:30 am.
Downeast Gay Alliance has a new PO Box. The number is PO Box 952, Ellsworth, ME 04605. DEGA has speakers lined up for the coming months, for information write or call 667-5795.

Womanspace: A cooperative household in town for women, one child considered. Individual rooms, common laundry and kitchen, large yard. Non smokers preferred. Call 594-7733 after 5:00.

Celebrate Independence Day Feminist Style!!! On July 1, 1982, women will gather at Monument Square in Portland "to rage for the ERA & declare our independence". Please join us!! We will recreate Trumbell's painting The Declaration of Independence dressed in costumes of that era or as feminist Heroinis of our choosing. Bring copies of the constitution to burn as you listen to rabble rousing and incendiary speeches. The subjugation of women is the oldest, most basic form of human oppression. The failure of the ERA is another classic example of the subjugation and that subjugation is an attempt to demoralize our movement for basic rights. We invite all women to join with us. We welcome period costumes or favorite heroines. But Come!!! 12:15, July 1st. More info call Gina - 773-7152

The Mid-Atlantic Region of NOW is co-sponsoring an abortion rights action on Sat. July 17, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. This is in response to the National Right to Life Convention being held at the same time in the same city. The abortion rights action is expected to be one of the largest and most significant demonstrations of its type in recent history.

Maine NOW is organizing a bus complete with restroom, and maybe air conditioning, to drive us to beautiful downtown Cherry Hill. The price per individual will be $34 to $39, depending on the number of people taking the trip. It could cost less per person if the local chapters are able to raise money for the trip.

If you are interested in making the trip, send a $15 deposit to Maine NOW, PO Box 5195, Sta. A, Portland, ME 04101 (846-4644)

"IGA MEETS IN WASHINGTON, D.C."
We hear that the International Gay Association, IGA, will hold its fourth annual congress in Washington, D.C. this summer from Mon. 12 July to Sat. 17 July. The National Activists Union of Gays and Lesbians (NAUGL) and Gay People's Alliance of George Washington University are hosting this international conference, the first IGA congress held outside Europe. This conference is open to all.

A broad range of workshops and discussion topics are being planned, along with celebrations of music and song. These topics include some that are of special interest to lesbian women: child custody; violence against women; artificial insemination and adoption. Among the other topics are: gay and lesbian teachers; gay and lesbian health; classism, racism, sexism; homosexuality and religion; political action; international year of gay and lesbian human rights.

American lesbians interested in participation can contact: IGA Liaison office, c/o Gay Community Center/D.C., 1469 Church St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, tel. (202) 745-0609. There is a pre-registration fee of US $30 for US/Canadian residents, $25 for others. (Fee upon arrival is higher: $40/$30).

The IGA conferences are, predictably, heavily male-dominated, and the Washington congress is not likely to be an exception. On the other hand, American women will have the opportunity of meeting some European lesbians involved in gay activism. One woman from the ILIS secretariat and SETA/Finland will also be present." ILIS Newsletter
As Dykes Against Racism Everywhere (DARE) merged with the Baptists For a Nuclear Free Zone, the Senior Citizens Concerned walked side by side with the Socialist Workers Party. Yes, everyone was there, without a doubt. The June 12th Rally in New York City, held to coincide with the UN Second Special Session on Disarmament, drew more than one million hopeful, energized activists. The mood of the day was one of celebration and deep shared concern about the fate of our world.

A very large group of Hiroshima - Nagasaki survivors was present sharing their experience through dramatizations, street theatre and literature. The exchange with these dedicated people for me was powerful and enlightening. The graphic evidence of the events of August 7th and 10th brought into focus for me the devastating horror the splitting of the atom has created.

Although Raygun states the policy of this country will not be decided in the streets, the strong statement of June 12th can't be ignored. The diversity and numbers of people involved in the disarmament movement points to a unity around this issue that is unlike any other.

Nuclear Technology Demystified - for women interested in beginning to read about the nuclear issue this is an excellent handbook published by WAND (Women Against Nuclear Development).

Ain't Nowhere We Can Run: A Handbook for Women on the Nuclear Mentality, by Susan Koen and Nina Swaim, available in most book stores or write to: WAND, Box 421, Norwich, VT 05055.

The Boycott Census has the most recent information regarding products, corporations and states being boycotted. They also have copies available of their Yearly Source Sheet. Send SASE and 25 cents to: The Boycott Census, RFD #1, Box 3445, Norway, ME.

The Lesbian Mothers Defence Fund is a resource for women fighting for child custody. It was founded in 1978 by lesbians from the Wages for Housework Campaign in Toronto. For information and assistance write to: The Lesbian Mothers' Defense Fund, PO Box 38, Station E, Toronto, Ontario M6H 4E1. Their newsletter, Grapevine, is published twice a year.

Gay Peoples' Alliance has a weekly Lesbian Rap Group on Wednesdays at 208 Luther Bonney, USM, Portland, They are also wanting some new energy and have a questionnaire out. For more info. write: GPA, 92 Beford St., USM, Portland, ME 04103 or call (207) 780-4085.

Sprint is a clearinghouse of information on sex equity in sports. Write: Women's Sports Foundation, 195 Moulton St., San Francisco, California 94123. For scholarship info call Linda Dixon (415) 563-6266 - 800-632-1455. In The Running - Sprints' Quarterly newsletter - keeps you informed on controversies surrounding women & sports, and has special features such as the chart of relevant court cases that appeared in our March issue. Subscriptions cost $10 per yr.

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND
Thousands of Americans have received letters recently warning them of a gay conspiracy "which threatens the stability of the United States. The time to attack is now" writes Jerry Falwell, "The enemy is in our camp." We feel lesbians and gay men can't afford to lose anymore ground. We are a loosely-knit group of New England lesbians and gaymen who want to stop the anti-gay backlash in Nov. Join in the Fight!!!! For more info. write: Human Rights Campaign Fund, New England Committee, PO Box 2930, Boston, MA 02208.
POETRY PAGE

Poetry comes the closest to fully expressing an idea, vision or feeling through words. Each word carefully chosen can create for the reader, an image of what the author is trying to convey. I wrote the one below when my lover was away on a visit. Poetry works very well for me in relieving tensions or expressing joy. I would like to put together for the newsletter a section on poetry. We need those of you that express your selves poetically to send in your poems on alcoholism, love, whatever. Also, I would like some suggestions on what to name this section. If you have any ideas, poems, please send them to The Poetry Section, 80 Rankin St., Rockland, ME 04841.

A - figitin'

My womans' gone a - visitin'
Relatives and a friend.
As she'll be gone awhile longer,
Time seems to have no end.
And while I'm a - figitin'
Working all night through,
My love growing stronger,
She'll be back in a day or two.
And ideas that I've been savin'
Perhaps we'll take a walk
And thus create that haven
Of thoughts shared and communion
Renewing again, our union.

From the book The Work of a Common Woman, by Judy Grahn:

Ah, Love, you smell of petroleum and overwork
with grease on your fingernails, paint in your hair
there is a pained look in your eye from no appreciation
you speak to me of the lilacs and appleblossoms we ought to have
the banquets we should be serving, afterwards rubbing each other for
hours with tenderness and genuine olive oil
someday. Meantime here is your crack ed plate
with spaghetti. Wash your hands & touch me, praise
my cooking. I shall praise your
calluses. we shall dance in the kitchen
of our imagination.

Therapist

Madness
is an excellent word
for insanity
because it also means anger.

Jody Aliesan

HELP!!!! HELP!!!! HELP!!!! HELP!!!! HELP!!!!

We need Wimmin to help write and type the Newsletter each month. If you're interested and have some energy to share the next meeting will be July 16th at Nancy's and Terry's at 7:30 in Montville, just call 382-6150 for directions. Come on out and lend a hand!!

SUBSCRIPTION INFO:
Please Note: Because of printing cost - approx. $20 a mo. plus - postage $35 a mo., not counting envelope cost. The newsletter must also pay back moneys borrowed from other accounts. At least some of it! Soooo we must raise our sub. rate to $7 per yr. This rate will go into affect August 31, 1982. Anyone who wants to pay at old rate of $5 must have it in by that date. Your account will be credited accordingly.

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Kay Gardner

Benefit Concert for New Hope for Women

Saturday
July 31st
8:00 P.M.
Camden Opera House
Camden, Maine
Tickets - $5.00

KAY GARDNER IN CONCERT

Kay Gardner, pianist, flutist, composer, performer, will present a benefit concert for New Hope for Women, Inc. on Saturday, July 31st at 8:00 PM in the Camden Opera House, Camden, Maine. Tickets are $5.00 and will be on sale at the door and in advance at New Leaf Books in Rockport, co-ops in the Midcoast area, or by mail to: New Hope for Women, Inc., P.O. Box 642, Rockland, ME 04841.

New Hope for Women is a domestic violence project serving Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo counties in Maine.